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Parmer County COVID-19 stats

As of Monday, July 13, 2020

Tested at Parmer **Medical Center** 637

Parmer

Negative Results from Parmer **Medical Center**

409

Pending Results from PMC [5(1)



Positive Results from PMC 178

Parmer County Residents Positive Results From All Test Sites 242

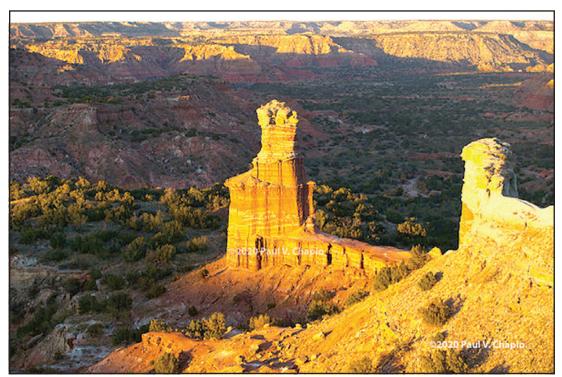
Amarillo Flights: Aerial Views of Llano Estacado Country at PPHM

Ten Pages

Beginning July 17 and running through January 23, 2021, Paul Chaplo's exhibit, Amarillo Flights: Aerial Views of Llano Estacado Country will premiere at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum. The oneperson exhibit will showcase his personal aerial photography of the high plains of the Llano Estacado, with a focus on the rugged escarpments and breaks in Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma. The exhibit will be on the second floor in PPHM's Bivins Gallery for an almost six-month showing and will feature approximately thirty-eight large format color photographs taken during Chaplo's aerial expeditions over nearly 40,000 square miles of land.

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Lighthouse Peak - Paul Chaplo ©2020

Commissioners approve school funds

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, July 13th at 10:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom of the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, Texas. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.

There were no public comments. Minutes from the June 22nd meeting were read and approved. Commissioners approved the payment of the accounts payables as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May. The Treasurer's Report was also approved.

Dustin O'Dell, a representative of El Paso Natural Gas, informed the commissioners that the company

utilizes robots to inspect their gas lines and that possible deterioration was discovered in an 8" line on county property near County Road 11 just north of County Road EE. Approval was given to repair the line if necessary.

Commissioners also approved electric, water, and gas lines under County Road R just east of Highway 214 for Del Rio Dairy.

Commissioners approved the purchase of a Motor Grader for Precinct 4. Casev Russell, Commissioner for Precinct 4, informed the court that the Motor Grader will be purchased from Warren Cat of Lubbock and the final cost will be \$144,000 with trade-in.

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Pudge Kendrick Memorial Golf Tournament is July 25th-26th

The field is full, again. Over 80 two-person teams will tee it up on July 25th and 26th at the 12th Annual Pudge Kendrick Memorial Golf Tournament. This "second major" has grown in popularity since moving to Hereford in 2015. The Tierra Blanca tournament is considered the "first major" and is usually played in June. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the "Pudge" will be held first this year.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Parmer County Cancer Coalition and the Hereford Cancer Coalition. Both organizations work together to help our local cancer patients. Greg Lewellen, spokesperson for the event said he would like to thank the Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce, the City of Hereford, and the staff at John Pitman Golf Course for their help in coordinating the annual event.

The tournament will be held at the John Pitman Golf Club in Hereford, Texas and each day the morning flight will start at 8:00 a.m. and the afternoon flight will begin at 1:30 p.m. Sunday's tee times are based on flighting from Saturday's results. On Sunday, prizes will be awarded in all flights.

Last year's tournament will be hard to match. A record eighty-eight teams competed and a record \$13,000 in prize money was paid out to the top four finishers in each flight. The payout was \$750 for 1st place, \$500 for 2nd place, \$250 for 3rd place, and \$125 for 4th place. Jerry & Linda Stevens were the tournament champions.

HK "Pudge" Kendrick was a founding member of the Friona Country Club in 1962, and a two-time club champion. When Pudge passed away in April 2009, Larry Johnston approached his son Danny about starting a golf tournament in Pudge's honor, to continue his legacy at the Friona Country Club. This year marks the 12th anniversary for the tournament.

In June 2014, The Pudge Kendrick Memorial Golf Tournament was the last event ever held at the Friona Country Club. There were 69 teams with morning and afternoon tee times during that tournament. Dee King, the owner of the course at the time, closed the facility after play was finished that Sunday.

In 2015, the tournament moved to the John Pitman Golf Course in Hereford, at the urging, and with the help of Mike Mauldin and Rick Hanna. Mike was the President of First Financial Bank in Hereford, and Rick was the Hereford City Manager.

Past winners of the tournament, held in Hereford, include Jay Stevens/Nathan Sullivan (2015), Aaron White/Thomas Maldonado (2016), Aaron White/Phillip Kahlich (2017), Phillip Shelton/Darren Renwick (2018), and Jerry Stevens/Linda Stevens (2019).



Jerry and Linda Stevens 2019 Tournament Champions

To Get Involved:

You don't have to play golf to help support the cause. This year there will be a raffle for a 4-wheeler donated by Clovis Sign Company. Tickets are now available from cancer coalition members and on the Hereford Cancer

Coalition facebook page. Proceeds benefit grants for our neighbors fighting cancer in Hereford and Parmer County. The drawing will be held on Friday, July 31st and you do not have to be present to win. (see photo of 4-wheeler on page 9)

Election Unofficial Results Report 2020 JULY 14TH REPUBLICAN PRIMARY July 14, 2020 - Parmer County

Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District, Place 4					
Candidate Name	Early Voting	Early Voting	Election Day	Early Voting	Total
	By Mail	In Person	Count	Count	Votes
Larry Doss	18	15	120	33	153
Steven Denny	8	2	43	10	53

Election Unofficial Results Report 2020 JULY 14TH DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY July 14, 2020 - Parmer County

U.S. Senator					
Candidate Name	Early Voting	Early Voting	Election Day	Early Voting	Total
	By Mail	In Person	Count	Count	Votes
Royce West	1	1 0	8	2	10
Mary "MJ" Hegar	5		13	5	18

Railroad Commissioner					
Candidate Name	Early Voting	Early Voting	Election Day	Early Voting	Total
	By Mail	In Person	Count	Count	Votes
Chrysta Castañeda	3	0	14	3	17
Roberto R. "Beto" Alonzo		1	7	4	11

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Tiffany Sandoval and Mirelly Armendariz

National FCCLA Gold

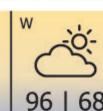
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The City Council met in regular ses-

Community Calendar

Send Calendar information to: frionastar@wtrt.net call (806) 250-2211 or fax (806) 250-5127

July 20

• Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at The Farmwife Kitchen

COVID-19 News

Coronavirus cases confirmed

As of July 13, 2020

Texas Panhandle: 6,538 cases, 103 deaths 5,467 recoveries

Armstrong County: 3 Briscoe County: 9 Carson County: 10 Castro County: 120 Childress County: 7 Collingsworth County: 6 Cottle County: 4 Dallam County: 116 Deaf Smith County: 409 Donley County: 32 Gray County: 133 Hall County: 2 Hansford County: 35 Hartley County: 55 Hemphill County: 20 **Hutchinson County: 73** Lipscomb County: 11 Moore County: 916 Motley County: 2 Ochiltree County: 63 Oldham County: 4 Parmer County: 242 Potter County: 3,056 Randall County: 1,105 Roberts County: 6 Sherman County: 32

Swisher County: 53

Wheeler County: 20

Eastern New Mexico: 356 cases, 3 deaths Curry County: 251 Quay County: 16 Roosevelt County: 79 **Union County: 8**

Oklahoma Panhandle: 1,038 cases, 6 deaths, 1,015 recoveries Beaver County: 32 Cimarron County: 1 Texas County: 1,005

Texas: 281,000 cases 3,378 deaths 108,000 recoveries

United States: 3,480,000 cases 138,000 deaths 1,030,000 recoveries

Worldwide: 13,300,000 cases 578,000 deaths

7,370,000 recoveries

Wash your hands Stay 6 foot away Wear your mask Stay at home if sick

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Mayor's Minutes

by Ricky White

sion on Monday, July 13, 2020. A brief summary of the things discussed during the meeting. (1) The council is considering entering into a business associate agreement with Emergicon, LLC out of Dallas, Texas to handle the ambulance billing and collection. Currently, the city attorney has the contract and the council is waiting for the green light to move forward. (2) The council took action on appointing two new board members to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission for two year terms. The new board members are Danny Campbell and Mayra Olmos. (3) The council took action to give the city manager approval to act as the city's authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the city's participation in the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM). In short, the city of Friona will receive \$216,370 for a COVID-19 relief fund and the city manager will be authorized to distribute and record money spent from this fund. This action will solidify the council's support of this grant. (4) The council approved the city manager to solicit bids for the Friona Public Library Bookshop project. (5) The council approved the city manager to act as the authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the city's participation in

the 2020 state, local, tribal, and territorial information sharing technical assistance program. In short, the city will apply for a grant through the Department of Justice that will help fund the police department mobile data terminal project which will replace all the current in-car computer systems. The amount of money requested will not exceed \$40,000 and will not require a monetary match from the city.

COVID-19 results: As of Monday, July 13, 2020 Parmer County has recorded 242 positive cases, 170 recoveries and 8 deaths. Currently, there are 72 positive COVID cases that are under quarantine requirements. We know there are more positive cases that will be reported. There is a time delay from the time people are tested, to getting results back, to the State calling the County Judge with those results. Out of 44 counties in our Health Region, Parmer County stands 7th for highest number of positive COV-ID-19 cases. Listed in order of total positive cases is Lubbock County, Potter, Randall, Moore, Hale, Deaf Smith, and Parmer County. As we continue to fight this disease, it's important that we continue to wash hands frequently, wear a mask in public places, social distance in public places, and if you are sick...stay at home.

It's budgeting time for the city. City Manager Lee Davila is busy planning the city's budget for next fiscal year (2020-2021). Have you ever wondered where all of the money comes from that creates revenue for the city to operate? Listed below are the main areas that generate revenue for the city's General Fund.

City of Friona

Budget Revenue sources:

- 30% Property Taxes
- 18% Ambulance Billing • 12% Sales Taxes
- 10% Franchise Taxes
- 30% Everything Else

Currently, the city is doing very well with respect to revenue and expenses. We are on target to finish this year strong and under budget. The city will pay off another bond in February 2021 which will leave one bond remaining to be paid off in 2022. Once these bonds are paid off, the city will be in a financially stable position. It will be great to get our debt behind us.

In the month of June, the city pumped 28,027,400 gallons of water and sold 22,433,000 gallons of water collecting \$101,445.69 on 1460 accounts. The month of July will be another month of high water usage. Pray for rain!!!



The New Normal

By Walter V. Wendler, WTAMU President

The concept of "new normal" is wearisome. Enterprises of every kind falter assuming there was an old normal. Normalcy is an innovation-robbing concept. In February, I reflected on demographics and their impact on shaping a regional research university like West Texas A&M University. In 1636, the first college in our nation was founded to educate clergy. From that day forward, the institution known eventually as Harvard has been changing, and when it stops, trouble starts. There was never a "normal" on the banks of the Charles River, nor should there be on the bluffs of Tierra Blanca Creek.

Post COVID-19 forces will modulate mission at responsive universities. Increasingly the approximately 20 million post-secondary students in the U.S. are enrolled online, nearly seven million strong. Many, 1.5 million, are graduate students studying to advance career opportunities, often with the additional challenges of a full-time job.

Students will seek hybrid approaches for the freedom and flexibility provided. Nearly half of the current online students cite pre-existing obligations that do not allow for full-time or traditional on-campus study. One in five is supported by employee incentives to continue to "better" themselves professionally. If there is a "new normal," this might represent it, but not for long. The recognition that not all students are 18 and fresh out of high school is currently and singularly the strongest refining force in universities. It knows no age, color,

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ethnicity, creed, gender, physical capability, preference, or orientation boundaries. Intellectual fulfillment and market-place value coupled with life experience require uniquely tailored responsiveness to the never-ending variety of students and their aspirations.

Between 2016 and 2019, the portion of faculty who taught online increased from 39% to 46%. Post COVID-19, nearly all faculty members have online experience following the blossoming coronavirus. But such teaching and learning must accommodate a new flow of students. The old normal is being boiled away by cruel circumstances.

At WTAMU, faculty who deliver online courses also develop the strategies and materials used to convey ideas and concepts. Additionally, they are required to

There are no shortcuts. It is one of the reasons why online courses have little impact on instructional costs at WT. The total delivery cost per student credit hour at WT is \$592. Faculty, including salary and benefits, contribute nearly one-third (\$176.36) to that total, appropriately the greatest resource demand of course delivery. Teaching is an interpersonal art form that cannot be digitized. It was that way in 1636 and will remain so. Institutions that undercut the faculty equation for excellence fail. The litany of failed for-profits proves the point. Since 2016, four dozen such institutions have been shuttered. The market place

The model that one faculty member can develop the material and 20 lower-paid

are now expected to be online. Nine in ten faculty provide syllabi, seven in ten report grades, and over half communicate regularly with students digitally. The digital toolkit of faculty and students is rapidly expanding.

New modes of student interaction for

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- bargain 8 Parker County seat
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- rodeo champion: Chris ___Doux
- 22 Denver ____, TX 23 Houston suburb: Park, TX
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- 30 TX-based Nokona baseball gloves
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- Training School"
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- College Rangerettes
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teach face-to-face on-campus.

works, if at times too slowly.

others can teach 10,000 students is flawed. A rock star accompanied by a flock of groupies is a broken, ill-founded conception for learning. This does not diminish the concept that faculty and instructional designers have a great deal to add to quality teaching in the online environment. When father and son Hans and Zacharias Jensen purportedly invented the microscope in 1590, many thought it an interesting curiosity. It forever changed the way we see; that's not a curiosity. Digitally enhanced instruction is changing the way we learnhistory, math, physics, sociology, theology, and everything else-it, too, is a new way of "seeing." And it is universally available to all with a hand-held device and a Wi-Fi connection. (I know not everybody has the tools and/or the connection, but that is the subject of another discussion.)

Essential elements of university courses

study and sharing of insights are here, exaggerated by a virus 125 nanometers in diameter. Not a new normal, but a single point along progress's path.

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COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from July 2, 2020 to July 9, 2020

(7/2/20) Altagracia Ortiz — Celia Quintana — All of my undivided interest in the following property All of L 5 and 6 of B 13 of the Original Town of Bovina in Parmer County

(7/2/20) David Woods — Adriana Woods — All of L 10, 11 and E 40 ft. of L 13, 14, 15, and 16 of B 63 Original Town of Friona in Parmer County

(7/2/20) Melissa Fae Randolph, Priscilla Anne Chrysler, Martha Mae Shelton — Mark Menke, Denise Menke — E 5' of L 35 All of L 36 and 37 in B 2 of Western Addition to the City of Friona in Parmer County Vol 135 Pg 489 in Parmer County

(7/7/20) Leonardo Gonzales Jr., Isabel Ovalle Gonzales — Carlos Perea, Rosalinda Perea — All of that 1.59 Ac tract of land out of Southeast 1/4 of Sec 16 Doud and Keefer Subdiv in Parmer County Vol 6 Pg 287

Commissioners approve school funds

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Approval was given to Bovina ISD for \$87,935.08 from their portion of the Permanent School fund to pay expenses for their current construction project. Also, Friona ISD was given \$18,646.51 from their portion of the fund to pay for a new bus barn.

Sheriff Randy Geries reported that he was currently housing 24 inmates in the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center. Three of the inmates are eligible to be transferred to the Texas Department of Corrections. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Sheriff Geries says that seems unlikely to happen.

Parmer County Judge Trey Ellis said that as of Monday, July 13th there were 242 reported cases of COVID-19 in the county. There have been 170 recoveries reported. Judge Ellis said that the recoveries are probably under-reported since many people are unwilling to report information to officials. Eight deaths have been attributed to the pandemic. Judge Ellis would like to encourage everyone to continue to wash their hands often, wear a mask, and stay 6' away. Stay safe!!!

All meetings are open to the public. The Commissioners Court reserves the right to go into Executive session at any time. Go to parmercounty.org to find meeting agendas. Information in this article is only a summary. Any questions concerning specific actions should be directed to the court.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office: Randy Geries, Sheriff

(7/7/20) John Kirk Jesko, 47, of Muleshoe was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a MTR (unlawful possession of firearm by felon) — pending District Court.

(7/8/20) Jose Rodriguez, 17, of Farwell was arrested by the Farwell Police Department on a charge of Possession Marijuana < 2 oz. — Fine, Court Cost, and 12 months Deferred Adjudication.

(7/8/20) Logan Smith, 19, of Farwell was arrested by the Farwell Police Department on a charge of Possession Marijuana < 2 oz. — Fine, Court Cost, and 12 months Deferred Adjudication.

(7/8/20) Isaiah Martinez, 21, of Dimmitt was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a MTR (possession marijuana < 2 oz.)

mer County Sheriff's Office on a MTR (possession marijuana < 2 oz.)

— Probation Revoked pay out fines and cost in jail serve 120 days.

(7/8/20) Kirstyn Langiven, 23, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrest-

ed by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Forgery — pending District Court. (7/8/20) Danica Hogue, 43, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by

the Parmer County sheriff's Office on a charge of Assault — County Court.
(7/9/20) Uriel Morales, 27, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer

County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Possession CS Pg 1 > 1 g. < 4 g. — pending District Court.

Raul Hernandez Salas, 26, of Friona was arrested by the Friona

Police Department on a charge of Possession Marijuana < 2 oz. in Drug Free Zone — pending County Court. (7/9/20) Adrian Retana, 23, of Hereford was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Possession Marijuana < 2 oz. in

Drug Free Zone — pending County Court. (7/10/20) Jose Perez-Villa, 61, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Assault — pending County

(7/11/20) Lazaro Jiatz Mux, 44, of Friona was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of DWI — pending County

Milk House Market

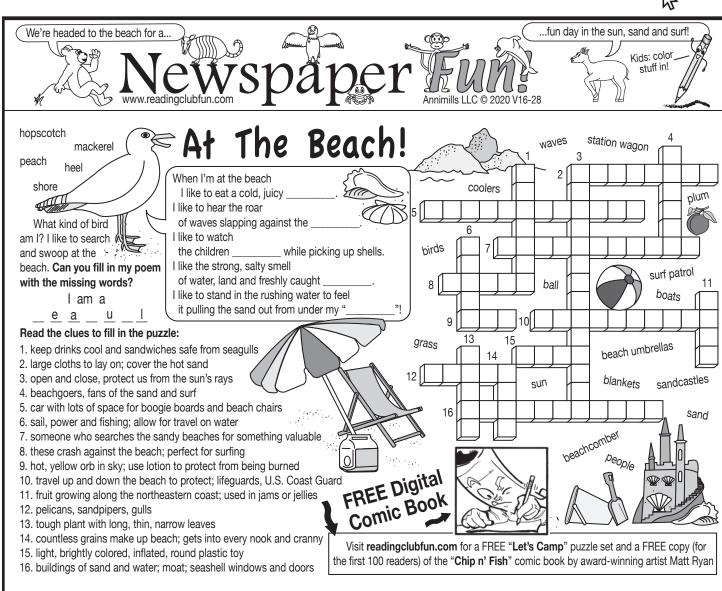
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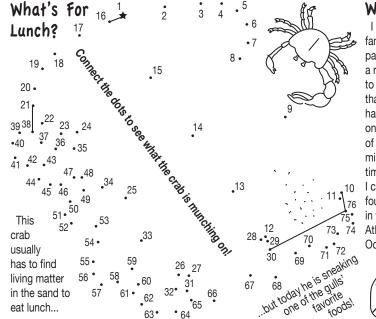
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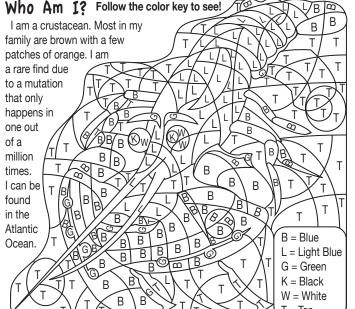
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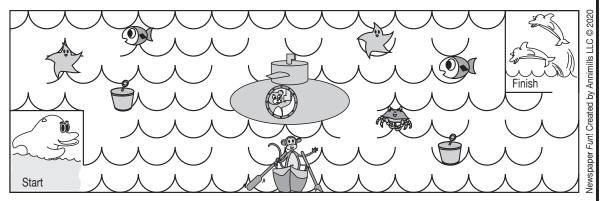




Jumping and Playing!

Can you help Echo find his way through the wave maze to where the other dolphins are jumping and playing?

As you go through the waves, you cannot cross any animals or objects – you must go around them.





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Sports and Cheerleading camps have been cancelled. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing school construction, the Friona ISD has decided to cancel all sports camps and cheerleading camps this summer.

Congratulations to Tiffany Sandoval and Mirelly Armendariz for winning gold at FCCLA's 2020 Virtual National Leadership Conference last week!!! See photo on front page.

It is amazing to see how technology has changed the voting process. In the old days just after the flood (Friona only got .02 inches), you went to the polling location, grabbed a pencil, filled in an oval, and left. Now you have touch screens, card readers, printable ballots, and a reusable stylus. What? Anyway, I did not recognize any of the names on my screen. I guess my polling location only had cable instead of dish. I kept looking for Ronny, or Josh, or NOTA!

A correction to last week's sunset photo taken by Noah Rigler. Noah lives in Abernathy, not Plainview, and will be in 8th grade this year.

A hat trick is the achievement of a generally positive feat three times in a game, or another achievement based on the number three. The term "hat trick" originated among cricket players in 19th-century England, according to the Oxford English Dictionary and other sources. A bowler was said to score a "hat trick" for taking "three wickets by three successive balls," the OED says. In modern sports it refers to scoring three runs, goals, touchdowns, etc. in a single game. Friona has now completed a hat trick. Combine the Covid-19 pandemic with a Level 3 extreme drought and triple-digit heatwave and you have yourself a hat trick.

The "50 for 50" drawing will be held this year on Saturday, September 19th at the Friona Volunteer Fire Department. The drawing will take place at 1:00 p.m. and is open to the public. Entries need not be present to win, but you must be at least 21 years old to participate. Only the ticket purchaser can claim the winning gun, and the claim period is up to 6 weeks after the drawing. There will be a maximum of 1,000 tickets sold. Each ticket will be re-entered into the drawing after each selection. All State and Federal regulations and laws will apply. Winners are responsible for all sales taxes and transfer fees. If the gun listed becomes unavailable, one of equal value will be supplied. Winners will be contacted by email and/ or phone by the information on the ticket. If contact information changes, it is the responsibility of the ticket holder to notify the Department. For more information you may contact Jim Taylor at (806) 265-7264, Randy McCasland at (580) 6491437 or John Taylor at (806) 265-7739. Tickets can be purchased from any member of the Friona Volunteer Fire Department.

National Days

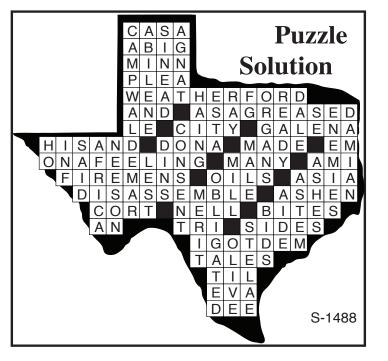
July 16 — Get to Know Your Customers Day
July 17 — World Emoji Day
July 18 — Sour Candy Day
July 19 — Ice Cream Day
July 20 — Moon Day
July 21 — Junk Food Day
July 22 — Hot Dog Day

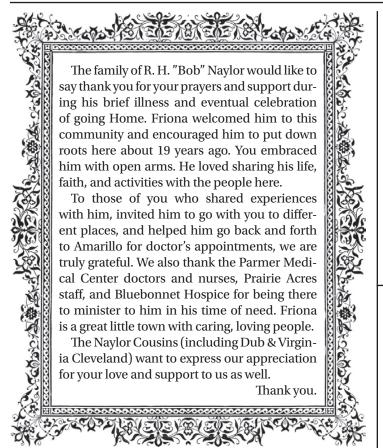
Friona Flashbacks



WIN TOURNEY....The Friona Major League allstars won the district tournament earlier this week in Borger, scoring two impressive wins. the team continues in the playoffs Friday, vying for the sectional title. Team members are front row, left to right, Michael Granado, Eloy Caballero, Rudy Bermea, Charlie Veazey, Ross Roden, Cody Scott, Mitchell Reeve, and Paul Melton. back: Larry Johnston (coach), Reese Fleming, Charlie Morgan, Rene Bermea, Scott Straw, Matt Loftis, Jeff Lundy, and Larry Fallwell, coach.

(Friona Star, July 30, 1978)





Gas prices rise slightly

By GasBuddy

Texas gas prices have risen 1.1 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$1.89 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 8.0 cents per gallon higher than a month ago but 60.3 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$0.99 while the most expensive is \$2.52 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has risen 1.1 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.19 per gallon. The national average is up 8.8 cents per gallon from a month ago but is still 60.8 cents per gallon lower than a year

"According to GasBuddy data, gasoline demand continues to struggle as of late, hitting some mid-summer blues as coronavirus cases continue to see upward movement in more states, but it hasn't been a sharp enough drop to push gas prices lower last week," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "While prices for this time of year remain the lowest in over 15 years, it's still easy to spend more than you need to on gas by letting your guard down, especially now with several states raising gasoline taxes in the midst of summer. For now, I continue to expect gas prices to move sideways- that is- the lack of a clear national trend for now, some will rise, some will fall, as we remain in a CO-VID-19 holding pattern."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-todate in the country. GasBuddy data is accessible at http:// FuelInsights.GasBuddy.com.

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The City of Friona will receive \$46,400.53 for July. This payment is 58.18 percent higher than the \$29,332.18 the city received last July. The 2020 year-to-date allocation total of \$294,938.03 is 28.62 percent higher than the \$229,204.13 the city received last year during the same time frame.



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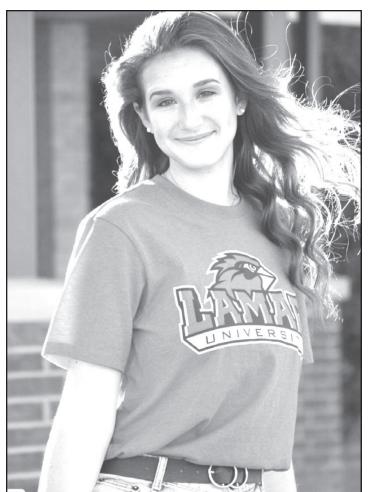
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Abigayle Spoon

Abigayle Spoon, daughter of Teresa O'Brian Spoon and granddaughter of Dwight and Gayle O'Brian has been attending Lamar University in Beaumont since August 2019.

She made the Dean's List for the fall semester 2019, and after changing her major to Criminal Justice with a minor in Psychology for the spring semester 2020, she has



been awarded the honor of making the President's List.

Abigayle graduated from Lubbock Roosevelt High School in May 2019 with over 24 college hours to her credit.





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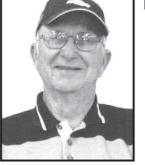
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Ask God For Help

By Teena Hughs

Tomorrow, I will finish reading the book of Isaiah in my journey through the Bible in a year. Three verses caught my eye: 22:11, "Between the city walls, you build a reservoir for water from the old pool. But all your feverish plans are to no avail because you never ask God for help."; 43:22, God said, "my dear people, you refuse to ask for my help."; and, 30:19, "O people of Zion, who live in Jerusalem, you will weep no more. He will be gracious if you ask for help. He will respond instantly to the sound of your cries."

All of these verses center around asking God for help. And, they led me to look at my prayer life: do I tell God what I want to happen, expecting Him to do everything, just so I can say I prayed about it; or, do I ask Him for His help and allow Him to use me to fix a problem, help someone, help myself, etc.?

Telling God you need His help is admitting that our independent natures cannot handle everything alone. It is admitting that we are not the superhuman beings we sometimes think we are. It is admitting that there is a Higher Being who knows more than we do; who is more than capable of figuring things out; who knows the answers and what is best for our situation.

I think God is sitting in Heaven longing for us to ask Him for His help. I believe He longs to help us in any situation, large or small. I know God wants us to depend on Him for everything.

Today, our country NEEDS God's help. We need people to make God the number one priority of their lives. We need leaders to stand up for, and act on, what is right in God's eyes. We need people to surrender their pride to Jesus, and ask Him for help, and then listen and work with God and the help He gives us.

I hear people say that we need to take our country back, but do we ask God to help us/show us how to do that?

I hear people say we need to stand up for what is right, but do we ask God to help us know what to say or do?

I have been praying the wrong way; I should be ASK-ING GOD FOR HELP: help me turn the country back to Him; help me speak up when I am tempted to be a member of the silent majority; help me be the example of Jesus others want to follow; help me lead people to Jesus and His Word; help me be His faithful, loyal, and loving servant.

Since last week, I have been telling God I need His help before I pray for something. Sometimes I know of someone going through a tough time, and before I pray for them, I tell Him they need His help. I believe Isaiah 30:19, that God is gracious, and He is responding instantly to the sound of my cries for help. God is an AWE-SOME God; He is just waiting for you to ask for help!

DPS Reminds Texans to Take Extra Safety Precautions

As the dog days of summer continue and temperatures across the state top triple digits, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) wants to remind all Texans to take extra safety precautions, as the heat can pose an increased danger for at-risk populations — including children and the elderly - particularly in vehicles.

"We know extreme temperatures place children at a greater risk for injury, and even death, when they are left unattended in a vehicle, and that's why we want to remind Texans to take every precaution possible and do their part to help ensure no children are left unattended in vehicles this summer," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Extreme heat brings many dangers, and those dangers should not

be taken lightly. Heat-related injuries and deaths are often preventable, and we must all be vigilant in taking the necessary steps to protect ourselves and others."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), vehicular heatstroke is one of the leading causes of fatalities - that is not crash-related among children. In 2019, 52 children died in the U.S. due to heatstroke from being left in vehicles.

Temperatures inside of a vehicle can rise by more than 20 degrees in 10 minutes. If it is a comfortable 60 degrees outside, it can be a sweltering 110 degrees inside a vehicle. Leaving windows partially rolled down doesn't help. Additionally, the younger the child, the more severe the effects of heat on their body because of their inability to regulate internal

temperature. DPS offers the following tips to prevent vehicular heat-

stroke:

1. Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle, and always check the back seats or cargo areas of a vehicle before walking away.

2. Establish reminders that help ensure you remove children from the vehicle. This can include leaving your bag, lunch or cell phone in the back seat with the child's car

3. If you see a child alone in a car, call 9-1-1, and emergency personnel will provide guidance.

4. Teach children not to play in vehicles, and make sure to place keys out-of-reach when not in use.

Obedience is Better than Understanding

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

The grandest cathedral, the most beautiful duet, the finest sermon, or anything else that would seem religious and inspirational is all for nothing if it is not coupled with loving, faith-filled obedience to the Lord Jesus. Luke 5:1-11 captures this truth as Jesus set out on a day filled with ministry to the people who gathered around him on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. As the people pressed around him to hear the word of God, Jesus retreated to a boat that became his pulpit while he preached to the people who remained ashore.

After his clear teaching, Jesus commanded the exhausted fishermen to go out

and throw their nets into the deep water. Jesus, a carpenter by trade, was directing experienced fishermen how to fish. Simon Peter's response in verse 5 was "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." Simon's response did not overlook the obvious uncertainty at Jesus command, especially since the fishing had yielded nothing all night, but Simon did not turn from the Lord's command. Instead, he expressed faith and obedience, by simply doing what Jesus told him to do. Trust and obedience in the Lord is expressed in obeying his word. If a person says they love and follow Jesus,

men was better than all their eloquent excuses or reasons why they should not have let down their nets.

Your obedience is essential if you will see God's blessings and power in your life. These fishermen found out that faith-filled obedience is better than understanding, as their nets and boats were filled to overflowing. The Lord also wants to fill your life with his abundance, as Jesus said in John 10:10, but this will only happen through a saving faith in Christ alone that is lived out in faith-filled, loving obedience.

but rarely obeys his word, that person is deceived. The obedience of these fisher-

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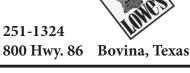
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State Capital Highlights

By Ed Sterling



Governor: Hospitals must expand capacity as COVID-19 cases escalate

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott has again suspended elective surgeries in hospitals in 104 counties located within 11 of the state's 22 trauma service areas.

Each of the trauma service areas has a regional advisory council and a trauma system plan to respond to health crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

Under the proclamation, Abbott directed all hospitals in designated counties to postpone surgeries and procedures that are not immediately, medically necessary to correct a serious medical condition or to preserve the life of a patient, as determined by the patient's physician.

GA-27, a similar proclamation issued by Abbott on June 25, remains in effect and applies to the counties of Bexar, Cameron, Dallas, Harris, Hidalgo, Nueces, Travis and

"We are freeing up more resources to address upticks in COVID-19 related cases," Abbott said in a news release explaining the July 9 proclamation. "The State of Texas will continue to do everything we can to mitigate the spread of this virus and support our hospitals and health care professionals as they care for their fellow Texans. We must all come together and continue to practice social distancing, wear a face covering in public, and stay home when possible," added Abbott.

On July 10, Abbott extended his March 13 COVID-19 disaster proclamation for all counties in Texas. Cumulative figures posted July 12 by the Texas Department of State Health Services showed some 258,658 people in Texas diagnosed with COVID-19 and 3,192 confirmed deaths resulting from the disease.

City cancels GOP event

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner on July 8 announced that he had instructed the city's event licensor to exercise its contractual rights to cancel the Texas Republican Party's in-person state convention.

Turner made the decision to proceed with the cancellation after Dr. David Persse of the Houston Health Department said the city "is confronting an unparalleled and frightening escalation in the spread of the COVID-19 virus" and called the planned convention "a clear and present danger."

The convention, expected to attract 6,000

delegates, was scheduled to start on July 16 at the George R. Brown Convention Center.

The Republican Party of Texas sued Houston First Corporation, the City of Houston and Mayor Turner to allow the convention but Harris County District Court Judge Larry Weiman sided with the defendants. The Republican Party of Texas said it would file its appeal with the Texas Supreme Court.

State Fair is canceled

The Texas State Fair board of directors on July 7 voted to cancel the 2020 State Fair of

Only in rare circumstances has the fair been canceled. The last cancellations occurred in war years: 1942 to 1945.

"While we cannot predict what the CO-VID-19 pandemic will look like in September, the recent surge in positive cases is troubling for all of North Texas. The safest and most responsible decision we could make for all involved at this point in our 134-year history is to take a hiatus for the 2020 season," said State Fair of Texas Board Chair Gina Norris.

Hospitals get Remdesivir

Gov. Abbott on July 4 announced that the Texas Department of State Health Services is distributing 448 cases of the antiviral drug Remdesivir to 157 hospitals across

The drug is being distributed to the states from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This is the sixth round of distribution from the federal government. The supply is part of a donation from Canada-headquartered drug maker Gilead.

Abbott said Remdesivir "has shown promise in early trials in speeding up the recovery time among hospitalized COV-ID-19 patients."

Hegar distributed revenue

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on July 8 announced he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$744.2 million in local sales tax allocations for July, an amount 2.6% less than the amount distributed in July 2019.

Allocations are based on sales made in May by businesses that report tax monthly.

Widespread social distancing requirements were relaxed across much of the state in May, thus year-over-year declines were not as steep as they were last month, Hegar said.

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Texas, LLC., of Blanco, Texas, are scheduled to

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lion project on Monday, July 13, to various lo-

cations on roadways in Floyd County (FM 54,

FM 378, FM 97), before moving onto roads in

Crosby County. Other roadways included in

the 2020 seal coat program are:

driving, Wittie noted.

Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



I suffer from a grandparenting hangover this week after thirteen wonderful days spent with my two granddaughters. My back hurts as does my heart; Epsom salt will take care of the first ache but not so sure the other will mend as easily. I miss 'em already.

I will miss my morning wake-up from 22-month-old Ellie who opened doors and pounced in with full confidence that her pacifier grin would get me out of bed. She was correct.

will miss Lillie's non-ending "Pearl, do you want to play?" We played grocery store, hair styling, soccer, Yahtzee, Barbies, Candy Land, school, and target practice with plastic balls several times a day.

I will miss Ellie opening cabinet doors to scavenge for more food after she had already eaten twice. I will miss her sailor's vocabulary, one that was not spoken verbally but showed on her face when told no.

I will miss the Disney Channel where Lillie introduced me to the Descendants, a clever movie series in which the children of all the Disney villains were trying to make better choices than their evil parents. (Carlos de Vil, son of Cruella, was a kind, devoted dog owner).

I will miss Ellie's own wicked little laugh (she watched the Descendants, too, which might explain a great deal now that I think about it) when she knocked down the block towers that Lillie and I worked to construct. Ellie just walked by each time and did the nonchalant swat of her hand and laughed, laughed, laughed. Her eyes may or may not have turned jade green while doing so.

I will miss Lillie's living room Zumba instruction. Shakira's music video "Waka, Waka" reinforced that the hips don't lie-mine were killing me after each session. The theme song from Zootopia and the Trolls movie also topped our morning workouts. Ellie joined in when she \$%*& well felt like it (again, with the look).

Oh, my goodness, I will miss our morning walks. The three of us set out each day around 8:30 a.m. Lillie walked the entire distance (usually a good mile) while Ellie rode in the comfort of her stroller, a Cadillac version compared to what her mother had. We picked up rocks, an obsession of both girls. We spotted white-winged doves and tarantulas, the latter fascinating them both more than my comfort level ever did. The ducks were fed, and the swings were swung, and each walk gave us time to work on conversational skills.

From the kitchen, I will miss my little helpers getting on the stool to assist with supper. Maybe the next baking show should showcase and reward the patience of an adult and child teamworking the recipes. (The key is to always have extra eggs).

Both girls easily fueled my heart with the affection that should last for a while. In the meantime, we are all ready for "these germs" (as Lillie calls the pandemic) to go away.

I will not miss COVID.

Texas A&M System Inks Deal for Free COVID-19 **Testing for All Students, Faculty and Staff**

COLLEGE STATION, Texas - Students, faculty and staff at all 11 Texas A&M System universities across the state will soon have quick and easy access to free testing for COVID-19.

"Ensuring the health and safety of our students is our top priority," said John Sharp, chancellor of the Texas A&M University System. "Facilitating increased accessibility and availability of COVID-19 testing will help us mitigate the spread and help to protect each other by taking preventative and proactive measures."

Approximately test kits will be sent to system campuses each month. Each campus will set up a central location for the testing, which will consist of a simple, painless mouth swab. Testing could start as early as late this week.

The testing is possible thanks to an agreement Chancellor Sharp negotiated with Curative Inc., a national testing company based in California. Curative has committed to turning around lab results within 30 hours from when the sample arrives at their

To date, Curative has released more than 1.2 million test results and is pro-

cessing 55 to 60 thousand test kits per day with plenty of capacity.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to get tested if they experience COVID-19 symptoms, or suspect that they have been exposed to someone with COVID-19. Close contact is defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as being within 6 feet of someone with COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes at any time, beginning 48 hours before the individual had symptoms, regardless of wearing a face mask.

While the tests are free, those who have insurance are encouraged to use their primary care physician to access the test so that their test can be paid for by insurance. The on-campus tests will not be available to the general public.

Each campus will establish an on-line test registration, and anyone wishing to be tested must first sign up there. Trained personnel will monitor the self-administered oral swabbing required.

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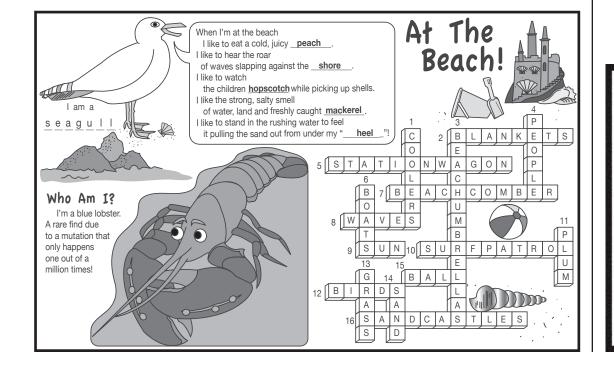
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Governor Abbott Announces \$123.6 Billion Economic Impact Of Military Bases In Texas

On June 22nd, Governor Greg Abbott announced the results of a study completed by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts at the request of the Texas Military Preparedness Commission (TMPC) analyzing the impact on the state's economy of the various U.S. military installations within Texas. The Comptroller estimates these military installations contributed at least \$123.6 billion to the Texas economy in 2019 and supported more than 630,000 jobs in communities across the state.

"Texas is the proud home to 15 military installations and the U.S. Army Futures Com-

mand," said Governor Abbott. "Not only are these military installations critical for the defense of our nation, they support more than 630,000 jobs in communities across this great state and are a key driver of the Texas economy. Now more than ever, these jobs add critical stability for communities focused on economic recovery following the COVID-19 pandemic. That is why I will continue to work with the Texas Legislature and TMPC to ensure that military installations in Texas keep adding unmatched value for our nation."

"The military installations in Texas are a vital contribu-

tion to our strategic national defense and provide a significant economic impact on the entire state economy," said Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar. "In most cases these bases and the men and women who work there are the lifeblood of their communities - supporting local businesses, buying homes and creating the fabric of their neighborhoods. But the economic impact can be felt by every Texan and supports jobs in a wide variety of industries and sectors of the state economy. I applaud the Governor's efforts to ensure continued support for these important installations."



OBITUARIES



Bonnie Scaff

Bonnie Scaff. 72 of Bovina passed away on July 12, 2020 at her home in Bovina. Celebration of Life Graveside Services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Friday, July 17, 2020 at the Bovina Cemetery in Bovina with Stan Miller, officiating. Cremation and arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Bonnie was born March 8, 1948 in Paducah, Texas to D.W. and Virginia Mae Vinson Morris. She later married Tommy Scaff May 29, 1966 in Bovina.

Bonnie was a bookkeeper for several area businesses



and loved to work. She had a strong faith in God and was a dedicated mom. She loved to cook, crochet and sew and tend to her gardens.

Bonnie is preceded in death by her parents, husband, 1 sister-Charllotte Middleton, and 1 brother-Jerry

Those to carry on her legacy include two sons-Blake Scaff and wife Lena of Lubbock, Scott Scaff and wife Holly of New Home, 1 sister-Krita Potts and husband Jay of the Rhea Community, 1 brother Delbert Morris and wife Tish of Tulia, 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.



Spicy Fish Tacos with Mango Salsa and Guacamole By Erin Barnett

From Find Us Faithful, the Friona United Methodist Church Cookbook

- 6 (6 oz.) flounder fillets or tilapia
- 1 lime
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin ½ teaspoon ground red pepper
- 1 ½ cups yellow cornmeal Vegetable oil
- 4 to 6 flour or corn tortillas
- Mango Salsa Guacamole

Place fish in shallow dish. Squeeze juice of 1 lime over fillets. Combine chili powder and next 3 ingredients. Sprinkle 1 ½ Tbsp. seasoning mixture evenly over fish, coating both sides of fillets. Reserve remaining seasoning mixture. Combine cornmeal and reserved seasoning mixture in a shallow dish. Dredge fish fillets in cornmeal mixture, shaking off excess. Pour oil to depth of 1 1/2 inches in a Dutch oven; heat to 350oF. Fry fillets, in batches, 2 to 3 minutes or until golden brown. Drain fillets on wire racks over paper towels. Or you can bake the fish fillets in a preheated 350oF oven on a parchment lined sheet pan for about 20 minutes or until the fish reaches 145oF internal temperature. Break each fillet into chunks, using a fork. Place fish in warmed tortillas, and serve with Mango salsa, guacamole, and desired toppings. Garnish, if desired.

Mango Salsa

- 1 mango, chopped
- 1 jalapeno, seeded and finely chopped
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 T fresh lime juice
- 1 T finely chopped red onion
- 1 T chopped fresh cilantro
- ¼ tsp. salt

Stir together all ingredients. Cover and chill until ready to serve.

Guacamole

- 2 ripe avocados
- 1 jalapeno, seeded and finely chopped
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- ¼ cup sour cream
- 1 T. lime juice
- ½ tsp. finely chopped red onion
- ½ tsp. salt

Mix all ingredients together, smashing avocados as much as desired.

Estimated Contribution of U.S. Military Installations to the Texas Economy, 2019

Total direct jobs Total employment (direct and indirect jobs) 633.892 \$123,653,980,000 Economic output

Estimated Contribution of U.S. Military Installations in Texas, 2019

Installation	Direct/Indirect Jobs	Economic Output
Army Futures Command, Austin	2,34	\$359,285,000
Corpus Christi Army Depot, Corpus Christi	10,887	\$1,776,685,000
Dyess Air Force Base, Abilene	19,200	\$3,836,359,000
Ellington Field, Houston	2,323	\$470,506,000
Fort Bliss, El Paso	130,943	\$25,666,292,000
Fort Hood, Killeen	152,701	\$29,859,518,000
Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo	21,410	\$4,538,086,000
Joint Base San Antonio, San Antonio		
Fort Sam Houston		
Lackland Air Force Base		
Randolph Air Force Base	210,998	\$41,325,690,000
Laughlin Air Force Base, Del Rio	10,201	\$2,032,980,000
Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi	15,261	\$2,795,340,000
Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base,		
Fort Worth	20,042	\$3,793,927,000
Naval Air Station Kingsville, Kingsville	4,695	\$852,119,000
Red River Army Depot, Texarkana	10,566	\$1,718,185,000
Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls	22,323	\$4,629,008,000

The Comptroller's study represents an analysis of the economic impact of the population and employees directly affiliated with the military installations in Texas. This includes active duty, visiting and other military personnel, dependents, civilian employees and contractors directly affiliated with the base.

The TMPC within the Office of the Governor advises the Governor and the Legislature on defense and military issues, and on ways to strengthen the position of Texas military installations in preparation for any future Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC). The commission is composed of 13 members serving six-year staggered terms, typically representing an installation in their community.



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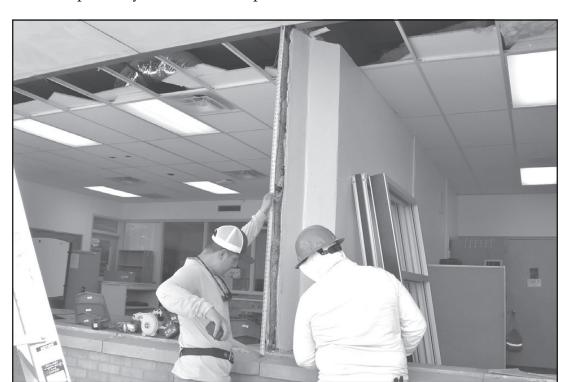


Friona Junior High Campus: New air conditioner units were hoisted to the roof of the band hall for installation. Window replacement is due to be finished at the end of July. Bathroom, corridor ceiling, waiting & entrance area remodels are scheduled to be completed by the middle of September.



New Primary School Campus: Crew members worked on concrete footings, grade beams, MEP rough-in, and slabs. Work is slightly behind schedule but the scheduled completion date for the new Primary School is not until July of 2021.

Elementary School Campus: The window replacement and remodels for the corridor ceiling, bathroom, and waiting & entrance areas for the Elementary building are scheduled to begin at the end of May 2021.



High School Campus: Workers replaced windows at the High School. The building will also get corridor ceiling, bathroom, and waiting & entrance area remodels. Work is scheduled to be completed by the middle of August. Work on the new band hall/storm shelter is also slightly behind schedule. Completion is set for the end of December of this year.

Hit-or-miss pecan season expected

by Adam Russell

Texas pecan producers reported mixed crop expectations as they entered an important part of the growing season, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert. Larry Stein, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension horticulturist, Uvalde, said he expects the hit-or-miss crop to produce average results overall, though pecan quality is still yet to be decided as kernels fill.

"The pecan crop is up in the air right now," he said. "But a lot of producers are saying they're seeing a good crop, while others are considering whether they will even harvest." Stein said some of the crop conditions this year are related to how individual growers fared in 2019. Pecans can be a boom-and-bust crop, meaning exceptional growing seasons can be followed by a poor crop the following sea-

But pecan orchard maintenance measures, such as stepping up fertilization, thinning the crop and proper irrigation to reduce performance declines have improved tree recuperation. Stein said commercial producers typically assess their trees and manage them accordingly to avoid the boom-and-bust cycle.

Stein said the dramatic drop in temperatures last November damaged trees and caused premature leaf-drops that likely stunted crop performance in many areas. "You had temperatures go from 85 degrees to 19 degrees in some production areas, and that's a dramatic shift," he said. "We had 6-year-old trees killed, and the freeze likely caused more leaves to stop photosynthesis and storing up energy reserves for the winter. We typically say losing leaves before Thanksgiving is an indication that the following crop may not produce well."

Pecan pests

Stein said pecan growers should be assessing their potential crop now and making management decisions that will impact yields this year and next. Thinning trees with heavy clusters, irrigation and treating for shuckworms and weevils should be priorities.

Producers should be checking pecans to see if shells are hardening, which is an indication shuckworms could be a prob-

"If you cut a cross-section of the nut and there is some resistance, they're hardening, and it's time to spray for shuckworms," he said. Weevils are another pest that can impact nut quality, Stein said. They typically emerge by mid-August when nuts enter the dough stage. "If you cut the nut open and it's started gelling, it's time to spray," he said. "If it's still just water when you cut it open, it's not quite

Late-season irrigation

Water is a major contributor to quality from now to harvest, Stein said. Water feeds the kernel as it builds inside the shell. Last year, quality was fairly good because production areas received timely rains, he said. Most commercial producers have irrigation, which is an important factor for producing retail-quality pecans.

Stein recommends 2 inches of water at and beyond the drip line per week.

"Late-season water is crucial to the kernel," he said. "Quality sells, and you can't sell them if there's a mediocre fill."

Panhandle Weather Report

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summary:

Crops and rangelands were suffering from 100-plus degree heat with moderate winds. Wells were struggling to keep up with irrigation

needs. Northern, central and southwestern parts of the district reported very short to short topsoil and subsoil moisture levels. Southeastern areas reported short to adequate soil moisture levels. Pasture and rangeland conditions were very poor to fair. Corn was in fair to good condition. Cotton condition was mostly fair to poor. Sorghum was poor to fair. Peanuts were in poor to fair con-

dition.

Water Weekly For the week of 07/13/20 **Water conditions** The latest drought map for conditions as of July 7 shows a mix of improving and worsening conditions. In the first week of July, areas south of San Angelo and east of Corsicana received significant rainfall. Areas south of Austin and San Antonio received almost no rainfall. **Drought conditions** ♦ 25% now Intensity 28% a week ago D0 abnormally dry 19% three months ago D1 drought - moderate ♦ 1% a year ago Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought D2 drought - severe Monitor D3 drought - extreme D4 drought - exceptional



Four Months Into Disaster, Texas Has Doubled Its Hunger Problem

New research suggests food insecurity has doubled among Texas families on the four-month anniversary of Texas' disaster declaration for COVID-19.

Feeding Texas, the statewide network of food banks, used Monday's anniversary of the national and statewide disaster declaration to highlight an analysis of weekly Census survey data by Northwestern University showing a spike in food insecurity across the state.

Researchers estimated that the prevalence of food insecurity in Texas may have reached 27% in May, nearly double the official rate found by USDA in 2018. Researchers predicted the sharpest increase among Black and Hispanic households, as well as families with children.

"This data makes it clear that the new normal of COVID-19 includes a significant increase in hunger," said Celia Cole, CEO of Feeding Texas. "Our lawmakers should recognize this requires a significant increase in the resources to fight hunger."

Related data found in the weekly survey shows that the level of food scarcity in the state has persisted at roughly the same level since tracking began nine weeks

Recently, state leaders have taken positive steps to maintain emergency funding for SNAP, FEMA funds for food banks and P-EBT, a new program to help families who missed school meals in April and May.

However, Congress has failed to increase federal funding for SNAP as urged by food banks and advocates citing the increased need.

"A modest, fifteen percent boost to SNAP while the pandemic continues would begin to counter this increase," said Cole. "It would also be a strong fiscal stimulus for food retailers and farmers in our state. If we want to emerge stronger from this health crisis, we need to make sure everyone can afford to eat."

Feeding Texas leads a unified effort for a hungerfree Texas. Go to www.feedingtexas.org to learn more.



Back row (l-r) Kaityn Burk and Sydney Frye; Middle row (l-r): Arron Gutierrez, Payton Gutierrez, Sheriff Geries, Grayson Gutierrez; Front row (l-r): Addie Burk, Blake Morris, Norah Burk, and Roston Wilson

Sheriff talks to Bible Boot Camp kids

Aundrea Frye, Annette Frye, and Kim Smiley planned a week long Bible Boot Camp, The Armor Of God, during the week of July 6-10 for their grandkids and Aundrea's great grandkids.

their grandkids and Aundrea's great grandkids. Sheriff Randy Geries came to visit to emphasize the importance of always being ready to keep safe and resist the enemy. The kids gave him a certificate and a prayer for safety for him and all law enforcement personnel. We appreciate Sheriff Geries and his willingness to visit our camp. We pray for all law enforcement everywhere who risk their lives to protect us.

Amarillo Flights: Aerial Views of Llano Estacado Country at PPHM

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It is Llano Estacado's great expanse and elusive beauty that makes aerial photography of the area so special. Chaplo's photographs offer a vision of breathtaking landscapes as varied and diverse as Texas itself, with endless vistas, the formidable Canadian River, and ventures far upstream into the Canyonlands of northeastern New Mexico. History fans will see traces of trails traveled by the Comanche, Goodnight and Loving; the top of Landergin Mesa where prehistoric Antelope people once dwelled; and battleground of Adobe Walls were Billy Dixon made "the shot of the century." Chaplo says, "I also show the view from the Native American vantage point, looking westward over the mesa."

The work covers a large area from Horsehead Crossing north along the Mescalero Escarpment to the Canadian River Canyon, and west to the Antelope Hills, Oklahoma, including Castle Gap, Casa Amarillas, Fort Bascom site, Alibates Flint Quarries, Palo Duro Canyon, and many more dramatic landscapes and historic sites.

Chaplo's upcoming book titled, "Amarillo Flights: Aerial Views of Llano Estacado Country," is scheduled to be published by Texas A&M University Press in late 2020, as part of the West Texas A&M University's "American



Flying Behind the Storm - Paul Chaplo ©2020

Wests" series. The art book features over 130 breath-taking aerial color photographs. The book includes an introduction by Walt Davis and a series preface by Bonney MacDonald. "The perspective from the air is mesmerizing" says Chaplo. Fine art photography from thousands to hundreds of feet in the air is no easy feat, but Chaplo's approach is guided by his personal passion for flight.

"I'm an Air Force brat, born on Wright-Patterson AFB and loved seeing the landscape from above since I was a kid flying with my Dad. My father was a career US Air Force combat and test pilot who was awarded multiple Air Medals and Distinguished Flying Crosses. I find a deep personal connection with my work because of my life experiences, and my love of the land. Sharing my vision from above with the rest of the world is something that brings me great joy," Chaplo says. "I was raised with aviation fuel on my corn flakes, and am passionate about interpreting the light and forms of the Llano and canyon lands using a fusion of digital and traditional fine art photography techniques. My inspiration is a spirit of soulful connection to the land."

Signed, limited editions of photos being shown in the exhibit will be available for acquisition by corporate and individual collectors. A price list will be available at the PPHM Store, with a portion of the proceeds going to support PPHM. All of the photographs are printed on "Palo Duro" fine art paper by Chaplo's exhibition sponsor, Red River Paper of Dallas.

Amarillo Flights: Aerial Views of Llano Estacado Country is organized by the artist in conjunction with Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum and is dedicated to his wife Cynthia. After premiering at PPHM, the exhibition will travel to other museums. The artist gratefully acknowledges the following for their support in the creation of the photographs, the book, and this exhibit: Red River Paper, Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, TAMU Press, WTAMU, Cynthia Chaplo, T. Lindsay Baker, Paul H. Carlson, Walt Davis, Bill Mercer, and all his brave pilots.

About the Artist

Paul Chaplo earned his Master of Fine Arts degree in Photography from Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, NY. His work has been nationally exhibited at numerous museums and galleries including the Museum of Modern Art in New York, and the National Museum of American Art in Washington, D.C. His commercial work focuses on energy, railroad, architecture, engineering, and aerial photography in Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana, and Oklahoma.

About PPHM

Located on the campus of West Texas A&M University, the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum is the largest history museum in Texas, with more than 285,000 square feet—and over two million artifacts—dedicated to preserving this area's past. PPHM offers visitors a chance to step into panhandle history with special exhibits, a permanent collection, Pioneer Town, cell phone tours, educational tours and special events. For more information about PPHM please visit www. panhandleplains.org.

