



City Council has busy agenda

The Friona City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 619 Main in Friona, Texas. The meeting began with a roll call, an invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance. Alderman Jeff Stowers was absent and Alderman Greg Lewellen attended virtually.

There were no public comments. Mayor Ricky White issued a proclamation declaring June as "National Dairy Month" in Friona. Certificates of appreciation will be sent to the eight local dairies.

A public hearing was opened to receive comments from citizens concerning a zoning designation change for a possible new "east" Allsup's convenient store on the lot just east of the current store. Joe Mejia addressed the Council and voiced his concerns and concerns of those who live adjacent to the proposed new store. Danny Campbell, a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission, also addressed the Council about issues relating to the new store and past issues with the "west" Allsup's store. There were no other public comments.

By a 3-1 vote, the Council approved a zoning designation change for half the City block of Subdivision 470, Lot 24, Block 12, plus one-half of all bounding streets, alleys, and public ways from "B" District - Two-Family Dwelling District

to "D" District - Local Retail District. The request was made by Atwell LLC for Allsup's Convenient Store #905. Alderman Bruce Fleming opposed the motion.

A bid of \$108,884 from Vazquez Builders for the Kitchen Remodel Project at the Friona Community Center was approved. City Manager Lee Davila said that work on the project would begin immediately. The project is projected to be finished before the Cheeseburger Festival on July 17th.

The Council unanimously approved the Friona Economic Development Corporation's recommendation to provide Parmer County Pioneer Heritage Museum with a \$25,000 forgivable loan to help fund repairs on the American Legion Building which was decided to the museum. Alderman Bruce Fleming abstained from voting because he is a member of the Board of Directors of the museum.

Aldermen Alan Monroe and Bruce Fleming were sworn in for their 2021-2023 terms. Alderman Greg Lewellen was re-elected to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for 2021-2023.

Fire Chief Danny Campbell informed the Council that the fire department was still looking to build a new fire station. Possibilities include moving to a different location or rebuilding at the current location on Main. So far, property with suitable access to

Mayor issues "National Dairy Month" proclamation

Whereas, regional dairy farmers contribute in innumerable ways to Friona as well as Parmer County's economic prosperity; and Whereas, thanks to dairy farmers' hard work, regional dairy farmers produce 106,353,047 pounds of milk annually, accounting for nearly 10.5% of Texas' milk supply; and Whereas, the landscape, economy, health, and nutrition of Friona would not be the same without our dairy farms; and

Whereas, the national celebration of these accomplishments highlights the dairy industry in June.

Now, therefore, I, Ricky White, Mayor of the City of Friona, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of June as "National Dairy Month" in Friona and recognize the efforts of: A-Tex Dairy LLC, Blue Sky Dairy, Del Rio Dairy LLP, Hart Dairy, Leslies Dairy INC, Optima Dairy Texas LLC, Palla Dairy, Ridge View Dairy



Dairy Max rep Austin Voyles delivered milk and siblings Kessly & Juan Diego Salinas were first-time donors at the blood drive last Thursday! More photos and story on page 8.

Highway 60 has been difficult to find and/or purchase.

Minutes of the May 17, 2021 were reviewed and approved. The Accounts Payable for May 2021 and the Financial Statement for May 2021 were also approved.

All meetings are open to the public. The City

Council reserves the right to go into Executive session at any time. Visit cityoffriona.com to find agendas and minutes from previous meetings. Information in this article is only a summary. Any questions concerning specific actions should be directed to the City Council.



Workers removed the HVAC units from the Primary School building this week. Asbestos materials are also being removed as required by law. Demolition is currently scheduled to begin just after the July 4th holiday.



Work has begun on renovations at the American Legion building. The building was decided to the Parmer County Pioneer Heritage Museum and plans are to use the extra space for more exhibits. A large military exhibit showcasing Parmer County veterans is in the planning stages. The current ceiling is being removed and spray foam insulation will be applied. The roof will then be repaired. If you would like help with the project to restore the American Legion building, please send your donation to Parmer County Pioneer Heritage Museum, %Bruce Fleming, 1205 W. 9th Place, Friona, Texas 79035.

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Friona Weather	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	Precipitation	Burn Ban
June 17-23	98 66 SSW 10-20	99 66 SSW 10-20	99 69 S 10-20	104 68 WSW 10-20	92 63 NE 15-25	92 67 SSE 10-20	96 68 S 10-20	June 0.90 Year 4.10	Yes

Community Calendar

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- June 17**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- June 18**
• Kendrick Oil Customer Appreciation Cookout on Main Street from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- June 20**
• Father's Day
- June 21**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
• Noon Lions Club meeting at The Farmwife Kitchen
- June 24**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- June 28**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- July 1**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- July 4**
• Independence Day

Burn ban still in effect

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 10 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 Texas Flag.

There were no public comments. Minutes from the May 24th meeting were read and approved. Commissioners approved the payment of the accounts payables as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May. The Treasurer's payroll report was also approved.

Wendy Case and Janelle Duffey gave Commissioners an update on Extensions activities. IPM Agent John Thoebe was unable to attend the meeting and will provide an update to the Court at a later date.

Wendy Carthel addressed Commissioners concerning renovations to the American Legion Building in Friona. The building has been deeded to the Parmer County Pioneer Heritage Museum and will be used to exhibit the military service of Parmer County residents. Wendy was asking if the Court help fund some of the renovations. Commissioners were interested in the project but decided to table the agenda item until they are finished with the budgetary process for next year.

Discussion and consideration of compensation for the Justice

of the Peace, Precinct 1 position was tabled to give Commissioners more time to do research concerning the office.

The contract for Court Collection Services with GHS was approved. Approval was also given for a Bond for Parmer County Deputy Clerk BreAnn Saenz.

No action was taken concerning the Parmer County Burn Ban. It is still in effect until August. **There will be no ban on fireworks but the Commissioners would like to remind everyone to use extreme caution when enjoying fireworks this year since we are still in a drought.** Also, permission was given to fire departments to conduct firework shows in their communities.

One of the reasons that Parmer County recently joined the National Association of Counties (NACo) was to have guidance from the organization in determining how to spend the \$1.8 million the county will receive in the next two years from the American Rescue Plan that was passed recently. Items of interest are "negative pressure" cells in the jail, equipment for first responders, and improved broadband county-wide.

Sheriff Randy Geries reported that he was currently housing 17 inmates in the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center. Approval was given by the Court for the disposition of surplus inven-

tory. This involves the trading or destruction of outdated equipment. State law requires that the Court must approve the process. Commissioners also approved the purchase of a second new vehicle for the Sheriff's office. The higher than normal value of used vehicles and the discounts on current year model vehicles will allow the county to upgrade at a much lower cost.

Sheriff Geries said the cash price of the new 2021 4-wheel drive Chevy Tahoe would be \$36,000 and he was still working on a possible trade-in. Since there is industry-wide uncertainty about the availability and cost of 2022 vehicles, Commissioners decided that the price was too good to pass up.

Parmer County has changed the address of its website. You now type in www.parmercounty.texas.gov to gain access to county information and services. The next scheduled Commissioners Court meeting is Monday, June 28th.

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Farmhouse to Your House



Alan Monroe (left) and Bruce Fleming (right) are sworn in by City Manager Lee Davila (center) at last week's city council meeting. Mayor Ricky White (center right), Alderman Brent Loflin (center left), and Alderman Greg Lewellen (via laptop computer screen) were witnesses.

ACROSS

- TXism: "tight as a cinch on _ _ _ horse"
- TXism: "he sneezes through silk"
- pecan is the Texas state _ _ _
- SMU Raymond who was a great receiver for Baltimore (init.)
- TXism: "I'll _ _ monkey's uncle"
- TXism: "useless as party hose _ _ _"
- "_ _ _ in the neck"
- dangerous Texas funnels
- Texans rely on local television for weather _ _ _
- Texans know how to _ _ _ tale
- Russian cavalry
- prepare to publish
- Texas troopers use _ _ _ gun
- use a key
- this Matt lost his seat in the Texas House in 2018
- Gov. " _ " Ferguson
- Texas pronghorn, e.g.
- TX Joe Don was in "Cape Fear" with Robert de _ _ _
- this Mary Kay was TX cosmetics queen
- fancy way to say woman's bedroom
- periods between sunrise and sunset
- TXism: "I'll _ _ _ teeth!" (threat)
- "Beware the _ _ _ of March!"
- TXism: "got _ _ _ of corn to shuck" (big job)
- "_ _ _ of the tongue"
- bro's sib
- what lies under Grand Saline, TX (2 wds.)
- TXism: "I _ _ _" (declare)
- take on
- TX Poetry Day mo.
- actor Studi of 2003 TV film "The Lone Ranger"

DOWN

- ex-Astro manager Howe
- cone-bearing evergreen tree
- "Cowpokes" artist (2 wds.)
- Columbus, TX newspaper (3 wds.)
- TX Bonnie & Clyde target
- TXism: "she'd have _ _ _ to cast a shadow" (skinny)
- TXism: "it's root hog _ _ die"
- TX B.J. Thomas' "New Looks From _ _ Old Lover"
- love of country
- TXism "neon light _ _ _" (inspiration)
- TX Hayley Orrantia TV show: "The _ _ _ bergs"
- TXism: " _ _ _ the rafters" (crowded)
- two San Jacinto battle cannon: "The _ _ _ Sisters"
- slips away
- "Roe v. Wade"
- Weddington, et al.
- this Adams starred with TX Lynda Day George in "Racquet"
- a Boulder, CO univ.
- in Falls County on U.S. 77
- "Texas Tea"
- TXism: " _ _ _ of" (a lot)
- TX Tanya Tucker song: "Texas When _ _ _"
- tejano band: "Little Joe _ _ Familia"
- "Permian Basin International _ _ _" (Odessa)
- pub missiles
- TXism: "six of _ _ , half a dozen of the other" (same)

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105 Calories	5 g Total Fat	40 min Cook Time
16 g Carbs	10 min Prep Time	24 Servings



Ingredients

2 packages crescent rolls
2 (8oz) packages cream cheese
1 cup sugar
2 tsp vanilla extract
1/2 cup butter, melted

TOPPING

3/4 cup sugar
2 tsp ground cinnamon

Nutrition Facts

per serving	Total Fat: 5 g
Calories: 105	Saturated fat: 3 g
Protein: 0 g	Cholesterol: 13 mg
Carbohydrate: 16 g	Sodium: 44 mg
Fiber: 0 g	

Recipe Credit: Dinners, Dishes and Desserts

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. Mix together cream cheese, sugar, and vanilla extract until smooth. Set aside.
3. In a bowl combine the sugar and cinnamon for the topping. Mix well. Set aside.
4. Unroll 1 package crescent rolls and press into the bottom of a 13x9 inch baking dish.
5. Sprinkle about half of the cinnamon mixture over the base.
6. Spread cream cheese mixture evenly over the base.
7. Top with the remaining package of crescent rolls.
8. Pour butter over the top and sprinkle with remaining cinnamon mixture.
8. Bake for 35-45 minutes until the top is golden and set.
10. Let cool completely before serving.

Happy Birthday Friona Folks

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| <p>June 17
Danny Hand
Johnny Spring
Rick Taylor
Kirby Frye
Oscar Schlenker
Trudi Johnson</p> | <p>June 21
Izzy Cordova
Sheldon Kyle Reeve
Miranda Alexander
Lupita Alvidrez
Carson Haffner
Angelina McWilliams</p> |
| <p>June 18
Nita Clark
Kayla Vaught
Shauna (Stokes) Jackson
Casey Sims
Randy Chavez
Isabel Salinas</p> | <p>June 22
Ricky Barnett
Jyl Grimsley
Chuck Nichols
Cecil Maddox
Leslie Fangman
Richard Bermea
Kiara Reeves
Yvette Garcia
Janet Burleson</p> |
| <p>June 19
Perry Hanes
Mickie Herring
Randi Stokes
Wayne Kube
Kaiden Bridges
William Fairweather
Kirsten (Carr) McCurry</p> | <p>June 23
Katelyn Steen
Cade Tongate
Kenneth Preston
V'Laura (Wilcox) Sundlie</p> |
| <p>June 20
Debra (Cooper) Campbell
Chris Hunt
Ian Martinez
Donald Phelps
Ella Downs</p> |  |

Gas prices edge up

By GasBuddy

Texas gas prices have risen 2.6 cents in the past week, averaging \$2.76 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Gas prices in Texas are 0.4 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 95.0 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is \$2.39 while the most expensive is \$3.49 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 1.6 cents in the last week, averaging \$3.07 per gallon. The national average is up 3.7 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 97.7 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. "We've seen the national average gas price continue to inch higher as oil prices have reached \$71 per barrel, the highest since 2018, as gasoline demand continues to rebound," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

De Hann continued, "Strong gasoline demand as states and cities reopen will likely continue to be a major factor keeping gas prices elevated even as oil production climbs in the months ahead. With most additional supply being gobbled up very quickly, gas prices will likely stay at elevated levels for the foreseeable future. Motorists can continue to fight the high gas prices by remembering to shop around each time they get below half a tank."

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-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data is accessible at <http://FuelInsights.GasBuddy.com>.

Texas wins ninth Gold Shovel Award

Governor Abbott announced that Texas is again recognized with a Gold Shovel Award by Area Development magazine for leading among the most populous states in attracting high-value business investments in 2020 that will create

a significant number of new jobs in communities across the state. This is the ninth year Texas has won a Gold Shovel Award.

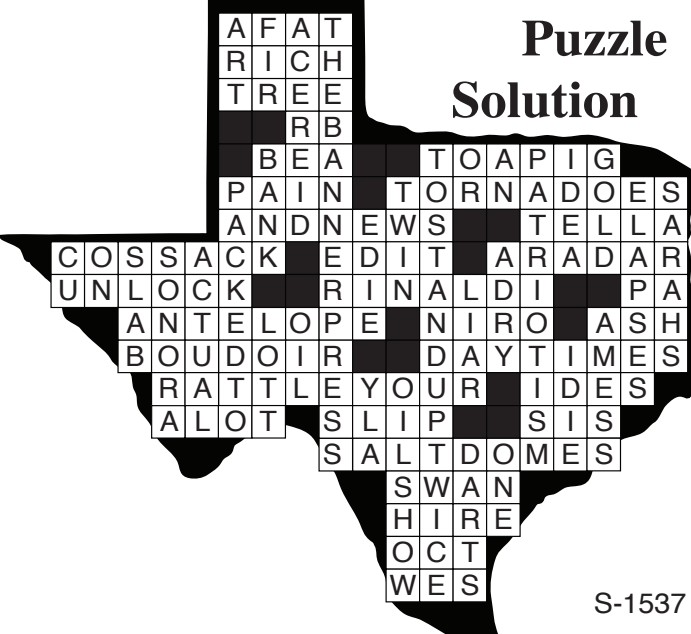
"It's no surprise that Texas continues to lead the nation in job creation and economic expansion," said Governor

Abbott. "The Lone Star State offers innovative businesses the freedom to flourish with our pro-growth economic policies, a predictable regulatory environment, and our young, growing, and diverse workforce. I thank Area Development Magazine for their recognition, and I look forward to welcoming even more new business investments and job creation as we unleash the full might of the Texas economy."

Also named by Area Development as the manufacturing project of the year is the Tesla "gigafactory" project in Del Valle just outside Austin,

a \$1.1 billion investment expected to create 5,000 jobs.

Other significant job-creating investments in diverse industries across Texas cited by Area Development included: Amazon in Waco, Oak Cliff, and Pflugerville creating 3,500 jobs; Peloton in Plano creating 1,600 jobs; FedEx in Dallas creating 1,200 jobs; Navistar International Corp. in San Antonio creating 600 jobs; Max Midstream in Point Comfort creating 474 jobs; Freshpet Inc. in Ennis creating 427 jobs; and Gulf Coast Ammonia LLC in Texas City creating 40 jobs.



Puzzle Solution

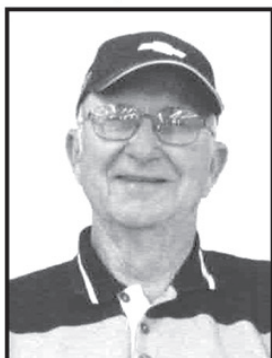
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The Holy Spirit as Teacher and Rememberer

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Isn't it amazing what you can learn from youtube? You can fix your car, work on the plumbing, weld, cook and so much more if you will simply tune in to the right video. It is definitely handy to have answers at the tip of your fingers, but for the Christian, you have answers even closer than that, and you have someone who will help teach you and help you remember what Jesus has said.

Jesus said in John 14:26, "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance

all that I have said to you." Believers are to be lifelong learners, and the good news is that you have the best teacher ever, the Holy Spirit! Learning from the Holy Spirit implies you are being teachable, seeking the Lord's truth, and that you are committed to what is being taught as the Holy Spirit illuminates truth from the Lord's Word.

The Holy Spirit is our teacher, but would you believe that Christians can have trouble remembering sometimes? Thankfully, Jesus says the Holy Spirit helps there also in John 14:26. Notice, though that he helps you re-

member Jesus' words, because his words are life and truth. Further, it is important to understand that if you haven't hidden God's Word in your heart or put it in your head, then you are not giving the Holy Spirit the opportunity to help you with divine recall of Christ's words when you need them most. The reality that the Holy Spirit is our Helper, Teacher, and Rememberer, is a huge blessing for the believer, and my prayer is that you will hunger and thirst for God's truth, and not simmer in the worldliness that is so prevalent among many Christians today.

A Penny or the Cross?

By Teena Hughs

I hate to admit it, but I am one of those people who picks up money off the street, sidewalk, floor, etc. I hate to admit it even more, but if I find a head's up penny, the first thing I think is that I am going to have good luck that day. I'm not being superstitious (LOL); it just gives me hope that something good is going to happen! "That's my excuse, and I am sticking to it!"

A week ago Sunday, I was trying to finish getting my things packed for Camp New Dawn and Feller's family reunion, and I found a pocket cross I had unpacked from some box. I just picked it up and put it in my pocket.

I got off and stopped at Lowe's in Sonora to see if they had some Ivory detergent. As I stepped out of my suburban, I noticed a penny, head's down. I picked it up and put it in my other pocket.

The next day, I noticed

the penny and cross sitting side-by-side on my bed, and the question came to me: Which do you trust more, the penny or the cross? Of course, I am naturally supposed to say the cross, but this whole thing has had me thinking since then about where I actually place my trust.

I can't get a single thing from a penny. It does help me pay for things; and, when I find one head's up, I actually look for something good to happen, but that is something I should do all the time every day. However, a penny can't help me with my daily problems; it can't help me get to Heaven; it can't help me forgive others; it can't heal me; it can't love me; it can't show me how to live my life; but, Jesus Christ, the man who died on the cross for you and me can do all of these things and so many, many more!

The bottom line is,

we need to put all of our trust in Jesus, not things. We have all heard that the only One we can fully trust is Jesus, and that is true! We may have family and friends we can trust most of the time, but He is the only One we can trust ALL of the time!

Thursday evening, I gave the pocket cross to a camper who was having some difficult times at camp. She really and truly can't help her problems, which breaks my heart. I don't know how much she actually knows about Jesus, but I hope with all of my heart that she will come to really know Jesus and trust Him when she is going through her difficult situations. A head's up penny can't help this girl or the others like her, so I am putting my trust in Jesus to show someone how to help people like this girl deal with whatever it is that causes her difficult times. Take care, and always trust Jesus!!!

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Panhandle Parables

By Jeff Procter, Minister, 6th Street Church of Christ

From Toddler

Dear Dad, Hi it is me way down here by your very large feet. How did they get so big? How come you smile when mom walks in the room? Why do the stars only come out at night? Where do you go all day long? I have lots of questions but I know you have the answers. Love, Your son.

From 1st grader

Dear Dad, Hi it's me. I am ready for baseball. I like it when we get to play catch. Thank you for showing me how to hold a bat. I have learned a lot from you and I just want to thank you for having all the answers. Love, Your son.

From Jr. High

Dear Dad, Thanks for everything. By the way, let's not have another talk about birds and bees or any of that other stuff. Most girls are gross, but there is one in my class that makes me kind of nervous. Is that normal? Never mind you told me too much already, but thanks for answering my questions. Love, Your son

From High School

Dear Dad, Yo, what's up? Gotta go. Thanks, Me.

From College

Dear Dad, What a ride. Thank you for your support through high school, even though I didn't say much. I knew I could because you have always been there. Well, I have decided to marry that girl that made me nervous in Jr. High. Turns out she still does, but I saw you get a little goofy around mom so I guess that is normal. Thanks for how you showed me to be a man, by loving mom, providing for us and keeping me real. I am proud you are my dad. Love, Your son

From a first time father

Dear Dad, I should have listened better in Jr. High. Now I know why you smiled at mom when she came in the room. As I hold this little bundle I have to say, I am scared to death. I have so many questions, where did you learn all that stuff. You failed to mention the diapers! Glad you guys don't live too far away. Will be bringing Jr. over soon. Love you dad and thanks. Your Son.

Whether you were that child or had that father or not. Know that you are needed. Happy Father's Day.

Letter To Dad

"We Live by Faith, Not by Sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7

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The Core of the University Experience

By Walter V. Wendler, WTAMU President



The Core Curriculum at universities (not to be confused with “Common Core”), sometimes called general education requirement, is determined by faculty and legislative leadership. Unfortunately, some students, parents, and even faculty and university leaders see these courses as what a student “must get out of the way before they really begin to study.” This view undermines the core of the educational process. General educational requirements that survey the human condition are the nucleus of being an educated human being. The Core Curriculum originated at Columbia University in 1895. Unfortunately, through convolutions of academic “politics,” the core curriculum has frequently become balkanized into a series of special topics of interest to individual faculty and a few students that may not provide the comprehensive overview intended when the core was conceived—shame on us.

The strength of various aspects of a core curriculum is subject to legitimate debate. However, the importance of a consistent foundation for students to launch into further study of disciplinary areas, matters of mathematical and scientific understanding, expanded insights and ideas regarding the human condition that undergird a free society are all inarguable according to the American Council of Trustees and Alumni. A look at history requirements is informative. At some institutions, faculty members no longer participate in teaching surveys or overview courses in history. Regrettably, such work is perceived to be uninteresting and unchallenging. Resources wasted on students who don’t care or who live beneath the whetted edge of a faculty member’s razor-sharp in-

tellectual interests—what a shame.

The applicability of core curriculum courses to everyday life is challenging but important in understanding history. Unfortunately, core courses are frequently sacrificed on various altars: utility of knowledge, political correctness, faculty preference rather than student need, and disciplinary expertise are a few examples. Nevertheless, the value of a common body of knowledge binding individuals into a larger social group is a staple of an informed educational process.

At West Texas A&M University, a 42 semester credit hour core curriculum is required in various study areas. Every state-supported institution in Texas has a similar set of compulsory requirements. Six hours of this core must be completed in U.S. History. Typically one course would cover the beginning of our nation through post-Civil War Reconstruction while the second, the industrial revolution to the present day. A great deal of ground, to be sure, but the planted seeds of our free, economically vibrant society, warts and all. Four other specialized courses are recently allowed as proxies for these surveys. At WT, in the fall of 2019, 733 students enrolled in core history requirements. Of those, 87.45% were enrolled in traditional core survey classes, and 12.55% were enrolled in specialized history options. I believe every student should take the two survey courses without substitution to help create a shared understanding of our nation’s evolution.

By comparison, at the University of Texas in the fall of 2019, 3,911 students enrolled in various courses to meet core curriculum requirements. Of those, 62.23% se-

lected traditional core courses. The balance, 38.54%, opted for 21 different courses (there may be others), providing increasingly narrow perspectives of U.S. History. The history of a wide variety of ethnic and national groups in the U.S., Foreign Relations, The Founding of the U.S. or the Revolutionary War. Every one of these courses could be interesting, but by design or default, they might not provide an overview of our nation’s evolution. As electives, these have great value. However, cafeterias, while potentially immediately gratifying, may not provide the benefit of balance.

At WT, the history department generally prefers engaged faculty rigorously teaching survey courses to create an informed citizenry capable of critical thought, reflective problem-solving and an appreciation for past and present events. Every history faculty member teaches at least one survey course. The value of this approach? Each student receives insight providing national context. Each faculty member is reminded of the existing knowledge base, or its lack, of new students. Every student should have exposure to a comprehensive and rigorous overview of American History as part of being an educated human being. It’s inarguable. Specialized exposures to various viewpoints can profitably follow.

We live in an imperfect, exceptional nation. But, if the past is dissected into constituent parts before a picture of the whole is appreciated, we systemically deprive students of independent thinking—it is shameful.

Walter V. Wendler is President of West Texas A&M University. His reflections are available at <https://walterwendler.com/>.

FSA News

Time to certify

By Kyra Rutherford
Parmer County Executive Director

We have been so glad to see some rain as we get into our summer crops, and we are excited to see what more is to come. It is getting time to certify your summer crops with RMA and FSA again. The FSA is open by appointment and we are ready to help you certify.

We will not have a register this year so make sure you are certified by

July 15th or risk having to pay a per-farm late fee. The office number is 806-481-3311 so go ahead and call to set up your appointment- they are booking up fast!

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Space Pioneer

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith



Dr. Sally K. Ride

NASA might have been conceived in 1958, but America’s astronaut corps did not accept women until twenty years later; in 1978, six out of 3,000 distaff applicants were finally chosen. Dr. Sally K. Ride was one of them; to the “suits” she had a positively perfect profile: a bachelors; a masters; and a doctorate-in physics—from Stanford University.

Ride had been pursuing a career as a professional tennis player, according to History.com, when she “answered a 1977 newspaper ad from the NASA calling for young tech-savvy scientists who could work as mission specialists.”

In six subsequent years, Ride had a myriad of NASA jobs; then, on June 18, 1983, she went on the of adventure of her life as a member of the Challenger crew—and became the first American woman to travel in space. She was 32.

For more information about Ride and her legacy, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends **Women in Space: 23 Stories of First Flights, Scientific Missions, and Gravity-Breaking Adventures** by Karen Bush Gibson.

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Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



Among my top six Twitter accounts to follow are Heath Mayo (young Texas conservative pundit), Jason Isbell (musician/master of wit/Southern progressive), Rex Chapman (former pro athlete, recovering addict, humorist, appreciator of kindness among humans), Tim Siegel (inspiring father), and Auschwitz Memorial (chronicler of Holocaust history).

The sixth “Tweeter” who enlightens or entertains me is Beth Moore. Yes, the speaker and writer and scriptural sage. The same woman who announced in March that she was relinquishing her Southern Baptist affiliation (though not her Baptist faith).

When people such as Moore take that type of action, you better believe I am going to ask questions. “Why?” was the first.

Veteran religion reporter Bob Smietana; Kate Bowler, a historian at Duke Divinity School; David Gushee, Distinguished University Professor of Christian Ethics at Mercer University; and Mark Wingfield—executive director and publisher of Baptist News Global—were sources I used in order to dig a little deeper to answer this question. The following came to light after reading some of their articles/interviews.

1. Southern Baptists rallying around the 45th President.

“He became the banner, the poster child for the great white hope of evangelicalism, the salvation of the church in America,” she said. “Nothing could have prepared me for that,” Moore told Religious News Services.

In October 2016, Moore had what she called “the shock of my life,” when reading the transcripts of the Access Hollywood tapes, where Trump boasted... “This wasn’t just immorality,” she said. “This smacked of sexual assault.” (Smietana, 3-9-2021 article)

From Wingfield’s column dated 3-10-2021, he wrote that *the same Southern Baptists who had been outraged by former President Bill Clinton’s conduct in the 1990s gave Trump a pass — not only a pass but a ringing endorsement. “The disorientation of this was staggering,” Moore told RNS. “Just staggering.”*

2. Allegations of abuse and misconduct that seemed to go unheeded by SBC leaders in the church.

After allegations of abuse and misconduct began to surface among Southern Baptists in 2016, Moore also became increasingly concerned about her denomination’s tolerance for leaders who treated women with disrespect. (Smietana, 3-9-2021 article)

3. A line-up of issues that have divided not just religious groups but the country.

She claimed that the SBC is *“not in step with the gospel” and has instead given in to sexism, nationalism, partisanship, racism and, perhaps especially, Trumpism. That critique reached its peak on Dec. 13, 2020, in the midst of Trump’s baseless claims that the 2020 election had been stolen from him. Moore tweeted: “I do not believe these are days for mincing words. I’m 63 1/2 years old & I have never seen anything in these United States of America I found more astonishingly seductive & dangerous to the saints of God than Trumpism. This Christian nationalism is not of God. Move back from it.” (Wingfield, 3-10-2021)*

Influential Tennessee pastor Greg Locke has responded to Moore by telling her to “SIT DOWN” and pastor and author John MacArthur told her to “Go home” when some in the church questioned Moore’s role as a teacher or as a preacher (Wingfield, 3-10-2021).

“When Moore spoke out about Trump, the pushback was fierce. Book sales plummeted as did ticket sales to her events. Her criticism of Trump was seen as an act of betrayal” (Smietana, 3-9-2021).

Beth Moore is anything but what many West Texans consider damning words: liberal and woke. (Wingfield, 3-10-2021). While the late Rachel Held Evans was able to inspire the progressive Christian woman with her Biblical-based writing, Moore has maintained the same impact for conservative women’s voices over the span of thirty years.

After finding some answers to why Beth Moore left the SBC, I was not gleeful or filled with vindication. Instead, I aligned with Dr. Gushee, who wrote in his blog, “I was mainly sad.”

Sad that divisiveness does not appear to have a vaccine.

Sad that scales have not fallen from our eyes. Sad that there are not more like Moore.

State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Abbott vows to expand border ‘barrier’

Gov. Greg Abbott vowed last week at a border security summit to build a barrier to slow the flow of migrants through the state’s southern border.

Abbott said details would be forthcoming for the wall, which would be part of a new enforcement plan administered by several state agencies, ranging from the governor’s office to the Texas Department of Public Safety. He said he intends to sign legislation appropriating more than \$1 billion for enhanced border security.

“While securing the border is the federal government’s responsibility, Texas will not sit idly by as this crisis grows,” Abbott said. “The state is working collaboratively with communities impacted by the crisis to arrest and detain individuals coming into Texas illegally.”

The president of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) blasted Abbott’s actions.

“Governor Abbott stated that he intends to use Texas state budget dollars not for education, improving our electric grid or for Texas roads and highways,” said Domingo Garcia, LULAC president. “Instead, he says he will continue to build a wall and other barriers along the border with Mexico. This is a huge waste of taxpayer money, and very likely illegal.”

LULAC plans to take legal action on grounds that the federal government has authority over immigration and borders, not individual states.

Lumber price surge not affecting timber prices

One economic consequence of the pandemic lockdown has been a surge in lumber prices of more than 300%, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service. However, landowners who grow and harvest timber are still facing stagnant prices, as they have since the housing crash of 2008. At \$30 a ton in Texas, the price has remained about the same for the

past decade.

The challenge for timber owners is an abundance of ready-to-harvest timber, according to TFS.

“Landowners have been struggling to get their timber harvested for a while,” said Rob Hughes, executive director of the Texas Forestry Association. “The mills are producing more wood than they have before, but it’s still not to the capacity of how much timber is being grown in their areas.”

A consolidation of sawmills is partly to blame. In 1997 Texas had 168 active sawmills, a number that has dwindled today to about 50. Some landowners have opted to supplement their forest income through carbon markets, which are bought by companies or governments to offset greenhouse gas emissions. One drawback is that the credits can only go to timberland owners if the forest is at risk of being harvested.

“There are a few contracts now that are just a one-year deal,” said Hughes. “These seem more tolerable to the production-minded forest landowners that we’ve talked with. You defer your harvest, and you get paid for that amount of carbon as you sequester it.”

Landowners can contact a consulting forester or a Texas A&M Forest Service office for more information.

A wet May increases reservoir storage

May is historically the state’s wettest month. This year was no exception, with above-average rain in much of the state, according to Dr. Mark Wentzel, a hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board.

By the end of May, drought conditions covered 25% of the state — down 45 percentage points from the end of April. The La Niña conditions, which are key factors in droughts in Texas, have dissipated and won’t return this summer, Wentzel said.

“If you were trying to reduce drought in Texas, you couldn’t pick a better month to have above-

average rainfall,” Wentzel wrote in a press release.

He added that besides greening up the landscape, May’s rain increased reservoir storage to 84.6% of capacity, about normal for this time of year.

New COVID-19 cases rise week-to-week

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas in the past week rose to 17,724, up 46% from the previous week, while deaths stayed steady at 213, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

The Texas Department of State Health Services reported 1,600 hospitalizations of lab-confirmed cases, up about 100 from the previous week. Vaccinations continue to rise, with 10.85 million Texans fully vaccinated — 37.2% of the state’s population.

PUC lifts moratorium on utility disconnections

The moratorium on utility disconnections for non-payment will be lifted June 18. Last Friday the Texas Public Utility Commission cited a proliferation of financial support and the need for electricity, water and sewer providers to resume normal business operations.

“This is not an easy decision, and it was not taken lightly,” PUC Chairman Peter Lake said. “But by acting now, customers will be able to take advantage of deferred payment plans or federal assistance ahead of the summer season.”

There are numerous options for ratepayers having difficulties paying their utility bills. The PUC has created a one-page fact sheet that can be accessed at: <https://tinyurl.com/4fdch5dt>.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com.

Blood Drive saves lives, promotes dairy farmers

Coffee Memorial Blood Center conducted a Friona Community Blood Drive last Thursday. The Friona Noons Lions Club sponsored the event and cooked french fries for all the donors and workers.

45 individuals registered and 41 were able to donate. Of the 41 donations, 32 were whole blood and 9 were double red cells. Since it is estimated that each unit of blood can save three lives, approximately 150 lives will benefit from the donations.

The June blood drive highlighted National Dairy Month. Donors received two free t-shirts, a WOW pass to Wonderland Amusement Park and a squeeze cow. Austin Voyles, Program Coordinator with Dairy Max, provided each donor with a 1/2 gallon container of milk and an ice cream cup. Dairy Max promotes local dairy farmers and the products they help produce.

Amarillo’s Classic Hits Station, 100.9 The Eagle, conducted a live broad-

cast from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Morgan Tanner and Jake Day conducted interviews and handed

out tote bags and sunglasses. The next blood drive is scheduled for August 19th.



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Area Students Graduate from ENMU

The following area students graduated from Eastern New Mexico University in Spring 2021: **Alicia Lopez of Friona**, majoring in Communicative Disorders; Lydia Mitchell of Farwell; Matthew Dale of Far-



well; Marivel Galvan of Farwell; Matthew Kube of Farwell; and Fernando Salamanca

of Muleshoe. An in-person commencement ceremony was held at Greyhound Stadium on May 15. ENMU is a state institution offering associate, bachelor's and master's degree options.

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gate. The address is WonderlandPark.com/fathersday. Please note, the Father's Day special must be purchased at the gate and cannot be redeemed online.

We're expecting highs in the 90's on Sunday so it's the perfect time to enjoy some family fun in the sun while celebrating dad. WOW Dad this year at Wonderland Amusement Park!

American Legion Post 206 announces scholarship recipients

RET SFC Richard Villarreal announced the recipients of \$250 scholarships awarded by the Parmer County American Legion Post 206. He is the Acting Post Commander/Adjunct.

PCAL Post 206 recognized candidates who attended either the American Legion Boys State convention or American Legion Auxiliary Bluebonnet Girls State convention during 2019 & 2020 with one-time \$250.00 scholarships to help pay for their continuing education. The 2019 conven-

tion was in-person and the 2020 convention was held virtually. Scholarships were awarded to the following:

2019 American Legion Boys State candidates: **Andres Montana - Friona; Kyle Shipp - Friona;**

2019 American Legion Auxiliary Bluebonnet Girls State candidates: **Marisol Rodriguez - Bovina; Mariah Rivera - Friona; Mariana Pina - Friona**

2020 American Legion Boys State candidate: **Riley Davidson - Friona**

2020 American Legion Auxiliary Bluebonnet Girls State candidate: **Gabrielle Medrano - Bovina**

RET SFC Villarreal said, "Unfortunately, the 2021 Boys State and Bluebonnet Girls State conventions will hold online sessions again this summer. The Parmer County American Legion and Auxiliary will not have any candidates participating this summer, but we look forward to selecting candidates next summer and in the years to come."

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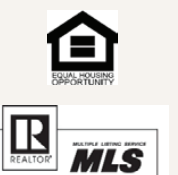
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Kendrick Oil Company Celebrates 70 Years

Kendrick Oil Company was founded January 1, 1951, in Friona, when H.K. (Pudge) and wife Deke Kendrick bought the local Phillips jobber from Paul Fortenberry, who had owned the business for just about a year. Prior to Fortenberry, the jobber was operated for 25 years by HT (Tiny) Magnus. They moved into the old adobe building southeast of the Santa Fe grain elevator (currently Friona Wheat Growers) and began work with two employees - Pudge driving the delivery truck and Deke managing the books. In June 1951 Pudge went into the propane business, with one truck and no storage. They loaded their truck at Allred Oil Co in Hereford, with storage tanks installed in Friona in August of 1951. They were installed just east of Hi Pro's present offices, giving 20,000-gallon storage. In a quote from Pudge, "The LPG business took off with a bang. We had to add another truck in August to handle the business. Pretty well all the irrigation wells were on LPG. The LPG business was very good to us until natural gas started being put in pipelines and farmers formed co-ops to bring the gas to their wells. The LPG business dropped from an average of 150,000 gallons per month to 50,000 gallons per month."

In 1954, Kendrick Oil moved across the road to the west of the adobe building and to the south about half a mile, moving in old barracks from Amarillo Air Base. Currently, this the location of Kendrick Oil's propane storage facility. Pudge branched out into the fertilizer business briefly (1956 - mid 1970s), running Kendrick Fertilizer across the road to the east of the barracks, in the current location of Bunker Trucking. In 1956, Kendrick Oil built a service station on Highway 60 near Highway 214. The site was operational as a gas station and office until 2005.

By 1971, operations had expanded to include seven employees - Pudge Kendrick (owner), Ruby Barnett (Bookkeeping), Charles Scales (Manager), Clyde Scarborough (Transport Driver), Tony Reyes (Transport Driver), Robert Saiz (Transport Driver), and Steve Bavousett. Scales, having been employed by Kendrick Oil for 17 years in 1971, saw many changes to the business. In a quote to the Friona Star, Scales indicated the biggest change was that "farmers don't come around like they used to. They would come in and visit for an hour, maybe two. But today, they just call you on the telephone." Charles would be happy to know that the current Farm Store is still a local coffee hangout for

farmers, mostly retired and fewer in number, but still going strong.

By the mid-1970's, Kendrick Oil added Diamond Shamrock as a brand, in addition to Phillips 66. This began a long-term relationship today what would become Valero Energy Corporation.

Danny joined the family business in 1976 as a delivery driver, and by the mid 1980's, Kendrick Oil Co. had moved to its current location on Main Street, purchasing the Friona Consumers building. Fina was added to the list of jobberships, establishing another long-term supply relationship with current Alon USA and Delek. Early in the 1980's, Kendrick Oil opened its first Fast Stop location, in the building at the corner of Euclid and Highway 60, previously operated as a Conoco station by current delivery driver Randol Allen. This location would be operated as a Fast Stop until the early 2000s, serving then briefly as Bobby Thompson's glass business, and currently as the location of Parmer Paws. By the late 1980's,

Danny had taken over most responsibilities as President of Kendrick Oil, and the corporate office was moved across the street to the old Ruthie's Dress Shop.

In June 1995, a tornado destroyed the old barracks south of the tracks, and the location had to be rebuilt. It was operated independently through Southside Fuels, but later reverted to Kendrick Oil as a bulk storage facility and warehouse. The late 1990's also saw the next generation of the Kendrick family join the business, with Andy and Matthew Kendrick, Danny Kendrick's two sons, working summers at the farm store during high school, and with Danny's daughter Jennifer working at the Fast Stop later in her high school years of the mid-2000s.

The retail portion of Kendrick Oil took off drastically in the mid-2000s, with the purchase of the old Town & Country store in Friona, located at the corner of Highway 60 and Highway 214. During the same time, convenience store expansion continued to add over



One of the current fuel delivery trucks

20 locations located in Eastern New Mexico and West Texas.

In August of 2007, retail expansion continued with purchase of Chisum Travel Center from Bolton Oil in Lubbock, bringing the total of convenience stores to 22 under the brands of ConocoPhillips, Valero and ALON, and total employees to over 200.

By the late-2000s, Kendrick Oil had expanded to include Matthew Kendrick as a Marketing Manager for the retail portion, and expanded its fuel brokering to include the San Antonio, Houston, Dallas and El Paso markets. Andy Kendrick would join the family business in 2013, in wholesale fuel sales. Jennifer Kendrick would rejoin the business in 2015, working first at the corporate office in Friona and now at the retail office in Lubbock.

In 2014, Kendrick Oil expanded operations into the Permian Basin, purchasing a bulk facility in Mertzon, outside of San Angelo. From the Fuel Source facility, deliveries are made to

the many oilfield service companies operating from Odessa as far south as Eldorado and to just west of San Antonio and east of Pecos.

Although all but six of the previous stores were sold in 2018, Kendrick Oil today continues to operate seven stores located in Hereford, Amarillo, Lubbock, Alto, Ft Sumner and Tularosa, with expansion continuing in 2021 to include a store in Colorado City. Current operations include over 130 employees, including Danny Kendrick as President, Pam and Matthew Kendrick as Vice Presidents and Andy Kendrick as Sales Director, with wholesale fuel operations in seven states. This year we celebrate 70 years of business and wish to thank everyone in the community for their support. The current level of success could not have been possible if not for the vision and determination of Pudge and Deke, who passed away in 2009 and 2020, and the continued support of the local customers that form the base of our business, just as it did in 1951.



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Kendrick Started With Phillips as Ballplayer

H.K. (Pudge) Kendrick has been connected with the Phillips Oil Company just about all of his adult life.

Kendrick has been the Phillips 66 jobber in Friona since January 1, 1951, but he worked for the company for several years prior to coming to Friona. He also was employed by Phillips and played on the Phillips Oilers' baseball and basketball teams for four years prior to World War II.

Born in East Texas, Kendrick's family moved to Amarillo. He attended Amarillo High School, where he played on the state championship Sandie team of 1935 his senior year. Kendrick was a guard on the Sandie basketball team. He also played the roundball sport for Amarillo College.

Following his graduation from Amarillo College, Kendrick was employed by Phillips. "My main job was playing basketball and baseball," Pudge says with a smile. The Phillips team played most of the "town teams" in this area, and this was his first introduction to Friona.

Kendrick says his biggest accomplishment

as a hitter was in going all one season without striking out a single time, and then just fanning once the following year.

In 1941, Kendrick went into the Army Signal Corps, where he spent five years, and attained the rank of Master Sergeant.

Following his stint in the service, Pudge went back to work for the Phillips Company for a time, and also worked for Gunn Brothers, and Joe Shields. Kendrick's wife, Deke, was an Amarillo girl. They were married October 24, 1947.

Kendrick and Shields bought out Paul Fortenberry, who had been the Phillips jobber in Friona in 1950. At that time the company was located in the old adobe building just southeast of Santa Fe Grain, currently housing Panhandle Concrete Company. The company moved to its present location just south of the city limits, in 1954.

Being in the oil business more or less runs in Kendrick's family. His father, H.C. Kendrick, was with the Texas Company in Amarillo (Texaco) for 30 years. After retiring, with that company, the elder Kendrick came to



Steve Bavousett, H.K. (Pudge) Kendrick, and Ruby Barnett

Friona and worked with Pudge for about eight years.

Kendrick says shortly after he moved to Friona, he went into Jack Anderson's barber shop for a haircut. He remembers the late Anderson saying "Don't I know you?...Oh yes! You played baseball for Phillips and batted second!" (Anderson was quite an avid baseball fan, and coached the Friona team for many years.)

Among the major changes in the wholesale oil business, Kendrick says perhaps the biggest has been the change to natural gas for irrigation motors. "When I first went into business, most of them were running on either diesel or l.p. gas," he says.

Also, kerosene used to be a big item, as this fuel was used by area residents for everything from powering tractors to heating their homes. Today, the company hardly ever has a call for kerosene, but they keep a small supply on hand.

The company used to keep white gas on hand, for some of the older model tractors. They don't even make this particular fuel anymore.

In the 21 years he has been a Friona businessman, Kendrick has been called upon for just about every one of the major civic jobs. He served on the Friona City Council for two years, is currently serving his second term on the Friona Chamber of Commerce's board of directors. He has served as chairman of Friona's United Fund Drive "two or three times."

Kendrick also has served as chairman of the Boy Scouts' board of directors, and is a former director in the Friona Lions Club.

Also active in church work, Kendrick has served on the official church board for the past 12 years. He also has served as Sunday School superintendent at Friona's United Methodist Church.

Wife Deke also has

been active in civic and church affairs, and was honored as Friona's Woman of the Year in 1964. She has been especially interested in King's Manor Retirement Center, and is serving as president of the organization's board of directors.

The Kendricks have two children. Danny, a graduate of Friona High School, is a sophomore at the University of Texas at Arlington. Sally is currently a senior at FHS, where she is active in school affairs and activities.

Kendrick has three employees in his company that have been with the firm for over 10 years. Manager Charles Scales has been with Kendrick Oil for 17 years. All six of the Scales children have graduated from Friona High School.

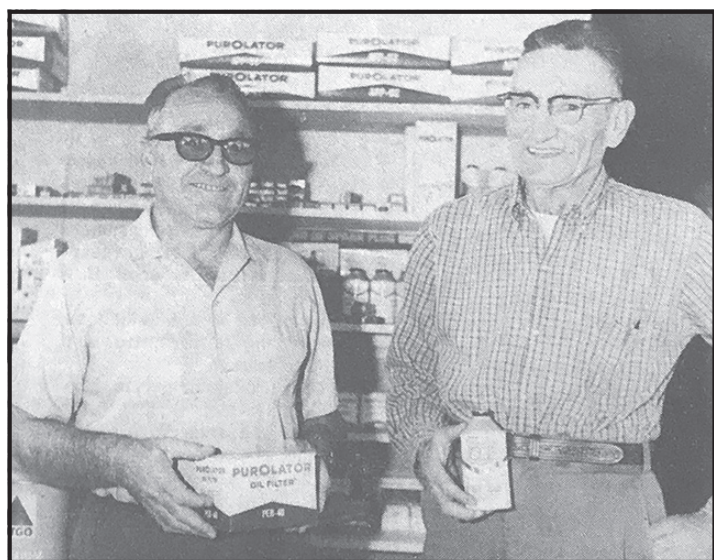
Scales says that about the biggest change in the business he has noticed is that farmers don't come around like they used to. "They would



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come in and visit for an hour, maybe two. But today, they just call you on the telephone," Scales says, indicating that apparently people just don't have as much time as they used to have, in spite of modern conveniences.

Clyde Scarborough, transport driver, has been employed by Kendrick Oil Co. for the past 18 years, and Ruby Barnett has been the bookkeeper for the past 11 years. Steve Bavousett was with the company several years ago, and has returned after several years of farming. Other employees are Tony Reyes and Robert Saiz who are Kendrick Oil Company drivers.



Charles Scales and Clyde Scarborough



Tony Reyes and Robert Saiz

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Comptroller distributes \$908 Million in Monthly Sales Tax Revenue

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$907.6 million in local sales tax allocations for June. These allocations are 31.5% more than those sent out in June 2020. The amounts are based on sales made in April by businesses that report tax monthly.

The City of Friona will

receive \$46,878.43 for the month of June. This amount represents a 2.56% decrease from the \$48,113,24 received in June 2020. However, the 2021 year-to-date total of \$281,845.62 is still 13.40% higher than the \$248,537.50 received in 2020 during the same time frame. The Friona Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) will receive \$11,719.61 of the monthly allocation for its operations.

Parker Plays Guitar in Park



The Friona Public Library hosted the second program of the summer on Wednesday, June 9 at the City Park. Will Parker and the Make Believe Band performed for the kids that are participating in the summer reading program.

Will Parker is a children's songwriter and musician from Houston, Texas who writes and performs music for "kids ages 1-100." Will performs his songs with his guitar, harmonica, and his "imagination."

During the show, the children engaged with Will's music through singing, dancing, and imaginative play. The kids had a lot of fun during Will's morning concert, especially during the song "Hip Hop Bunny Hop." Approximately 130 kids and 25 adults were in attendance in the park.



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