



Cheeseburger Capital to Host 15th Annual Festival



**Saturday
July 17th**



Esperanza Santiago, Miss Friona 2020, would like to invite everyone to the 15th Annual Cheeseburger Festival & Cook-Off this Saturday at Reeve Lake. She will be at the festival to present the trophy and \$1000 prize to the winning cooking team. Please see festival details on back page.



County All Star team takes 2nd

Players and coaches are: Top row (l-r) Truitt, Isaac, Jay, Eric, Kaleb, Coulter, Matt, Scout, Antonio, and Brett; Bottom row (l-r) Sawyer, Jax, Aaron, Rafa, Seth, and Bam.

The Parmer County Babe Ruth All Star team placed 2nd in the District 3 Tournament held the first weekend in July. Due to heavy rainfall, the games were played in Sundown and Littlefield. Sundown has field turf in the in-field but the outfield is grass, whereas

Littlefield's entire playing surface is field turf.

The Babe Ruth division consists of 13-15 year olds. The 2nd place finish qualified the team for the State Babe Ruth Tournament. Congratulations on a highly successful year!

Comptroller will distribute \$893 Million in Monthly Sales Tax Revenue

Texas Comptroller announced that he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$893.2 million in local sales tax allocations for July. This amount is 20% higher than the revenue distributed in July 2020. These allocations are based on sales made in May by businesses that report tax monthly.

The City of Friona will receive

\$46,210.73 for the month of July. This represents a .4% decrease from the \$46,400.53 received in July 2020. So far in 2021, the city has received \$328,056.35 which is a 11.22% increase over the \$294,938.03 received in 2020 during the same time period. The Friona Economic Development Corporation will receive \$11,552.68 of the revenue for its operations.

Welcome back!

All Parmer County retired school employees are invited to an ice cream supper to welcome new retirees. The event will take place on Thursday, July 22, at 6:00 p.m. at the Union Congregational Church, 1601 North Euclid in Friona. Guests are welcome.

Don't miss the first in-person meet-

ing of Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic.

PCRTSP local dues are \$15 and state TRTA dues are \$35. Dues and contact information can be mailed to Sue Wells at 2600 Highway 214, Friona, Texas, 79035.

City Council receives "clean" drinking water report

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.

There were no public comments. A public hearing was opened to receive comments from citizens regarding the 2020 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. There were no public comments. Public Works Director Salvador Garcia told the Council that the City of Friona passed all tests with no negative results.

Roddy Berend and Andy Montana were appointed to two-year terms on the Planning and Zoning Commis-

sion. Both are returning members. The other members of the P&Z Commission are Fred Cook, Mayra Olmos, and Danny Campbell.

Mayor Ricky White and City Manager Lee Davila provided a briefing on the presentation they gave Parmer County Commissioners concerning a possible increase in county funding for the Friona EMS. The county currently budgets \$20,000 per year for the Friona EMS. The hope is to raise that amount to \$40,489.40 per year to help cover costs related to EMS service for county residents which is approximately 35% of Friona EMS calls.

Minutes of the June 14, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved.

The Accounts Payable for June 2021 and the Financial Statement for May 2021 were also approved.

The 3rd Quarter Financial Statement (April 2021-June 2021) was also reviewed and approved. Davila told the Council that following a loan payment in February, the City of Friona would be debt free.

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.

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Community Calendar

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

- July 15**
- Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
 - Books & Bites program from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. at Friona Public Library

- July 16**
- Snack Pak pickup from 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church
 - SDW Junior High Show at Junior High Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.
 - SDW High School Show at Junior High Auditorium at 8:00 p.m.

- July 17**
- 15th Annual Cheeseburger Festival & Cook-off from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm at Reeve Lake
 - SDW Elementary Show at Junior High Auditorium at 5:00 p.m.

- July 19**
- Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
 - Noon Lions Club meeting at The Farm Wife Kitchen at Noon

- July 20-24**
- 6th Annual Kidz Building Camp

Cancer Coalition begins 11th year

It seems like that for the past year the Covid-19 pandemic has blotted out the sun. For those battling cancer, it has not. Just like Covid, everyone is touched by cancer. It can be personal or a family member or friend battling the illness. You either have cancer yourself or know someone who does. Unfortunately,

there is no vaccine. The Parmer County Cancer Coalition was founded in 2010. This year marks their 11th year of operation. Board Chairman Greg Lewellen said that since 2010, the organization has given out 201 grants totaling \$102,100 to cancer survivors in Parmer County. "We average about

20 grants a year and we annually contribute a percentage of our money raised to the American Cancer Society." He continued, "Our Board has allocated 15% of the yearly revenue to be given to the ACS this year. They have also approved raising the grant amount from \$500 to \$1,000 this year."

The PCCC is also looking forward to having a "Pink Out" Breast Cancer Awareness Month during October this year at all county home football and volleyball games. A Survivor Dinner will also be scheduled for November. Unfortunately, both were scaled back or cancelled last year because of Covid-19 pandemic.

An application form to receive a grant can be found on the Friona Star website at frionaonline.com

Members of the Parmer County Cancer Coalition Board of Directors are: Greg Lewellen, Chairman (Friona); JoDonna Terry, Vice-Chair (Lazbuddie); Jamie Lewellen (Friona); Rhonda Wilkins (Friona); Mike Prather (Bovina); Tracy Ellis (Friona); Randy Geris (Farwell); Martha Rodriguez (Friona); Magali Moralez (Friona); and Leander Davila (Friona).



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235,760 cases
131,880 deaths

Colorectal Cancer
149,500 cases
52,980 deaths

Melanoma
106,110 cases
7,180 deaths

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Farmhouse to Your House

ACROSS

- Pittsburg is seat of this county
- Pearsall is seat of this county
- contact _____
- actress Taylor of Texas-based epic "Giant" (init.)
- TXism: "___ wow" (meeting)
- empty talk (2 wds.)
- Coca-_____
- this empire lasted after the Western Roman Empire fell
- TXism: "book _____" (educated)
- "___ on" (spoils)
- San Antonio army post, colloquially (2 wds.)
- Texans can kill a wild ___ on their property without a hunting license
- TXism: "up ___ without a paddle" (in trouble)
- scurries
- San _____
- this sgt. introduces a recruit to the Army (abbr.)
- President Lincoln, familiarly (2 wds.)
- TX-born Robin Wright was married to this Sean
- Texas state ___ is blue topaz
- TXism: "passed ___ ___ was up on jacks" (fast driving)

DOWN

- Warren Moon was in this league before Houston Oilers
- TXism: "his facts ___ elastic" (liar)
- in Wood County on U.S. 69
- phenomena after WWII (2 wds.)
- work of the Poet Laureate for Texas
- a fast TX event on water (2 wds.)
- TX King Vidor directed the tornado scenes in "The Wizard of ___"
- "have my hands full" (3 wds.)
- nurse's care (abbr.)
- he killed John Wesley Hardin in El Paso
- historical period
- TXism: "old ___ dirt"
- "children should be ___ and not heard"
- Jim ___ Creek was used to form Lake Coleman
- put to death legally
- retire. accts.
- vehicle cleaner: ___ wash
- TX George Strait's "___ in the Hole" ___ Boston, TX
- this Agee was a Cowboy (init.)
- TX-born Allen Drury's "Advise ___"
- "Ripley's Believe ___ Not"
- "___ of passage"
- great literary works
- TXism: "he two-steps to his own ___"
- TX Willie's "Last Thing I ___ First Thing This Morning"
- Alaskan native
- TXism: "not a lick of"
- Frank of "Four for Texas" (init.)
- Gov. Hobby's wife (init.)
- TX pro golfer, Kite (init.)
- this Stilwell founded Port Arthur, TX in 1895 (init.)
- cattle prod
- Texas state ___ is pecan
- TX actor Tommy ___ Jones
- Rio Grande marks this border
- Hall of Fame baseball hitter, Rod
- 34-down won the 1992 ___ Open

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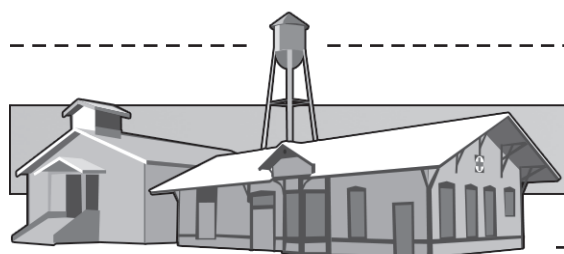
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Don't forget to go to Reeve Lake on Saturday, July 17th for Friona's 15th Annual Cheeseburger Festival and Cook-off to enjoy the food, music, vendor booths, and to have fun! A wristband will be \$10 and is good for a burger (whole or 4 quarter pieces), chips, and a Frisbee. Burgers will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Admission is free.

St. Teresa's Catholic Church will host a Vacation Bible School from Monday, July 19th through Friday, July 23rd at the Parish Hall. Students grade K through 8th are eligible to attend. The VBS will run from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. each evening.

The 6th Annual Friona Kidz Building Camp will be from Tuesday, July 20th through Saturday, July 24th at the Boy Scout Hut at 603 W. 15th. The camp will run from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. each evening. There is a sleepover Friday night with breakfast following Saturday morning. The camp is open for kids ages 5-12.

The SDW performances will be on Friday, July 16th and Saturday, July 17th at the Junior High Auditorium. For more information about the showtimes and ticket prices, go to page 8.

The Friona Volunteer Fire Department will conduct a 50 for 50 Gun Raffle this year with the drawing scheduled for September 11, 2021. Tickets for the raffle are currently on sale for \$50 each and can be purchased from Friona Firemen, 4-Way Pump, CHS, or Property Associates Realtors. You can also call 806-265-7268 to purchase tickets. For more information about the rules or the prizes visit www.frionafire.com.

Friona Youth Sports will have tryouts for 5th and 6th grade boys football on Thursday, July 22nd. The team will travel to the Dimmitt league to compete. Contact Jesus Tafoya 806-670-4185 or Gerald Padilla 806-290-0173 for more information.

Friona Youth Sports will have basketball training nights for both boys and girls on July 19th and July

26th. Grades 1st through 4th will be from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. Grades 5th through 12th will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Each session will cost \$10.

There will be a free basketball camp with Mia Castaneda from Wednesday, July 21st through Friday, July 23rd at the Friona Junior High gym. The schedule is as follows: 3rd-5th grade from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 6th-8th grade from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and 9th-12th grade from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Registration for the camp can be found online at www.frionayouthsports.org.

If you are interested in a booth at the Castro County Fair/Harvest Days On Saturday, August 28th, 2021 in Dimmitt, Texas please contact Cathy Nelson at 806-869-7550. The fair will be held on the courthouse square at the corner of Hwy 385 & 86. We cannot furnish electricity, awnings, tables or chairs. You must bring your own. Booths are \$30 for 10x12 and \$40 For double size.

National Days
July 15- Get to Know Your Customers Day
July 16- Corn Fritters Day
July 17- Emoji Day
July 18- Ice Cream Day
July 19- Daiquiri Day
July 20- Moon Day
July 21- Be Someone Day



FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



INSTALLED...Roy V. Miller, left, and Leon Talley, center, were installed as "Boss Lions" of the Friona Evening and Noon Lions Clubs by District Governor Richard Whittaker at a recent Ladies Night banquet. (Friona Star, Saturday, July 6, 1991)

Peak your interest?

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith



Nobody denies the importance of the Meriwether Lewis-William Clark expeditions in the Western frontier, but Zebulon Pike, an explorer and mapmaker, is — except for the people who are familiar with "Pike's Peak" — obscure.

On July 15, 1806, he departed for the faraway Southwest; according to history.com: "The information he provided about the U.S. territory in Kansas and Colorado was a great impetus for future U.S. settlement, and his reports about the weakness of Spanish authority in the Southwest stirred talk of future U.S. annexation. Pike later served as a brigadier

general during the War of 1812, and in April 1813 he was killed by a British gunpowder bomb after leading a successful attack on York, Canada."

But historical evidence also indicates he coluded with Aaron Burr, to wangle possession of the Western territories, and form a separate nation.

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends Zebulon Pike, Thomas Jefferson, and the Opening of the American West by Matthew L. Harris.

Source: History Matters, a feature of The Grateful American Book Prize: Showing our children that their past is prelude to their future.

COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from July 2, 2021 to July 8, 2021

(7/2/21) David Davila — Jesus Martin Lopez — The S 7.3' of the W 69.5' of L 10 and the W 69.5' of L 11 and 12 Blk 3 Jones Addition City of Friona in Parmer County

(7/7/21) Chelsie Gomez, Jesse James Gomez — TW & M Properties LLC, Cindy Renee Moreno — Staley 1 Blk 1 Lot 1 in Parmer County

How many coins did Pinch... ...find while beachcombing? Kids: color stuff in!

Newspaper Fun!

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Beachcombing!

Yeah, yeah, I know all about the beach so I'm stuck hosting the page. Listen closely, because I don't repeat myself.

What kinds of things might a beachcomber find in the sand or in shallow waters? Read the clues to find out:

Across

- box of valuable jewels in the ground
- forts with moats around them
- trash
- glass tube formed in sand when lightning strikes the sand
- soft-bodied water animals live in these
- carry their "homes" on their backs
- plants that live in the ocean
- broken pieces worn smooth
- paw prints

Down

- reddish-brown coated piece of metal
- have tentacles that can sting
- have large oval shells and long stiff tails
- pieces of trees, furniture, etc. washed ashore
- birds that live by the seashore
- soft-bodied water animals with narrow, dark-blue shells

Fill in the blanks to name 2 pieces of equipment used to comb beaches for treasure.

2. s _ _ oo _

Let's Go Beachcombing!

1. _ _ etal _ _ etec _ _ or

You and your family are diving deep into the sea. You find a cave and explore it. In the center, this is what you see! Everything is mixed up in this sea scene. What silly things do you see?

Sea Scene

B = Blue G = Green

All sea creatures use different body parts to move through the water. The body part you will see in the box below works with the fish's muscles to push it through the water. It also keeps the fish from "rolling over." It helps the fish steer and "brake," too. What part of a fish is like a man's arms and legs?

Motion in the Water

Treasure Hunt After crowds leave for the day, Pinch scuttles around looking for treasure. What did he find today?

G = gold
S = sand
B = black

Beachcombers

Imagine that your family lives on a beach. There are no stores, so you have to search or comb the beach to find things your family needs. Unscramble these words to find things you might use:

1.) for money - ndsa

2.) for Dad to shave - azror

3.) for music - holshelnr

4.) for writing - es a npe

Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

National Peach Ice Cream Day

July 17th is National Peach Ice Cream Day. With the weather heating back up, one of these recipes might be the perfect treat. The one from Paula Deen requires a little more cooking and prep work, so if that is too much effort for you, try the second recipe.

Peach Ice Cream By Paula Deen

Ingredients

- 3 large egg yolks
- ¾ cup packed light brown sugar
- 1 ½ cups heavy cream
- 1 ½ cups whole milk
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 large ripe peeled, halved, pitted, and cut into bite-size chunks peaches

Directions

In a large bowl, whisk together the egg yolks and sugar. In a large saucepan, bring the cream and milk to a simmer over low heat. Whisking constantly, slowly pour the hot milk mixture into the egg mixture until combined; return the combined mixture to the saucepan. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, for 3 to 5 minutes or until the custard has thickened

enough to coat the back of the spoon. Immediately strain the custard into a bowl. Set the bowl in a larger bowl filled with ice water to cool, stirring occasionally. Stir the lemon juice and vanilla into the cooled custard. Freeze in an ice cream maker according to the manufacturer's instructions, adding the peach chunks halfway through the churning process.

Peach Ice Cream <https://lmlld.org>

Ingredients

- 2 cups chopped peaches (peel removed)
- 1 ¼ cups sugar (divided)
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1 cup whole milk
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract

Instructions

Mix chopped peaches with 1/2 cup sugar in a medium sized bowl. Allow to set for about 15

minutes so the peach pieces release their juices. Blend peaches up in a blender or food processor until nice and smooth. (Add 1/4 cup of your whole milk if you need more liquid to blend it up.) In a large bowl combine peach mixture with heavy cream, whole milk, vanilla extract, and remaining 3/4 cup sugar. Set aside. Get out your freezer bowl and start running

your ice cream maker. Pour the peach mixture into the running ice cream maker. And allow to run according to manufactures instructions (Mine is about 25-30 minutes.) Serve now for soft serve ice cream. For scoopable ice cream, scoop the peach ice cream into a bread loaf pan and cover with plastic wrap. Place in the freezer for 6 hours up to overnight. Then scoop and serve.



FSA News

By Kyra Rutherford
County Executive Director



Deadlines are fast approaching, so I want to make sure everyone is aware of what we have coming up.

Certification for spring crops ends July 15th. If the crop was planted before July 15th and is not certified on or by July 15th it will be considered late filed. Please make sure you have your crops in by the end of the day Thursday. The office number is 806-481-3311 ext 2. so that we can set you up an appointment.

CRP rebid deadline is July 23rd. If your CRP expires October 1, 2021, expired last year and did not make it in or if you would like to make a new bid, we have to have them done by the 23rd. If you have made a bid but want to double check that it is current with the new sign-up, please call us at 806-481-3311 ext 2.

As we get ready to get into a new crop and CRP year NRCS will be performing status review field checks on all CRP land that is

expiring in 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Taylor at 806-481-3311 ext 3

Nominations Open for the 2021 County Committee Elections

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) encourages all farmers, ranchers, and FSA program participants to take part in the Parmer County Committee election nomination process.

FSA's county committees are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA and allow grassroots input and local administration of federal farm programs.

Committees are comprised of locally elected agricultural producers responsible for the fair and equitable administration of FSA farm programs in their counties. Committee members are accountable to the Secretary of Agriculture. If elected, members become part of a local decision

making and farm program delivery process.

A county committee is composed of three to 11 elected members from local administrative areas (LAA). Each member serves a three-year term. County committees may have an appointed advisor to further represent the local interests of underserved farmers and ranchers. Underserved producers are beginning, women and other minority farmers and ranchers and landowners and/or operators who have limited resources.

All nomination forms for the 2021 election must be post-marked or received in the local USDA Service Center by Aug. 2, 2021. For more information on FSA county committee elections and appointments, refer to the FSA fact sheet: Eligibility to Vote and Hold Office as a COC Member available online at: fsa.usda.gov/elections.

Happy Birthday

July 15

- Ross Paiz
- Jared Kuhlmeier
- Dena Stubbs

July 19

- Joe Kyle Reeve
- Karen King
- Dana Jameson
- Tony Beauchamp
- Amy Veggeberg
- Cody Epperson
- Peggy Goettsch
- Karina Trevino
- Kim Kimbrough

July 16

- James Bland
- John Bonner
- Ab Hendley
- Penny Mars

July 17

- Dallas Bass
- Lauren Buske
- Mark Neill
- Ashley Manning
- Ophelia Florez
- Kevin Steen
- Maria Galvan
- Ashley Manning

July 20

- Dee Clark
- Chance Lewellen
- Alma Quintana

July 21

- Lexie Monreal
- Jamie Lewellen
- Miranda (Frye) Wilson
- Gaines Butman
- Lisa McLellan
- Brent Gatlin
- Austin Schlenker
- Gayle Murdock

July 18

- Brent Loflin
- David Avila
- Josh Jameson
- Joy Bauer
- Clara Salinas
- Brandy Castorena



To have your birthdays listed in the newspaper, email them to frionastar@wtrt.net or call @ 806.250.2211

Gas prices up slightly

By GasBuddy

Texas gas prices have risen 2.3 cents in the past week, averaging \$2.83 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Gas prices in Texas are 7.8 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 94.1 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$2.49 while the most expensive is \$3.51 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has risen 0.5 cents in the last week, averaging \$3.13 per gallon. The national average is up 5.0 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 93.7 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

"While the national average has seen a slight rise over the last week, we may see some stabilization coming to the pump as oil prices hold just under their 2021 peak from last week," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

De Haan continued, "Without additional crude oil supply coming online in the weeks ahead, we could see oil test \$80 per barrel in the next couple of weeks. However, with U.S. gasoline demand falling slightly last week, we may have already seen peak consumption with the July 4 holiday. While the jury isn't quite in on that just yet, we're potentially only 4-6 weeks away from gas prices beginning a seasonal decline that we're likely all eagerly awaiting."

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>.

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Amazing Grace

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

I was flipping through our song book seeing many songs that I have been privileged to sing. Songs that have touched me in ways that have grown me, admonished me and challenged me to keep the faith.

Amazing Grace is one such song. Written in 1779 by John Newton a slave trader turned preacher. "At the age of 82, near death, almost blind, and with fading memory, he spoke these words: "My memory is nearly gone, but I remember two things. I'm a great sinner and Christ is a great Savior."*

There are songs that touch our hearts, leave tears in our eyes, and make us smile as we sing of hope. Songs are a powerful reminder that we are not alone. Some like this one have been sung by believers for over 200 years. These songs tie us to our heritage, and launch us to our eternal home. They are an integral part of our faith, for there are times only a song is adequate for an offering of praise to our King.

"Amazing grace! How sweet the sound! That saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now

I'm found; Was blind but now I see."

And so the song begins. We must in times of plenty and want walk by faith and live by grace.

My challenge for me and you is to sing! Sing praises to the King. Also to remember, many have trod the path we are on with a song in their heart and a life that lights the way for others. So sing! Let the light within be seen with out, as we travel towards home with God.

**Songs of Faith and Priase, Howard Publishing, 1999, Pg. 128*

The Holy Spirit as Prosecutor

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

In the courtroom, the Prosecutor carries the roll of convincing the judge and/or jury that a person is guilty of committing a crime. Although the defendant may be unconvinced of their guilt, the presentation of the evidence is directed to ones who carry authority to make the final ruling regarding innocence or guilt. Just imagine though, if the prosecutor's case was so convincing and convicting that right there in the courtroom, the defendant confessed to all his crimes and pled for mercy from the judge.

Although this rarely, if ever happens in a real live courtroom, it does happen each time a person comes to faith in Jesus Christ as the Holy Spirit convicts them of their sin, Christ's righteousness and God's judgment. In John 16:8, Jesus said "And when he [the Holy Spirit] comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment." The Holy Spirit is essential in the believer's sanctification as they are filled,

guided and transformed by the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit is also essential when it comes to salvation. In fact, Jesus' statement beckons back to John 6:44 where he said "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him." In the process of salvation, the Holy Spirit's work of helping the lost person see their sin and their sinfulness is essential as they come to a place of repenting of sin and turning to Christ alone for salvation.

In light of the Spirit's essential work of conviction, think about how differently we should pray for revival. Instead of assuming that revival will simply be a pep rally for Jesus, understand that Holy Spirit led revival brings conviction, repentance and transformation where men and women love Jesus wholeheartedly and live intently under his Lordship. May our country once again experience such a move of God that awakens the lost to their sin and revives the Church!

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Saturate Yourself with Jesus

By Teena Hughs

We have been getting rain, an inch here, half an inch there. It has been wonderful, because nearly all of it has gone into the ground. In fact, the ground is getting saturated and to the point where a good two to three inch rain would bring down the creeks and rivers.

Yesterday I was getting ready for church, and I started thinking about what happens when we "saturate" ourselves with Jesus: when we read and study our Bibles; when we spend time in Bible study, Sunday school, worship services; when we read Christian literature written by respected Christian authors; when we spend alone time with Jesus, talking to Him and listening to Him; when we spend time with Christians, listening to what Jesus is doing in their lives, and telling them what He is doing in your life; when you live

your life for Jesus.

I believe the pianist at our church is someone who has "saturated" herself with Jesus. Some would say Jody is on the charismatic side, but our church needs someone who loves Jesus, who is totally filled with the Holy Spirit, and isn't afraid to share what Jesus is doing in her life. It doesn't matter whether she is going through bad times or good, she praises God!

Jody hosted a family reunion for 62 relatives two weeks ago. She was having some work done to her quilting barn so her son and his family would have a place to stay. The man doing the work got another job and just walked off, leaving her in a bad spot. Jody told this to the church and praised God. Was she disappointed, yes; did she criticize the man for walking off the job, no. She just made things work. I believe God blessed her;

she was filled with joy and praise the next Sunday, because there was no tension or strife at the reunion, only good times and joy. She announced yesterday that the man who walked off her job is back to do her sheetrock work, and she was praising God he was back!

Being "saturated" with Jesus changes your life. It changes the way you think; it changes how you act and talk. Being "saturated" with Jesus helps you live more like Jesus, and that is exactly what He wants you to do!

Do I have work to do? More work than I care to admit. It is never too early, or too late, to get "saturated" with Jesus. It helps to surround yourself with people who will hold you accountable, so whatever you need to do, I encourage you to do it, because you won't regret it! Being "saturated" with Jesus is more than worth the effort.

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Obituary



Dickey Lee Garner

Dickey Lee Garner, 66 of Friena and Bovina passed away July 10, 2021 in Friena. Viewing was held Monday, July 12, 2021 from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. at HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home in Friena with a Celebration of Life Graveside Service was scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Monday, July 12, 2021 in the Bovina Cemetery with Rev. Larry Mitchell, officiating. Burial followed in the Bovina Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home in Friena.



Dickey was born August 10, 1954 in Plainview to Wendell Horace and Martha Marie Blevins Garner. He was a farmer and hat salesman. He loved watching sports of all kinds on TV including rodeos, but his favorite sport was football.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and 1 granddaughter-Sunny Leger.

Those mourning his passing include 1 son-Richard Garner of Oklahoma, 1 daughter-Wendy Zimmerman of Oklahoma, 2 sisters Donna Mitchell and husband Larry of Bovina, and Susan Copeland and husband Bob of Garland, and 5 grandchildren.

You may send condolences to the family and sign the online guest-book at:

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Osfaldo B. Mejia

Osfaldo B. Mejia 68 of Aiken, South Carolina formerly of Friena passed away December 29, 2020 in Aiken. Mass of Christian Burial Services have been scheduled for 11:00 A.M Saturday, July 17, 2021 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friena with Father Gregory Bunyan as Celebrant.



Military honors and inurnment followed in the Friena Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friena.

Osfaldo was born November 13, 1952 in Olton, Texas to Benito and Maria "Dora" Almanza Mejia. "Dora" was known by Osfaldo and her family as a very special mother.

He was a veteran of the United States Army and lived in Friena, Hereford, California and South Carolina. He worked at Cargill, and Caviness and loved to tinker with, and repair things, and had lots of common knowledge about lots of things.

He is preceded in death by his parents, 1 daughter-Sandra and 1

brother-Marcos.

Those to carry on his legacy include children-Osfaldo Mejia Jr., Benjamin Mejia, and Joel Mejia, all of Amarillo, Abundio Mejia and Cynthia Guerra, both of Hereford, siblings-Benito Mejia Jr. of Friena, Antonio Mejia of Los Angeles, CA., Juanita Pimental, Jose Mejia both of Friena, Fernando Almanza of California, Maria Dunlavy of South Carolina, Romona Ramirez Patino of California, Miguel Mejia of Ames, Iowa, and Martin Mejia of Friena, several grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

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Left Platform: back row (l-r) Mia Duran, Owen Daniels, Knoxon Procter; front row (l-r) Emma Morgan, Caetlie Field, and Christian Reyes. **Center Platform:** back row (l-r) Aydan Pena, Asher Sciumbato, Maxwell Moroney; middle row (l-r) Abraham Reyes, Paisley Butman, Emma Morgan, Ruby Morgan; front row (l-r) Noah Ramirez, Amelia Cramer, Bryson Morgan, and Demri Rackley. **Floor between platforms:** Jayce Polk and Matthew Riethmayer. **Right Platform:** back row (l-r) Sophie Lewellen, Presley Procter, Lillian Cramer; front row (l-r) Camryn Bailey, Anna Butler, and Amaya Rojas. Not pictured: Max Reyes.



Jr. High Cast

Back row (l-r): Israel Santiago, Nicholas Gutierrez, Kendyll Bailey, Lily Simmons, Audrie Field; **middle row (l-r)** Luke Butler, Joscelyn Reyes, Lillian Cramer, Grayson Gutierrez; **front row (l-r)** Taylor Campos and Shelby Lewellen.



High School Cast

Standing: (l-r) Audrianna Trevino, Amy Montana, Melody Upton, Yvonne Legarreta, Litzy Gonzales, Grace Stadler, Ellie McEuen, **Sitting in front:** Autumn Fletcher, Karlee Osborn. Not Pictured: Magdalena Licerio



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Commissioners vote to sell generator

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, June 28, 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 June 28th 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.

Commissioners voted to sell the used surplus generator that had been set aside for the Courthouse. Instead of costing around \$13,000 to install, the new estimate was \$50,000 after the addition of a transformer. The plan is to sell it on a website that specializes in selling government equipment.

Friona Mayor Ricky White and City Manager Lee Davila presented cost estimates to the court regarding Friona EMS operations. Commissioners were asked to consider a possible increase in financial assistance to the Friona EMS in the future. Parmer County currently provides \$20,000 per year to the Friona

EMS. The new amount would be approximately \$40,489.40 per year which is based on the 35% of the calls that come from the county. The item was tabled.

Judge Ellis stated that clarification has still not been forthcoming from either federal or state officials concerning how Rescue America relief money can be spent. The Court would like to address a number of needs but cannot do so until regulations & guidelines are put forward. Commissioners will begin work on next year's budget on July 25th.

Commissioners voted to allow the City of Farwell to have use of the Courthouse lawn for the annual Bordertown Days celebration which will be held this year on Saturday, July 31st.

Approval was given to extend the current Covid-19 Administrative Leave Policy. The policy is reviewed and voted on each quarter.

Approval was also given for a water line under Country Road R approximately 100' west of Highway 214.

The Court also discussed upcoming changes to the voting precincts as a result of the 2020 Census. County Clerk Susie Spring said she is interested in "county-wide voting" because it is hard to find poll workers for all the smaller precincts.

This item was discussion only and no action was taken.

Sheriff Randy Geries announced that "National Night Out" would return this year. The county-wide is scheduled for Tuesday, October 5th. Sheriff Geries also reported that he was currently housing 24 inmates in the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center. He also discussed the possibility of purchasing a water softener system for the jail. The "hard water" has caused a lot of problems as well as expenses. No action was taken. A new Body Camera/In-Car Camera/Taser system was also discussed. The package deal would include full-service & maintenance and cloud back-up servers. The cost would be \$30,000 per year for ten years. No action was taken.

The next scheduled Commissioners Court meeting is Monday, July 26th.

All meetings are open to the public. The Commissioner's Court reserves the right to go into Executive Session at any time. The agenda may be found on the Parmer County website. Information in this article is only a summary. Any questions concerning specific actions should be directed to the Commissioners Court.

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Not your average bowler



Don Maynard, Amarillo resident and member of the FHS Class of '77, bowled a perfect "300" game this past spring at Western Bowl in Amarillo. He was bowling in league play on a team of four bowlers which included his son, Murphy. To score a "300" you have to make 12 strikes (knock down all 10 pins with one roll) in a row. In league play, bowlers must alternate between two adjoining lanes during each game. In this case, it was lanes

49 and 50. Similar to making a "hole in one" in golf, the more proficient you are at bowling, the better your chance of a 300 game. The odds for a professional PBA bowler rolling a 300 are 460 to 1, while it's 11,500 to 1 for the average bowler. Don has now bowled three "300" games in his career. He said, at age 62, he is happy just to be able to bowl. The "300" is icing on the cake. Apparently he is not just your average bowler.

Notice Jurors to Report

Parmer County jurors that will be reporting for duty for both July 18 and July 25 will meet at the

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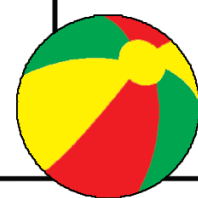
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Arrington Visits Parmer, Bailey, and Castro Counties

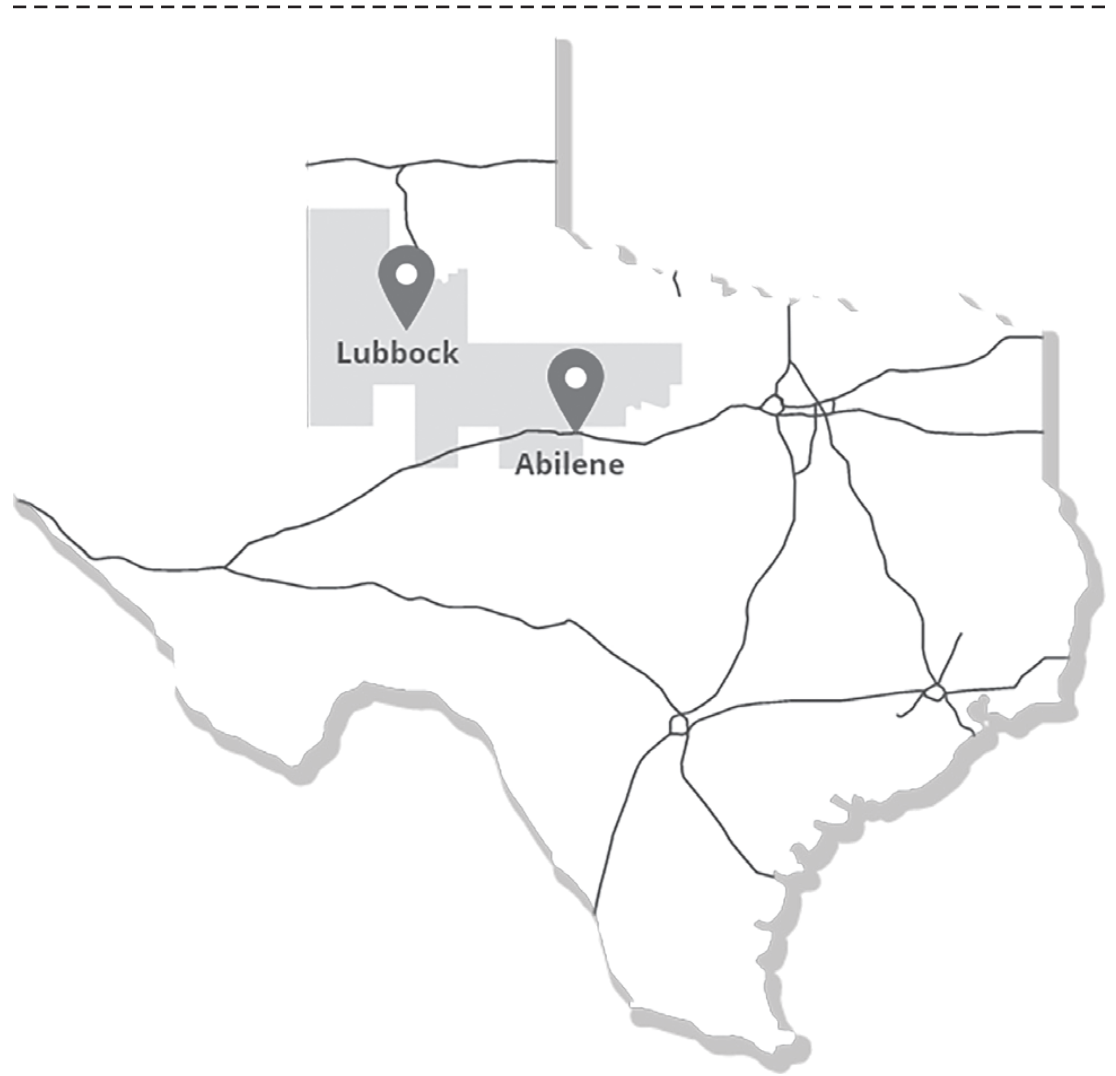
Last Wednesday Congressman Jodey Arrington (TX-19) traveled across Parmer, Bailey, and Castro counties to discuss the latest challenges facing West Texas healthcare providers, agriculture producers, law enforcement officers, and community leaders.

Rep. Arrington toured Parmer Medical Center, spoke with Friona city leaders, and visited the team at Created with Purpose (Pregnancy) Resource Center.

Congressman Arrington serves on the Ways and Means Committee, which assumes the role of chief tax-writing authority in the House of Representatives and presides over a significant legislative jurisdiction ranging from tariffs and reciprocal trade agreements to Social Security and Medicare. Ways and Means is the oldest and most powerful committee in Congress.

Rep. Arrington also serves on the the U.S. Congress Joint Economic Committee (JEC). The JEC is a bicameral (House and Senate) Congressional Committee tasked with reviewing economic conditions and recommending improvements in economic policy.

"I love being back home with my fellow West Texans discussing the challenges and opportunities facing our nation," said Rep. Arrington. I am grateful for all the prayers and support from my friends on the South Plains - my time with them continues to inspire me to fight for our beloved country and for the values that made America great."



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Rep. Jodey Arrington (TX-19)

Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



I had planned to write about Ted Lasso's endearing optimism or Cruella's redeeming qualities after watching the Apple TV show and seeing the movie. Then I caught the most recent episode of CBS's *Sixty Minutes*. My train of thought took a 180-degree turn.

Syria's President Bashar al-Assad has gassed and tortured his own citizens during the country's ten-year civil war. Substantiated nerve gas and chlorine bomb attacks on civilian populations have occurred in 2013, 2017, and 2019. The depravity of his actions has been documented by a photographer who at one time was on Assad's payroll. The Syrian government ordered this photographer to take photos of corpses, label the photographs, and save them for posterity. Children make up a large number of the civilian casualties.

"Our job became solely to take photographs of the bodies of dead human beings that had been tortured to death or killed in the different intelligence branches," the photographer (identity protected) said on *Sixty Minutes*.

After some time on the job, he secretly turned against the regime and began saving the photos to a flash drive, which was then smuggled out of the country. Risking his own life, the photographer appeared on *Sixty Minutes* to confirm that these photos have been analyzed and authenticity confirmed by international agencies.

Gruesome details and body count aside, the takeaway for me always comes back to (1) lack of accountability and (2) an international hesitancy to intervene.

Of course, war comes with consequences for those who have signed on to defend their country or who have decided to fight against autocratic governments. But collateral harm to the men, women, and children who are targeted for no other reason than to send a message is evil.

This is not a rant about the United States having a moral obligation to interject itself into all the world's problems. That can sometimes lead to an unrealistic and imprudent foreign policy. The concern is that terribly bad things happen in war to civilians, and the world responds with a collective jaded spirit. We have grown numb as we scroll past.

In the meantime, war crimes against Assad are being processed as a result of over 900,000 archived documents that have been smuggled out of the country by rebel forces. These documents, along with the photos, are hard evidence. According to the *Sixty Minutes* feature, the Independent Commission for International Justice and Accountability will use those documents to prepare for what many hope will be Assad's war crimes trial.

American Stephen Rapp is chair of the Commission. He has served on prosecutorial teams in trials of those involved in war crimes during the Rwanda genocide and the Sierra Leone civil war.

"If the word is that you can commit those crimes, and that you can get away with it, and this is the way that you suppress a popular uprising, then others will do the same thing. The future will be much more dangerous than the past, and a lot of what we built will be destroyed," said Rapp.

Rapp believes that the evidence collected against Assad is "better" than what war crime tribunals had when Slobodan Milošević, President of Yugoslavia, was tried at the Hague in 2006. In addition, Rapp asserts that Assad's documentation of the Syrian government's brutality exceeds Nazi record keeping during the Holocaust.

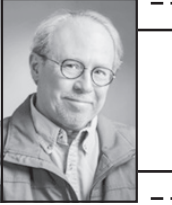
My little world is void of this kind of terror. The main things my young granddaughters need to be protected from right now are sunburn, mosquitoes, and each other. And, I honestly believe the world has more Ted Lassos and Andy Griffiths than it does Assads.

But when humanity's lens displays darkness, do not close your eyes and sleep through it.

"Many risked their lives to tell this story so that, even if Assad is never arrested, he will be, forever, handcuffed to the truth....a crime buried without justice is never laid to rest."—correspondent Scott Pelley, CBS *Sixty Minutes*

State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Legislature returns for special session

The Texas Legislature convened in special session last Thursday and GOP legislators introduced a fresh set of voting bills after Democrats blocked an earlier attempt during the regular session by walking out in May, preventing a quorum.

HB3 and SB 1 don't include some of the more controversial measures that were in the previous bill, such as restricting voting on Sundays. KUT.org reported the new bills include new ID requirements for people voting by mail and banning local election officials from sending vote-by-mail applications that have not been requested by the applicant.

The measures, still largely opposed by Democrats and voting rights groups, also ban drive-through voting and extended hours during early voting. Those backing the new bills say those extended hours encourage voter fraud, though there is no evidence of widespread fraud during the 2020 election. Republican lawmakers are pushing for a full House floor vote this week.

Gov. Greg Abbott announced the topics to be considered during the special session the day before it opened. Besides the voting bills, they include:

- Bail reform to "protect the public from accused criminals who may be released on bail."
- Border security with increased funding to support law-enforcement agencies and counties.
- Social media censorship legislation to protect social-media users from being silenced by social media companies based on their viewpoints.
- Restoring funding to the Legislature and legislative agencies that was vetoed by Abbott after the walkout.
- Family violence prevention legislation to provide funding for education to middle school and high school students about dating violence, domestic violence and child abuses. Parents would have the right to opt their children out of such programs.
- Youth sports measures to revive legislation passed by the

Senate that bans transgender students from participating in UIL athletic competitions "designated for the sex opposite to the student's sex at birth."

- Abortion-inducing drugs legislation that would prohibit providing such drugs by mail or delivery service.
- Thirteenth Check legislation to allow a one-time supplemental payment of benefits under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.
- Bills targeting "critical race theory" and restricting how current events and the country's history of racism is taught in Texas public schools.
- Appropriation bills targeting property-tax relief, protecting children in the state's foster-care system and safeguarding the state from potential cybersecurity threats.

PUC ordered to improve electric reliability

Abbott also last week directed the Public Utility Commission to make major changes "to ensure the reliability of the Texas power grid," the Houston Chronicle and other media outlets reported.

Abbott asked the PUC, which oversees the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, to improve maintenance on power plants and speed development of some transmission projects.

"The objective of these directives is to ensure that all Texans have access to reliable, safe, and affordable power," Abbott wrote in a letter released last Tuesday.

In response, PUC chairman Peter Lake in a letter to Abbott expressed "wholehearted agreement with its contents." Besides the widespread blackout during the mid-February storm, a heat wave in June prompted ERCOT, which maintains the state's electric grid, to urge Texans to conserve electricity as usage approached peak capacity.

\$4.1 billion more in school stimulus funds

Texas will receive another \$4.1 billion in federal stimulus funding for its public schools, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

The U.S. Department of Education announced last week that it had approved the state's plans for spending \$12.4 billion that was allocated to the state. According to the Express-News, the top priority for the Texas Education Agency is bolstering the mental and emotional health needs of Texas students by expanding tutoring and other methods.

TEA estimates Texas students lost 5.7 months of learning during the pandemic school year.

"The approval of these plans enables states to receive vital, additional American Rescue Plan funds to quickly and safely reopen schools for full-time, in-person learning; meet students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs; and address disparities in access to educational opportunity that were exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic," Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona said in a news release.

Number of COVID-19 cases in state rises

At 12,426, the number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas increased 18% in the past week when compared to the previous week, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

The number of new deaths in the past week dropped slightly to 151. Hospitalizations of lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients in the state were on the rise, with 1,927 currently in Texas hospitals as of Sunday, according to Texas Department of State Health Services.

The number of Texans fully vaccinated crossed the 12 million mark this week, DSHS reported. The rate of vaccinations in the state has slowed significantly in recent weeks, despite troubling reports of the spread of the delta variant of COVID-19.

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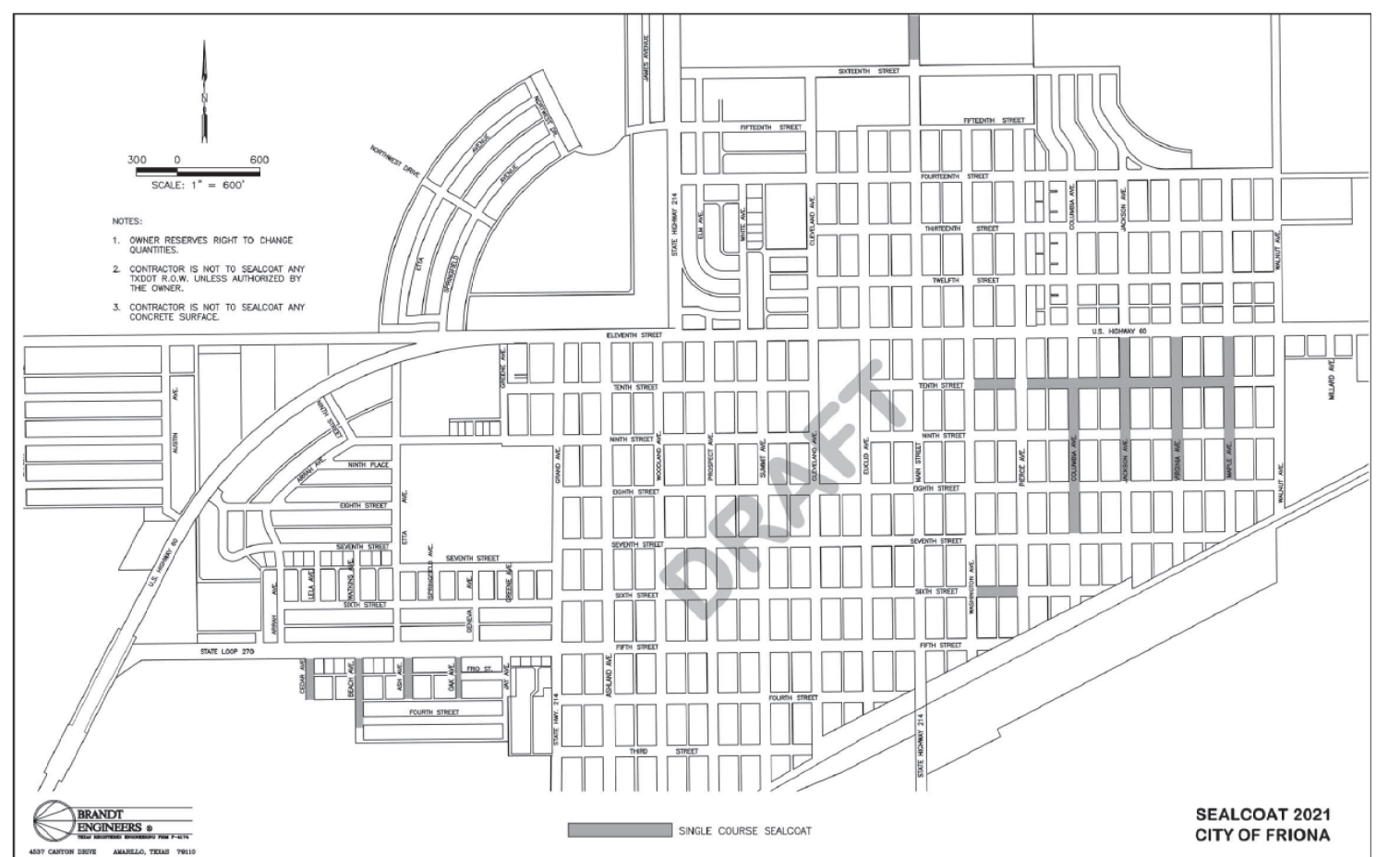
Sealcoat project scheduled for July 19th

City Manager Lee Davila informed the Friona Star that starting next Monday, July 19th, crews from Bryers Paving of Amarillo will be in Friona sealcoating select streets. Sealcoating, or pavement sealing, is the process of applying a protective coat-

ing to asphalt-based pavements to provide a layer of protection from the elements: water, oils, and U.V. damage.

The map shows the streets that will be affected by the work. Davila said, "If you live on these streets, please do not park your

vehicles on the streets. You might be charged if the vehicle must be towed. Also, please do not water your lawns that day to help keep the streets dry." The annual sealcoat project helps maintain the streets throughout the town.





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Saturday, July 17, 2021

\$10 Wristbands good for 1 whole burger or 4 quarter pieces, chips and a frisbee.

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