



## Become a "Friend" of the Library today

The Friends of the Library would like to thank everyone that bought tickets for our annual basket raffle. It was well supported even though it was delayed and there was no actual annual meeting.

The Friends support the library and our community in many ways including the Library's Summer Reading Program, Free ESL classes, the Veteran's Breakfast, and scholarships for graduating seniors. We also support the Book Shoppe and have big plans for this project in the coming year. Be on the lookout for ways you can help bring our new book shop to life.

There is also still time to become a member of the Friends of the Library for the 2020-2021 membership year. The yearly dues for membership are: Students - \$1.00; Individuals - \$5.00; Families - \$10.00; Business/Organizations - \$25.00; and Lifetime membership - \$200.00 one time payment. Seniors (65+) get 1/2 price on membership dues. For membership forms, to pay your dues, or for more information, please visit the Friona Public Library.



### MEET THE CHIEFS

Everyone wanted to meet the Chiefs last Monday night including the 2020-21 Friona JV and Varsity Cheerleaders. See photos on page 10 and on the website at [www.frionaonline.com](http://www.frionaonline.com). Friona will open the 2020 football season by hosting Brownfield on Friday night at 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be available at the gate. Sales will be limited to 1,500 on the home side and 500 on the visitor's side. Go Big Red!!!

## NOTICE

**Tax Assessors Office closed next week for renovations**

**The office will close on Thursday, Sept. 3rd at noon and will re-open on Tuesday, Sept. 8th at 1 p.m.**

**Courthouse will be closed for the Labor Day holiday on Monday September 7th**

**Online renewals can be processed at TXDMV.GOV**



## Davila appointed to serve on Allies Across Texas Task Force



Lee Davila

Friona City Manager Lee Davila was selected to serve as the Region 1 Representative to the Texas City Management Association's (TCMA) Allies Across Texas Task Force. This task force consists of city managers from across the state of Texas whose ultimate goal is to intentionally recruit, develop, and retain young professionals, women, African-Americans, Hispanics, and other underrepresented populations in the city management field.

Davila will be joining city managers from Brownsville, Coppell, Buda, Grand Prairie, Ir-

ving and other Texas cities. "I was surprised to get a call from task force chair and Brownsville City Manager Noel Bernal," says Davila. "I'm honored to represent the 32-county area in the Texas panhandle." Davila will attend his first (virtual) meeting on August 28, 2020.

The TCMA is an organization of local government professionals dedicated to promoting the highest standards of governance, service, leadership, ethics, and education while embracing individual and regional diversity for the benefit of its membership and the cities of Texas.

## Where Power Comes From — And How It Gets To You

by Lisa Minton

In 1883, Galveston became the first city in Texas to install electric lights. It wasn't long before power plants were built in other Texas towns and cities, providing energy for lights, appliances, elevators, pumps and industrial machinery, and transforming our lives in ways Benjamin Franklin couldn't have imagined during his kite experiment on a stormy day in 1752.

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Texas both produces and consumes more electricity than any other state. Texas' abundant natural resources, including natural gas, coal and wind, are readily available to fuel our power plants.

So far, our electricity resources have kept stride through broiling summers and destructive hurricanes, but Texas power producers will be challenged to sustain this growth in the years to come — while accommodating social and technological changes that transform the way we produce and consume energy.

### The Grid and Its Components

Texas is the only one of the contiguous 48 states with its own stand-alone electricity grid, one of the three main grids in the U.S.: the Eastern Interconnection, Western Interconnection and Texas Interconnection. The Texas In-



terconnection, which covers 213 of the 254 Texas counties, is managed by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, or ERCOT. Portions of Texas near the state's borders are covered by the eastern and western grids.

As the independent system operator for the Texas grid, ERCOT connects more than 46,500 miles of transmission lines and more than 650 power generation facilities, providing electricity to more than 26 million customers.

ERCOT's primary responsibilities include maintaining power reliability, ensuring open access to transmission lines and facilitating competitive electricity markets. It's overseen by the Texas Public Utility Commission, which also enforces compliance with the state's utility laws and regulates Texas' electric utility rates.

In Texas, several types of entities are involved in providing electricity to end users.

The current structure dates from 1999, when the Texas Legislature introduced retail competition in much of ERCOT's service area. According to ERCOT, about 75 percent of its total power load represents customers in these "competitive" areas.

In competitive areas, power generators produce electricity from fuel and sell it on the wholesale market, where it's purchased by private companies called investor-owned utilities or retail electricity providers (REPs). Texas has about 300 REPs; customers can choose among them based on pricing and various options such as an emphasis on renewable power. Electricity purchased from REPs is distributed to homes, businesses and other facilities by transmission and distribution utilities, which own the actual poles, power lines and meters. *Continued on Page 9.*



FHS & Texas Tech grad Jared Boyd will be returning to Lubbock as part of Krista Gerlich's coaching staff as she begins her new job as Lady Raider Head Basketball Coach. Jared has been the Director of Operations for Coach Gerlich at the University of Texas at Arlington for the past two years. Guns up, stay tuned!

## Parmer County COVID-19 stats



**Tested at Parmer Medical Center 910**

**Negative Results from Parmer Medical Center 612**

**Pending Results from PMC 6**

**Positive Results from PMC 292**

**Parmer County Residents Positive Results From All Test Sites 372**

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Emergency Siren System: Alternating tone • Firefighters only | Weather Warning: 1 long tone • take cover — 3 short blasts • all clear | Tested 1st & 3rd Thurs. at 7 p.m.

Friona Weather Aug-Sept 27-2	T  99   67 SW 10-20	F  103   67 SW 10-20	S  91   67 ESE 10-15	S  98   69 SW 10-20	M  93   64 NE 10-20	T  91   61 SSW 10-20	W  91   62 WSW 10-15	Precipitation August 0.59 Year 8.42	Burn Ban: <b>Yes</b>
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**Community Calendar**

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

**September 7**

- Labor Day Holiday

**September 8**

- Snack Pak 4 Kids at 3:00 p.m. north entrance of Friona United Methodist Church

**September 11**

- Patriot Day

**COVID-19 News**

**Coronavirus cases confirmed**

As of August 26, 2020

<b>Texas:</b> 613,000 cases 12,012 deaths	<b>Worldwide:</b> 23,900,000 cases 820,000 deaths 15,600,000 recoveries
<b>United States:</b> 5,790,000 cases 178,000 deaths	

**Commissioners adopt budget and tax rate**

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, August 24, 2020 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 and no comments regarding the proposed tax rate. Minutes from the August 10th meeting were read and approved. Commissioners approved the payment of the accounts payables as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May. The Treasurer's Report was also approved. Bank account name changes for the Parmer County Clerk and Parmer County District Clark were also approved.

The 2021 Parmer County budget of \$6,524,362.17 was adopted by an unanimous vote.

Commissioners also unanimously adopted a tax rate of \$0.5337 per \$100 for tax year 2020. The 3% lower tax rate will generate the same revenue that was available for tax year 2019 because of higher property valuations and new assets added to the tax roll. The breakdown of

the 2020 tax rate is: County M&O at \$0.4019; County I&S at \$0.0254; and County FM at \$0.1064, for a total rate of \$0.5337 per \$100 for tax year 2020.

In other business, the county burn ban was extended for another 90 days. Also, precinct presiding and alternate judges for the November 3, 2020 election were approved. Early voting ballot board and central counting station personnel were also approved.

Sheriff Randy Geries reported that a total of five employees in the Sheriff's office have tested positive for Covid-19 since March. Three have recovered and two are currently under quarantine. No inmates have test positive for the virus. There are currently 20 inmates at the Law Enforcement Center. Five other inmates were sent to TDC last week.

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.



Roger & Manager John Nix



Roger & wife, Susie

**Happy Retirement Roger Almonrode!**

Roger Almonrode was honored with a Retirement Party last week as he wrapped up 17 years at NewTex Feedyard. Roger served as comptroller for the company as well as other duties when needed. Best wishes to Roger and his wife, Susie. NewTex Manager John Nix spoke about Roger's service to the company as well as the recent passing of two longtime customers, Teddy White and Butch Barker.



Roger Almonrode



The City of Friona has received 2 collection trailers from the City of Dalhart to help in its recycling efforts scheduled to begin sometime after October 2020. The trailers come at no cost to the city and collections will begin slowly with magazines/paper items and may expand to plastic or glass at a later date. The trailers will be located at the City Barn at 8th and Jackson. Hours of operation have not yet been established. Pictured next to the collection trailers is the City's Park Superintendent Javier Huerta. If you wish to volunteer to help with the City's recycling efforts, please call 806-250-2761 and give your name and contact information.

**ACROSS**

- 1 TXism: "runnin' with the big \_\_\_"
- 5 TXism: "mosey \_\_\_ to the trough"
- 6 UNT is a Div. 1 sch. of this Assn.
- 7 Trump is running for a second one
- 8 TX "\_\_\_" Joiner discovered the East TX Oil Field
- 9 Mavericks coach, Richie (1989-92)
- 16 TXism: "chew \_\_\_ awhile"
- 18 TXism: "he \_\_\_ when the Dead Sea was only sick" (old)
- 21 TX newspaper co.: \_\_\_ Belo Corp.
- 22 this Austin is a Seattle Mariner
- 23 TXism: "kin \_\_\_ rattler" (wicked)
- 24 Castroville was founded by people of this French area
- 30 TX Roddenberry wrote for this old TV series (2 wds.)
- 34 TX 3rd governor: \_\_\_ Bell
- 35 \_\_\_-Marcus
- 36 TXism: "\_\_\_ as a lap dog"
- 37 customary
- 39 TXism for "wire cutters" (2 wds.)
- 43 Dr Pepper rival
- 44 in La Salle county off I-35
- 45 Austin univer.

- 46 TX Tanya sang "\_\_\_ Cowboy Lovin' Night"
- 47 TXism: "I'll \_\_\_ to it"
- 48 TX-born actor Autry (init.)
- 50 character Jace of "Tales of the TX Rangers"
- 53 \_\_\_ City, TX
- 54 \_\_\_ Paso, TX
- 55 TXism: "I \_\_\_ mind to it" (ignored)
- 56 TXism: "brave enough to eat in a boom \_\_\_"

- 59 TXism: "he's a little shy in \_\_\_ size" (slow witted)
- 60 news wrangler
- 61 TXism: "amigo"
- 62 TX actress Darnell (init.)

**DOWN**

- 1 TXism: "he \_\_\_ nothing but burn hay" (poor horse)
- 2 "\_\_\_ Aggie, Always an Aggie"
- 3 one legally responsible for a minor
- 4 Austin food festival "\_\_\_ arama"
- 9 right good root beer
- 10 TXism: "that gets my \_\_\_" (irritating)
- 11 governing body for olympians (abbr.)
- 12 Indonesia province

**TEXAS CROSSWORD**  
by Charley & Guy Orbison  
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- 13 TXism: "fast as \_\_\_ a rafter"
- 14 TX Willie's "What a Way \_\_\_ Live" (1960)
- 15 Meredith on ABC: "Turn \_\_\_ the lights, the party's over"
- 17 TXism: "\_\_\_ the dogs out from under the porch"
- 19 TX school rule: "\_\_\_ Play"
- 20 colored Mexican perennial plants
- 24 TXism: "sneaky as \_\_\_ egg-sucking dog"
- 25 ex-Cowboy kicker Lin (init.)
- 26 male horse parent
- 27 TXism: "he's \_\_\_ walk the river with"
- 28 TX Ruby's disease
- 29 fire or diesel
- 31 TX Chennault was an adviser to Chiang \_\_\_-shek
- 32 Tex-Mex prison mafia: "El \_\_\_"
- 33 Mexican holiday "Diez \_\_\_ Septiembre"
- 38 Rankin's County
- 40 Jason Witten is a tight \_\_\_
- 41 Gov. "\_\_\_" Ferguson
- 42 TXism: "beat him like a red-headed \_\_\_"
- 49 TXism for "many" football class of Uvalde High
- 51 a falling out
- 57 TXism for "spank"
- 58 Mt. Everest country

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**ON YOUR PAYROLL**

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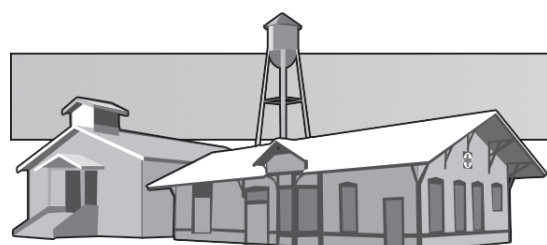
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# TOWN TALK

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75th Anniversary of V-J Day. Victory over Japan Day (also known as V-J Day) is the day on which Imperial Japan surrendered in World War II, in effect bringing the war to an end. The term has been applied to both of the days on which the initial announcement of Japan's surrender was made - August 15, 1945 - as well as to September 2, 1945, when the surrender document was signed, officially ending World War II. The official U.S. commemoration is September 2nd. The name, V-J Day, had been selected by the Allies after they named V-E Day for the victory in Europe. On September 2, 1945, formal surrender occurred aboard the battleship USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay.



Word on the street is that several businesses are looking to locate in Friona. Bring it on! Also, new home construction on Ashland is on schedule and the FISD construction project is showing progress.

light "or "sailors take warning", the red sky at night and morning is actually smoke from a distant fire. Colorado and California fires are contributing to the smoky vistas. As if Covid, drought, and extreme heat wasn't enough to deal with. We might have to add

smoke filters to our masks.

The Friona Volunteer Fire Department responded to a fire alarm last Sunday afternoon at the Friona High School Events Center. Fortunately, there was no fire on the property. Apparently there was a glitch in the newly installed alarm system. FISD Superintendent Jimmy Burns said that the new system utilizes lasers and that there will have to be "tweaks" made to adjust the sensitivity levels. It is possible that a bird got into the building during the recent renovations. Mr. Burns also praised the fire department for their timely response.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic there will be no Friona Star football contest this year. A lot of the college football teams are not playing and there is no guarantee that the NFL will finish the season.

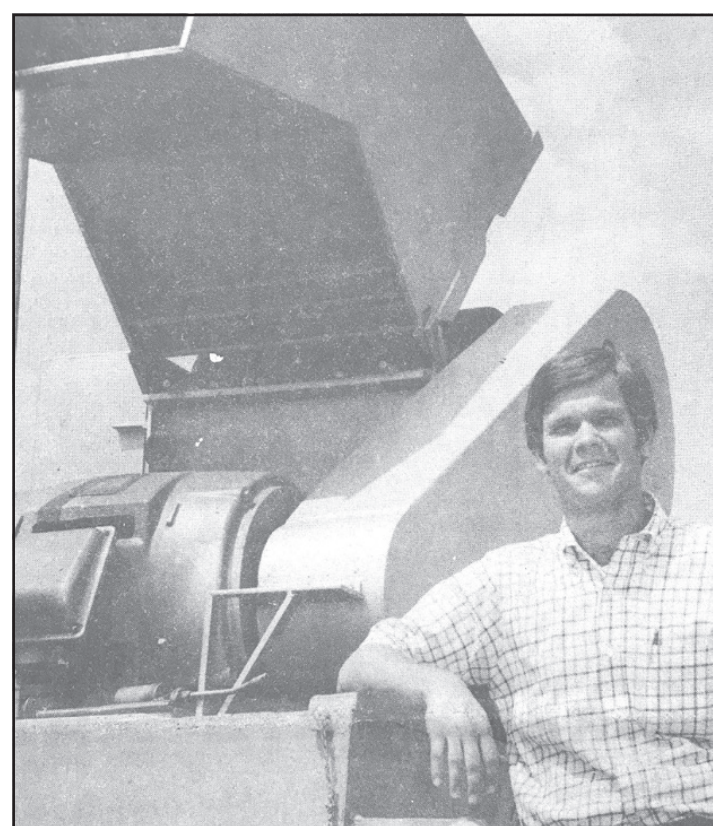
Instead of "sailors de-

**National Days**

August 27 — Just Because Day  
August 28 — Power Rangers Day  
August 29 — Chop Suey Day  
August 30 — Beach Day  
August 31 — Trail Mix Day  
September 1 — No Rhyme (Nor Reason) Day  
September 2 — V-J Day

## FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



**NEW FRIONA BUSINESSMAN...Garth Merrick poses alongside a huge grinding machine, which will be an integral part of his Friona Bi-Products operation, which Merrick was busy getting into operation this week. Merrick also has similar operations in Hereford and Stratford. (Friona Star, August 5, 1971)**

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(8/10/20) Andronico Roybal, 29, of Farwell was arrested by the Farwell Police Department on a charge of Resisting Arrest, pending County Court.

(8/10/20) Orlando Longorio, 31, of Minnesota was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Violation of Parole (Assault), pending District Court.

(8/11/20) Kristina Nelson, 40, of Farwell was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Credit Card or Debit Card Abuse, pending District Court.

(8/12/20) Eric Moreno, 40, of Hereford was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Evading Arrest w/vehicle, pending Grand Jury and Possession Marijuana < 2 oz & DWI, pending County Court.

(8/16/20) Jesus Rodriguez, 23, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of DWI, pending County Court.

(8/17/20) Mason Stanberry, 21, of Friona was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of Possession CS PG2 > 1 g < 4 g, pending Grand Jury and Possession Marijuana < 2 oz & Unlawful Carry Weapon, pending County Court.

(8/20/20) Courtney Hall, 30, of Texico, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Unauthorized Use of Vehicle, pending Grand Jury.

(8/20/20) Jesus Aronce, Jr., 39, of Canyon was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of DWI, pending County Court.

(8/21/20) Daniel Tavarez, 45, of Roswell, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Theft, pending District Court.

(8/23/20) Kevin Garcia, 22, of Muleshoe was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of DWI (2nd) & DWLI w/previous, pending County Court.

## COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

**Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from August 13, 2020 to August 20, 2020**

(8/13/20) Guadalupe Garcia, Benito Arizmendez Jr — Linda Arizmendez — W 100' of L 1 B 49 Original Town of Bovina in Parmer County

(8/14/20) Abe Mallouf Jr — Colton Hill, Michelle Ginnell Hill — All of SW/4 of Sec 98 B H Thomas Kelly Subdiv in Parmer County

(8/17/20) Allen Kalbas, Edith Kalbas — Devault Land and Cattle LLP — The NW/4 of Sec 28 Township 9 S R 1 E Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County Vol 219 Pg 254

(8/17/20) Mary Martha Kalbas — Wilbert Kalbas Residuary Trust, Devault Land and Cattle LLP — All of NE/4 of Sec 28 Township 9 S R 1 E Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County

(8/17/20) Maria Guadalupe Guerra — Daniel Guerra — All of 5 and 6 Block 47 of the Original Town of Friona Vol 5 Pg 421 and S/2 of L 3 and all of L 4 B 47 in Friona

(8/18/20) Janie Sudderth — Blake Sudderth — S 70 ft of L 2 B 3 of Ridgelea Subdiv in Bovina in Parmer County Vol 116 Pg 510 in Parmer County

We're going to ask Mom or Dad to... ...help us set up a fun treasure hunt! Kids: color stuff in!

# Newspaper Fun!

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## Treasure Hunt!

Digging, Diving, Discovering

Treasure hunting is exciting! It can be a formal process, as when archaeologists carefully dig for historical items. It can be life-changing - as it was for people who rushed across the country to California in the 1800s to search for gold and stake their claims. It may involve people hunting for something of value - or just to have some fun!

### Kinds of Hunts

- fun, modern treasure hunt, using GPS tracker, longitude, latitude
- combing sandy beaches with this tool, searching for hidden metal items
- treasures hidden on \_\_\_\_\_ ships in ocean
- a \_\_\_\_\_ hunt will have you looking everywhere for objects on a list
- make a rubber stamp; follow clues to find a special box; upon discovery stamp log book
- precious stones of many colors
- search for treasure
- shiny yellow metal, very valuable; made into coins or jewelry
- plunders and hides treasure
- reason for a hunt; chest filled with gold, gems
- scientists plan \_\_\_\_\_ digs where they search for a different kind of treasure... clues to our past!
- treasure hunters look for these on maps, in research or in diaries or journals

**Read the clues about kinds of hunts to fill in the crossword:**

**Mining**

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

- concentration of minerals with the right conditions to make gems
- thin mesh that lets water pass through, but catches stones
- tool that allows you to dig up dirt, move it
- person who searches for mineral deposits
- small chunk of a precious substance
- area of Earth rich in minerals

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## California and Klondike Gold Rushes!

Two of the world's most famous gold rushes were the "California gold rush" in the late 1840s and the "Klondike gold rush" in northwest Canada in the late 1890s. Three hundred thousand people traveled to "gold country," many by sea. To get to the Klondike region, people traveled through ice and snow. Only 30,000 of the 100,000 who tried to make the trip were able to finish it. Places for prospectors to gather and buy or sell supplies sprang up so quickly that they were called **boom towns**. Some of the boom towns of California became cities that still thrive today, but the boomtowns of the Klondike gold rush were short-lived, since gold was found in places that were easier and safer to reach.

**Read each clue. Circle the letter "C" if you think it was part of the California gold rush, and "K" if you think it happened during the Klondike gold rush.**

- Gold seekers were known as 49ers. C K
- Only 30% of prospectors who started their journey finished it! C K
- Many prospectors came by boat from other countries. C K
- The ground was often frozen, making mining very difficult. C K
- Upon arriving, many prospectors made shelters out of wood from the ships that had carried them there. C K
- Gold was found in a city called Nome, Alaska and people left their homes to try to find gold there. C K

**Gems!** Mining for gems takes a lot of time and care. Did you know that rubies and topaz may form in gas bubbles inside of volcanic rocks? Diamonds are the hardest of the gems. Find and circle the gems.

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ADHAI OVCXFD  
YSTMTUKSFDDE  
LJPYEMERALDTCW  
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garnet  
diamond  
emerald  
cat's eye  
aquamarine

ruby  
agate  
topaz  
zircon  
sapphire  
obsidian  
amethyst  
turquoise

sigh! I may have to try all three routes!

### Path to the Treasure

Little Meerkat dropped his treasure map into a stream and part of it got smeared. He can't remember if the "X", the star or the diamond marks the correct path to the treasure! Can you help him?

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## Ivy Cottage Bridal Registry

**Anna Murphree & Jeff Chambliss**  
**Maegan Davis & John O'Brian**  
**Cassidy Devault & Tyler Hough**  
**Lindy Wiseman & Lino Tarango**

Ivy Cottage • 250-8073

## Milk House Market

### Wedding Registry

Maegan Davis & John O'Brian  
Anna Murphree & Jeff Chambliss  
Lindy Wiseman & Lino Tarango  
Cassidy Devault & Tyler Hough

**Hours:**  
Friday 11-5  
Saturday: 10-3

**Call:**  
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Farmhouse to Your House

## Texas gas prices edge up

By GasBuddy

Texas gas prices have risen 1.5 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$1.87 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 1.3 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 45.6 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest

station in Texas is priced at \$1.49 while the most expensive is \$2.69 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has risen 0.8 cents in the last week to \$2.18 per gallon. The national average is down 0.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 41.1 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

"All eyes are on the Gulf of Mexico as two tropical systems head toward a sensitive area for the oil industry, and while these storms bear monitoring, they thankfully are unlikely to have a major impact on gas prices that for the eighth straight week have been mostly quiet," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "While Hurricane Marco and likely soon-to-be Hurricane Laura churn in the Atlantic, current forecasts show limited ability for them to turn into a major hurricane, which means that motorists need not panic about gasoline supply or price. We should be able to weather both of these storms, barring a major increase in peak intensity. In addition, with gasoline demand still weak due to COVID-19, there's ample capacity for refineries that are not in the path of the storms to raise output should the situation warrant it."

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>.

## Happy Birthday Friona Folks!

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| <p><b>August 27</b><br/>Rhonda Reeve<br/>Ralph Chavez<br/>Bentley Irwin<br/>Barbara Brown<br/>Robin McGowan<br/>Cindy Simmons<br/>Cassie (London) Smith<br/>Bryan Masse</p>   | <p><b>August 31</b><br/>Jacob Hoyle<br/>Kris (Hamilton) Haffner<br/>Erica Potts<br/>Elvira Carrasco</p>  |
| <p><b>August 28</b><br/>Monica Perez<br/>Logan Tyler<br/>Julie (Landrum) Baughman</p>   | <p><b>September 1</b><br/>Joe Cunningham<br/>Melissa Hardin<br/>Shayla (Parker) Farmer<br/>Crystal Potts<br/>Magen Rainey</p>  |
| <p><b>August 29</b><br/>Ty White<br/>Colby Carthel<br/>Eileen Rainey</p>  | <p><b>September 2</b><br/>Clarence Monroe<br/>Betsy Clark<br/>Will Cooper<br/>Cory Hamilton<br/>Kendall Barnett<br/>Dollie Lookingbill<br/>Raquel (Mendez) Contreras<br/>Claudia Arpero<br/>Erika Chavez</p> |
| <p><b>August 30</b><br/>Stephen Campbell<br/>Jiselle Hand<br/>Kyra Davis<br/>Judy Rhodes<br/>Jerry Butman<br/>Bobby Broyles<br/>Mary Frances (Cass) Weatherly<br/>Truman Hough<br/>Brooke Stover<br/>John Kirk Banfield<br/>Zubin Bhakta<br/>Charee Drachenberg</p> |    |

## Water Weekly

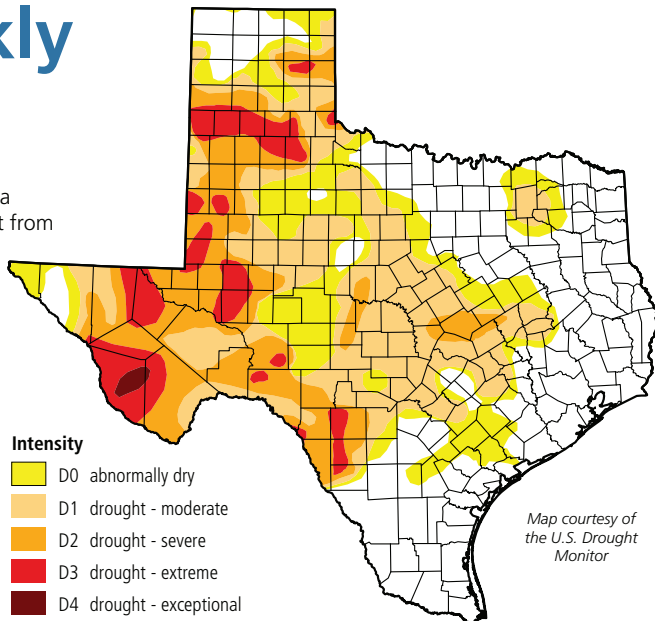
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### Water conditions

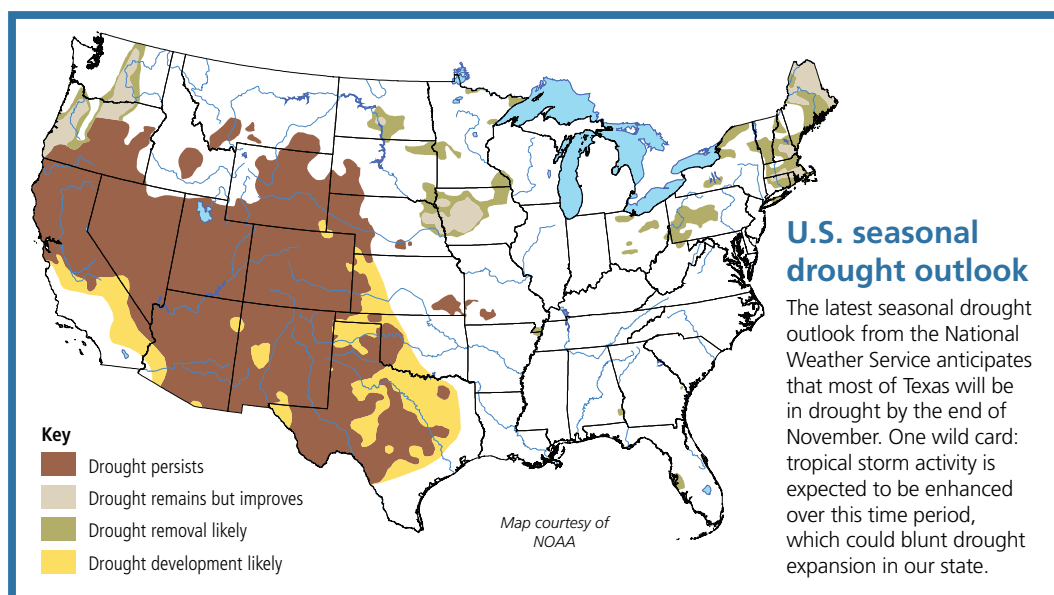
Last week's drought monitor map showed a seven percentage point increase in drought from the previous week. This week's map continues that trend with another eight percentage point increase in drought. In addition, exceptional drought appeared in the state for the first time since September 2018.

### Drought conditions

- ◆ 48% now
- ◆ 40% a week ago
- ◆ 11% three months ago
- ◆ 32% a year ago



Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor



### U.S. seasonal drought outlook

The latest seasonal drought outlook from the National Weather Service anticipates that most of Texas will be in drought by the end of November. One wild card: tropical storm activity is expected to be enhanced over this time period, which could blunt drought expansion in our state.

Map courtesy of NOAA

Written by Dr. Mark Wentzel — Dr. Mark Wentzel is a hydrologist in the TWDB's Office of Water Science and Conservation.

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could get a 2nd shot in January, maybe? Yes. But I can't guarantee the flu vaccine will still be available then.

My recommendation is to wait until mid to late September to early October.

I would also like to make sure your immunizations are given in the safest manner possible. Watch for announcements of flu shot appointments or drive-through immunizations.

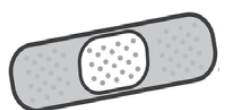
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# ~OBITUARY~

## Virginia Ann Parson

August 4, 1941 - July 21, 2020

Virginia Ann Parson went to be with her heavenly father on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 after a short illness with abdominal complications. Her body was cremated and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Virginia was born on August 4, 1941, in Richland Springs, Texas. She had an idyllic childhood growing up in Richland Springs as the eldest of four children to loving parents, James and Ruby Lafferty. Virginia graduated from Richland Springs High School. In the fall of 1959 she met T.E. Parson and they were married in the spring of 1960. Virginia and T.E. moved to Friona, Texas where they



started their family. They had four children from 1964-1969. In the winter of 1969 they moved to Houston, TX. where they resided for the majority of their life.

Virginia was preceded in death by her husband, T.E.

Parson III in February 2020. She lost two of her sons, Tommy in March of 2014 and Edward in June of 2015 as well as her younger brother Jerry in July 2006. She will be missed by her children James Parson and his wife Tammy Parson of Tomball and Rebecca Swearingin of Houston. Her grandchildren will also mourn her loss Ashleigh, Joshua, Jacob, Joseph, Denzel, Champagne, Tristan, Autumn and Jacob. She leaves seven great grandchildren, Dylan, Logan, Landon, Kenlie, Payton, Azariah and Micaiah. She is survived by her two brothers Frank Lafferty and Larry Lafferty as well as numerous in-laws, nieces, nephews

## Marked by Love

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

For generations cattle have been branded with specific brands that mark their hide to identify who the cattle belong to. The famous "XIT" brand reigned in our region over a century ago, and its fame still lives today. In a similar manner, Christians are to be marked, not by a brand on our skin, but by our love. Jesus lays out some very clear marks of Christian love in John 15:9-12.

First, Jesus tells us that Christian love is consumed by Jesus Christ himself. In verse nine, Jesus mentions the Father's love for the Son, the Son's love for the saints, and calls us to abide in Christ's love. Often when we think of God's love we make much of us, but John Piper asks "Do you feel most loved by God because he makes much of you, or because he frees you to enjoy making much of him forever?" God's love is abundantly poured out to you, but the purpose is so that you will make much of him and glorify him in your life. Another mark of

Christian love is obedience to Christ's commands. The obedience is based on following Christ's words, not human inclinations or wayward leanings in the name of religion. Loving obedience is not simply heartless obedience, but verse eleven makes clear that it resonates joy. Just imagine, loving, joyful Christ-centered obedience that glorifies God and blesses the believer! You may be thinking that you got all that covered, but verse twelve

makes clear that Christian love is supernatural. Christian love is supernatural because the measure of our love is not the golden rule, but Christ's example. We are to love one another as Christ has loved us, which is consistent, sacrificial, abundant, eternal and evangelistic. Such love cannot be accomplished in your own strength, but can only be lived out when you are centered on Christ, led by His Word, and filled with the Holy Spirit.

## Panhandle Parables

# Squash (The Mini-Series) Part 2

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

We are goin' in! Literally, we are going to the inside of the squash this week. Have you ever stopped to count just how many seeds are in a single squash? Realizing, of course there are various types of squash, for the sake of this "series" ha, we will stick with the yellow squash. Now back to the original question, number of seeds? I can safely say, I have no idea, but more than one, and each one can grow into a single plant and each plant produces how many squash? Which means there is the number of squash X number of seeds= number of new plants, more squash and more seeds, I knew I should have paid better attention in my Algebra Classes, but I did have great teachers, (Mrs. Berend and Ms. Richards).

What is said of apples can be said of squash, you can count the number of seeds in a squash, but you can't count the number of squash in a seed. Jesus was fond of the seed idea. He, obviously understood the multiplying effect of each seed (He created the process, after all.) He calls us to do just that,

plant seeds: acts of kindness, encouraging words, helping helpless, comforting those in despair, and the gospel message itself, each a seed, each the potential to adjust the course of someone's day or maybe even life. What are you doing with the seeds in your possession? Don't leave them in the bag, cast

them, share them, plant them and water them, and when they grow God will be glorified in the reproduction of His goodness.

Remember it doesn't take a lot of seeds to have a lot of squash. It is what you do with the seeds you have been given? Next week, more squash. I know. ☺

### Lazbuddie School Menu for August 31 - September 4

#### Monday 31

**Breakfast:** Breakfast Pizza, Cereal &/or Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

**Lunch:** Taquitos, Queso, Beans, Corn, Salsa, Fruit, Juice, Milk

#### Tuesday 1

**Breakfast:** Dutch Waffles & Bacon, Cereal &/or Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

**Lunch:** Burritos, Queso, Corn, Salad, Tomato Cup, Fruit Juice, Milk

#### Wednesday 2

**Breakfast:** Sausage & Biscuit, Cereal &/or Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

**Lunch:** Chicken Smackers, Rolls, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, GrBeans, Fruit, Juice, Milk

#### Thursday 3

**Breakfast:** Breakfast Taquitos, Cereal &/or Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

**Lunch:** Frito Pie, Salsa, Rice, Beans, Carrot, Fruit, Juice, Milk

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# Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



These past two weeks, many of you have participated in the ritual made for scrapbooks, framed desk photos, or Facebook: the First-Day-of-School picture. Besides the obligatory smiles on display, the photo's latest clothing styles make for a primary source treasure. Note the bell-bottoms and wide belt my older brother Scotty pulled off his senior year in 1972. My sister Sara commented that I was going for an Austrian folk dance outfit. Note that we sisters did wear dresses on the first day and often on other days. Casual t-shirts were not quite the norm in the early 70s for dress codes.

The second photo is one year later. Scotty was off to Abilene Christian University for his freshman year. We replaced him with the baby of the family, Sabrina, who now was old enough to join us for the FDOS photo. Mother told us that Sabrina was pretty ticked off those years when she was not allowed in the pictures. We tried to tell her she had no idea how lucky she



was to still be in her pajamas and eating another bowl of cereal. Look at her face, far right, on Opening Day 1973--her first year of school. Her expression makes me think she finally understood that getting up early for school was not as magically delicious as Lucky

Charms. This photo also shows our mom's seamstress skills, the return of the knee sock craze, and a free-for-all mixing of the printed shirt with plaid pants. (Shane was the First-Grade trendsetter).

For parents doing the math and in a similar situation with bookend children years apart, you can survive sending your baby to kindergarten and your firstborn to college in the same year.

Keep indulging us with those delightful faces and fashion trends in August or September. You might add last-day-of-school photos, too, for posterity. Those smiles are usually a lot bigger.

Remember, it does not matter one lick what your kids wear, what color their backpacks are, or if they even have one. Send them off with a positive word before they walk out the door. Set the tone for their day with encouragement. Please give them a reason to start every day with a smile.

Wishing you a 2020-2021 school year that goes smoothly.



# State Capital Highlights

By Chris Cobler



## School year brings an Apple for students, too

Students across Texas returned to campuses last week as schools and universities scrambled to put into place new lesson plans that best accommodate a pandemic.

For many school districts, this meant greatly expanding the technological resources of their students to support a mix of in-person and online education. For example, Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District east of Houston announced plans to buy 16,000 iPads for almost \$3.1 million. The Texas Education Agency's state-wide initiative, Operation Connectivity, will pay half the cost.

Gov. Greg Abbott also announced the TEA had obtained more than 1 million personal devices and internet WiFi hotspots as part of the initiative. The effort is financed by a previously announced \$200 million allocation of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act funding to the TEA and matched by school districts. It will ensure that students attending a Texas public school will have both a device and connection to the internet throughout the school year and beyond, Abbott said.

In other tech-related news last week, Apple became the first U.S. company to be valued at \$2 trillion.

## Raise your hand for public schools

The Texas Association of School Boards endorsed via Twitter a column urging people to keep supporting public schools despite the pandemic.

In the column, Michelle Smith, vice president of policy and advocacy for Raise Your Hand Texas, wrote, "Enrolling your student in your public school ensures they still have access to the best-prepared teachers, access to the best resources and systems designed to help meet the needs of all students, and, whenever we can all get back to a more normal in-school experience, access to all the other things we miss — sports, arts, academic, extracurricular, and other offerings only provided by our public schools."

Meanwhile, college students across Texas moved into residence halls with new social distancing protocols in place.

Amanda Lee, a resident assistant at the University of North Texas, encouraged Mean Green students and their families arriving at the dorms in Denton. Her advice:

"I would say that, even though this year is going to be pretty different, I would still say to put yourself out there."

## Calorie-free desserts

Big Tex will be lonelier but perhaps slimmer this year as the State Fair of Texas plans for a virtual event instead of a midway packed with people and deep-fried Twinkies.

Fair organizers are still trying to generate some virtual fun, announcing decidedly different arts, crafts and cooking contests. The four virtual arts and crafts contests are for

face masks, sidewalk chalk art, nail art and a decorated mantel or shelf. The three cooking contests are for cake decorating, cookie decorating and mini butter sculpture. Because the cooking contest can't be tasted this year, entries will be judged on their appearance.

Participants may enter their photo submissions for the virtual contests at CreativeBigTex.com. Online submissions will open Sept. 21 and run through Oct. 4. Winners will be announced Oct. 9.

## From antiques to Amazon

Forney, proclaimed by the Legislature as the antique capital of Texas, is getting a thoroughly modern makeover.

Officials announced Amazon would build in 2021 a 1 million square-foot fulfillment center in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex suburb, bringing 500 jobs to the city of 26,000. Amazon also is planning in Forney a 200,000-square-foot delivery station, which is anticipated to open later this year.

"Bringing a transcendent company such as Amazon to Forney is a huge step for our community," Forney Mayor Mary Penn said.

## That'll Be The Day

Texas music is a cure for what ails most anything.

With this prescription in mind, the Texas Music Office encourages people to drive the Texas Music Trail through the Panhandle Plains region. You can download or stream the music office's Spotify playlist.

The first stop is the Buddy Holly Center in Lubbock. The center is celebrating the rock pioneers's 84th birthday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 7.

Other stops include the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center in Pampa, the Jimmy Dean Museum in Plainview and the Cadillac Ranch in Amarillo.

Pop singer Rihanna paid a surprise visit last week, stopping by the Cadillac Ranch to spray-paint an obscenity about President Trump on one of the 10 vehicles buried nose-down in the unusual public art installation. No one independently confirmed seeing the international singing sensation in Amarillo, but she posted the photos to her Instagram page, which has 98.1 million followers.

Her message did not "shine bright like a diamond" with the president's supporters. Ronny Jackson, the former White House physician who is running for Congress in the 13th District, tweeted in response that he had fixed her "art" by spray-painting over her message.

The Cook Partisan Voting Index identifies the 13th as the most Republican district in the country, delivering 80 percent of its vote to Trump in 2016. Jackson took note of this fact, tweeting: "Next time you're in Texas, don't forget, THIS IS TRUMP COUNTRY!"

Chris Cobler is a board member and past president of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas. He welcomes email at [ccobler@texaspress.com](mailto:ccobler@texaspress.com).

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A copy of the Request for Proposal for Services may be obtained from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, Texas 79105, ATTN: Alex Guerrero, (806) 372-3381. A statement of qualifications for these proposed services will be required.

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Leander Davila, City Manager  
City of Friona  
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Friona, TX 79035

Qualifications must be received by the City no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday September 14, 2020, to be considered. Proposals will be considered during the regular Council Meeting scheduled on September 14, 2020 at Friona City Hall at 6:30 P.M. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals, engineers or firms that submit qualifications, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals. All engineers/firms must not be debarred or suspended from the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) of the System for Award Management (SAM) [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov).

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Sealed bids will be accepted by Leander Davila, City Manager, **until 10:00 a.m., Friday, August 21, 2020.** Bids received after 10:00 a.m., August 21, 2020 **WILL NOT** be opened or accepted. All accepted bids will be opened and read aloud on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at Friona City Council Chambers, 619 Main Street, Friona, Texas 79035.

Bid proposals may be considered at the September 14, 2020 Friona City Council Meeting. Criteria for selection/acceptance of bids will include the following: experience, cost, reliability, project timeline and references. For specifications on the scope of work, please contact the Friona Public Library Director Anahi Gomez during regular business hours at (806) 250-3200 or email: [library@frionatx.us](mailto:library@frionatx.us).

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**The Friona Public Library will be open to contractors to view from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Mondays thru Fridays. All other visits to the Friona Public Library can be scheduled by calling the Friona Public Library at (806) 250-3200.**

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## Small Town Cookin'

From the Miller-Royden Cookbook  
Editor's Chocolate Sheet Birthday Cake

### Cake

Mix together in mixer bowl:

2 cups sugar  
1 teaspoon soda  
2 cups flour  
1 teaspoon salt

Mix in a sauce pan and bring to a boil:

1/2 cup Crisco  
1 stick butter or oleo  
4 tablespoons cocoa  
1 cup water

Pour pan contents slowly into dry ingredients and mix well. Then add:

1/2 cup buttermilk  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
2 eggs, slightly beaten  
1 teaspoon cinnamon (optional)

Pour into a greased 9" x 13" pan. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

If you want to use a 10" x 15" pan, bake for 20 minutes. (Always check to see if the cake is done before removing it from the oven, some oven temperatures vary.)

5 minutes before the cake is done, begin making the icing.

### Icing

Bring to a boil - 1 stick butter, 6 tablespoons milk and 4 tablespoons cocoa.

Remove from the heat and add 1 teaspoon vanilla and 1 box powdered sugar.

Mix and pour over hot cake. Cover the cake.

As we hang on and try to survive until it cools off, here are some salad recipes that won't heat up the kitchen too much. It has been a blessing to search the Friona cookbooks the last few weeks for recipes to share. I have run across names of people who I hadn't thought of in a while.

### Hot Chicken Salad

By Jeffie Talley

From the Friends of the Library Cookbook

2 c. chicken or turkey, diced  
1 c. celery, chopped  
1 (3oz.) can Chow Mein noodles  
2 T. onion, chopped  
1 T. Worcestershire sauce  
1/4 c. milk  
1 can cream of chicken soup  
1/3 c. Miracle Whip dressing  
1 c. cheese, grated

Toss together and spread in greased, shallow baking dish. Bake at 450°F for 15 minutes. Top with grated cheese and return to oven to melt cheese. Double recipe for 9 x 13 pan. Add about 5 minutes to cooking time.

### Antipasto Salad

By Robin Rushing

From the Friends of the Library Cookbook

1/2 c. corn oil  
3 T. wine vinegar  
1 clove garlic  
1 t. dried basil  
1 t. salt  
1/8 t. crushed red pepper (dry)  
6 oz. pasta noodles, cooked and drained  
1/4 c. Parmesan cheese  
2 c. broccoli, cooked tender crisp  
4 oz. pepperoni, halved  
10 tomatoes, quartered  
1/2 c. mozzarella cheese, shredded

Stir together corn oil, vinegar, garlic, basil, salt, and red pepper. Add warm noodles and parmesan cheese. Toss to coat well. Cover and refrigerate 2 to 3 hours. Add broccoli, pepperoni, and tomatoes. Mix well. Sprinkle with mozzarella cheese.



# Dairy farmers' annual blood drives see greater impact during COVID-19

Every year since 2013, Dairy MAX has partnered with local blood centers during National Dairy Month to host Passion for Pints blood drives. While blood donations are typically needed most during summer months, this year's Passion for Pints blood drives carried extra weight due to blood shortages brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year there were over 200 individual Passion for Pints blood drives hosted across Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado and New Mexico, demonstrating dairy farmers' continued commitment to their local communities. Over 13,200 units of blood were donated during the 2020 Passion for Pints blood drives, affecting nearly 40,000 lives.

*Editor's Note: The Friona Passion for Pints blood drive was held on June 11th. Seventy-four individuals were able to donate which broke a record set in 2015. The event was hosted by the Friona Noon Lions Club.*

"Dairy farmers care for their communities year-round by providing nutritious dairy foods, but during National Dairy Month each June we highlight how much they go above and beyond," said John Cass, director of industry image and relations for Dairy MAX. "We were glad to help drive blood



Henry Clark gets a thumbs up for his donation at the Community Blood Drive held last Thursday. He also donated at the Passion for Pints blood drive that was held in June. Coffee Memorial Blood Center would like to thank everyone who has donated blood during this difficult year. There will be one more blood drive in 2020 and it will take place in November.

donations during this time while helping share the stories of local dairy farmers."

As Dairy MAX and its blood center partners approach a total of 2,000 completed blood drives over the past eight years, dairy farmers remain passionate about giving back to the communities they call home. In addition to supporting local blood drives, dairy farmers

are helping sustain communities during COVID-19 by ensuring milk and nutritious dairy foods get to those who need it.

"My family's dairy farm has been part of our community for over 50 years, and we are committed to seeing this place thrive," said Josh Cleland, third-generation dairy farmer. "It has been a challenging year for everyone,

and we're all in this together."

One unit of blood can save up to three lives, and since its inception Passion for Pints has received enough blood donation units to affect more than 260,000 lives. Celebrating National Dairy Month by giving back to communities who support the dairy industry is a gesture that dairy farmers find rewarding and worth doing year after year.

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## Parmer County FSA Update

Farm owners have a one-time opportunity to update PLC yields of covered commodities on the farm, regardless of Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) program election. **The deadline to request a PLC yield update is September 30, 2020.**

The updated yield will be equal to 90 percent of the average yield per planted acre in crop years 2013-2017 (excluding any year where the applicable covered commodity was not planted), subject to the ratio obtained by dividing the 2008-2012 average national yield by the 2013-2017 average national yield for the covered commodity.

If the reported yield in any year is less than 75 percent of the 2013-2017 average county yield, then the yield will be substituted with 75 percent of the county average yield.

The chart below provides the ratio obtained by dividing the 2008-2012 average national yield by the 2013-2017 average national yield for each covered commodity.

Covered Commodity	National Yield Factor
Barley	0.9437
Canola	0.9643
Chickpeas, Large	1.0000
Chickpeas, Small	0.9760
Corn	0.9000
Crambe	1.0000
Flaxseed	1.0000
Grain Sorghum	0.9077
Lentils	1.0000
Mustard Seed	0.9460
Oats	0.9524
Peanuts	0.9273
Peas, Dry	0.9988
Rapeseed	1.0000
Rice, Long	0.9330
Rice, Medium	0.9887
Rice, Temp Japonica	0.9591
Safflower	1.0000
Seed Cotton	0.9000
Sesame Seed	0.9673
Soybeans	0.9000
Sunflower Seed	0.9396
Wheat	0.9545

It is the owner's choice whether to update or keep existing PLC yields. If a yield update is not made, then no action is required to maintain the existing PLC yield. An existing or updated PLC yield will be maintained and effective for crop years 2020 through 2023 (life of the 2018 Farm Bill). PLC yields may be updated on a covered commodity-by-covered commodity basis using FSA form CCC-867.

### Chieftain football is on the air!!!

You can listen to Chieftain football on KGRW 94.7 Kickin' Country and online at Network1sports.com/station/kgrw

The broadcast will begin Friday night at 6:30 p.m. with pre-game coverage and analysis. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. There is also a post-game show with comments from coaches and players and final thoughts from the broadcasters.

## Chieftain Football 2020 Schedule

Varsity				Junior Varsity				Freshman			
Date	Opponent	Place	Time	Date	Opponent	Place	Time	Date	Opponent	Place	Time
20-Aug	Bushland Scr.	Bushland	7:00	20-Aug	Bushland Scr.	Bushland	5:00	20-Aug	Bushland Scr.	Bushland	5:00
28-Aug	Brownfield	Friona	7:00	27-Aug	Brownfield	Brownfield	6:30	27-Aug	Hereford	Hereford	5:00
4-Sep	Borger	Borger	7:00	3-Sep	Borger	Friona	6:30	3-Sep	Borger	Friona	5:00
11-Sep	Muleshoe	Muleshoe	7:00	10-Sep	Muleshoe	Friona	6:30	10-Sep	Muleshoe	Friona	5:00
18-Sep	Dalhart**	Friona	7:00	17-Sep	Dalhart	Dalhart	6:30	17-Sep	Dalhart	Dalhart	5:00
25-Sep	Dimmitt *	Dimmitt	7:00	24-Sep	Dimmitt *	Friona	6:30	24-Sep	Highland Park	H. Park	5:00
2-Oct	Open			1-Oct	Open			1-Oct	Open		
9-Oct	Tulia *	Friona	7:00	8-Oct	Tulia *	Tulia	5:00	8-Oct	Bovina	Bovina	5:00
16-Oct	Childress *	Childress	7:00	15-Oct	Childress *	Friona	6:30	15-Oct			5:00
23-Oct	Canadian *	Friona	7:00	22-Oct	Canadian *	Canadian	6:30	22-Oct			5:00
30-Oct	Spearman *	Spearman	7:00	29-Oct	Spearman *	Friona	6:30	29-Oct			5:00
6-Nov	Highland Park *	Friona	7:00	5-Nov	Highland Park *	Highland Park	6:30	5-Nov	Highland Park	H. Park	5:00
**Homecoming *District				*District				*District			
8th Grade				7th Grade							
Date	Opponent	Place	Time	Date	Opponent	Place	Time				
10-Sep	Muleshoe	Muleshoe	6:30	10-Sep	Muleshoe	Muleshoe	5:00				
17-Sep	Dalhart	Friona	6:30	17-Sep	Dalhart	Friona	5:00				
24-Sep	Dimmitt *	Dimmitt	6:30	24-Sep	Dimmitt *	Dimmitt	5:00				
1-Oct	Open		6:30	1-Oct	Open		5:00				
8-Oct	Tulia *	Friona	6:30	8-Oct	Tulia *	Friona	5:00				
15-Oct	Childress *	Childress	6:30	15-Oct	Childress *	Childress	5:00				
22-Oct	Canadian *	Friona	6:30	22-Oct	Canadian *	Friona	5:00				
29-Oct	Spearman *	Spearman	6:30	29-Oct	Spearman *	Spearman	5:00				
5-Nov	Highland Park *	Friona	6:30	5-Nov	Highland Park *	Friona	5:00				



# Where Power Comes From — And How It Gets To You

by Lisa Minton

*Continued from Page 1.* Texans living in areas outside the ERCOT grid or in areas served by municipally owned utilities (such as Austin Energy), electricity co-ops and river authorities rely on a single service provider. According to the Legislative Budget Board, as of September 2019, six of Texas' 20 largest cities maintained their own utilities, the largest being San Antonio.

## Measures of Electrical Energy

- **Watt (W):** A unit of power representing one joule per second. A joule is the amount of energy dissipated as heat when an electric current of one ampere passes through a resistance of one ohm for one second. A thousand watts are called a kilowatt (kW); a million watts is a megawatt (MW).

- **Kilowatt-hour (kWh):** The most common measure of electrical energy, representing the consumption of 1,000 watts for one hour. A megawatt-hour (MWh) is 1,000 kWh; a gigawatt-hour (GWh) is one million kWh.

According to ERCOT, 1 MW of electricity can power about 200 Texas homes during periods of peak demand.

## Generation, Demand and Capacity

Early power plants produced electricity primarily from coal, steam or hydroelectric energy. Today, Texas still generates electricity from some of these traditional sources but increasingly relies on natural gas as well as renewable resources, primarily wind.

According to ERCOT, nearly half of Texas' electricity was generated by natural gas-fired power plants in 2019. Coal-fired plants and wind power each generated about 20 percent, while the state's two nuclear power plants — the South Texas Project near Bay City and Comanche Peak near

Glen Rose — supplied a total of 11 percent. Solar, hydroelectric and biomass resources provided most of the remainder.

Texas' fuel mix has changed considerably in the past decade. In 2009, coal-fired plants generated nearly 37 percent of the state's electricity while wind provided about 6 percent. Since then, three Texas coal-fired plants have closed and the use of wind power has more than quadrupled, as more transmission lines bringing electricity from remote wind farms to urban market centers came online.

In the same period, our energy consumption rose by 20 percent. According to ERCOT, much of this growth can be attributed to new industrial facilities along the coast near Houston, as well as oil and gas activities in the Permian Basin. ERCOT's most recent forecasts indicate that Texas' electricity demands will continue to rise, although the pandemic and recession may alter consumption.

## Power Demand and COVID-19

One factor that may affect ERCOT's prediction models is the COVID-19 pandemic, which early analyses show to be reducing demand somewhat as it shifts consumption from commercial to residential use. In July, the EIA estimated

that, due largely to the pandemic, U.S. power demand will decline by 4 percent in 2020.

A recent study by the Texas A&M Energy Institute showed a significant reduction in electricity consumption that correlates strongly with the rise in the number of COVID-19 cases and social distancing as well as declining commercial activity; these factors could have "a significant impact on the behavior of the electricity sector in the future."

ERCOT began monitoring load impacts directly related to COVID-19 in March 2020. At this writing, its reports show weekly energy use running about 1 percent lower than expected.

Meeting Texans' need for electricity requires ERCOT to maintain sufficient generating capacity, keep adequate reserves and encourage conservation.

According to ERCOT, the grid's electrical demand reached a record high of 74,820 MW in August 2019, at a time when the state's reserve margin — the amount of extra energy on hand beyond peak demand — fell to a historically low 8.6 percent. To protect the grid's reliability and prevent uncontrolled outages during tight conditions such as this, ERCOT can declare an Energy Emergency Alert, which triggers certain procedures, such

as rotating outages and public advisories to conserve energy, when operating reserves drop below specific levels.

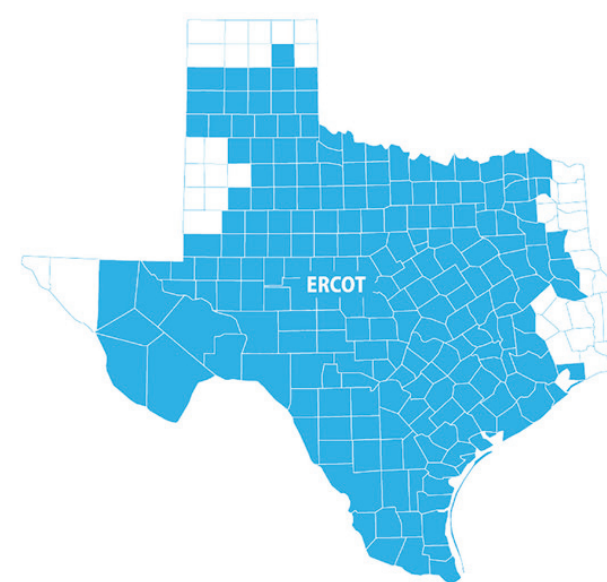
Weather conditions — particularly Texas' triple-digit summers — are a huge factor in predicting demand, since about half of Texas' peak electricity use comes from air conditioning. ERCOT expects record-breaking electricity use again in summer 2020, even after the economic impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic, but anticipates the state will have enough capacity to meet expected demand under normal conditions.

ERCOT keeps a close eye on the state's reserve margin. Since last August, it's returned to a relatively healthy 12.6 percent, with most of the additional generation coming from renewable sources. ERCOT expects the grid's reserves to stay at acceptable levels for the next five years.

## Renewable Energy

Renewable energy sources — mainly wind — contribute more than a fifth of Texas' net electricity. Texas is the nation's leader in wind-powered electricity generation, producing almost 30 percent of the U.S. total. According to the American Wind Energy Association, only four nations have more wind capacity than Texas.

In the first quarter of 2020, the Solar Energy Industries Association ranked Texas fifth among states in installed solar capacity, with 4,606 MW in place and an estimated 10,261 jobs tied to solar power. Sunny West Texas in particular offers excellent potential for solar energy and, as costs for photovoltaic panels fall and transmission access improves, the state's solar capacity can be expected to increase; the Solar Energy Industries Association ranks Texas second nationally for projected growth during the next five years.



The remarkable growth of Texas renewable energy sources is due at least in part to the state's Renewable Energy Credit (REC) program. Created in 1999, it was intended to increase the capacity of renewable resource generation in Texas from 880 MW to 2,880 MW by the year 2009. The REC program was expanded in 2005 to increase the goal to 5,880 MW by 2015 and 10,000 MW by 2025 (with 500 MW from resources other than wind). Texas surpassed the 2025 goal in 2009.

## Conservation

Electricity conservation helps Texans save money, but it also helps maintain the reliability of our electricity grid. When consumers use unusually high amounts of electricity — such as during extreme weather conditions — it puts a strain on power plants to keep up and, for those using fossil fuels, contributes to air pollution and potential climate change.

In 1999, Texas became the first state to establish Energy Efficiency Resource Standards (EERS), which require investor-owned electric utilities to reduce energy use and demand. The initial savings

goal for each utility is equal to up to 30 percent of the utility's annual growth in peak demand. After that target is met, the EERS require annual savings equal to up to 0.4 percent of each utility's peak demand.

Since 1999, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures, 27 other states have implemented EERS. In 2017, those states achieved average annual incremental savings of 1.2 percent of retail electricity sales; states without EERS achieved average savings of just 0.3 percent.

Reliable electricity has become fundamental to modern life. While Texas' electricity supply has increased each year, so has our demand. Ironically, the pandemic may provide a brief respite for utility companies, but the inevitable recovery, our population growth — and our unrelentingly hot summers — mean that Texas will be challenged to increase and improve its power generation and transmission abilities for the foreseeable future.

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### Texas Electricity Generation by Fuel, 2019

- Natural Gas 47.4 %
- Coal 20.3 %
- Wind 20.0 %
- Nuclear 10.8 %
- Solar 1.1 %
- Hydro 0.2 %
- Biomass 0.1 %
- Other <0.1 %
- Source: ERCOT

## Friona School Calendar for September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1 -Squaws vs. Estacado 5/5/6:30p.m.	2	3 -F/JV Football vs. Borger 5:00p.m. -JH Volleyball vs. Denver City 5:00	4 -Chieftains @ Borger 7:00p.m.	5	
6	-No School	7	8 -Squaws @ Hereford TBD	9	10 -F/JV Football vs. Muleshoe 5:00p.m. -JH Football @ Muleshoe 5:00p.m. -JH Volleyball @ Lamesa 4:00p.m.	11 -Chieftains @ Muleshoe 7:00p.m.	12 -Cross Country @ Amarillo
13	-JH Volleyball vs. Littlefield 5:00p.m.	14	15 -Squaws vs. Wildorado 5/5/6:30p.m.	16	17 -F/JV Football @ Dalhart 5:00p.m. -JH Football vs. Dalhart 5:00p.m.	18 -Chieftain vs. Dalhart 7:00p.m.	19 -Cross Country @ Plainview -Squaws vs. Highland Park 1:00/2:00p.m.
20	-JH Volleyball @ Brownfield 5:00p.m.	21	22 -Squaws vs. Brownfield 5/5/6:00p.m.	23	24 -Freshmen Football @ Highland Park 5:00p.m. -JV Football vs. Dimmitt 5:00p.m. -JH Football @ Dimmitt 5:00p.m.	25 -Early Release -Chieftains @ Dimmitt 7:00p.m.	26 -Cross Country @ Hereford Triangular -Squaws vs. Lamesa 11/11/12:00p.m.
27	-JH Volleyball @ Dimmitt 5:00p.m.	28	29 -Squaws @ Dimmitt 5/5/6:00p.m.	30			

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