



Candidates file for Primary

County Republican Chairman Bill White announced that the following candidates have submitted applications for the Republican Primary election and have been entered into the Secretary of State system: Susan "Susie" Spring - County Clerk; Casey Russell - County Commissioner, Pct. 4; John O'Brian - County Commissioner, Pct. 4.

Previously announced candidates include: Rhonda Wilkins - Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1; Joe Lafuente - Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1; Deana Lucero Leuea - Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2; Isabel Izzy Carrasco - County Judge.

To file for a county office, contact either Republican County Chairman Bill White at 806-265-7031, or contact Glen Maxey at 512-656-6337 to file as a Democrat since there is currently no Parmer County Democrat Chairman.

The filing period for county, district, and statewide offices ends at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 13th. Early voting for the March 1, 2022 Primary Elections begins on Monday, February 14th.



Santa Claus stopped by Friona last Monday evening and spent two hours taking requests and photos with kids of all ages. Santa was assisted by Little Miss Friona, Miss Friona, and the Elves. More Christmas in the Park photos next week.

Commissioners approve map

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in special session on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom of the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, Texas. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Texas Flag. Commissioner Pct. 1 Kirk Frye conducted the meeting.

Commissioners discussed and approved the Revised 2021 Parmer County Election Precinct Plan. Approval was also given to conduct a joint primary election on March 1st.

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.



Chavira named Offensive MVP

Senior Quarterback #16 Bryan Chavira headlined a group of 15 Chieftain football players who received All-District honors last week. Bryan was chosen as the Offensive MVP for District 3-AAA. He led the Chiefs with 1,526 rushing yards and 20 touchdowns. He also passed for 434 yards and 5 touchdowns. Bryan was also selected as a 1st Team Cornerback. #1 Jacob Bautista was selected 1st Team Running Back and 1st Team Safety. See all the award winners and team season stats on page 8.

State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$3.6 Billion in November

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced last week that state sales tax revenue totaled \$3.56 billion in November, 19.4 percent more than in November 2020. The majority of November sales tax revenue is based on sales made in October and remitted to the agency in November.

Year-over-year increases for most tax revenues continue to be affected by base effects: Year-ago revenue collections to which this year's collections are compared were suppressed by the pandemic. Compared to November 2019, sales tax collections were up 11.8 percent.

"November sales tax collections once again reached a new monthly high," Hegar said. "Texas continues to see growth in taxable sales in every major economic sector."

"Sales tax remittances from the construction, manufacturing and wholesale trade sectors

had substantial growth compared to last year, indicating increased economic activity in the state despite continuing supply chain or labor shortage issues. Increased drilling drove higher collections from the oil and gas mining sector, though still remaining significantly below pre-pandemic levels.

"Collections from the retail trade sector remained strong in November, as they have been for most of the pandemic. Receipts from electronics and appliance stores had the sharpest increase compared to a year ago, while receipts from home improvement and furniture and home furnishing stores, already elevated last year by pandemic-induced shifts in consumer spending, again had double-digit percentage gains from a year ago. Receipts from clothing stores and sporting goods stores also

had double-digit gains. Growth in spending at online merchandisers slowed in comparison to other sectors but still achieved growth year-over-year.

"The restaurant and service sectors continued their high growth compared to a year ago as Texans increasingly return to enjoying food and activities away from home. Receipts from the information sector also had strong growth over

a year ago."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in November 2021 was up 22.2 percent compared to the same period a year ago and 15.7 percent compared to 2019. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 59 percent of all tax collections.

Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes, most

of which were up sharply from a year ago due to base effects: (1) motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$518 million; up 25 percent from November 2020, and up 23 percent from November 2019; (2) motor fuel taxes — \$334 million, up 3 percent from November 2020, and up 2 percent from November 2019; (3) oil production tax — \$480 million, up 141 percent from November 2020, and up 39 percent

from November 2019; (4) natural gas production tax — \$291 million, up 282 percent from November 2020, and up 143 percent from November 2019; (5) hotel occupancy tax — \$58 million, up 78 percent from November 2020, and down 4 percent from November 2019; and (6) alcoholic beverage taxes — \$141 million, up 47 percent from November 2020, and up 19 percent from November 2019.



Cleanup on aisle Hwy 60 — A cement truck overturned Tuesday afternoon about a mile west of Friona and started a grass fire. Friona first responders arrived at the scene around 2:45 p.m. and worked until 7:00 p.m. Two wreckers had to be employed to lift and remove the concrete truck and trailer from the eastbound lanes of Highway 60. (Courtesy Photo)

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Community Calendar

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

- December 13**
• Public meeting at FISD Board Meeting to discuss financial rating
- December 14**
• Band Christmas Concert at 7:00 p.m. at Jr. High Auditorium
- December 16**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
• Early release for school students
- December 17**
• Early release for school students
- December 20**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- December 20-31**
• No School
- December 25**
• Christmas

Wash your hands
Stay 6 feet away
Stay home if sick
Wear your mask

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Regan Anthony & Scott Bednorz

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Farmhouse to Your House

Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



By now your family is a third of the way through your Advent calendar. Little cardstock doors or windows are opened to reveal various tokens: chocolates, Christmas images, or maybe Biblical verses that tell the story of the birth of Jesus.

All are a part of a custom that began in earnest by a little boy in Germany in the 19th century. The non-paper version of Advent began much longer ago, as Christians were urged to set aside time for *adventus*, the Latin word for "coming." Baby Jesus was coming as was the Christian view of the Second Coming.

The Advent designation comes during the four Sundays before Christmas. In 2021, November 28 begins Advent, though most calendars produced in the United States will display December 1-December 25 as such.

Can we "advent" other things that are coming? My creative juices think so, though I have no marketing initiative to take the steps to cash in on this novel idea. Maybe you do. I grant you permission to take my idea and enjoy a marketing windfall should my proposal take off. All I ask is for you to buy back my El Camino, outfitted and restored so that I can travel the U.S. on my 70th birthday year (2026). I am giving you plenty of notice. Below are possible suggestions for a year-round Adventure.

January Advent Calendar of Resolutions.

Open a door and do only the resolution for that one day. I can go a day without ice cream. I will not go a month without it. This is a perfect, guilt-free thirty-one-day solution to resolutions with high success rates predicted.

February Advent Calendar of US Presidents' Valentines. This calendar combines the month's two significant days. Those who buy this advent calendar will find pictures/facts behind various White House doors and windows. These will ask questions about a President's wife. For example, what U.S. President's first wife and his mother died on the same day? *Answer: Teddy Roosevelt*

(coincidentally, they both passed on Valentine's Day 1884, before his presidency).

March Advent for March Madness. This calendar comes out before the brackets are created, so it cannot be interactive. Instead, NCAA basketball playoff trivia questions will be included on a replicated basketball court. Open up the spot at the free throw line for questions such as, "What is the record for free throws made in a men's Final Four game?" *Answer: 23, by Texas's Travis Mays and Bradley's Bob Carney.* If questions such as that bore you, create some fun ones such as, "What color sweater

did Bob Knight always wear when coaching?" *Answer: red.* If a person doesn't know the answer to that, throw a chair at him or her.

You get the idea. Just come up with the other nine months' Advent themes, and life could get really exciting. A lucrative deal with Walmart or Target could be yours. The Hallmark Channel may make a movie about your story (I would insist on a cameo appearance as an old bird lady with a short solo while sitting near a fountain).

The path is yours for the taking to financial security, early retirement, and a pool in the backyard.

You're welcome.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Request for Qualifications:

The City of Friona has recently received notice of a contract award from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for a TPWD program Project #54-00231. Friona announces its Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") from qualified independents or firms to perform engineering/architectural services for the redevelopment of the Friona Community Park including several outdoor recreational elements and related construction. Under this RFQ, Friona reserves the right to select and contract with one or more persons or firms to conduct these services on an as-needed basis. The selected respondent(s) will be expected to begin performance of the contract on or after January 10, 2022.

Submission: To receive the RFQ please contact Leander Davila, City Manager at 623 Main Street, Friona TX 79035 or Alex Guerrero at the PRPC, 415 SW 8th Avenue, Amarillo TX 79101. The RFQ is available by writing to the above address or by email to: aguerrero@theprpc.org.

Deadline: Eight (8) printed copies of the Statement of Qualifications are required. Statements of qualifications are to be delivered by January 5, 2022 by 5:00 p.m. CST to the City of Friona Attn: Leander Davila, 623 Main Street, Friona, TX 79035.

Proposals received after the stated deadline will not be considered.

Proposals will be considered during the regular City Council meeting scheduled on January 10, 2022 and may select an engineer/architect at that time or at a later date. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals, architects, engineers, or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. All engineering/architectural firms must not be debarred or suspended from the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) of the System for Award Management (SAM) www.sam.gov.

- ACROSS**
- Houston space org.
 - some Texans have big ones
 - TX Barry Corbin film: "The Night the Lights Out in Georgia"
 - gusher (___out)
 - GPS accident avoidance? (2 wds.)
 - TXism: "confused ___ goat on astroturf"
 - TXism: "a watched pot ___"
 - country of Texas (abbr.)
 - TX Drew Brees' number as a Saint
 - this Tommy lost a coin flip and thus was not on TX Holly's fateful flight
 - this gold medalist Mary Lou now lives in Houston
 - TXism: "___ scootin'" (dancing)
 - a stallion, or a type of poker
 - hosp. trauma area
 - leading male star of 1945 "San Antonio"
 - Nacogdoches' FM KJCS started with this call sign
 - this agcy. approved 3 COVID vaccines
 - TXism: "a sight for ___"
 - snow glider
 - TX-based bus company: ___hound
 - "red touch ___ feller" (coral snake)
 - lion exhibit sounds at the Abilene Zoo
 - world distress signal
 - "___ omission"
 - this Burleson was first president of Baylor
 - TXism: "up ___ snuff"
 - Metroplex airport
 - be given out
 - "Red River Rivalry" month
 - increase the bet in poker
 - express disgust
 - TXism: "take a look ___" (investigate)
 - "to ___ is human"

TEXAS CROSSWORD
by Charley & Guy Orbison
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13 talked tediously
14 TXism: "talked ___ streak" (TXism for 13 down)
15 TXism: "___ me a bill of goods" (lied)
16 "___ the season"
19 part of Abilene metro area
20 atomizers
22 mats to prevent slippage (2 wds.)
24 TX Ely who was a TV Tarzan (init.)
25 plural of 31-across
26 former Cowboy quarterback, Aikman
27 "laid ___" (buried)

28 Chief "___-___-teka gave Houston his Indian name
29 part of Wichita Falls metro area
30 "can ___ country mile" (good eyes)
33 soap ingredient
34 Wichita Falls AM before KWFS

35 employees/shareholders lost billions in Enron
37 TXism: "write ___ he can't read fast"
38 TXism for "errand boy"
40 "___ a penny, in for a pound"
41 in Haskell County on U.S. 380
44 donned after a bath
47 this TX James won the Medal of Honor
49 66 TX high schools have this mascot

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ON YOUR PAYROLL
U.S. Government

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State

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Engagement



Bill and Jeri Lynn White of Friona and Brett and Carla Beamesderfer of Copperas Cove, Texas announce the engagement of Hadley White and Holly Beamesderfer.

Grandparents are Sharon and the late Teddy White of Friona, Jerry and Janet LaFrance of Lubbock, Dorothy and the late George Washington of Whitesville, West Virginia, and Herald (Ed) and Linda Beamesderfer of Newmanstown, Pennsylvania.

The couple plans to be married on April 16, 2022 at the Friona United Methodist Church in Friona.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(11/25/21) Frank Trejo, 28, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of DWI (2nd), pending County Court.

(11/26/21) Alfred Mesza, 73, of Plainview was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of DWI (3rd or more), pending Grand Jury.

(11/28/21) Desiree Garcia, 19, of Hobbs, New Mexico was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Possession Marijuana < 2 oz. in Drug Free Zone, pending County Court.

(12/2/21) Alexander Viernes, 26, of Lubbock was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Terroristic Threat, pending County Court.

(12/3/21) Salome Viernes, 18, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Possession CS PG2 > 4g < 400g, pending Grand Jury.

(12/4/21) Cirila Rivera, 26, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Friona Police Department on charges of Possession Marijuana < 5 lbs. > 4 oz. and Possession CS PG2 > 4g < 400g, pending Grand Jury; and UCW, pending County Court.

(12/4/21) Techina McClendon, 25, of Amarillo was arrested by the Friona Police Department on charges of Possession Marijuana < 2 oz. in Drug Free Zone, pending County Court and Possession CS PG2 > 4g < 400g, pending Grand Jury.

COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from November 25, 2021 to December 2, 2021

(11/30/21) Diane Hamilton — Diane Hamilton — Grantors Undivided One-Tenth Interest in Section 17, Township 1 North, Range 4 East, Capitol Syndicate Subdiv, Parmer County Texas

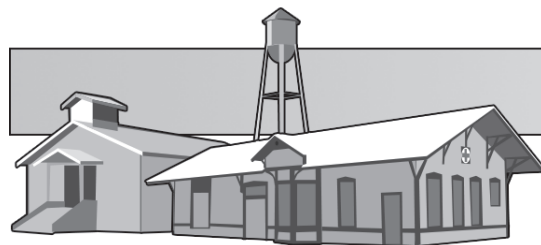
(11/30/21) Rufino Nava Chavez, Cecilla Lopez De Nava — Mario Rodriguez — Lot 13, Block 3, Staley Addition City of Friona, Parmer County Texas

(11/30/21) Landon Meeks, Kalee Meeks — Route 77 Dairy LLC — Southwest Quarter, Section 26, Block C, Capitol Syndicate Subdiv, Parmer County

(12/1/21) Elizandro Aguirre, Oralia Aguirre — Ronald L. Shaffer, Sharon L. Shaffer — A Tract of Land out of a 10 Acre Tract of Land out of the Southwest Corner of Section 66, Block "H" Thomas Kelly Subdiv, Parmer County Texas being more completely described in the Vol 112, Pg 611

(12/1/21) Mary Christina Gutierrez, Judy Pena — Mary Christina Gutierrez — Lots 30, 31, and 32, Block 26, Original Town Addition City of Farwell, Parmer County Texas

(12/1/21) Carlos Alberto Abrego Jr. — TW&M Properties LLC, Cindy Renee Moreno — Lakeview Block 7, Lots 2-4



TOWN TALK

Phone: 806-250-2211 • Fax: 806-250-5127
Email: frionastar@wtrt.net

Prairie News — Prairie Acres Resident of the Month for December is Emma Lou Stewart. The Employee of the Month is Victoria Williams. Victoria works in the nursing department and has been with Prairie Acres since May 2020. Congratulations to both!!! Call Elizabeth or Yvette at 806-250-3922 if you would like to "Adopt-A-Resident" this Christmas.

★★★
Sold out — Rebar Christmas Trees and Crosses are sold out! The Ag Mechanics students wish to thank everyone for their support! Remember, if you have any issues, do not hesitate to contact them and they will get it fixed. If you missed out on getting a tree or cross this year, they will be doing the project again next year and probably in greater numbers. Merry Christmas from Friona FFA!!!

★★★
A note to remember — The Christmas Band Concert is at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 14th in the Junior High Auditorium.

★★★
To the Pointe — Legacy Point Senior Apartments currently has 7 apartments ready to rent. The exercise room is finished and the coffee shop will be completed very soon. Give Housing Manager Cindy Hooley a call at 806-250-5599 for more information or to take a tour.

★★★
Created With Purpose to host Santa — Santa Claus and his helpers will visit Created With Purpose of West Texas on Thursday, December 16th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 907 Hwy 86 in Bovina. Come meet Santa and get your picture taken with him. The event is free and cookies will be served.

★★★
Our Bill of Rights — Next Wednesday is National Bill of Rights Day. The first 10 amendments to the United States Constitution make up the Bill of Rights. Passed by Congress on September 25, 1789, these rights place limits on government power. The bill was introduced by James Madison, who later became the 4th

President of the United States. Congress passed 12 of Madison's proposed amendments. The states only ratified 10 of them. The Bill of Rights is displayed in The Rotunda of the National Archives Building in Washington, DC. There were 14 copies made; one for each of the 13 states to sign and one for the federal archives. Only 12 copies survive today.

★★★
National Days
December 9: Christmas Card Day
December 10: Nobel Prize Day
December 11: App Day
December 12: Poinsettia Day
December 13: National Guard Birthday
December 14: Monkey Day
December 15: Bill of Rights Day

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



EASY WAY... The Ross Miller family points out the easy way to send Christmas greetings to everyone in the Friona Area - by donating to Project Christmas Card. The Millers are shown with their children, Dana, Curt, and Kent. (Friona Star, Thursday, December 15, 1966)

We're going to bake holiday treats... ...and bring them to the Senior Center. Kids: color stuff in!

Newspaper Fun!

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December is here!

Okay, okay the word is out. I love the holidays! I love the hustle and bustle. I'm only half crabby at this time of year.

Everyone is busy, busy, busy! They are getting ready for the holidays. Each family has its own customs and traditions. What is your family doing? **Finish the puzzles on this page to find out what people are doing at this time of year.**

Festival of Lights

Color Key: Y = yellow B = blue W = white

This family is taking out a family heirloom. It will help them remember the miracle of Hanukkah. **Find your colored pencils and follow the color key to find out what it is.**

Holiday Family Fun

My town has a donation box to help make the holidays brighter for people who are alone or who just need a little cheering up. We also have a fun community dinner that anyone can attend and bring a treat to, if they wish. **Here are some easy, low-cost ideas to join in the giving spirit:**

- Put some hot chocolate packets, tea bags or coffee in a _____.
- Group small surprises (deck of cards, pencil, score pad) in a _____.
- Put a few paperback books in an attractive _____.
- Gather some fresh fruit into a _____.
- Arrange fancy soaps and small towels in a _____.
- Bake and decorate cookies. Place them nicely on a _____.
- Place cheese, crackers and jelly on a _____.

I've almost finished writing the gift tags.

This family earned extra money and bought presents for other families. They wanted to help make everyone's holidays a little extra special! **Follow the dots to see 3 of the presents:**

The Gifting of Others

Singing & Ringing Out

A group is singing and ringing at a Senior Citizens' Center. They will share songs from different holidays, then they will share holiday treats. **Study the clues to fill in the words missing from the songs they are singing:**

- Jingle _____
- Hanukkah Oh _____
- Let it _____
Let it _____
Let it _____
- O _____
- The (12) _____
_____ of Christmas



Brownies

What better way to lead up to Christmas than to celebrate National Brownie Day on December

8? When I searched for recipes, everyone one I found claimed to be the Best Brownie Recipe Ever!

I picked a couple for you to try, and you can decide for yourself if they are the best or not.

Cocoa Brownies

By Alton Brown
www.foodnetwork.com

Ingredients:

- Soft butter, for greasing the pan
- Flour, for dusting the buttered pan
- 4 large eggs
- 1 cup sugar, sifted
- 1 cup brown sugar, sifted
- 8 ounces melted butter
- 1 1/4 cups cocoa, sifted
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup flour, sifted
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 300 degrees F. Butter and flour an 8-inch square pan. In a mixer fitted with a whisk attachment, beat the eggs at medium speed until fluffy and light yellow. Add both sugars. Add remaining ingredients and mix to combine. Pour the batter into a greased and floured 8-inch square pan and bake for 45 minutes. Check for doneness with the tried-and-true toothpick method: a toothpick inserted into the center of the pan should come out clean. When it's done, remove to a rack to cool. Resist the temptation to cut into it until it's mostly cool.

Peppermint Candy Cane Brownies

www.barbarabakes.com

INGREDIENTS BROWNIES

- 1 1/4 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 4 ounces unsweetened chocolate
- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter
- 4 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

FROSTING

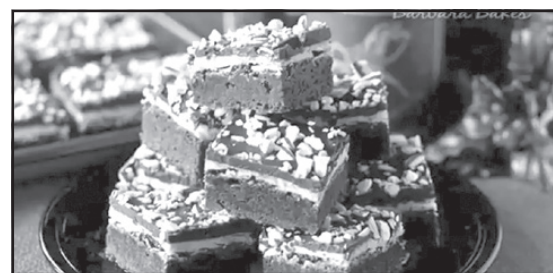
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 1/4 cup (4 tablespoons) butter, softened
- 1 1/2 teaspoons peppermint extract
- 1 1/2 tablespoons milk
- red food coloring, 1 to 2 drops

CHOCOLATE GLAZE

- 6 ounces (about 1 cup) semi-sweet or dark chocolate chips
- 6 tablespoons butter

PEPPERMINT TOPPING

- 1/2-1 cup crushed candy canes



INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 350°. Line a 9x13 inch pan with foil, making sure the foil extends over the edges by at least one inch. Lightly spray foil with nonstick cooking spray and set aside. Combine flour, baking powder, and salt. Set aside. Chop the baking squares and butter into chunks and place in a microwave-safe bowl. Microwave in 30 second intervals, stirring in between, until just melted and smooth. Set aside to cool, stirring occasionally. In a stand mixer or with electric beaters, beat eggs, sugar, and vanilla for 2 minutes. While the mixer is running, slowly add the melted chocolate and beat to combine. With the mixer on low speed, gradually add flour mixture and mix just until combined. Pour into prepared 9x13 pan. Bake for 20-30 minutes or until a toothpick poked in the center comes out mostly clean. Don't over bake! When brownies are done, cool on a wire rack. When completely cool, put in the fridge to chill (makes the frosting spreading easier).

PEPPERMINT FROSTING

Combine all frosting ingredients and beat until light and fluffy. Add more milk a teaspoon at a time if needed. Spread evenly over chilled brownies and place back in the fridge to chill again while you do the final step. (I used an offset spatula to spread the frosting.)

CHOCOLATE GLAZE

Place chocolate chips and butter in a microwave-safe bowl. Microwave in 30 second intervals, stirring in between, until just melted and smooth. Set aside to cool for about 15 minutes, stirring occasionally, and then quickly spread on top of brownies. Sprinkle the crushed candy canes on top and return to the fridge to cool. When chocolate has hardened, use the edges of the foil to remove the entire sheet of brownies from the pan. Cut into squares and serve.

Free Event

Come meet Santa & get your picture taken with him!

Santa & his helpers visit from
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm,
Thursday, December 16th



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Happy Birthday

Dec. 9
Bill White
Bella Flores
Heather (Griffin) Rodriguez

Dec. 13
Taylor Duran
Aubry Snyder

Dec. 10
Jason Berend
Connie King
Michael Johnston
Katy (Baize) Ellison
Brent Hall
Connie (Amezcuca) Jiminez

Dec. 14
Joe Tongate
B.K. Buske
Troy Benton
Gibson Baafour
Lexie Reeves

Dec. 11
M'Lynda Jarecki
Jeff Chaney
Lindsey (Neill) Beyers
Carson Geoffry Beyers
Leigh Neelley
Darby Drummond
Chloe Sifford
Juan Diego Salinas

Dec. 15
Sylvia Ingram
Connie Willard
Deena (Willard) Sellers
Luke London
Haden Smiley
Deven Black
Don Reeve
Caitlin Bronniman
Jennifer (Smith) Jolly
Brenda Patterson
Lori Holcomb
Sarah Correa

Dec. 12
Linda Knowles
Paul J. Smith
Dustin Acker



Gas prices continue downturn

By Gas Buddy

Texas gas prices fell 1.8 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.91 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Gas prices in Texas are 15.4 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand \$1.07 per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$2.43 while the most expensive is \$3.69 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has fallen 5.3 cents in the last week, averaging \$3.34 per gallon. The national average is down 6.9 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.19 per gallon higher than a year ago.

"The downturn in average gas prices continued to gain momentum last week as oil prices remained at a hefty discount. This is largely due to continued anxiety over the omicron variant and because some countries have begun issuing lockdowns, keep-

ing motorists in some countries from consuming as much fuel," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

De Haan continued, "While the Great Lakes region, the fastest to see prices respond to market fluctuations, is seeing hefty monthly declines approaching 30 cents per gallon, much of the rest of the country is lagging behind. But, we will see precipitous declines in the next week or two as stations continue to sell through higher priced inventory before slowly lowering their prices. It's not impossible given the conditions that price wars, where stations lower their price significantly, could emerge as stations now have considerable room to lower prices."

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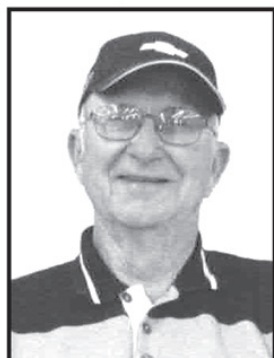
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Hope For The Holidays

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

This time of year often brings out the extremes. Finding a good parking place while Christmas shopping, hopeless. Trying to get the last (whatever the trending toy is these days) if you wait til now, hopeless. I am sure I could go on but that too seems hopeless. Then we begin singing the carols of Christmas and if we listen to the words depicting the birth of a Savior, if we read the gospel accounts by Matthew and Luke we find that in all the craziness of a dark world that light came humbly into the world through the faith of Joseph and Mary and we too find hope.

Hope is one of the most powerful forces known to man, for where there is even the glimmer of hope, there is the possibility of something great and it is to that we hang our faith. Many of the carols recognize that the birth of Jesus the Savior was only the beginning of what were turn the tide for humanity

from hopelessness to hope. The wood that held Him so gently at his birth, would later in life be the wood that so cruelly hold Him to the cross, and when hope seemed lost on a cross outside of Jerusalem it would come bursting forth as light to the world in an empty tomb come Sunday.

Yes, hope is powerful. Christ would place His hope in God's plan to save the world and was not disappointed, we place our hope in the Savior that walked freely from the tomb and we too are not disappointed.

As you reflect on the life of our Lord this holiday season, remember that because of Him there will always be hope and for that we not only can be grateful, but respond by sharing Jesus with others that they too may find the hope that anchors the soul. Merry Christmas and may God guide and bless each of you in the year to come.

Wonderful Counselor

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year, and the perfect gift has already been given by God when He sent Jesus Christ to this earth as a babe. It is easy to miss the significance of Jesus and be distracted by other things, but when you keep your eyes on the Word of God and focus on the Son of God, you will be able to enjoy this Christmas season in a special way. Isaiah 9:6 is a key prophecy hundreds of years before Jesus came that says, "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be

upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Consider the reality that Jesus is the Wonderful Counselor. He is wonderful by nature of who He is, He is counselor because Jesus is the very wisdom of God (1 Cor 1:30), and this was demonstrated through the authority with which He taught. Jesus' counsel and teaching were not simply another opinion, but being the Son of God and God the Son, His teaching carried divine authority that you

can build your life upon.

Since Jesus is the Wonderful Counselor, do you turn to Him for counsel? Turning to Him for counsel means being in the Bible regularly, being moldable by the Holy Spirit, praying diligently, being in a Bible-based local church, and being willing to go to Christian brothers and sisters for godly wisdom and advice. Although you can learn a lot on google, google doesn't know it all, but the Wonderful Counselor does, so why wouldn't you go to Him today for His counsel and wisdom.

It's About How You Live

By Teena Hughs

It is National Finals Rodeo (NFR) time, so you know I am in front of the television watching the Cowboy Channel until the rodeo is over Saturday night. I have my favorites in every event, and most of them are my favorites because of their faith in God; Haley Kinsel, Tim O'Connell and Jacob Talley are just a few of the ones I really like, but they, like some of the other Christian contestants, have had a struggle or two this week.

Jacob Talley is a steer wrestler who has been leading the world standings since March. Sunday night, he overran his steer, missing him and going out of the average; it is the average that pays A LOT of money, and it can make or break your year as a world champion.

Haley Kinsel knocked over a barrel, hurting her standings in the barrel racing average. And, Tim O'Connell is doing good, but his competition is getting better scores and better stock to ride than Tim is; it is just the luck of the draw.

In John 16:33, Jesus tells us that, "In this world you will have trouble." And, no one, believer or unbeliever, is exempt. So, how are you supposed to react when you have a time of trial, testing or trouble, especially when you are trying so hard to do good?

We have been studying 1 Peter in Community Bible Study, and Peter offers us some insight on what we should do when we are going through tough times. First of all, we have choices to make about how we are going to go through our trials, testing or trouble. Are we going to include, or exclude, Jesus as we go through this time? Are we going to rejoice in God that He is allowing us to go through this time so we can become a better person, more in the likeness of Jesus? Are we going to glorify God for what He is doing in our lives? Are we willing to admit it is amazing that we have a God who loves us so much that He will allow us to go through a season of trials, trou-

bles, and testing, and be right there with us as we go through this season, just so we can get to know ourselves better as we become more like Jesus?

One thing I have learned about athletes at this level, they are confident! They believe they can still win a world title. But you know what? When all of these athletes meet Jesus some day, He isn't going to ask them how many world championship belt buckles they have. He will ask them about how they lived their life; how they handled their seasons of trial, trouble and testing, with or without Him.

Jacob Talley may or may not win the world; I am praying he does because he is one of the good ones. He traveled with former five-time world champion Luke Branquino and two others this year. At the end of the year, Talley withdrew from some rodeos so Branquino could enter and have a chance at making the NFR. Branquino described him as a "team player". If Talley hadn't withdrawn from those rodeos, he might have won more money, money that might be helping him win the world even if he misses a steer and goes out of the average.

It's all about the choices you make and how you live. Branquino didn't make the NFR, so he is a commentator for the Cowboy Channel. He talked to Talley after the rodeo Sunday night, and he was "drowning his sorrows in chips and guacamole." You can't beat that!!! He said he has six more rounds, and he is still going for the title. That is exactly what Jesus wants him to do. He shouldn't give up or think he can't do it, because he can!!! Last night, he tied for second and Haley won second outright! Five rounds to go!

We never know why God allows us to go through the things He does, but as our CBS teaching director said today, it is always timely and necessary, and it is for our benefit. Let us rejoice and glorify God for caring so much about us!

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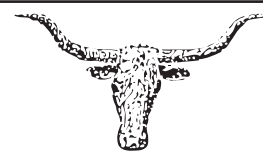
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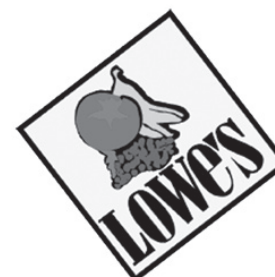
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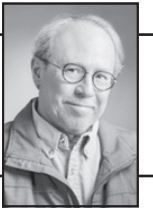
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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



State lowers price cap for power providers

The state's Public Utility Commission last week lowered the maximum allowable wholesale price for electricity by almost half, from \$9,000 per megawatt hour to \$5,000.

The move came after prices soared to the maximum during last February's deadly freeze, causing financial havoc along with the widespread power outages. A number of electric providers declared bankruptcy after being faced with enormous bills, including Brazos Electric Power Cooperative and Griddy Energy.

As the Austin American-Statesman reported, the state's largely deregulated electricity market provides financial incentives to prompt power generators to deliver more electricity to the grid during peak demand. But those incentives came with steep prices, and some Griddy customers received electric bills of nearly \$10,000. Those bills were ultimately forgiven under an agreement negotiated by the attorney general's office.

Peter Lake, chairman of the PUC, said lowering the price ceiling will "make sure the people of Texas are not exposed to those extraordinary high prices" again, the Statesman reported.

However, the CEO of the

state's largest power generator worries the state has not done enough to insulate itself against another deadly freeze. Curt Morgan of Vistra Corp. said that while his company has spent \$50 million this year weatherizing more than a dozen plants, the state still hasn't ensured a reliable supply of natural gas. The Texas Railroad Commission, which regulates the natural gas industry, is still working to finalize rules that would set weatherization mandates. However, those rules would not go into effect until early 2023, the Texas Tribune reported.

Morgan told legislators that Vistra's plants couldn't get enough natural gas to run anywhere near full capacity during the freeze.

"Why couldn't we get it?" Morgan said. "Because the gas system was not weatherized. And so we had natural gas producers that weren't producing."

State to get \$35 billion in infrastructure funds

In the next five years Texas will get more than \$35 billion in federal funding for roads, public transportation and water system improvements, The Dallas Morning News reported. The funding is part of the massive infrastructure bill Congress passed in November to pro-

vide \$548 billion in new investments across the country over five years.

The state's road system got a "D+" in a 2021 report card from the American Society of Civil Engineers.

"Current funding levels and resources from the state's gas tax are inadequate to keep up with Texas' projected growth, leaving a \$15 billion annual gap through 2040," the engineering report said.

The federal funding also includes \$1.2 billion for Texas airports, \$537 million to replace and repair bridges and at least \$100 million for broadband expansion, according to The Morning News.

Webinars explain tuition fund

The Texas Tuition Promise Fund is offering a series of webinars to provide an overview of the state's pre-paid college tuition plan. In addition, the webinars will explain scholarship opportunities that are available.

"Upcoming webinars provide an overview of the Texas Tuition Promise Fund and information on different tuition unit types, tuition redemption values and payment options," according to a press release. "The webinars also offer information about matching scholarships and tuition unit grants

available through the Texas Match the Promise Foundation."

Anyone interested can sign up for a webinar at www.texas tuition promise-fund.com/events/.

New COVID-19 cases, deaths increase

While the appearance of the omicron variant of COVID-19 dominates the news, no cases of the variant had been reported in Texas as of Sunday. Health officials say it's a matter of time, but they don't yet know how severe and how contagious it will be.

What is known is that the number of new cases of COVID-19 in Texas in the past week rose to 30,201, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University — the highest level since late October. A total of 564 deaths were reported. The delta variant continues to be the dominant strain, infecting mostly unvaccinated Texans.

Lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations in the state was largely unchanged, with 2,886 reported by the Texas Department of State Health Services as of Sunday. The state crossed the 16 million mark of fully vaccinated people, with 3.175 million people also receiving an additional dose, according to

DSHS. To date, 55% of the state's total population is fully vaccinated.

Judge blocks social media censorship law

A federal judge in Austin last week blocked the state's social media censorship law before it took effect, the Houston Chronicle reported. House Bill 20, signed by Gov. Greg Abbott on Sept. 9, prohibited social media sites like Facebook and Twitter from censoring users "based on their political viewpoints."

U.S. District Judge Robert Pitman wrote in his ruling that the bill violates the sites' First Amendment right to moderate content disseminated on their platforms. Abbott had pushed for the bill, saying in a Twitter video, "Freedom of speech is under attack in Texas. There is a dangerous movement by some social media companies to silence conservative ideas and values."

The state is expected to appeal Pitman's ruling.

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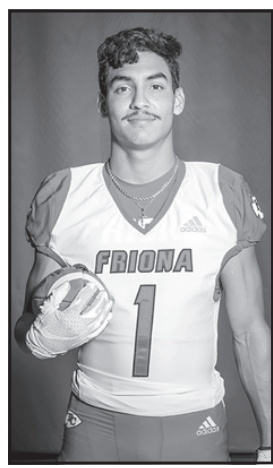
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FHS Seniors take their "Last Walk" at Chieftain Field after the final home football game.



The Friona Chieftain basketball team celebrates after winning the Consolation Trophy at the "Way Out West" basketball tournament last weekend in Whiteface. (Courtesy Photo)

2021 Chieftain Football Season Stats

| Rushing Stats | | Carries | Yards | TDs | Avg |
|------------------------|----------------|------------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| 16 | Bryan Chavira | 148 | 1526 | 20 | 10.3 |
| 1 | Jacob Bautista | 133 | 1223 | 17 | 9.2 |
| 4 | Mario Bautista | 132 | 858 | 12 | 6.5 |
| 24 | Jose Saucedo | 36 | 213 | 3 | 5.9 |
| 44 | Alexis Rivas | 13 | 135 | 0 | 10.4 |
| 13 | Martin Godinez | 20 | 59 | 0 | 3.0 |
| 3 | Alan Martinez | 1 | 18 | 0 | 18 |
| 50 | Jake Padilla | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1.3 |
| 15 | Anthony Lopez | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0.5 |
| Rushing Totals: | | 488 | 4037 | 53 | 8.3 |

| Receiving Stats | | Receptions | Yards | TDs | Avg |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1 | Jacob Bautista | 15 | 303 | 5 | 20.2 |
| 16 | Bryan Chavira | 9 | 230 | 3 | 25.6 |
| 22 | Kade Crosby | 13 | 224 | 3 | 17.2 |
| 13 | Martin Godinez | 13 | 171 | 1 | 13.2 |
| 3 | Alan Martinez | 4 | 43 | 0 | 10.8 |
| 12 | Josh Gonzalez | 4 | 25 | 0 | 6.3 |
| 7 | Moises Pina | 2 | 17 | 0 | 8.5 |
| 11 | Heston Grimsley | 2 | 11 | 0 | 5.5 |
| 4 | Mario Bautista | 1 | 10 | 0 | 10.0 |
| Receiving Totals: | | 63 | 1034 | 12 | 16.4 |

| Passing Stats | | Comp | Att | Yards | TDs | INTs |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|----------|
| 16 | Bryan Chavira | 28 | 49 | 434 | 5 | 3 |
| 13 | Martin Godinez | 18 | 36 | 338 | 3 | 1 |
| 24 | Jose Saucedo | 17 | 42 | 261 | 1 | 2 |
| Passing Totals | | 63 | 127 | 1033 | 9 | 6 |

| Kicking Stats | | Extra Pt | Att | Field Goal |
|-----------------------|--|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Tim Ally | | 55 | 59 | 3 |
| Moises Pina | | 3 | 5 | 0 |
| Kicking Totals | | 58 | 64 | 3 |

| Defensive Stats | | UN | AST. | TOT | TFL | FR | FC | INT | SACK |
|-----------------|--------------------|----|------|-----|------|----|----|-----|------|
| 1 | Bautista Jacob | 47 | 46 | 93 | 4.5 | - | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| 59 | Salinas, Aaron | 35 | 45 | 80 | 19 | 1 | - | - | 6.5 |
| 30 | Arguelles, Alberth | 26 | 50 | 76 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 10 | Rodriguez, Tony | 24 | 40 | 64 | 10 | 2 | - | - | 2.5 |
| 20 | Dominguez, Josiah | 27 | 37 | 64 | 11.5 | 2 | - | - | 4 |
| 40 | White Jarrett | 19 | 45 | 64 | 2.5 | - | 1 | - | - |
| 7 | Pina, Moises | 15 | 25 | 40 | 0.5 | - | 1 | 2 | - |
| 14 | Olmos, Isaías | 23 | 17 | 40 | - | - | 1 | 1 | - |
| 16 | Chavira, Bryan | 17 | 17 | 34 | 1.5 | - | - | 1 | - |
| 44 | Rivas, Alexis | 14 | 19 | 33 | 2.5 | - | 1 | - | 0.5 |
| 74 | Rodriguez, Aaron | 5 | 28 | 33 | 7 | - | - | - | 1.5 |
| 2 | Ally, Tim | 15 | 12 | 27 | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| 8 | Ally, Stef | 10 | 9 | 19 | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| 12 | Gonzalez, Josh | 9 | 8 | 17 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 58 | Jaramillo, Erik | 7 | 9 | 16 | 3 | - | - | - | 1 |
| 11 | Grimsley, Heston | 4 | 11 | 15 | 4 | - | - | - | 0.5 |
| 22 | Crosby, Kade | 8 | 5 | 13 | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| 55 | Dimas, Mathew | 3 | 7 | 10 | 4 | - | - | - | 1 |
| 4 | Bautista, Mario | 4 | 4 | 8 | 0.5 | - | - | - | 0.5 |
| 50 | Padilla, Jake | 2 | 6 | 8 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 15 | Lopez, Anthony | - | 7 | 7 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 82 | Phillips, Jaden | - | 7 | 7 | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| 13 | Godinez, Martin | - | 3 | 3 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 24 | Saucedo, Jose Luis | 1 | 2 | 3 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 3 | Martinez, Alan | 2 | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 66 | Abarca, Anthony | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 65 | Alvidrez, Jose | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |

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Chieftain Basketball

On Saturday, the Friona Chieftains won the Consolation Trophy at the Whiteface basketball tournament by defeating Cotton Center 52-35. Jose Luis Saucedo led the scoring with 16 points. Kaden Jeter poured in 12 points and Jared Rejino added 11 points. The team opened the "Way Out West" tournament last Thursday losing 46-39 to Whiteface, the host team. Kaden Jeter scored 11 points with Jacob Bautista and Bryan Chavira adding 8 points each. On Friday, the Chiefs beat Hart 48-27. Leading scorers were Kaden Jeter with 16 points and Jacob Bautista with 12 points.

Last Tuesday, the team got their first win of the season by downing Highland Park 55-50. Kaden Jeter scored 19 points and Jared Rejino added 15 points. The team's record is now 3-4.

Windstream participa en un programa de beneficios del gobierno llamado Lifeline para hacer que el servicio residencial de telefonía o banda ancha sea más asequible para las personas y familias elegibles de bajos ingresos. Los clientes elegibles son aquellos que cumplen con los estándares de elegibilidad según lo definido por la FCC y la comisión estatal. Los residentes que viven en tierras tribales reconocidas por el gobierno federal también pueden calificar para beneficios adicionales si participan en ciertos programas federales de elegibilidad. El programa ofrece un descuento mensual limitado a un descuento por hogar y se puede aplicar a la línea fija o inalámbrica. Si se aplica a la línea fija, el descuento se puede aplicar a su servicio de voz o banda ancha. El descuento mensual es de hasta \$ 5.25 por mes para el servicio de solo voz o hasta \$ 9.25 por mes para el servicio de banda ancha.

Las tarifas básicas de servicio local de Windstream para líneas de voz residenciales oscilan entre \$16 y \$ 26 por mes, dependiendo de su ubicación de servicio. Se proporcionarán tarifas específicas bajo petición. Para que se aplique el descuento Lifeline de banda ancha, un cliente debe suscribirse a un servicio de Windstream que cumpla con los requisitos estándar mínimos definidos por la FCC.

A los efectos del programa Lifeline, un hogar se define como cualquier individuo o grupo de individuos que viven juntos en la misma dirección y comparten ingresos y gastos. El servicio Lifeline no es transferible, y solo los consumidores elegibles pueden inscribirse en el programa. Los consumidores que deliberadamente hacen declaraciones falsas para obtener el servicio telefónico o de banda ancha Lifeline pueden ser castigados con multa o prisión y pueden ser excluidos del programa. Si vive en un área de servicio de Windstream, llame al 1-800-347-1991 o visite www.windstream.com/Lifeline con preguntas o para solicitar una solicitud para el programa Lifeline.

Keep Friona Clean

Roll-off box to open up for waste items

The City will open up the roll-off box this Saturday, December 11, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please come by to dump those items that don't belong in your dumpster and do your part to help Keep Friona Clean!

The roll-off box is located at East 8th and South Jackson Ave. It is a free service provided to Friona residents. Examples of items not allowed in dumpsters includes: steel and metal, mattresses and furniture, refrigerators/AC units, paint cans (with or without liquids), electronics and appliances, drums/barrels, brick, wood and concrete, railroad ties. Items not accepted in the roll-off box are tires, oil and tree limbs. To dispose of these items, please contact the City office at 806-250-2761.

Keep Friona Clean

Windstream participates in a government benefit program called Lifeline to make residential telephone or broadband service more affordable to eligible low-income individuals and families. Eligible customers are those that meet eligibility standards as defined by the FCC and state commission. Residents who live on federally recognized Tribal Lands may also qualify for additional Tribal benefits if they participate in certain federal eligibility programs. The program offers a monthly discount limited to one discount per household and can either be applied to wireline or wireless. If applied to wireline the discount can be applied to either your voice or broadband service. The monthly discount is up to \$5.25 per month for voice only service or up to \$9.25 per month for broadband service.

Windstream's basic local service rates for residential voice lines range from \$16 to \$26 per month depending on your service location. Specific rates will be provided upon request. For the broadband Lifeline discount to apply, a customer must subscribe to a Windstream service that meets the minimum standard requirements as defined by the FCC.

For the purposes of the Lifeline program a household is defined as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline service is not transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. Consumers who willfully make false statements to obtain Lifeline telephone or broadband service can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from the program. If you live in a Windstream service area, please call 1-800-347-1991 or visit www.windstream.com/Lifeline with questions or to request an application for the Lifeline program.



7th Grade Cheerleaders



7th Grade Football



8th Grade Cheerleaders



8th Grade Football



JV Football



Varsity Football



JV Cheerleaders



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Obituary



Anthony Ramón

Anthony Ramón 61 of Bovina passed away November 27, 2021 in Friona. Celebration of Life Services have been scheduled for 2:00 PM, Saturday, December 11, 2021 at the Bovina United Methodist Church in Bovina with Rev. Larry Mitchell, officiating. Burial following in the Bovina Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



Anthony was born November 29, 1959 in Littlefield to Catarino and Irene Pena Ramón. He later married Judy Chavez October 20, 2001. He was a self-employed truck driver for over 30 years, owning Anthony Ramón Trucking in Bovina. When he wasn't

death is his brother Jesse Ramón.

Those to carry on his legacy include his parents Catarino and Irene Ramón of Bovina, wife-Judy Ramón of Bovina, 3 daughters-Beth Borquez-Smith and husband Mitch of Austin, Roberta Borquez and Paulene Torres and husband Joe, all of Amarillo, 2 brothers-Ralph Ramón of Weslaco, and Mickey Ramón of Bovina, 2 sisters-Annette Ramón, and Miroslava Ramón both of Amarillo, 10 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

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

preceding him in hansardfamily.com

Friona student inducted to honor society at ASU

Angelo State University's chapter of the Alpha Chi national honor society recently inducted 59 new members, including Lizbeth Rojas of Friona, for the fall 2021 semester during a ceremony in the Houston Harte University Center.

Alpha Chi is one of the nation's most prestigious honor societies and is open to students majoring in all academic disciplines. To be eligible, students must rank in the top 10% of seniors at their college or university, or in the top 7.5% of juniors. Liz-

beth is majoring in Pre Nursing at ASU.

Angelo State University is part of the Texas Tech University System with campuses across the state. Angelo State has been ranked as one of The Princeton Review's "Best Colleges" in the nation since 2010.

Arrington announces re-election bid

U.S. Representative Jodey Arrington officially announced on Thursday, December 2nd that he is running for re-election. Arrington was first elected to serve Texas' 19th Congressional District in 2016 and was appointed to serve on the House Agriculture Committee, House Budget Committee, House Veterans' Affairs Committee, and the Joint Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations Reform.

"It has been my highest honor and privilege to represent the great people and values of West Texas in our nation's capital; and, with the support of my fellow West Texans, I will continue fighting to defend our freedoms, our values, and the constitutionally protected sovereignty of Texas and We the People," said Arrington.

Rep. Arrington currently serves as a senior member of the House

Committee on Ways and Means. He was recently selected by the Republican Leader to the Joint Economic Committee and the newly established House Select Committee to defend free market principles. In addition, he was appointed to serve a second term as Deputy Chair of the National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC) with the mission of winning back the GOP majority.

Charitable Christmas Opportunities

Empty Stocking Fund

Donations are being accepted for the Empty Stocking Fund which provides clothing and a toy to local needy children. School officials are consulted to determine the recipients. Donations may be made at Friona InterBank or given to project co-chairs Holly Campbell or Jyl Grimsley.

Project Christmas Card

The Parmer County Hospital Auxiliary is accepting donations for the Project Christmas Card. The proceeds will be used to purchase medical equipment for Parmer Medical Center. Canisters/boxes are placed around town in various businesses for the collection of donations. The names of donors will be included in a special Christmas Greeting Card in the Friona Star newspaper. Please make sure you put your name with ALL donations. You can contact Connie Neeley (250-2542) or Donna Schueler (295-3585) for more information.

Adopt a Resident for Christmas

The Prairie Acres "Adopt a Resident this Christmas" program is underway. It's an opportunity to bring JOY to a resident at Prairie Acres. Please contact Elizabeth or Yvette at 806-250-3922 to help provide a Merry Christmas to a special member of our community.

Adopt a Tree

Thirteen more trees are available for adoption. Thirty-six trees were designated for businesses to adopt and donate an entire set of lights for that tree each year during the Christmas season. Differing colors of lights, i.e. blues, greens, reds, yellows and orange, are available. The Chamber of Commerce will put up, take down, and store the lights each year.

Ho! Ho! Home for the Holiday

The "Shop Friona" promotion began on November 12th. Each customer receives one ticket per visit at participating stores. The promotion ends on December 16th. There will be a drawing at each store from its tickets and that winner will receive \$25 in Friona Bucks to be spent with that Merchant. Tickets from all of the stores will be combined for a final drawing. One lucky winner will receive \$100 in Friona Bucks.

Give to the United Way

You can bring your donation to Friona Interbank at 1105 N. Cleveland or mail it to Friona Interbank, P.O. Box 549, Friona, Texas 79035.



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Multiple generations portray the real story of Christmas

22nd staging of Nazareth Christmas Pageant is December 19, 20

By Jim Steiert

A unique telling of the real story of Christmas is back for the Panhandle area to enjoy this year in a little community named for the hometown of Jesus.

The 22nd anniversary production of the Nazareth Christmas Pageant will be staged December 19, and 20, at 7:30 each evening in the historic Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth. Pageant tradition makes Holy Family Church the place to intimately know Christmas and all of its meaning through a story told with lavish costuming, lighting and music.

The 2021 Pageant will mark a passing of the torch as cast, choir and crew pay tribute to the late Sharon Brockman, who served as choir director for many years and had a role in all of the Pageants through 2019, and Gladys Fortenberry, who for many years coached narrators and readers of the production.

Maddie Brockman,

granddaughter of Sharon Brockman, will be playing piano in this year's staging, while Alan Birkenfeld has come down from the risers where he sang tenor with his brothers to serve as choir director.

"Two of the songs the choir will be performing in the prelude this year will be favorites of Sharon and Gladys, as a special tribute from the choir to them," explains co-director Lisa Schulte.

Nearly half a century after its first performance in 1972 members of Holy Family Church spanning multiple generations are enacting the Pageant. Church seating is on a first-come basis for the pews that accommodate just over 700, so arriving early is advised. There is no charge for admission, although love offerings will be accepted.

With life in Nazareth revolving around the Holy Family Church in a community that traces its roots to Irish and Ger-

man Catholic settlers dating to 1902, it's not surprising that multiple generations of all ages in this community named for Jesus Christ's Galilean hometown pour themselves into presenting the Christmas Pageant. It's a depiction of the birth and childhood of Christ.

Upward of 100 residents of the village of just over 300 make presenting the pageant to visitors a source of community pride and common purpose.

A series of 14 scenes accompanied by 14 songs, some of them written by parish members, present in a lavishly-costumed yet charmingly simple manner the real story of Christmas, depicting a progression of events. Scenes of pantomime, narration and music range from the annunciation to Mary by the Angel Gabriel in the Galilean village of Nazareth through the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem, the appearance of an angelic host to shepherds huddled around a campfire, a visit by the splendidly costumed Wise Men adorned in robes made from priest vestments and communion railing cloth, the chilling search for male infants by uniquely costumed soldiers bearing spears and lanterns, the resultant flight of the Holy Family to Egypt, and their eventual return to Nazareth, where Jesus spent his boyhood.

The locally written Pageant was first produced in 1972. It was performed intermittently 16 times from 1972 to 1994, then languished in prolonged hiatus until 2009, when it was revived with performances through 2015. Pageant co-directors Lisa Schulte and Nicole Schulte played a vital role in reviving the production in 2009 after it had lain dormant for 15 years. Each felt a compulsion to restore the production for new generations to enjoy. The heirloom Pageant was revived when community residents realized a generation of youngsters here had grown up without experiencing it.

Following another three-year hiatus, the 21st anniversary performances occurred in 2019, and this year marks the 22nd production.

Nazareth's first Christmas Pageant in 1972 brought to fruition a notion of the late Father Stanley Crocchiola, a well-loved former pastor, that Nazareth should share a Christmas Pageant with the Panhandle. Father Stanley worked with the late Donna Benke Birkenfeld, a gifted writer and musician. Father Stanley wrote a script, and worked with



(Photo by Jim Steiert)

Mrs. Birkenfeld to select music. Mrs. Birkenfeld composed two of the songs that are an enduring part of the Pageant, the chilling "Soldier Search" that accompanies a foray into the audience by burly soldiers searching for innocent infants, and "Magnificat." Noreen Kleman Carson, who directed the fifth through eighth pageants, wrote the music "Chosen by God."

Father Stanley's art students painted stage backdrops to depict a temple, open fields outside of Bethlehem harboring shepherds, and the humble manger site in Bethlehem. The late Ernie and Florine Brockman between them coordinated participants, costuming, seamstresses, electricians, lighting, funding, and advertising for the original pageant. Jerome Brockman was an early day prop manager. Through the years generations of parish families have composed choir and musicians, set and lighting crew, costumers, carpenters, welders, electricians, actors and narrators in the can-do manner of rural farm folk.

While the Pageant was staged annually from 1972 to 1982, the exhausting effort required for the production caused it to be performed intermittently from 1984 to 1994, and following the 15-year hiatus Alternating year

performances were adopted from 2009 through 2015, with a year off in 2017. This Christmas season is an "on" year for the production.

Music, pantomime and narration intermingle to relate the story, enhanced by lighting emitted from slide projector spotlights filtering light through slides made of washers that dictate the size of the spot of light. Handmade costuming and scenes created by gifted hometown artists and craftsmen move the story along. A good many of the scenes include hosts of sparkly-winged child angels. Many of the women who are working on this year's pageant portrayed angels in their childhood.

From the instant the lights inside Holy Family Church dim and the opening organ chords from the choir loft prompt voices singing "welcome, welcome, child of Bethlehem, welcome newly-born king," guests at Nazareth's Christmas Pageant are sure to feel the graciousness and warmth of this unique telling of the Christmas story.

At the heart of the Pageant is touching music performed by talented voices from within the Nazareth community.

Organist Mary Lynn Olvera has played in nearly all of the Pageants and Angela Fulkerson, also a participant in numerous pageants, provides ac-

companied flute music. Chloe Birkenfeld, whose grandfather, Herman, was renowned for his skill on the fiddle, graces the Pageant with her skill on the violin.

Sopranos include Vera Huseman, Kathy Birkenfeld, another veteran of all of the pageants, Katherine Fulkerson, Dolores Heiman, the oldest active choir member, Angie Hochstein, and Lisa Schulte.

Second sopranos include Nicole Schulte, Jeanie Birkenfeld, Lindsey Brockman, Teresa Sewell, and Mary Beth Gerber.

Performing as altos are Darlene Schulte, Beverly Schulte, Mona Schulte, Katy Schulte, Karleen Hoelting, Lacey Hoelting, and Dawn Ramaekers.

Tenors include Carl Huseman, Lester Womack, Keith Birkenfeld, Darryl Birkenfeld, J. C. Pohlmeier. And Matt Birkenfeld. Bass performers are Rex Ramaekers, Dwayne Klemman, Keith Hoelting, Steve Buckley, Marvin Schmucker, Paul Wayland, and Gregg Gerber.

Cast members include Troy and Shelby Ramaekers as Joseph and Mary. Lesly Annen portrays Elizabeth. The innkeeper is played by Mac Annen, and Simeon is portrayed by Hugh Durbin. The three kings are played by Derrick Schacher, Matt Olvera, and Mason Klemman. Playing the menacing soldiers in the chilling Soldier Search scene are Braden Wethington, Landon Schulte, and Bradley Gerber, while the terrified women fleeing the soldiers with their children include Macee Huseman and Karen Wanjura.

Veteran lighting crew members are Jim Hoelting, Ralph Brockman, and Julius Birkenfeld.

Readers include Ryan and Diane Heitschmidt, Dwight Acker, Joe Hochstein, Derwin Huseman, Stephanie DeMoss, John Welps, Sterl Welps, and Joel Gerber.

Costumers include Cynthia Schulte, Jolene Schulte, Kim Birkenfeld, Vera Hoelting, Rita Hoelting, and Sandra Klemman.



Chloe Birkenfeld (Photo by Jim Steiert)

Buffalo Bill

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

The rough and tumble Buffalo Bill Cody of the Wild West gave up his life on the American frontier, but he held on to his six-guns for an 1872 trip to Chicago; on December 11 of that year, he starred in a stage production of The Scouts of the Prairie. The play was panned by the critics, but audiences thronged to see him at the theatre.

By that time, Buffalo Bill was a national folk hero because a dime novel author, Ned Buntline, had portrayed him as "a mixture of incredible fact and romantic fiction," according to the World History Project. His books glorified Cody's life and times, chronicling his role "taming the wild, wild west," in 1,700 volumes.

Cody liked show business so much, that he performed for another decade; then, in 1883, he created Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, about his real-life adventures. It toured the country 30 years, and barnstormed Europe eight times. Bill Cody died in 1917.

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends **Buffalo Bill Cody: The Man Behind the Legend** by Robert A. Carter.

Source: *History Matters: Showing our children that their past is prelude to their future at the grateful-americanbookprize.com website.*



Legal Notice

Application has been made with Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Private Club Beer and Wine Permit (NB) by Erin Grimsley dba The Farmwife Kitchen LLC, to be located at 403 S. Main St., Friona, Texas, Parmer County, Texas. Officers of the corporation are Erin Grimsley (co-owner) and Cody Grimsley (co-owner).

Friona ISD Notice of Public Meeting

A Public Meeting will be held during the FISD Board of Trustees' Regular Meeting on Monday, December 13, at 7 p.m. in the Board Room of the FISD Administration Building located at 909 E. 11th Street in Friona, Texas.

The purpose of this part of the Board's Regular Meeting will be to discuss Friona ISD's rating on the state's financial accountability system.



A "Drive Bye" retirement party was held for Rhonda Wilkins on Tuesday at the Parmer Medical Center entrance. Rhonda celebrated her 26-year career at the hospital with co-workers, friends, family, and drive-by well-wishers.



FFA News — For the first time since 2017, Friona FFA had a team qualify for state in a Leadership Development Event. Congratulations and way to represent your chapter, area 1, and the small town of Friona.



More cleanup on aisle Hwy 60 — Friona EMS, Friona Volunteer Fire Department, Parmer County Sheriff's Office, and the Department of Public Safety (DPS) personnel worked the wreck/fire/removal incident Tuesday afternoon.



Farm Bureau team visits Jr. High and High School

Farm Bureau of Parmer County officials took a field trip last Wednesday to deliver red "nap sacks" to Friona Junior High and High School students. The totes will be used by students to carry textbooks

and/or chromebooks. Farm Bureau representatives were Board of Directors President Alan Monroe, VP J'Lond Jarecki, Agency Manager Mitchell Smiley, and Agent Veca Masters.



Junior High — Back Row (l-r) J'Lond Jarecki, Mr. Rosales, Mr. Moreno, Veca Masters, Alan Monroe, Mitchell Smiley. Front Row (l-r) David Tafoya, Jaquelyn Salinas, Amberly Madrid, Iram Gonzaez, Aidelyn Faudoa, and Omar Trejo.



High School — Back Row (l-r) Mrs. Montana, Kitzy Welch, Dieter Ally, Stef Ally, Alan Monroe, Tim Ally, Mitchell Smiley, Veca Masters, and J'Lond Jarecki. Front Row (l-r) FHS Class Presidents - Angela Lerma (Freshman), Andres Pinon (Sophomore), Blanca Chavez (Junior), Anahi Gonzalez (Senior).



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