



# Happy Thanksgiving

## The Spirit of Giving

### Adopt A Resident For Christmas

As the festive Christmas Season draws near, Prairie Acres is wholeheartedly dedicated to ensuring that every resident experiences a warm and joyful holiday filled with cheer. To bring this vision to life, they rely on the kindness and generosity of our wonderful community. If you are interested in contributing or require further information about this initiative, please do not hesitate to contact the Activity Department at 806-250-3922. To create the best possible experiences for the residents, please make your donation by December 9th. Your generous support is crucial in helping craft unforgettable holiday memories for everyone at Prairie Acres. Thank you for being an essential part of this heartwarming effort!

### Empty Stocking Fund

Donations are being accepted for the Empty Stocking Fund which provides clothing and a toy to local needy children. School teachers are consulted to determine the recipients. USDA at the Friona Cargill Plant purchases the toys. Donations may be made at Friona InterBank or given to project co-chairs Holly Campbell and/or Jyl Grimsley. Make check payable to Empty Stocking Fund.

### Project Christmas Card

The Parmer County Hospital Auxiliary is accepting donations for the 69th Annual 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 listed in the January 2nd edition of the Friona Star. Please make sure you put your name with ALL donations and make checks payable to Project Christmas Card. You can contact Connie Neelley at 806-250-2542 for more information.

### Friona United Fund

The Friona United Fund provides financial support for many local non-profit organizations. 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. Make checks payable to Friona United Fund.

### The Panhandle Gives

The Panhandle Gives is 9 days (Nov. 25-Dec.3) of enhanced charitable giving. To bolster support of participating organizations, the Amarillo Area Foundation established the "Amplification Fund" made up of money given from foundations, corporate sponsors, and individual donors. One hundred percent of all donations raised by the organizations are kept by that organization. In addition, each participating organization that raised at least \$250 during the campaign, receives a percentage match based on the total amount of the Amplification Fund. This means if you give during The Panhandle Gives, Parmer Paws, Friona Youth Sports, and Parmer County Museum will receive MORE than what you gave. Visit thepanhandlegives.org to make a donation.



**Smokin'** — Six members of the Friona Vocational Agriculture Association pose with a few of the 329 hams that they smoked for their annual Thanksgiving Fundraiser. (l-r) Mark Osborn, Seth Murphree, Roy Robledo, Clint Hurst, Kody Kimbrough, Tracy Bunker.

## FVAA Thanks You For Your Support

The Friona Vocational Agriculture Association would like to thank everyone who bought hams and/or made donations during their Thanksgiving fundraiser. The FVAA provides monetary support to the youth of Friona who exhibit a commitment and dedication to Friona 4-H, FFA, and FCCLA activities.

A few weeks ago, Friona FFA students participated in the District Contest for Leadership Development Events in Whitharral. Last week, five students participated in the Area 1 LDE Contest (Class 1A-6A) that was held at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Congratulations to Carlos Rios finishing as the Area Champion and advancing to State for the second year in a row. Besides being on the Public Relations Team, Ivy Schueler also finished in 9th Place in Greenhand Creed Speaking.

Congratulations to all Friona FFA students who participated in the LDEs and good luck next year in the spring contests.



**Carlos Rios**  
Area Champion and State Qualifier Senior Spanish Creed Speaking



**Ivy Schueler, Heriberto Gallegos, Aubree Bunker, Kyleigh Stephens**  
6th Place | Public Relations

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# State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



## Community Calendar

Send Calendar information to:  
frionastar@wtrt.net or call (806) 250-5200

**November 25-29**

- No School

**November 28**

- Thanksgiving
- No Noon Meal @ Senior Center

**December 2**

- Pile On Meal @ Senior Center

**December 4**

- Library Book Shop at 618 Euclid open 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

**December 5**

- Chicken Soup Meal @ Senior Center

**December 9**

- Pork Chops Meal @ Senior Center
- Christmas in the Park

**December 10**

- Prairie Acres Christmas Party

### ON YOUR PAYROLL

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**Abbott issues orders targeting China**

Gov. Greg Abbott issued three executive orders last week targeting the Chinese government and the Chinese Communist Party, The Dallas Morning News reported

Abbott said the orders were intended to protect Texans of Chinese descent from “harassment and intimidation” by the Chinese Communist Party and government, and to fight threats to state security.

“Texas will not tolerate the harassment or coercion of the more than 250,000 individuals of Chinese descent who legally call Texas home by the Chinese Communist Party or its heinous proxies,” Abbott said.

The orders:

- Instruct the Texas Department of Public Safety to establish a hotline for victims and to “target and arrest” operatives in the state working with the Chinese Communist Party and the Chinese government.

- Direct all state agencies, colleges and universities to “harden” their systems against foreign governments. That includes stronger background checks on employees with access to critical infrastructure and banning state agencies from doing business with companies owned wholly or partially by foreign adversary countries.

- Direct the Texas Department of Emergency Management and the Public Utility Commission to create a task force to study vulnerabilities to potential cyberattacks and run simulations of possible responses.

“China has made it clear that they can — and will — target and attack America’s critical infrastructure,” Abbott said.

**State plan for \$3 billion to expand broadband approved**

The state has won federal approval to move forward with its plan to improve broadband internet access for the estimated 7 million Texas residents who don’t have access, The Texas Tribune reported.

The approval came from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, which means the state now has access to about \$3.3 billion in federal funding included in the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

The state has already awarded more than \$1 billion in state and federal funding for broadband investments. Last week, applicants in 15 counties were awarded \$580 million to connect 80,000 locations, according to the Texas Broadband Development Office. Federal maps that show where internet connections are needed are

being questioned as to their accuracy, The Tribune reported.

“We want to make sure the data being provided to us by the federal government is accurate and up to date,” Greg Conte, director of the TBDO, said.

**More buoy barriers added in Rio Grande**

Despite a dramatic decrease in border crossings in recent months, Abbott has ordered expansion of the 1,000 feet of orange buoys in the Rio Grande near Eagle Pass, the Houston Chronicle reported.

“We’re not letting up at all; we’re continuing our efforts,” Abbott said.

The barriers have prompted lawsuits from the federal government, which are tied up in an appeals court.

Monthly border crossings have dropped steadily since March. U.S. Customs and Border Protection data for October indicate that 27,000 migrants were encountered that month in the five Texas sectors of the border with Mexico – fewer than the 44,000 monthly migrants encountered in the final months of the first Trump presidency.

**Newly purchased ranch could be deportee staging area**

A Starr County ranch purchased last month by the state has been offered as a staging area for potential mass deportations promised by President-elect Donald Trump, according to The Washington Post. Texas Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham sent a letter to Trump on Nov. 14 extending the offer.

Tom Homan, former director of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency and Trump’s pick to be “border czar,” said the incoming administration would “absolutely” use the 1,400-acre parcel of land.

“We absolutely will. When we find somebody — it’s a targeted enforcement operation. When they get arrested, they’ll be detained,” Homan said.

“We feel like this is actually very well-located. The land is very flat there. It’s adjacent to major airports. It’s also adjacent to a bridge over the river,” Buckingham said. “So, if it’s helpful, then I would love to partner up with the federal government. And if it’s not, then we’ll continue to look to ways to be helpful to them.”

**Texas still leads nation in job growth**

The Lone Star State has again led the nation in job creation over the past 12 months – October 2023 to October 2024 -- adding nearly 275,000 nonfarm jobs during that time period.

“With the best business climate in the nation and a skilled and growing workforce, Texas is where innovative entrepreneurs and businesses find the freedom and tools needed to succeed,” Abbott said.

Coming in second in job creation during that same time frame was California, which added 212,000 jobs, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, followed by New York, which added 133,600 jobs.

The state’s unemployment rate has changed little in the past year, reported at 4.1% last month, up just two-tenths of a percentage point from October 2023.

**Lawmaker seeks funds to plug wells, cut emissions**

A West Texas legislator has introduced bills that would provide millions of dollars to the state to seal abandoned oil and gas wells.

The money would come from taxes being collected from oil and gas companies that now go to schools, highways and the state’s “rainy day fund,” or savings account.

State Rep. Brooks Landgraf, R-Odessa, is seeking to use the money now going to the rainy-day fund that is collected from those companies. The measure would require approval of the Legislature, governor and voters in a November 2025 amendment election.

So-called orphaned wells have proven to be hazardous, with at least eight erupting with briny water since October 2023. For example, a well blew out last December in Imperial that took more than two months and \$2.5 million to clean up, according to The Tribune.

**Specialty license plate auction draws big bids**

The bidding is over for the My Plates Great Plate Auction 2024, with winners spending more than \$71,000 on 50 different messages that were offered. The most expensive plate was “ACE,” which sold for \$20,500, according to the Chronicle. Coming in a distant second was “006,” a play of James Bond’s 007. It sold for \$9,000.

“BOSSMAN” sold for \$3,600, while REAL and TEX4S each garnered \$2,700. None of those bids compare to the most expensive license plate ever sold in Texas. That was in 2013, when 12THMAN sold for \$115,000.

Those Aggies...

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- 1 in Lubbock: Texas \_\_\_ University
- 5 “March Madness” is a \_\_\_ tournament
- 6 TX Jim Reeves hit: “Welcome \_\_\_ World” (1964)
- 7 Harris of 2008 film “Appaloosa” with TX Renee Zellweger
- 8 \_\_\_ City, Texas
- 9 what hurricanes produce on the Texas coast
- 15 “it weighs \_\_\_” (heavy)
- 16 most fleecy
- 19 in Wood County on U.S. 69
- 21 Cowboys fly their \_\_\_ away games
- 22 Nicaraguan rebels (1979-90)
- 27 worst cattle drive position
- 28 Bellville’s county
- 29 noisy sleeper
- 30 TX Jodey Arrington House committee: “\_\_\_ Means”
- 32 gym class abbr.
- 33 excitable
- 36 TX Zellweger has been dressed by \_\_\_ Cassini
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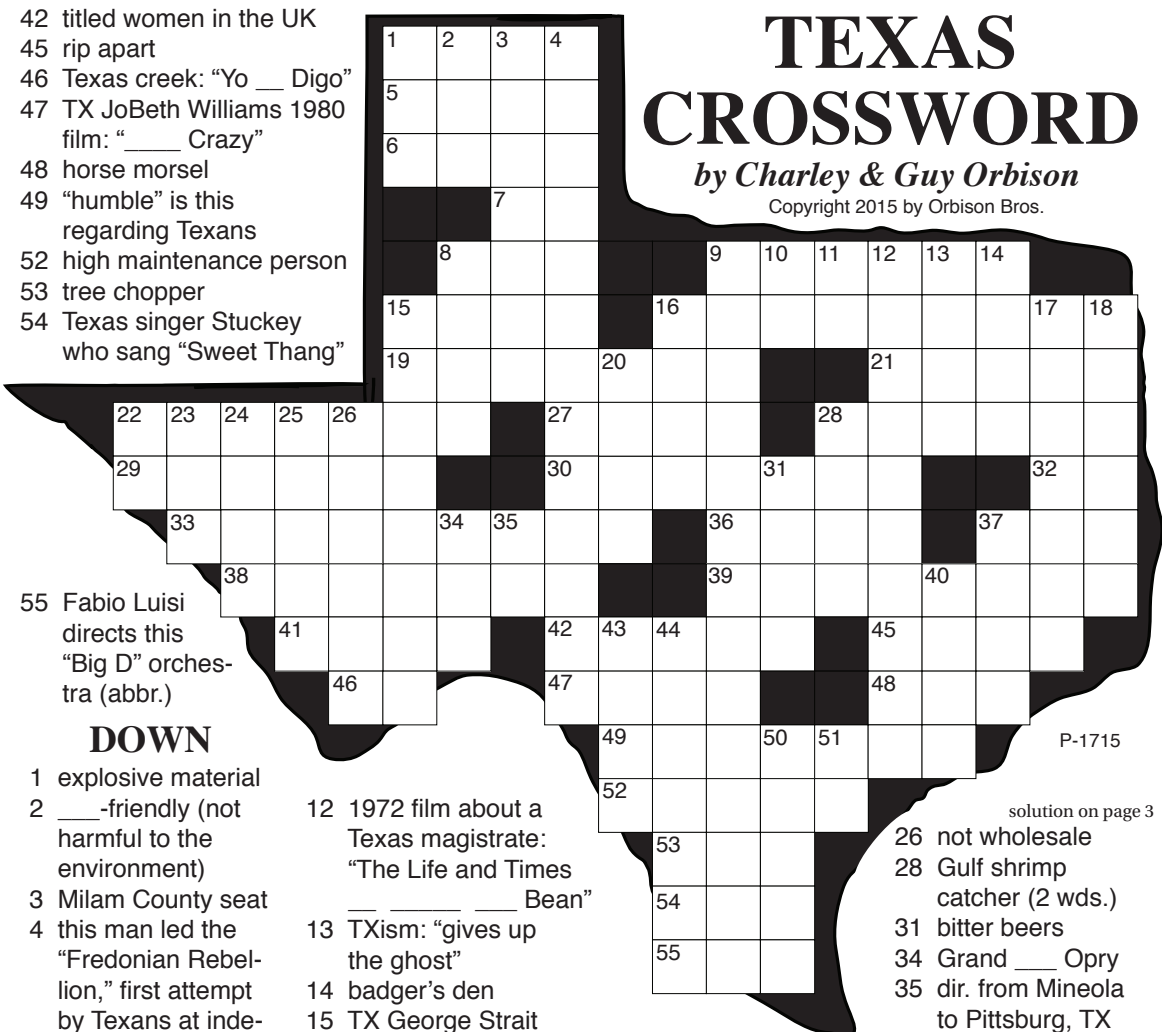
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- 47 TX JoBeth Williams 1980 film: “\_\_\_ Crazy”
- 48 horse morsel
- 49 “humble” is this regarding Texans
- 52 high maintenance person
- 53 tree chopper
- 54 Texas singer Stuckey who sang “Sweet Thang”

**DOWN**

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- 3 Milam County seat
- 4 this man led the “Fredonian Rebellion,” first attempt by Texans at independence (2 wds.)
- 8 this Thorpe helped the Rockets win a NBA title in 1994
- 9 big amusement park: “Six \_\_\_”
- 10 Beaumont univer.
- 11 TXism: “out \_\_\_ kilter” (broken)
- 12 1972 film about a Texas magistrate: “The Life and Times \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Bean”
- 13 TXism: “gives up the ghost”
- 14 badger’s den
- 15 TX George Strait 1982 hit: “\_\_\_ by Morning”
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- 18 cartridges with a black powder for printing
- 20 not written

# TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison  
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solution on page 3

- 26 not wholesale
- 28 Gulf shrimp catcher (2 wds.)
- 31 bitter beers
- 34 Grand \_\_\_ Oprey
- 35 dir. from Mineola to Pittsburg, TX
- 37 breathe hard
- 40 500 sheets of paper
- 43 South Padre Island acquisition (2 wds.)
- 44 TX Dennis Quaid 2005 film: “Yours, \_\_\_ Ours”
- 50 TX-born Robby film “\_\_\_ Billy Joe”
- 51 Yankee state (abbr.)



## Teach Me to Teach

Grant me wisdom,  
As you have granted me prosperity,  
Let not the good I've gained turn evil,  
From the greed of wealth.

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I had begun to learn,  
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Take my hand to show your way,  
Take my feet to walk your journey,  
And let not my eyes from your guidance stray.

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## COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

### Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from November 14, 2024 to November 21, 2024

(11/18/24) Wade Evert Schueler, Candice Fay Schueler — Cargill Meat Solutions Corporation — The SW 1/4 of Section 13 and Tract of Land in the N 1/2 of the SE 1/4 and the S 1/2 of the NE 1/4, Section 13, All in T3S, R3E, Parmer County, Texas

(11/18/24) Jill Kettner Cochran — Kelly Kettner — The N 275 Acres of the W 1/2 Section 14M and N 276 Acres East 1/2 Section 14, T14S, R3E, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision; More Tracts on Exhibit "A"

(11/18/24) Tommie R. Mercer — Joni Jovan Aguilera — Lot 2, Block 2, Western Addition, City of Friona, Parmer County

(11/18/24) Virgil Reed — El Don Malcome LLC — All of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, in Block 6 of the Original Town of Farwell, Parmer County, Texas

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(11/18/24) Kevin D. Holman, Marie A. Holman — Javier De Jesus Avendano Arteaga — North 10' Lot 28, 29-31, and South 5' Lot 32, Block 60, Original Townsite City of Farwell, Parmer County, Texas

(11/20/24) Baudelio Vela, Gregoria Vela — Jose G. Martinez, Norma Estela Arevalo De Martinez — All of Lots 9 and 10, Block 21, Original Town of Bovina, Texas

## FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



**CHRISTMAS STAMPS** . . . Assistant Postmaster Dwayne Howard shows Maize Queen Amal Malouf the attractive new Christmas stamp issue, available this year in ten-cent denominations. The new stamps are very colorful and attractive. (*Friona Star, Sunday, December 1, 1974*)

### Come have Fun with us at Malouf's Fabric

These are the classes scheduled this summer

**December 7th**

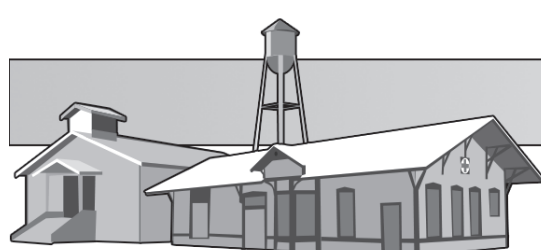
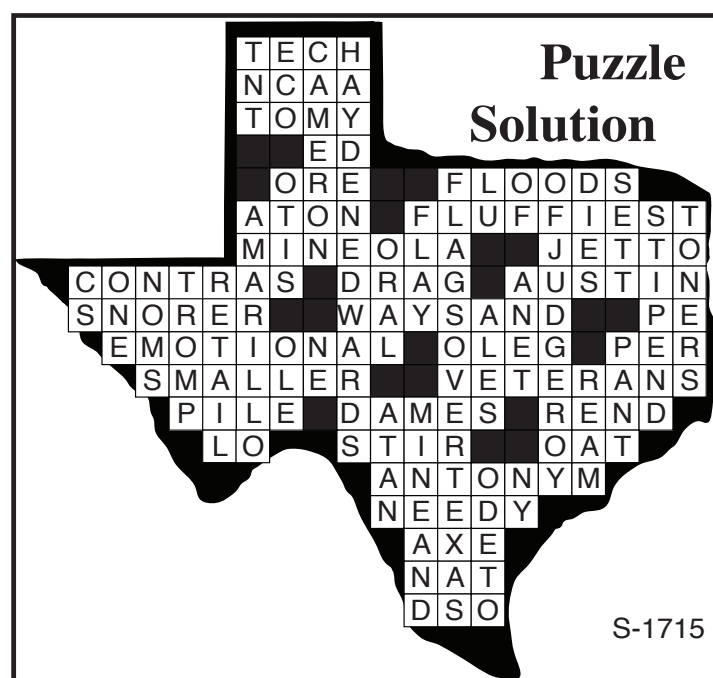
3 Yard Quilt Class

Daisies and Diamonds

**January 11th**

Block of the Month Class

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## TOWN TALK

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**Always Be Thankful** — Great turnout for the Community Thanksgiving Service last Sunday evening at the First Baptist Church. A special offering was taken to help fund the Friona Ministerial Alliance for the next year. Last year, around 29 families benefited from the program.

★★★  
**The Carthel Cookers** — A big thank you to Tracy & Wendy Carthel for cooking the pork tenderloins at the Senior Meal last Thursday. It was a job well done and tasty! (See their photo)

★★★  
**I'll Swear** — Holly Campbell and Andy Alexander were sworn in by City Manager Lee Davila for 2-years terms as board members for the Friona Economic Development Corporation. Holly is currently the Secretary and Andy is the Vice Chairman of the Board. Other members of the Board include Chairman Justin Jeter, Clint Mears, Mayor Greg Lewellen, and Olga Legarreta.

★★★  
**Coming Soon** — The Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture will host their annual Christmas In The Park & Light Parade on Monday December 9th. Festivities will begin at 4:30 p.m. in the Friona city Park. Kids will get to talk to Santa and there will be food and craft vendors along with fun activities. A Light Parade will be held around the city park to conclude the event. Food



& Craft Vendors can sign up at [www.friona-chamber.com](http://www.friona-chamber.com) to join in the fun.

Source: funworldfacts.com

Mason Jar Day  
December 1:  
Pie Day  
December 2:  
Cyber Monday  
December 3:  
Day of Giving  
December 4:  
Sock Day

### National Days

November 28:  
Thanksgiving Day  
November 29:  
Black Friday  
November 30:

★★★  
**Texas Facts** — In 1990, Democrat Ann Richards became the first female governor of Texas.



Tracy & Wendy Carthel



City Manager Lee Davila, Holly Campbell, & Andy Alexander

## National average gas price lowest since 2021

By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas fell 0.4 cents per gallon last week, averaging \$2.59 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$2.18 while the most expensive was \$3.87 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline fell 1.4 cents last week, averaging \$3.01 per gallon. The

national average price of diesel declined 1.3 cents last week and stands at \$3.503 per gallon.

"Ahead of Thanksgiving, motorists continue to be teased by the prospect of a \$2.99 per gallon national average, a level now seen in 32 states. But for the last few weeks, the stars just haven't quite aligned," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

As Americans prepare to hit the road for Thanksgiving, we're seeing the lowest national average price of gasoline since 2021, with a far better economic picture than when gas prices were last this low," De Haan added.

GasBuddy data is compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.



# Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

## Chili

This last week for chili recipes calls for beans. Bill says any chili with beans is not real chili, but sometimes I like to add beans to increase the protein and the overall flavor and texture. The author of this recipe notes, "this black bean chili is a nice and easy way to feed a crowd. It freezes well and easily doubled for a larger crowd." Hope you enjoy!

### Fantastic Black Bean Chili www.allrecipes.com

#### Ingredients

- |                            |  |                                 |
|----------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| 1 tablespoon vegetable oil | 3 (15 ounce) cans black beans, undrained | 1 ½ tablespoons chili powder    |
| 1 onion, diced             | 1 (14.5 ounce) can crushed tomatoes      | 1 tablespoon dried oregano      |
| 2 cloves garlic, minced    |  | 1 tablespoon dried basil leaves |
| 1 pound ground turkey      |  | 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar   |

#### Directions

Heat oil in a large heavy pot over medium heat. Add onion and garlic; cook and stir until onion has softened and turned translucent, about 5 minutes. Add turkey; cook and stir until browned and crumbly, 5 to 7 minutes. Stir in beans, tomatoes, chili powder, oregano, basil, and vinegar. Reduce heat to low, cover, and simmer until flavors are well blended, about 1 hour.

## Xcel Energy names new media relations representative Kaley Green now serving as contact for media outlets in Texas, New Mexico

AMARILLO, Texas (Nov. 20, 2024) - Kaley Green has joined Xcel Energy in the role of Senior Media Relations Representative for Texas and New Mexico. She succeeds Wes Reeves, who was named senior community engagement manager for Xcel Energy's Wildfire Mitigation program in July.

"Our regional news outlets serve a vital role in the community and are an important way our customers find information about their energy resources," said Brad Baldrige, director of Customer and Community Relations for Xcel Energy in Texas and New Mexico. "Kaley grew up in the Texas Panhandle and worked as a journalist in the area, preparing her well to serve the needs of our news outlets in Texas and New Mexico."

Most recently, Green served as a marketing and communications specialist at BSA Health System in Amarillo. While there, she created social media content and internal and external communications for the company, in addition to working with local media. She previously worked as a journalist, anchoring and reporting the news for several years at KAMR-TV in Amarillo.

Green graduated from

high school in Sunray, Texas, and earned a bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism at West Texas A&M University.

In his new role at the company, Reeves is coordinating outreach and education on the company's ongoing wildfire mitigation programs in communities across Xcel Energy's Texas and New Mexico service area.

Reeves joined the

company in 1997 as a communications consultant specializing in media and employee communications. He later coordinated Xcel Energy Foundation grant programs and the company United Way campaign before taking the position of senior media relations representative for Texas and New Mexico in 2006.

**About Xcel Energy:** Xcel Energy (NASDAQ: XEL) provides the energy

that powers millions of homes and businesses across eight Western and Midwestern states. Headquartered in Minneapolis, the company is an industry leader in responsibly reducing carbon emissions and producing and delivering clean energy solutions from a variety of renewable sources at competitive prices. For more information, visit [xcelenergy.com](http://xcelenergy.com) or follow us on X and Facebook.



**Sharon White's 80th Birthday Bash** — Front Row (l-r) Elaine (White) Harmon, Julie Reeve & Dr. Dave Reeve, Sharon White, Carol (Reeve) Perry & Bob Perry, Phil Morgan. Back Row (l-r) Neil Morgan & Jennifer Morgan, Brent Harmon, Bill White & Jeri Lynn White, Holly White & Cooper White & Hadley White, Janet Morgan, Max White & Gail White.

## Happy Birthday

### Nov. 28

Rena London  
Cason White  
Nelda Talley  
Lydia Munoz

### Dec. 2

Meredith Edelman  
Abbey Cramer  
Mallory Kemple  
Bernie Lennon  
Phoebe Upton  
Courtney London  
Richie Perez

### Nov. 29

Ky Graham  
Mitchell Gibson  
Lisa Gonzales  
Nicole Talley  
Jude Ramirez  
Gus Procter

### Dec. 3

Randie Hamilton  
Cheryl Cunningham  
Corben Baxter  
Thomas Maricle  
Terry Davis  
Timothy Schueler  
Kinsey Barnett  
Molly Rector  
Sam Perez  
Ashleigh LeRoy

### Nov. 30

Shauna Maynard  
Robin Rector  
Dean Agee  
Brea Brown  
Alryna McElreath

### Dec. 1

Virginia Cleveland  
Dr. Ryan Sifford, PhD  
Kyle Hurst  
Connie Cumpton  
Robin Renner  
Winfred Riley

### Dec. 4

Erin Barnett  
Brock Field  
Deniss Field  
Myrna Barraza  
Daniel Cretsinger  
Alejandra Arreola

To have your birthdays listed in the newspaper, email them to [frionastar@wtrt.net](mailto:frionastar@wtrt.net) or call: 806.250.5200

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## “..as we also have forgiven our debtors.”

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Jesus' example in his model prayer in Matthew 6:12 to pray for forgiveness captures the two sides of forgiveness that must be addressed if you will have prayers that pass the ceiling. The first aspect of forgiveness deals with forgiveness from God in the context of those who have been saved and are his children. The second aspect to forgiveness deals with us forgiving others. This is much easier said than done, as hurts can be deep, wrongs done can impact lives for years and years, and our fleshly sense of revenge beckons to hold on to unforgiveness as the just penalty for our retribution when

sinned against.

Forgiving others can be so difficult, yet Jesus mentions in verse 14-15 that holding unforgiveness is a sign of a serious problem, “For if you forgive others their trespasses, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” Jesus didn't mince words about forgiveness, because those who have been forgiven of their sins through faith in Jesus, are able to forgive others because of the full forgiveness they have received. Ephesians 4:32 echoes this by saying, “Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving

one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”

Notice the ability to forgive others is because of God's forgiveness of you. When forgiveness is focused on the offender, your rights, or the sin, unforgiveness will remain, but when one's focus is on Christ Jesus and his full forgiveness, then how could you not forgive someone else. Forgiving someone does not cancel out the consequences that sin brings, but biblical forgiveness says that one will no longer dwell on the sin against me, that I will move ahead in light of the forgiveness given, and that this is possible because of God's forgiveness in Christ.

### Panhandle Parables

## November Challenge Final Phase

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

I want to begin by saying thanks. I would like to thank the Friona Star for allowing me the space to share my little articles. Thank you as a community for welcoming my family home fourteen years ago, it has gone by quickly and I treasure the friends I have here and am truly thankful for the kind encouragement to keep writing. I am thankful for those of you who choose to read, not just my articles but Brett and Teena's as well. We have much to be thankful for in our community. Friona is a special place.

Now to the final phase of the November Challenge. If you have gone with me this far, I ask you to go just a bit further. Take a good look around you. There is much for which one can be thankful. Finish out the month writing about anything you are thankful for, then live it out every day. You don't have to wait for November to roll around to stop and

be thankful. Live each day with thanksgiving in your heart. Tell your waiter thank you, tell your spouse thank you, tell your children you are thankful for them, but most of all tell God thanks for all the blessings you have daily. Focus your 2025 on being grateful. Choose your words carefully, encourage and build up, don't tear down. Live in humble service to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Live thankful for a risen Savior that gives us hope beyond our days on this earth. Let your life sing of His praises.

We are given too short of time on this earth to live it selfishly or ungratefully. Let your life be one that when it ends those who know you, know you were thankful for them. Be thankful for life itself and thankful for the journey we share together as members of this community. Have a very blessed day and Happy Thanksgiving.

## Being Thankful All The Time

By Teena Hughs

Another embarrassing story (I have many of them, don't I?). I had never thought about thanking God when He does something for me or someone in need. I grew up thanking God at mealtime, but that was it. One afternoon, probably 25-30 years ago, I was driving into Amarillo, and as I was taking an exit off the interstate, it dawned on me, probably with the help of the Holy Spirit, that I needed to start thanking God on a continuous basis for what He does for me. I promise you, it was like a light came on in my head because I had never thought about it before! Since then, I have really made an effort to thank God for big things, but especially for the small things, the things I know without a doubt could only come from Him.

One thing I do need to work on is thanking Him in the tough times or in times of tragedy. The Got Questions website states in an article, “Why is Giving Thanks to God Important?”, “We cannot be both thankful and bitter at the same time. It's not that we are grateful for tragedy, but we can be thankful for who God is, even in the midst of tragedy. He sustains us and gives us strength to endure (James 1:12; 2 Corinthians 12:9). We thank Him for His promise that ‘all things will work together for the good, to those who love God and are called according to His purpose’ (Romans 8:28).”

Two weeks ago, a lady in Sunday school made the statement that God doesn't want to be thanked. I had to disagree, but I don't think she ever came around to my thinking. First Thessalonians 5:18 says, “In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.” According

to the Got Questions website, Psalm 106:1, “Praise the Lord! Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! His faithful love endures forever.” Psalms 107:1 and 118:1 and 1 Chronicles 16:34 are similar verses commanding us to give thanks to God.

When we thank God, we are recognizing and thanking the One who made something happen or allowed something to happen. You are saying that without God, you couldn't have done something, or something wouldn't have happened. You are taking the focus off of you and putting it on God, where it belongs! Do you know self-centered, self-focused people who take credit for everything and give no credit or thanks to God? They are difficult to be around sometimes, aren't they?

One of my favorite songs at this time of year is “Give Thanks” by Don Moen. It is a very simple song; part of it says, “Give thanks with a grateful heart; Give thanks to the Holy One; Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.”

If you have trouble finding something to be thankful for, you can always be thankful with a grateful heart for God who gave us His Son Jesus Christ. It is He who gave you life; it is He who died on a cross so you can be forgiven of your sins and spend eternity in Heaven. It is He who knows the number of hairs on your head and loves you no matter what you do. His amazing mercy and grace, and so many other things, should make each of us thankful, not only on Thanksgiving, but every single day!!!

Take care everyone, and happy, happy Thanksgiving.

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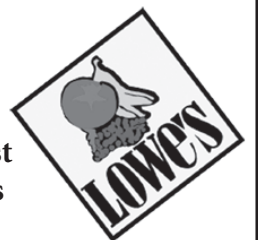


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### November Bible Verse

Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.  
1 Chronicles 29:13 NIV

Por eso, Dios nuestro, te damos gracias y a tu glorioso nombre tributamos alabanzas. 1 Crónicas 29:13 NVI

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### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE THE CITY OF FRIONA BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION

A public hearing will be held on **Monday, December 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** at City Council Chambers, 619 Main Street, Friona, Texas 79035 before the City of Friona Building Standards Commission to determine whether the buildings or structures listed below comply with the standards set out in Article 3.700 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Friona.

According to the law, the owner, lienholder, or mortgagee will be required to submit at the hearing proof of the scope of any work that may be required to comply with article 3.700 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Friona, and the time it will take to reasonably perform the work. Those properties include the following:

1. GUASIN, LUIS & AMY  
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1409 EUCLID  
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708 PROSPECT  
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**ATTENTION:** The real property described in this Notice is subject to pending civil enforcement action by the City of Friona regarding alleged dangerous, dilapidated, or substandard building; or nuisance condition on the property. If the building(s) on the real property are found to be in violation of the standards set forth in article 3.700 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Friona, the City of Friona Building Standards Commission may order that the building(s) be repaired, vacated, removed or demolished, secured, or the occupants relocated, by the owner, mortgagee or lienholder within a reasonable time, usually not to exceed 30 days. If the Commission's Order given to the owner, mortgagee, or lienholder is not complied with in the allowed time, the City may vacate, secure, remove, or demolish the building(s) or relocate the occupants of the building(s). The expenses incurred by the City shall be a personal obligation of the property owner in addition to a priority lien being placed upon the real property to secure payment. You may obtain further information about the current status of such enforcement action by contacting the City of Friona City Hall, 623 Main Street, Friona, Texas 79035.

### AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA LA CIUDAD DE FRIONA COMISIÓN DE NORMAS DE CONSTRUCCIÓN

Se llevará a cabo una audiencia pública el **lunes 9 de diciembre de 2024 a las 6:00 p. m.** en la Sala del Concejo Municipal, 619 Main Street, Friona, Texas 79035 ante la Comisión de Normas de Construcción de la Ciudad de Friona para determinar si los edificios o estructuras que se enumeran a continuación cumplen con las normas establecidas en el Artículo 3.700 del Código de Ordenanzas de la Ciudad de Friona.

Según la ley, el propietario, acreedor prendario o acreedor hipotecario deberá presentar en la audiencia pruebas del alcance de cualquier trabajo que pueda requerirse para cumplir con el artículo 3.700 del Código de Ordenanzas de la Ciudad de Friona y el tiempo que tomará realizar razonablemente el trabajo. Esas propiedades incluyen las siguientes:

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# Amponsah wins 2nd National Championship, Buffs finish fourth

**CANYON, Texas** - West Texas A&M's William Amponsah remains atop of the Division II cross country mountain as the senior claimed his second straight NCAA Division II Cross Country National Championship on Saturday afternoon at Arcade Creek Cross Country Course in Sacramento, California.

The Agona Swedru, Ghana native ran a time of 29:40.8 over the 10K course to pick up a 5.1 second victory over Ryan Hartman of Augustana (29:45.9). Amponsah becomes the 14th runner in DII history to win multiple individual crowns and the first since Tabor Stevens of Adams State in 2013 and 2014.

West Texas A&M becomes the 13th program in Division II history to have multiple individual national champions to join: Abilene Christian (6), Adams State

(6), North Dakota State (5), Edinboro (3), Emporia State (2), Western Colorado (2), Cal Poly (2), Lewis (2), Loras (2), South Dakota State (2), Texas A&M-Commerce (2) and UC Irvine (2).

The Buffaloes claimed a fourth-place finish for the second straight season as they had three runners in-

side of the Top-10 for a total of 138 points, the lowest point total in program history at the NCAA Championships.

**Harry Louradour crossed the finish line in fifth with a time of 29:48.4 followed by Friona product Adrian Legarreta in 10th with a time of 29:55.3. Amponsah, Louradour and Legarreta earned All-American honors.** Enrico Oddone finished 70th (31:02.9) followed by Matthys Bourse (76th, 31:06.2), Dennis Cheruiyot (148th, 31:49.8) and Prince Mcabelo (257th, 34:56.4).

Colorado School of Mines claimed their fourth National Championship with a team total of 63 points followed by 2023 Champion Wingate (66 points), Adams State (113 points), West Texas A&M (138 points), Grand Valley State (171 points), Chico State (192 points), Pittsburg State (278 points), East Central (300

points), Western Colorado (300 points) and Northwest Missouri State (323 points) to round out the top-10.

The Buffs now turn their attention to indoor track & field

season as they participate in the Boo Rogers Combined Events and the Crimson & Gold Invitational hosted by Pittsburg State on December 6-7.

## WT Men's Cross Country History at the NCAA Championships

- 2013 - 14th (390 points)
- 2014 - 11th (303 points)
- 2015 - 18th (440 points)
- 2016 - 20th (532 points)
- 2017 - 14th (412 points)
- 2018 - 15th (444 points)
- 2019 - 10th (351 points)
- 2021 - 22nd (528 points)
- 2022 - 15th (400 points)
- 2023 - 4th (142 points)
- 2024 - 4th (138 points)

## Adrian Legarreta WTAMU Career Bio LSC Second Team All-Conference (2024)



**Adrian Legarreta**  
2021 FHS Graduate

**2024 Outdoor:** Competed at the Lone Star Track and Field Championships in the 5,000m (14:40.49; 3rd place) and in the 10,000m (31:29.09; 3rd place). Recorded multiple personal records in the 10,000m (Bryan Clay Invitational; 24:43.36; 5th place), in the 5,000m (96th Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays; 14:20.12; 8th place), and in the 1500m (WT Spring Break Open; 3:57.62; 2nd place). Received Second-Team All-Conference honors for the 2024 outdoor season.

**2024 Indoor:** Competed at the Lone Star Indoor Track and Field Championships and earned a personal best in the 3000m with a time of 8:24.92, placing 2nd. Legarreta also placed 3rd at the Lone Star Championships in the 5000m with a time of 14:31.34, placing 3rd. Earned an additional PR at the Jarvis Scott Open in the mile with a time of 4:15.65, earning 10th place.

**2023 Cross Country:** Competed in the NCAA Division II Cross Country Championship in the 10k with a time of 31:19.1 and helped the Buffs to a fourth place finish... Competed in the NCAA Division II South Central Region

Cross Country Championships earning a personal best time in the 10k (30:59.7).. Earned a personal best time in the 8k (24:53.6) at the Lone Star Conference Cross Country Championship... Earned a final personal best at the Big Country Festival in the 5k (15:34.4) placing 5th.

**2022 Cross Country:** Finished 22nd at the LSC Championship. Finished 17th in the 8k at the NMJC Cross Country Invitational II with a personal best time of 26:00.4. Finished 44th in the 6k at the Big Country XC Festival with a personal best time of 20:43.5.



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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Jimmy Gale Maynard, Deceased, were issued on November 19, 2024, in Cause No. P03398, pending in the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to: Jimmy Don Maynard.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Betsy S. Clark**  
Attorney at Law  
PO Box 236  
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DATED the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

/s/ Betsy S. Clark

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DATED the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

/s/ Betsy S. Clark

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TARIFAS DE SERVICIOS DE GAS NATURAL**

On October 25, 2024, Atmos Energy Corporation’s (“Atmos Energy” or “the Company”) West Texas Division (“WTX Division”) filed a proposed systemwide cost of service and accompanying Statement of Intent with the Railroad Commission of Texas (“Commission”) and each municipality served by the WTX Division. The Statement of Intent seeks to change the gas utility rates charged by the Company to customers within all incorporated and unincorporated areas served by the WTX Division. The incorporated areas of the WTX Division are comprised of Amarillo, Lubbock, Dalhart, and Channing (collectively, the “ALDC Cities”) and the cities of Abernathy, Amherst, Anton, Big Spring, Bovina, Brownfield, Buffalo Springs Lake, Canyon, Coahoma, Crosbyton, Dimmitt, Earth, Edmonson, Floydada, Forsan, Friena, Fritch, Hale Center, Happy, Hart, Hereford, Idalou, Kress, Lake Tanglewood, Lamesa, Levelland, Littlefield, Lockney, Lorenzo, Los Ybanez, Meadow, Midland, Muleshoe, Nazareth, New Deal, New Home, Odessa, O’Donnell, Olton, Opdyke West, Palisades, Pampa, Panhandle, Petersburg, Plainview, Post, Quitaque, Ralls, Ransom Canyon, Ropesville, Sanford, Seagraves, Seminole, Shallowater, Silverton, Slaton, Smyer, Springlake, Stanton, Sudan, Tahoka, Timbercreek Canyon, Tulia, Turkey, Vega, Wellman, Wilson, Wolfforth (collectively, the “WTX Cities”).

The proposed change in rates will affect residential, commercial, industrial, transportation, and public authority customers within all incorporated and unincorporated areas served by the WTX Division, which includes the incorporated ALDC Cities, WTX Cities, the Triangle system, and all unincorporated areas served by the WTX Division. The proposed effective date of the requested rate change is November 29, 2024.

**If approved, the proposed rates will increase the annual revenues received from the unincorporated and incorporated areas served by the WTX Division by approximately \$66.1 million, which is a change of 19.95% including gas costs and 31.54% excluding gas costs. Because the proposed changes will increase the Company’s total aggregate revenue within the WTX Division by more than 2.5%, the proposed changes, if approved, constitute a “major change” in rates as that term is defined by Tex. Util. Code § 104.101. The proposed rates do not, however, exceed 115% of the average of all rates for similar services within all municipalities served by the Company within the same counties, pursuant to Tex. Util. Code § 104.006.**

The Company proposes to implement the rates included in Tables below:

**TABLE 1 – Proposed Rate Changes for WTX Cities Customers**

Customer Class	Number of Customers Affected	Current Customer Charge	Proposed Customer Charge	Current Consumption Charge (per Ccf)	Proposed Consumption Charge (per Ccf)
Residential	133,135	\$ 19.69	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.43304	\$ 0.66215
Commercial	10,333	\$ 67.39	\$ 75.00	\$ 0.21728	\$ 0.27727
Industrial & Transportation	38	\$ 772.87	\$ 900.00	\$ 0.12145	\$ 0.07749
Public Authority*	1,314	\$ 186.36	\$ 75.00	\$ 0.19014	\$ 0.27727

**TABLE 2 – Proposed Rate Changes for Amarillo, Dalhart, and Channing Customers**

Customer Class	Number of Customers Affected	Current Customer Charge	Proposed Customer Charge	Current Consumption Charge (per Ccf)	Proposed Consumption Charge (per Ccf)
Residential	67,066	\$ 24.36	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.32946	\$ 0.66215
Commercial	5,901	\$ 79.61	\$ 75.00	\$ 0.19071	\$ 0.27727
Industrial & Transportation	22	\$ 1,038.10	\$ 900.00	\$ 0.14422	\$ 0.07749
Public Authority*	300	\$ 103.83	\$ 75.00	\$ 0.26346	\$ 0.27727

**TABLE 3 – Proposed Rate Changes for Lubbock Customers**

Customer Class	Number of Customers Affected	Current Customer Charge	Proposed Customer Charge	Current Consumption Charge (per Ccf)	Proposed Consumption Charge (per Ccf)
Residential	73,553	\$ 24.36	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.40078	\$ 0.66215
Commercial	6,099	\$ 79.61	\$ 75.00	\$ 0.19856	\$ 0.27727
Industrial & Transportation	36	\$ 1,038.10	\$ 900.00	\$ 0.11225	\$ 0.07749
Public Authority*	254	\$ 103.83	\$ 75.00	\$ 0.24975	\$ 0.27727

**TABLE 4 – Proposed Rate Changes for Triangle System Customers Moving to the WTX Division Transportation Tariff\*\***

WTX TRIANGLE CITY GATE/TRANSPORTATION SERVICE			
Charge	Current	Tariff to be withdrawn & customers moved to proposed transportation rate shown below	Difference*
Customer Charge	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
Consumption Charge per Ccf	\$0.62307 MMBtu	\$0.07749 Ccf	\$0.01428

\*The current consumption charge is \$0.62307 MMBtu. This rate has been converted to the equivalent Ccf rate of \$0.06321 using a conversion Ccf rate \$ 0.1015 to determine the consumption charge difference.

**TABLE 5 – Proposed Rate Changes for Unincorporated Areas Customers**

Customer Class	Number of Customers Affected	Current Customer Charge	Proposed Customer Charge	Current Consumption Charge (per Ccf)	Proposed Consumption Charge (per Ccf)
Residential	19,768	\$ 35.11	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.21224	\$ 0.66215
Commercial	2,297	\$ 96.65	\$ 75.00	\$ 0.11722	\$ 0.27727
Industrial & Transportation	91	\$ 1,237.64	\$ 900.00	\$ 0.06895	\$ 0.07749
Public Authority*	187	\$ 286.27	\$ 75.00	\$ 0.09518	\$ 0.27727

The average bill impacts identified in Tables 6-10 below have been calculated based on a \$0.41067 per Ccf cost of gas with the exception of Transportation and Triangle System customers, which do not receive a cost of gas.

**TABLE 6 – Impact on Average Bill for WTX Cities Customers**

Customer Class (Average Monthly Usage Ccf)	Current Average Monthly Bill with Gas Cost	Proposed Average Monthly Bill with Gas Cost	Proposed Monthly Change	Percentage Change with Gas Cost	Percentage Change without Gas Cost
Residential (45.6)	\$ 61.51	\$ 78.17	\$ 16.66	27.09%	39.96%
Commercial (233.1)	\$ 226.06	\$ 248.89	\$ 22.84	10.10%	18.29%
Industrial (2,898.6)	\$ 2,448.40	\$ 2,448.09	\$ (0.31)	(0.01)%	(0.03)%
Transportation (18,762.2)	\$ 3,227.02	\$ 2,489.22	\$ (737.80)	N/A	(22.86)%
Public Authority* (618.4)	\$ 589.98	\$ 529.20	\$ (60.78)	(10.30)%	(18.91)%

**TABLE 7 – Impact on Average Bill for Amarillo, Dalhart, and Channing Customers**

Customer Class (Average Monthly Usage Ccf)	Current Average Monthly Bill with Gas Cost	Proposed Average Monthly Bill with Gas Cost	Proposed Monthly Change	Percentage Change with Gas Cost	Percentage Change without Gas Cost
Residential (59.4)	\$ 72.25	\$ 93.83	\$ 21.57	29.86%	46.44%
Commercial (339.4)	\$ 300.03	\$ 326.23	\$ 26.19	8.73%	17.16%
Industrial (13,903.7)	\$ 9,256.42	\$ 8,129.22	\$ (1,127.20)	(12.18)%	(35.02)%
Transportation (49,395.9)	\$ 8,631.33	\$ 4,999.50	\$ (3,631.83)	N/A	(42.08)%
Public Authority* (1,243.7)	\$ 996.42	\$ 984.10	\$ (12.32)	(1.24)%	(2.70)%

**TABLE 8 – Impact on Average Bill for Lubbock Customers**

Customer Class (Average Monthly Usage Ccf)	Current Average Monthly Bill with Gas Cost	Proposed Average Monthly Bill with Gas Cost	Proposed Monthly Change	Percentage Change with Gas Cost	Percentage Change without Gas Cost
Residential (49.9)	\$ 68.58	\$ 83.05	\$ 14.47	21.10%	30.84%
Commercial (284.2)	\$ 267.29	\$ 286.07	\$ 18.78	7.03%	13.06%
Industrial (7,140.6)	\$ 5,046.46	\$ 4,637.92	\$ (408.53)	(8.10)%	(21.00)%
Transportation (37,671.1)	\$ 5,569.54	\$ 4,038.71	\$ (1,530.83)	N/A	(27.49)%
Public Authority* (1,031.7)	\$ 830.33	\$ 829.87	\$ (0.46)	(0.06)%	(0.12)%

**TABLE 9 – Impact on Average Bill for Triangle System Customers Moving to the WTX Division Transportation Tariff**

Customer Class (Average Monthly Usage Ccf)	Current Average Monthly Bill with Gas Cost	Proposed Average Monthly Bill with Gas Cost	Proposed Monthly Change	Percentage Change with Gas Cost	Percentage Change without Gas Cost
City Gate/Transportation (168,715)	\$ 11,227.95	\$ 14,777.08	\$ 3,499.12	N/A	31.03%

**TABLE 10 – Impact on Average Bill for Unincorporated Areas Customers**

Customer Class (Average Monthly Usage Ccf)	Current Average Monthly Bill with Gas Cost	Proposed Average Monthly Bill with Gas Cost	Proposed Monthly Change	Percentage Change with Gas Cost	Percentage Change without Gas Cost
Residential (65.2)	\$ 80.08	\$ 100.41	\$ 20.33	25.39%	39.27%
Commercial (438.9)	\$ 347.22	\$ 398.61	\$ 51.39	14.80%	32.81%
Industrial (3,426.4)	\$ 3,046.67	\$ 2,720.55	\$ (326.12)	(10.70)%	(20.92)%
Transportation (20,908.0)	\$ 2,833.32	\$ 2,665.06	\$ (168.26)	N/A	(5.94)%
Public Authority* (1,811.2)	\$ 1,271.61	\$ 1,396.96	\$ 125.35	9.86%	25.84%

\*Note to Tables 1 through 3 and 5 through 10: The Company is proposing to withdraw its Public Authority tariff and transition customers taking service under this tariff to the Commercial Gas Service tariff at the rates shown above.

\*\* Note to Table 4: The Company proposes to withdraw the Triangle system tariff(s) in effect within the unincorporated areas and the Cities of Lubbock and Hereford. Customers taking service under the Triangle system tariff(s) will move to the Transportation Gas Service tariff or the proposed Rate Schedule-WAT, as applicable. Only three Triangle system customers that have a unique character of service off of the Triangle system are eligible for the proposed, new Rate Schedule - WAT.

In addition to the proposed change in rates and withdrawal of the Public Authority and Triangle system tariff(s), the Company seeks to:

- Obtain a prudence determination on the capital investment made in the existing WTX system between January 1, 2018 and September 30, 2024, as well as the investment made in the Triangle system between April 1, 2019 and September 30, 2024;
- Obtain a Commission determination that the WTX Division has correctly reflected changes to utility rates to account for all the impacts of the lowered federal corporate income tax rate consistent with the Accounting Order issued in Gas Utilities Docket (“GUD”) No. 10695;
- Establish new depreciation rates for the WTX Division’s plant assets, as well as the plant assets held by Atmos Energy’s Shared Services Unit;
- Obtain approval to record Cloud Computing costs as a capital investment recoverable through its annual interim rate adjustment filings made pursuant to Tex. Util. Code § 104.301;
- Increase the meals and lodging limitations to levels that have been approved as reasonable by the Commission in recent rate proceedings;
- Adopt a new System Safety & Integrity Rider (“Rider SSI”) that will, based on a benchmark established as part of this request, allow the Company to recover or refund to customers, third-party expenses incurred for: (1) inspection activities to confirm that there is no existing cross-bore damage on facilities installed prior to 2016; (2) specific damage prevention activities necessary to install technology to make unlocatable facilities electronically locatable; (3) incremental leak surveying and detection activities conducted by third-party contractors; (4) supervisory activities related to third-party excavation near Atmos Energy facilities; and (5) pipeline integrity testing and records review required by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. The pipeline integrity testing and records review costs will capture both activities currently being performed within the legacy WTX system and the Triangle system activities currently being recorded to the SSI regulatory asset as authorized by the Commission in GUD No. 10900;
- Adopt a new Rate Schedule - WAT for the WTX Division’s unincorporated areas, which will grandfather the service currently being provided to three existing customers with a unique character of service currently receiving transportation service on the Triangle system;
- Adopt a new Rider SUR - Surcharges (“Rider SUR”), which will provide for: (1) the recovery of the outstanding interest expense balance related to Winter Storm Uri (2) the recovery of authorized rate case expenses; (3) the refund of uncertain tax provisions, which have historically been referred to as FIN 48; (4) the recovery of the existing SSI regulatory asset balance; (5) the refund of the residual Excess Deferred Income Tax (“EDIT”) amortization balance to customers. The Company further proposes to recover Rider SSI amounts under the Rider SUR, if the tariff is approved. The Company further notes that it is proposing area-specific Rider SUR - Surcharges due to timing differences to assist with cost recovery of interest expenses related to Winter Storm Uri and the refund of residual EDIT amortization balance to all unincorporated customers;
- Withdraw the Rate Review Mechanism (RRM) tariff currently in effect in the WTX Cities so that new base rates resulting from the Statement of Intent filing can take effect;
- Adopt updated tariffs reflective of the WTX Division’s actual cost of providing service, align operating division nomenclature, update its line extension policy, and clarify the responsibilities of the utility and its customers;
- Identify the specific annual amount of Pension and Other Postemployment Benefits as provided for in Tex. Util. Code § 104.059; and
- Recover all of its reasonable rate case expenses.

In addition to the adoption of the proposed Rider SSI and Rider SUR discussed above, the Company proposes additional tariff changes. In the Company’s Gas Sales Service Tariff, the Company proposes to revise its WTX Division Residential, Commercial, Industrial & Transportation rate schedules to reflect the proposed rates and to provide additional clarity regarding the applicability of state and local taxes. The Company also proposes to revise its Industrial & Transportation tariffs to revise and/or emphasize certain terms of service.

The Company also proposes rename its Other Service Charges tariff to Miscellaneous Service Charges to align operating division nomenclature and achieve consistency with the references to Miscellaneous Charges in the gas sales service tariffs. The Company proposes to adopt a definitional section in its tariffs and update the Quality of Service tariff. The proposed Quality of Service tariff revisions include a new construction section and clarify Atmos Energy’s line extension policy, as well as the Company’s right to access customer premises for operational purposes, including the installation of necessary equipment, as well as what customers’ responsibilities are if Company facilities are damaged. The Company has also included language to further clarify billing adjustments. Lastly, the changes describe in more detail the responsibilities of customers for their facilities and equipment and the limitations of responsibility of the Company for loss or damages. Finally, the Company proposes to revise the Rider TAX - Tax Adjustment tariff to clarify the applicability of the Rider and address: (1) the treatment of residual EDIT; (2) the proposed refund of amounts related to the Company’s FASB 740-10 FIN 48 Uncertain Tax Positions; and (3) timing issues created by tax rate changes that may be made at the local, state, and federal levels, as well as the implementation of the Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax, which was signed into law in August 2022.

Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at 1-888-286-6700. Complete copies of the filed Statement of Intent, including all proposed rates, schedules and tariffs are available for inspection at Atmos Energy’s offices located at 6606 66th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79424 and on our website at <https://www.atmosenergy.com/utility-operationsrates/tariffs-west-texas/west-texas/>

In addition, any affected person within the unincorporated areas served by the WTX Division may file written comments or a protest concerning the proposed rate change with the Docket Services Section of the Office of the Hearings Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, at any time within 30 days following the date on which the change would or has become effective, or December 29, 2024. Please reference Docket No. OS-24-00018879. Any affected person within an incorporated area may contact his or her city council.

Este aviso tiene como fin informarles a los clientes de Atmos Energy Corporation de West Texas Division (la “Compañía”) que la Compañía ha presentado una solicitud para aumentar las tarifas del servicio público de gas. Esta solicitud afecta a todos los clientes en las áreas servidas por Atmos Energy Corporation. Las personas que deseen hacer preguntas específicas o recibir más información sobre esta solicitud pueden comunicarse con la Compañía llamando al 1-888-286-6700. Cualquier persona afectada puede presentar por escrito comentarios o una protesta sobre el cambio de tarifas propuesto a Docket Services Section, Office of the Hearings Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, en cualquier momento dentro de los 30 días siguientes a la fecha en que este cambio entrará en vigencia. Por favor haga referencia a Docket No. OS-24-00018879. Cualquier persona afectada dentro de un área incorporada puede contactar a su Consejo Municipal.





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# Sports

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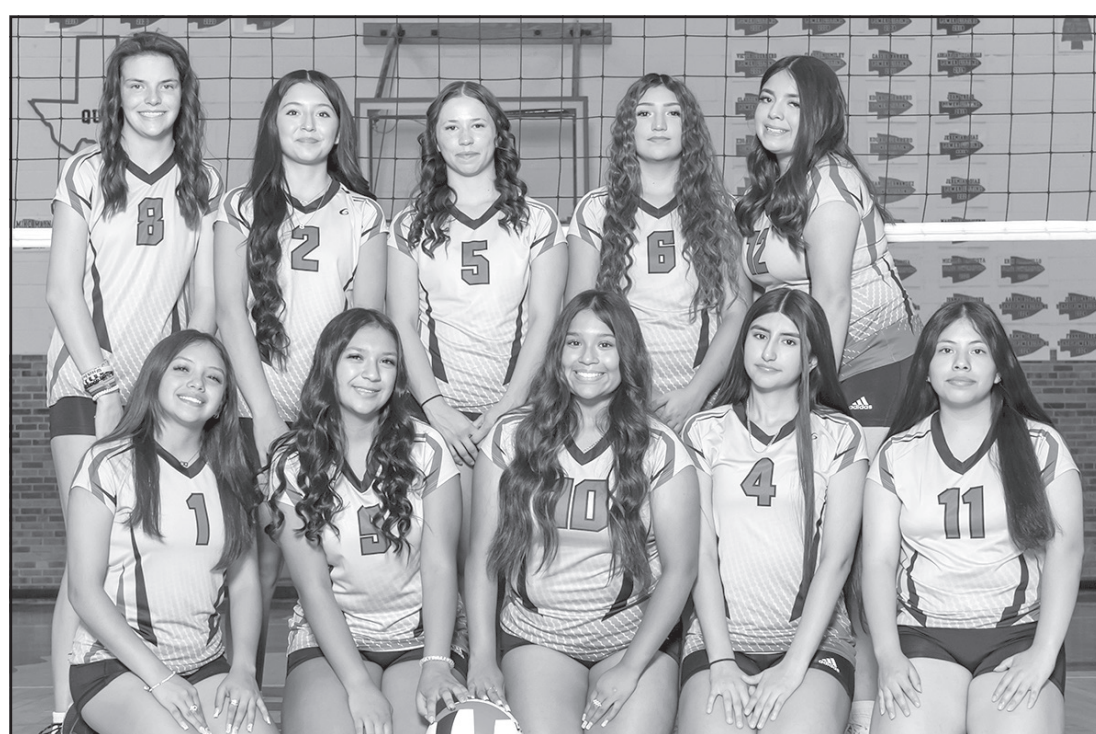
# 2024 Volleyball Teams



**Varsity**



**Junior Varsity**



**C Team**



**8th Grade A Team**



**8th Grade B Team**



**7th Grade A Team**



**7th Grade B Team**

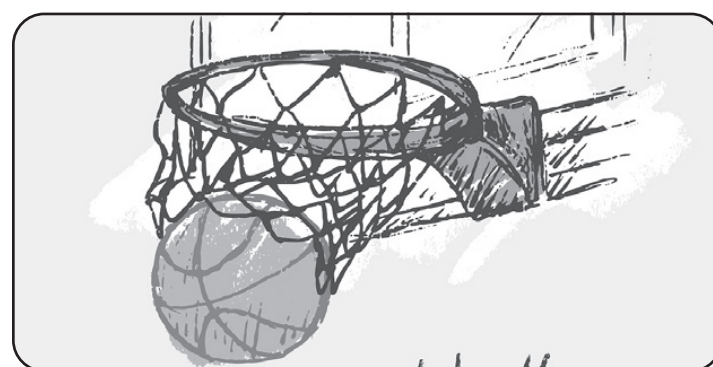
## Scoreboard

### Plains Tournament Thursday thru Saturday

**Thursday 21st**  
Sudan 67 Friona 44  
Brice Jeter 10, Justen Trevino 10, Damian Sanchez 7, Maddox Ashlock 6, Tony Diaz 5, Mason Ramos 2, Rafael Rocha 2, Bryer Stanberry 2

**Friday 22nd**  
Plains 79 Friona 35  
Tony Diaz 10, Justen Trevino 6, Brice Jeter 5, Damian Sanchez 4, Mason Ramos 3, Maddox Ashlock 3, Rafael Rocha 2, Bryer Stanberry 2

**Saturday 23rd**  
All Saints 49 Friona 32  
Tony Diaz 8, Mason Ramos 7, Damian Sanchez 7, Brice Jeter 5, Rafael Rocha 3, Bryer Stanberry 2



### Upcoming Games

**High School Basketball**  
December 3rd  
Friona vs. Hart  
JVB/JVG/VG/VB  
5:00/5:00/6:15/7:30

**Junior High Basketball**  
Friona Maidens  
Monday Dec. 2 vs. Shallowater  
Friona Braves  
Monday Dec. 2 @ Shallowater



# Five holiday safety tips to prevent fires

AgriLife Extension encourages families to stay safe throughout holiday celebrations

by Adam Russell

The holidays bring joy, but unfortunately, they also bring increased risk of fires in homes. Candle, electrical and cooking fires occur the most during the holiday season.

Bryan Davis, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Disaster Assessment and Recovery South Region area chief, Seguin, offers five reminders for families across the state to keep in mind as the holidays progress.

**Tip 1: Be mindful of candles in the home**

Davis cautions against forgetting to extinguish candles, because it can be an easy mistake. Remember to put them out before you leave the house or go to bed. If needed, he encourages setting a reminder on your phone when you light them, especially if you have forgotten to put them out in the past.

Similarly, keep your candles away from flammable items like curtains and Christmas trees. Use sturdy candle holders with a drip plate for hot wax. Also, keep candles in sight to reduce the chances

of someone knocking them over. Always remember that pets can easily knock over candles.

Replace your candles before they burn all the way down. Never place candles directly on surfaces like mantles, furniture or countertops.

**Tip 2: Use electrical lighting alternatives**

Although candles are nice and contribute to a holiday ambiance, they can cause fires. A safer way to light up your home for the holidays is to use battery-operated flameless candles. They provide ambiance and some also produce fragrance.

When putting up lights inside or outside your house, check for damaged or old wiring. This can be a fire hazard, so replace any faulty wires. Using LED lights are also the best option because they generate less heat than filament bulbs.

**Tip 3: Be careful with holiday greenery**

While holiday greenery and Christmas trees are a tradition and house fires caused by



Always use caution when burning candles in the house. Remember to extinguish them and never place them near flammable objects or on flammable furniture. (Adobe Stock photo)

them are relatively rare, they do occur. Davis reminds us that real trees can burn extremely rapidly, which increases the danger.

One trick is to pick a tree that is still fresh and to preserve its freshness when you get home.

When shopping for a real tree, two signs of freshness will be a deep green color and that its needles do not shed when you shake its limbs. Once you get home, cut a few inches from the tree's base and submerge it in water to get moisture to the needles. After a few hours, place the tree in

a holder with a water reservoir and check the water level daily.

Be especially mindful of light strands on trees and inspect them for any frays or exposed wiring. When choosing an artificial tree, buy one labeled "fire resistant" to add that layer of fire protection.

**Tip 4: Practice extra caution when cooking**

Cooking fires are most common between Thanksgiving and New Year's. Therefore, there is no better time than now to plan for fire prevention. Davis recommends storing a Class

K fire extinguisher in or near the kitchen because it can put out grease fires.

If you're smoking or frying a turkey, make sure your equipment is a safe distance from the house, as you don't want embers to ignite fallen leaves or dry grass. You also don't want an oil fire to catch your deck or garage ceiling on fire. Level, barren ground or a concrete or rock surface can be safer spots to grill, smoke or use a fryer.

Thaw turkeys completely before placing them in a fryer. The key is to avoid adding too

much oil to the pot. If you do, the turkey may cause a spill onto the burner. You also want to lower the turkey in slowly to avoid a splash of oil contacting the burner and then catching fire.

**Tip 5: Learn the fundamentals of fireplace safety**

Fireplaces may not get much use in the more southern parts of Texas, however safety should be a priority when using them. Make sure the flume is clear of any debris like soot buildup or bird nests before the first fire. Also, use fire screens to stop embers from escaping. Always make sure the fire is out before going to bed.

Keep trees, decorations and other flammable material a safe distance from them as well.

"It's just a good practice to think about safety as it relates to these seasonal activities," Davis said. "The holidays can be busy and stressful but following these simple tips will help prevent fires. This way, you can enjoy your time with family and friends."

## Friona School Calendar for December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 -JH Basketball vs. Shallowater G(H) B(T)	3 -JH All Region Auditions -HS Basketball vs. Hart	4	5 -VG/VB Whiteface Basketball Tourney	6 -VG/VB Whiteface Basketball Tourney	7 -VG/VB Whiteface Basketball Tourney
8	9  -JH Basketball vs. Idalou G(T) B(H)	10 -VG Basketball vs. Dimmitt -JV/VB Basketball @ Denver City	11	12 -Choir Christmas Program @ 7:00	13 -VG Basketball @ Littlefield -JV/VB Basketball @ Lubbock	14 -AG Dodgeball Games
15	16 -FISD Board Meeting -JH Basketball vs. Dimmitt G(H) B(T)	17 -Band Christmas Concert -HS Basketball vs. Idalou	18	19 -Early Release for Students	20 -Early Release for Staff/Students	21
22 	23 <b>Christmas Break</b> 	24	25 Christmas Day 	26 <b>Christmas Break</b>	27 -VG/VB Smyer Basketball Tournament 	28 - VG/VB Smyer Basketball Tournament 
29	30	31 	1 -No School 	2 -No School	3 -No School -HS Basketball @ Shallowater	4





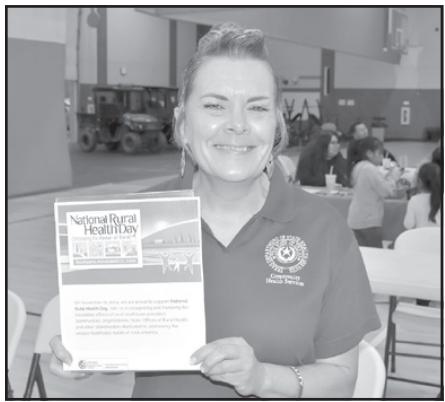
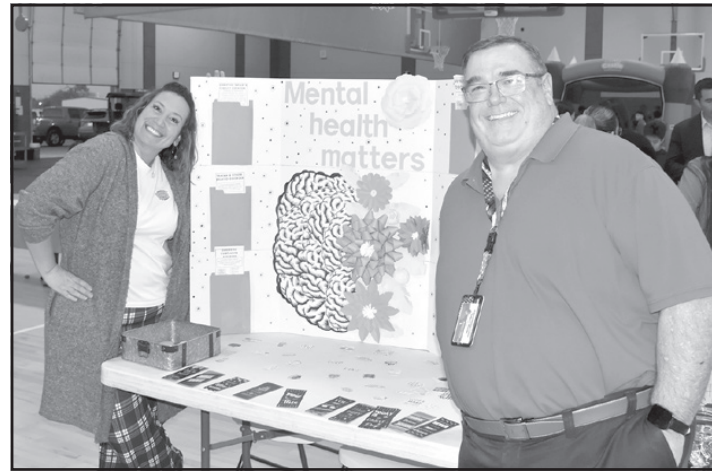
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November 21, 2024

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