



Monday, December 9, 2024 Schedule of Events

4:30 p.m.

- Santa arrives at the City Park with Miss Friona Kitzy Welch and Little Miss Liz' Marie Quezada
- Mayor Lewellen's welcome speech
- FFA students gather children's letters to Santa
- Choir will sing Christmas carols
- Cupcake Decorating Station
- Ornament Decorating Station
- Vendors and Food Trailers in the Park

6:00 p.m.

- Christmas Parade of Lights participants line up on Euclid between 10th & 7th Streets

6:30 p.m.

- Christmas Parade of Lights begins



Parmer Paws Receives Donation



In the photo — (l-r) Greg & Jamie Lewellen, Julie Butler, Lupe Salinas, Pam & Danny Kendrick.

On Monday, Parmer Paws volunteers Lupe Salinas and Pam Kendrick received a check for \$50,000 from the Pudge Kendrick Memorial Golf Tournament. The annual PK Memorial golf tourney raised a total of \$75,000 this past year. Besides the Parmer Paws

donation, the Hereford Cancer Coalition and Parmer County Cancer Coalition also received \$12,500 each.

Greg & Jamie Lewellen are the co-chairs of the Parmer County Cancer Coalition and Julie Butler is the chair of the Hereford Cancer

Coalition. Danny Kendrick is the owner of Kendrick Oil Company.

The donation was part of the Panhandle Gives project and the Parmer Paws Animal Outreach Center could receive additional funds when those donations are distributed.

City of Friona To Issue Vehicle Registration Tags

The City of Friona is pleased to announce that it will be taking over the process of issuing vehicle registration tags, a responsibility previously managed by the Friona Chamber of Commerce. This change is designed to better serve our residents by offering extended hours of operation. Vehicle registration tags will now be available at Friona City Hall, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. With the renewal notice you must bring proof of insurance and inspection valid through December 31st. Only cash and checks will be accepted, and checks will need to be from a local bank.

"This adjustment was made with our

community's convenience in mind, ensuring greater flexibility and accessibility for residents. We are committed to providing services that align with the needs of Friona's residents, and this new arrangement reflects our dedication to that mission," said Friona City Manager Lee Davila. "By moving vehicle registration services to City Hall, this gives families and individuals more options to take care of important tasks without having to drive to Farwell. It's all about listening to what the community needs and delivering solutions that work."

Información de Registros de Vehículos

La ciudad de Friona se complace en anunciar que nos haremos cargo del

proceso de emisión de placas de registro de vehículos, una responsabilidad que anteriormente estaba a cargo de la Cámara de Comercio de Friona. Este cambio está diseñado para brindar un mejor servicio a nuestros residentes al ofrecer un horario de atención extendido. Las placas de registro de vehículos estarán disponibles en el Ayuntamiento de Friona de lunes a viernes, de 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m. Junto con el aviso de renovación, debe traer un comprobante de seguro e inspección válidos hasta el 31 de diciembre. Solo se aceptarán efectivo y cheques, que deberán ser de un banco local.

"Este ajuste se realizó teniendo en

cuenta la conveniencia de nuestra comunidad, garantizando una mayor flexibilidad y accesibilidad para los residentes. Estamos comprometidos a brindar servicios que se alineen con las necesidades de los residentes de Friona, y este nuevo acuerdo refleja nuestra dedicación a esa misión", dijo el administrador de la ciudad de Friona, Lee Davila. "Al trasladar los servicios de registro de vehículos al Ayuntamiento, esto les brinda a las familias y a las personas más opciones para ocuparse de tareas importantes sin tener que conducir hasta Farwell. Se trata de escuchar lo que necesita la comunidad y brindar soluciones que funcionen".



Bales on the ground go 'round and 'round — Cotton harvest is back on track after the record setting rainfall the area received during November.

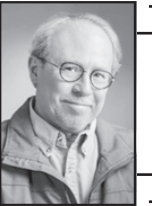
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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Community Calendar

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

December 5

- Chicken Soup Meal @ Senior Center

December 9

- Christmas in the Park

December 10

- Prairie Acres Christmas Party

December 11

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

December 12

- Tacos Meal @ Senior Center
- Christmas Choir Program @ 7:00 p.m. at FHS Auditorium

December 16

- Pork Chops Meal @ Senior Center

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Deportation vow alarms construction industry

The state's construction industry is voicing concern that President-elect Trump's vow to deport millions of undocumented immigrants would cause major labor shortfalls, according to the Texas Standard. "It would devastate our industry, we wouldn't finish our highways, we wouldn't finish our schools," said Stan Marek, CEO of Marek, a Houston-based commercial and residential construction giant. "Housing would disappear. I think they'd lose half their labor."

Many of the state's cities are on lists of the country's fastest growing communities, and companies rely on undocumented labor. A 2022 report by the American Immigration Council and Texans for Economic Growth indicated more than a half million immigrants were working in the construction industry and nearly 60% of that workforce was undocumented.

Economist Ray Perryman notes that the Texas workforce isn't large enough to keep pace with growth.

"There are more undocumented people working in Texas right now than there are unemployed people in Texas," Perryman said.

Proposed tariffs raise concerns along border region

Trump's intention to levy a 25% tariff on goods imported from Mexico and Canada is raising concerns, particularly along the southern border.

"The biggest impacts are going to be felt by manufacturing companies, transportation companies and warehousing companies," said Tom Fullerton, an

economics professor at the University of Texas at El Paso. "We could end up with a repeat of the 1930s with the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act," which created a trade war and contributed to the Great Depression.

Most goods traded across the three countries are considered intermediary goods, The Texas Tribune reported. An example is an American carmaker importing Chinese electrical parts, sending the vehicle to Mexico for a circuit board, then the vehicle being sent back across the border for finishing in an assembly line in Texas. Fullerton said an individual product could pass between the U.S. and Mexico four to eight times.

Some Texas elected officials have expressed support for Trump's tariffs, however. Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller said tariffs can be an effective negotiating tool to encourage Mexico to shut down the border and said any potential economic impacts would be short-lived.

"We are trying to shut down the flood of illegal immigration," Miller said. "That factor alone offsets any temporary price increase."

Feds can't destroy razor wire, appeals court rules

A federal appeals court has stopped the federal government from destroying razor-wire fencing installed by Texas along the U.S.-Mexico border near Eagle Pass, the San Antonio Express-News reported. The state placed more than 29 miles of wire in the Eagle Pass area in the past year or so. The Border Patrol has cut some of the wire in a long-running dispute between the federal government and the state over who controls the border.

Last week, the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals issued a 2-1 opinion reversing a lower's court's ruling that the federal government could destroy the wire.

"It was shocking to me that the federal government would go out of their way to cut razor wire to allow illegals to cross when we're just trying to protect our own land," Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said.

TxDOT projects save commuters \$915 million

A historic number of projects underway by the Texas Department of Transportation are easing commute times, according to a new report from the Texas A&M Transportation Institute.

Despite the number of miles traveled on state

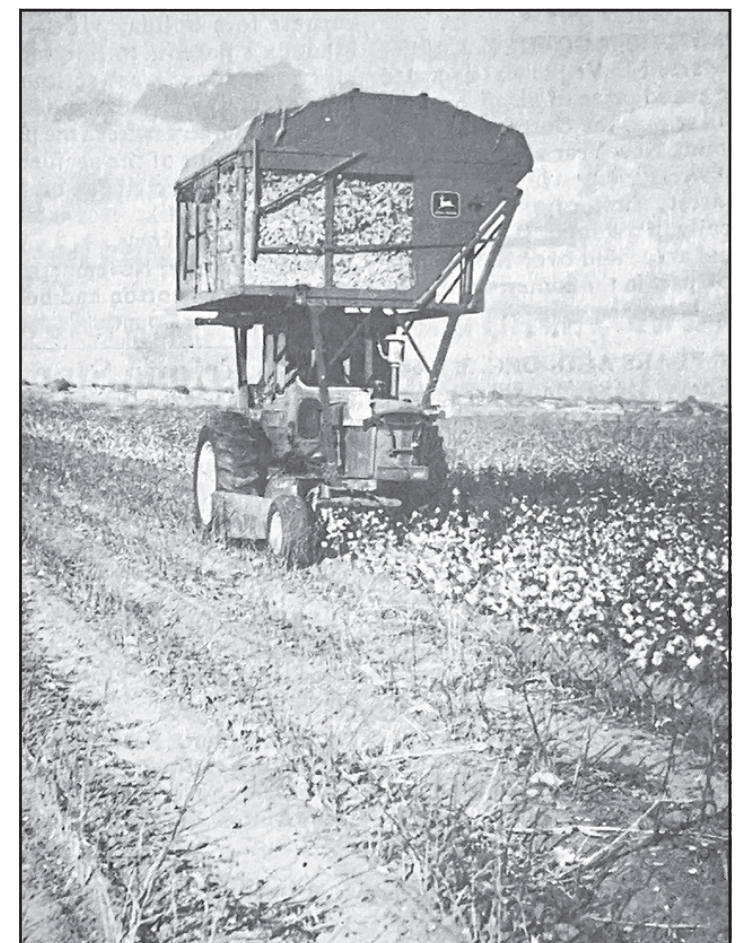
roads increasing by 7% in the past five years, traffic delays are down 7% in that same time period, according to TTI. The study also found commuters are saving an estimated \$915 million in time and fuel costs.

"As our population and economy continue to grow, there's a considerable need for more projects, and this report helps guide our work to areas that need it most," TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams said.

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

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



HARVEST RESUMES . . . The area's cotton crop harvest, which has been delayed, then interrupted due to wet weather, was able to resume late this week, thanks to several dry days. The above stripping was taking place on cotton belonging to Bobby Drake Thursday afternoon just south of Friona.

(Friona Star, Sunday, December 2, 1984)

ACROSS

- 1 Maureen O' _____ starred in 1950 film "Rio Grande"
- 5 Arab ruler
- 6 Waco once hosted "The Great Texas _____ Race"
- 7 NW Tarrant County on highway 199
- 8 Texas actor Tommy _____ Jones
- 9 TX Harvey who wrote the music for "The Fantasticks"
- 16 TX Steve Forrest film "The Longest Day" was about this
- 18 TXism: "he _____ his mouth" (talks without thinking)
- 21 TXism: "_____ hill for a stepper"
- 22 TXism: "feel like _____ chewed up and spit out" (sore)
- 23 Farrow of 1978 film "A Wedding" with TX-born Burnett
- 24 check your blind _____ you drive
- 30 dough balls
- 34 trucker radio
- 35 Dawson County seat
- 36 Texas critic, Rex
- 37 Spanish explorer in El Paso area: Juan de _____
- 39 Lone Star team that won the 2023 World Series
- 43 TXism: "hot as road _____ July"
- 44 1960s TV western

- 45 8th governor, Clark (init.)
- 46 El Paso PBS station
- 47 most tidy
- 49 invisible (2 wds.)
- 52 in Taylor County on highway 84
- 53 TXism: "dot the i's and cross the _____" (finalize)
- 54 2nd governor: George _____
- 55 TXism: "paint _____ red" (celebrate)

DOWN

- 1 "Jackson County _____-Tribune"
- 2 astonished
- 3 in Longview: "East Texas _____ Pistol Club"
- 4 actor Johnson of "Laugh In" with Texas-born Teresa Graves
- 9 Pena's pos. with Houston Astros
- 10 TX J. Frank Dobie book: "Coronado's _____" (1930)
- 11 TX Hilary Duff TV show: "_____ Met Your Father"
- 12 sound made by Texas' "Enchanted Rock"
- 13 "_____ potential"
- 14 TX Patrick Swayze's younger brother (init.)
- 15 Cowboys first coach, Landry
- 17 TXism: "get _____ built" (be still)
- 19 what TX McMurtry writes mostly
- 20 border town in El Paso County
- 24 actress Long of film "Caveman" with TX Dennis Quaid (init.)

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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- 32 Texas youth entry in football: _____ wee
- 33 TXism: "agile as a _____ a hot road"
- 38 sparked
- 40 "_____ of passage"
- 41 lemon or lime suffix
- 42 this Texan recruited lots of Texans for OU (2 wds.)
- 48 tech college with 11 Texas campuses
- 50 "dos" in Mexico
- 51 pig mama
- 56 a Marx brother
- 57 English assignment

No Daddy!

*It has been said,
Seldom is complete truth completed
Without a little disguise or mistake.*

*The same is so for science;
The basis of science
Is not the right answer
But the right question.*

*Ask any lawyer,
The way to the answer you want
Is a question with only one answer.*

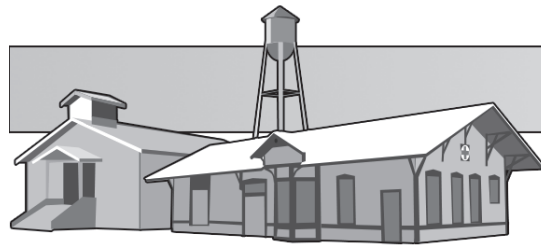
*So is there ever complete truth?
Most assuredly---just ask a child.*

*One day, standing in a ticket line,
A man and his young son
Stood before the teller
With a sign on the window,
'Children six and under are free.'*

*The father told the teller, "I need one ticket,"
The teller asked the father, "How old is your son?"
The father said, "He's six."
The young son screamed,
"No Daddy! No Daddy! I'm seven!"*

*So is there ever complete truth?
Most assuredly---just ask a child.*

*Bwl
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TOWN TALK

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Santa is Coming to Town — Don't forget that Santa Claus will be at the Depot for Christmas in the Park event Monday afternoon. Don't miss your chance to tell him what you want for Christmas and to get your photo taken with him.

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Prairie News — The Prairie Acres Resident of the Month for December is Ingrid McNama. The Employee of the Month for December is Elizabeth Guerrero. She joined the staff in March of 2024 and works in the Nursing Department.

Christmas Cantata — First Baptist Church will be presenting their Christmas Cantata entitled "Christmas Forever Amen" during the morning worship service this Sunday December 8th beginning at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

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High School Choir Concert — The FHS Choir will present their annual Christmas Program on Thursday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

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Texas Facts — In the 1993, Waco Massacre, a 51-day standoff between Texas police and the Branch Davidian religious group resulted in 86 dead, including 25 children. Source: funworldfacts.com

National Days

- December 5— Microwave Oven Day
- December 6 — Faux Fur Friday
- December 7 — Pearl Harbor Day
- December 8 — Brownie Day
- December 9 — Christmas Card Day
- December 10 — Decimal System Day
- December 11 — Stretching Day

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December 7th

- 3 Yard Quilt Class
- Daisies and Diamonds

January 11th

- Block of the Month Class

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COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from November 21, 2024 to November 28, 2024

(11/22/24) Ranza Boggess Jr., Barbara Braham Sanborn — Eric Marion Rushing, Mindy Anne Rushing — 318.816 Acres of Land Lying in Section Out of Section 26 of the Charles E. Harding Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas

(11/26/24) Justin Berg Guenter — Guenter Farms LLC — 159.4 Acres Out of NW Part of Section 4, Block Y, W.D. and F. W. Johnson Subdivision in Bailey County; All of SW/4 of Section 11, in Block Z, W.D. and F.W. Johnson Subdivision in Bailey County

(11/27/24) Debbie Wier — Armando Emmanuel Ruelas, Eleazar De La Cruz — A Tract in NE/4 of Section 2, T14S, R3E, Parmer County, Texas

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office
November 18, 2024 through December 1, 2024
Eric Geske, Sheriff

(11/22/24) Ever Avilio Venegas-Bueso, 37, of Bovina was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Driving While Intoxicated.

(11/23/24) April Jean Garza, 49, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Possession CS PG 1 < 1g and on four Warrants with charges of Fail To Maintain Proof of Financial Responsibility, No Drivers License (2), and Expired Registration.

(11/25/24) Kevin Duane Duncan, 51, of Johnson City, Kansas was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Burglary of a Building.

(11/25/24) Marquez Guillermo, 32, of Bovina was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on three Parmer County Warrants/VOP/MTR/Other on charges of Theft (2) and Assault Causes Bodily Injury.

(11/25/24) Israel Guadalupe Sanchez, 29, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a Castro County Warrant for Driving While Intoxicated.

(11/27/24) Jesus Eduardo Pardo Ramirez, 32, of Lubbock was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Driving w/License Invalid w/Previous Conv/Susp/w/o Financial Restitution.

(11/27/24) Alex Lee Romero, 33, of Muleshoe was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on charges of Evading Arrest Detection w/Vehicle, Possession CS PG 2 < 1g, and Possession Marijuana < 2oz.

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Puzzle Solution

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Find The Friona Elf

WHILE SANTA IS IN FRIONA FOR CHRISTMAS, SOME OF HIS ELVES HAVE DECIDED TO PLAY A GAME! THERE ARE MANY ELVES, EACH HIDING IN A DIFFERENT BUSINESS IN FRIONA

1. GO TO EACH CHAMBER MERCHANT AND FIND THE ELF
2. GET YOUR GUIDE STAMPED OR SIGNED AT EACH MERCHANT
3. WHEN YOU HAVE FOUND EACH ELF, BRING YOUR COMPLETED CARD BACK TO THE CHAMBER OFFICE BY NOON DEC 9TH

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED DURING CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

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Friona Chamber of Commerce

Christmas Open House

DROP IN FOR SPECIALS FROM EACH MERCHANT! FOLLOW THEIR SOCIALS FOR MORE DETAILS!

DECEMBER 6TH & 7TH

VISIT ALL OF OUR FRIONA MERCHANTS

EACH BUSINESS WILL HAVE AN ELF HIDDEN FOR YOU TO FIND TO BE ENTERED IN A DRAWING ON DEC 9TH @ CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK!

#shoplocal

Spread the Joy!

Visit all business merchants on this list, find the hidden elf, and get your card stamped at each merchant.

You will then bring your stamped card to Christmas in the Park on Monday, December 9th for random gift drawings.

Friday Only | December 6th

- Hi-Pro Feeds
- Ward Kellner Properties
- The Looks of Impressions
- State Farm
- Bi-Wize
- Texas Farm Bureau Ins.
- WT Services
- LoneStar Ag
- H&R Block
- TW&M
- Camila's Dream Boutique (Located inside TW&M)
- Property Associates
- Valencia's

Friday & Saturday December 6th & 7th

- Dos Chixx
- Chieftain Nutrition
- Pam's Kitchen
- Malouf's
- Ivy Cottage
- Creative Chaos
- Desert Nomad
- JoJo's Sweet Shoppe (Located inside Dos Chixx)
- Klaussen's Country Store



Happy Anniversary — Happy Tribe Academy celebrated its first year anniversary last week by hosting an open house. Members of the HTA crew on hand were (l-r) Jerri Lynn White, Juanita Garcia, Noelia Correa, Mariza Licerio, Maria Mendoza, Saraya Luna. Not present were Kylee Sifuentes and Elizabeth Gonzalez. The day care center currently has 19 children enrolled.

Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

Ginger Snap Cookies

I know that you are tempted everywhere you turn this time of year with sweets, but I can't help it. I am just drawn to cookie recipes this time of year. In fact, my news feed is filled with lists of all kinds of new cookie recipes I should try. So this month, I have picked a few that I think look easy and delicious. This first one, Ginger Snaps, came from the Simply Christmas project put on by the Extension agents. I have already made this recipe several times and they are amazing. The last time, I rolled the cookies in a smaller ball and had the cutest little cookies to serve.

Ginger Snap Cookies

Ingredients

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| 2 cups flour | ¾ tsp cinnamon | (unsulphured) |
| ¼ tsp salt | ¾ tsp cloves | 1 cup sugar |
| 2 tsp baking soda | ¾ cup shortening | 1 egg |
| 1 tsp ginger | ¼ cup "Grandmas's Molasses" | Extra sugar to roll cookies in |

Directions

Sift dry ingredients in separate bowl. Cream sugar and shortening until light and fluffy. Add egg and molasses. Beat well. Add dry ingredients, mix thoroughly. Take ½ to 1 tbs. of dough and roll into balls. Roll in sugar. Place on greased or lined cookie sheet. Bake in 375OF oven for 10 minutes. Cool on rack. 1 batch yields about 3 dozen cookies.

Happy Birthday

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| Dec. 5 Teena Hughes Charles Wilkins Allison Johnston JR Ortiz | Dec. 9 Bill White Bella Flores Heather (Griffin) Rodriguez |
| Dec. 6 Roy Dominguez Roy Don Smith Allison Jones Tim Mercer Alisia Rando | Dec. 10 Jason Berend Connie King Michael Johnston Katy (Baize) Ellison Brent Hall Connie (Amezcuca) Jiminez Humberto Cruz |
| Dec. 7 Carla Sue Scott Sherri Alger Darlena Burnett Karlee Osborn Audry Rowell | Dec. 11 M'Lynda Jarecki Jeff Chaney Lindsey (Neill) Beyers Carson Geoffrey Beyers Leigh Neelley Darby Drummond Chloe Sifford Juan Diego Salinas Amanda Buenrostro |
| Dec. 8 Mike Beauchamp Kandace (Frye) Burke David Lopez Felissa Dominguez | |

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State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$4.3 Billion in November

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that state sales tax revenue totaled \$4.3 billion in November, 4.7 percent more than in November 2023. The majority of November sales tax revenue is based on sales made in October and remitted to the agency in November.

"Following the increase seen in October, November state sales tax collections grew strongly once again with revenues from most major sectors increasing over their totals from last year," Hegar said. "Receipts from most sectors driven primarily by business spending were up, with both the manufacturing and wholesale trade sectors posting substantial gains from November 2023. Collections from the construction sector also

rose from a year ago. Receipts from the mining sector declined, falling for the eighth consecutive month.

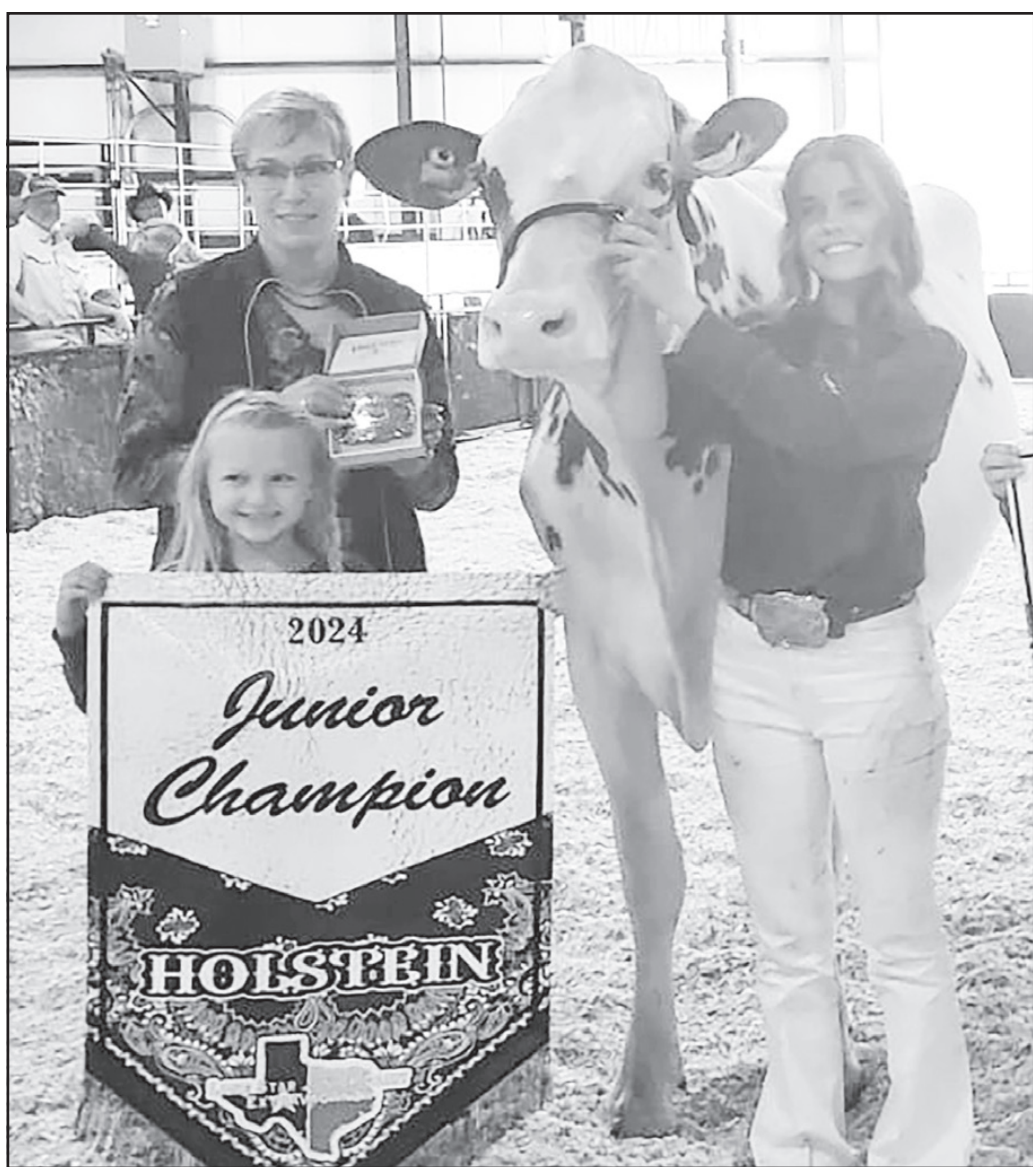
"Sales tax receipts from sectors driven primarily by consumer spending were up, with collections from both retail trade and services sectors beating collections from last November. Within the retail trade sector, receipts from online shopping and general merchandise stores were both up significantly compared with November 2023.

"Receipts from restaurants increased from a year ago but were slightly below the rate of inflation for food away from home for October."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in November 2024 was up 3.9 percent compared

with the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 58 percent of all tax collections.

Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes: (1) motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$586 million, up 4 percent from November 2023; (2) motor fuel taxes — \$345 million, up 6 percent from November 2023; (3) oil production tax — \$488 million, down 15 percent from November 2023; (4) natural gas production tax — \$157 million, down 26 percent from November 2023; (5) hotel occupancy tax — \$75 million, up 2 percent from November 2023; and (6) alcoholic beverage taxes — \$158 million, up 4 percent from November 2023.



Congratulations — Jolibois Frankiss Altitude-Red, owned by Dieter Ally, was named the Junior Champion Holstein at the Lone Star Junior Dairy Extravaganza 2024. She was shown by Ally Brooks Carpenter from Parmer County 4-H. The event is billed as the only all-dairy junior show in Texas and was held November 22nd through November 24th at the J.S. Bridwell Ag Center in Wichita Falls.



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Incredible India

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

India is the most populous country in the world today, the world's largest democracy by population, and is also a place of tremendous need for the gospel of Jesus Christ. With over a billion in population and a tiny fraction of Christians, the gospel need is apparent and urgent. On October 25th, me and two other pastors left the USA and headed to India with the goal of training and encouraging church leaders to remain steadfast in their faith in the Lord and share the gospel with the lost.

Now, if you ever go to India, you'll notice things are extremely different. The food, the driving, the smells, the filth, the agriculture, the culture and so much more are incredibly different, but those differences highlight the vast gos-

pel need there. Seeing countless Hindu temples along the road is a reminder of the lostness that exists and the hopeless worship that hundreds of millions put their trust in. People bowing to cows exposes the vain religion of man there, and the cultural corruption and persecution of Christians echoes even louder the need for spiritual awakening. In light of such lostness, we don't shrink back, but proclaim Jesus Christ! "For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake," 2 Corinthians 4:5.

The message of the gospel never fades or grows old, but is the power of God to salvation to all who believe, whether in India or Friona or somewhere in between (Rom 1:16-17).

Panhandle Parables

Olive: The Other Reindeer

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

Author's note: I wrote the following article 11 years ago. As I was looking for ideas for my writing I reread this article and sadly thought, I am sure things are worse when it comes to fear. So, I am sharing this again to encourage faith over fear. God bless. ~Jeff

For most of my life I thought that all of the other reindeer were not very nice to Rudolf. Then I learned it wasn't all of the other reindeer, just one, Olive. He was the other reindeer! He was the one who laughed and called Rudolf names! I did a little research (not really) but I learned we don't know much about Olive. So, my guess is this sinister reindeer infiltrated the ranks of Santa's elite and belittled, mocked and who knows what else he might have done. I am very suspicious, besides who names a reindeer Olive. In fact, I feel a bit threatened by the whole affair. I think this calls for aggressive action, we must protect our children from the beast with sharp antlers and evil eyes. He may not stop with just tormenting other reindeer. This evil must be brought to justice and eradicated before Olive influences others to

do what he does. Down with OLIVE!!! Isn't it interesting what we do with information or the lack thereof and how we can create out of nothing something that we fear? We see someone at a street corner and we try not to make eye contact. We might judge a person in the checkout line according to their purchases. Satan wants us to fear others, because fear keeps us from doing good. Fear gives us the excuse to say or act in a way that is not consistent with Who we claim to be. Even at the birth of Jesus, others felt threatened (Ask Herod). Throughout his life and ministry those who claimed to be religious feared Him and not in a good way. They feared his influence, they feared what they could not understand and ultimately that fear stirred a mob to have him crucified, yet Jesus would offer even them forgiveness as he hung innocently on the cross. No, Olive is not real, but neither are most things we fear about others. We need to engage in the lives of others, like Jesus, for they are all precious to Him. 'Tis always the season of LIGHT.

Making a List

By Teena Hughs

The Christmas season is upon us; on top of the already busyness of life. Advent started yesterday, and Christians are being encouraged to focus on Jesus. Some of us start Advent intending that this will be the year we spend time daily focusing on Jesus. Then, life sets in, and we get busy with our kids and grandkids' activities; with church activities; with our personal activities of planning, shopping for those perfect gifts, etc. Before we know it, we have made it through a day without thinking about the "reason for the season," Jesus.

I attended two worship services yesterday, and during the second one, I decided that on each day of Advent, I am going to write down something about Jesus: why I am glad He came to earth; why I am so glad He is in my life; things I love about Jesus; things He has taught me; how He has changed my life.

It should be easy to sit down and write 25 things about Jesus in my life, but I have already discovered I am going to have to spend some time focus-

ing on Him and what He really means to me, and I hope the Holy Spirit helps me remember things that He has done for me that I have forgotten.

My first reason is easy: He has changed my life! However, when I think about all He has done to change me, I should be able to write an entire book, because He has put me in places and experiences where I have learned about Him; His Word has changed my thinking about so many things; He has shown me how to live life. And, the best thing is, He is not finished with me yet.

My second reason is also easy: He was willing to die for me. He was the only perfect, innocent man to walk the face of the earth, and yet He took my sins upon Himself, so I can be forgiven of my sins and spend eternity with Him.

I am making a list, but it's not a list of what I want for Christmas. It is a list of thankfulness for the difference Jesus has made in my life and what He means to me. Take care, and I hope you have a beautiful Christmas season!!!

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December Bible Verse

¹⁰ And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:10-11 KJV

¹⁰ Pero el ángel les dijo: No temáis; porque he aquí os doy nuevas de gran gozo, que será para todo el pueblo: ¹¹ que os ha nacido hoy, en la ciudad de David, un Salvador, que es CRISTO el Señor. Lucas 2:10-11 R-V 196



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Lions Club News



In the photo — Sheriff Geske and Club Sweetheart Aubrey Schueler. Parmer County Sheriff Eric Geske was the guest speaker at the Friona Noon Lions Club meeting on Tuesday. Sheriff Geske discussed the highlights of the past year.

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NOTICE

Friona ISD Notice of Public Meeting

A public meeting will be held during the Friona ISD Board Meeting on Monday, December 16, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Board Room of the Friona ISD Administration Building at 909 E. 11th Street, Friona, Texas.

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

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12/2/2024

B Team 8 Shallowater 24

Emmanuel Guevara-6 pts

Isair Salazar-2 pts

7th Grade A Team 24 Shallowater 58

Jace Jarecki-19 pts

Zane Gonzales-4 pts

Vicente Quintana-2 pts

8th Grade A Team 13 Shallowater 47

Aaden Delgadillo-4 pts

Darien Padilla-4 pts

Andrew Marquez-3 pts

Jesus Salgado-2 pts

Varsity Boys Basketball

11/25/24

Bovina 49 Friona 39

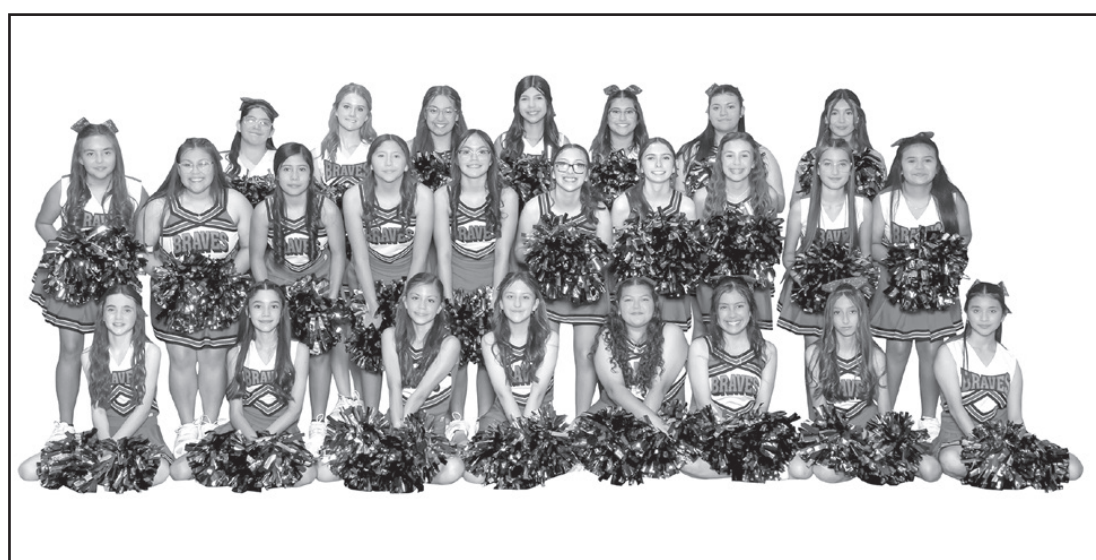
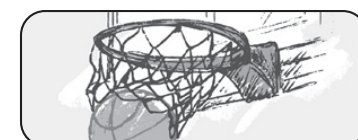
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11/26/24

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Justen Trevino 8, Brice Jeter 3, Bryer Stanberry 3, Mason Ramos 2, Maddox Ashlock 2



Jr. High Cheerleaders



High School Cheerleaders

Obituary

Josefina Viernes Hernandez

Josefina Viernes Hernandez, 59 of Bovina passed away November 26, 2024 at her residence in Bovina. Viewing was held from 9:00AM to 8:00PM with Rosary Services at 6:00 PM Wednesday, December 4, 2024 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of the funeral home. Mass of Christian Burial Services will be held 3:00PM Thursday, December 5, 2024 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina with Deacon Teodoro Chavez as Celebrant. Burial following in the Bovina Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona. Josefina was born December 28, 1964 in Zacatecas, Mexico to Guadalupe Viernes Santillan and Jovita Bern-



abé Garcia. She was employed by Cargill Meat Solutions for 25 years. She loved to help others, spend time with family and friends, especially cooking tamales and pazole, dancing, listening to music, and loving on animals. She is preceded in death by her parents. Guadalupe and Jovita, 2 brothers-Pedro and Zennon Viernes. Those to mourn her

passing include her life partner-Jesus Tarango of Bovina, 2 daughters-April Viernes Hernandez and Alondra Viernes Tarango, both of Amarillo, 1 son-Alexis Viernes Tarango of Bovina, 5 brothers-Tiburcio Viernes, Tito Viernes, and Bacillo Viernes, all of Bovina, Geronimo Viernes of Mexico, and Julio Viernes of Morton, 1 sister-Felipa Viernes of Mexico. You may send blessings to the family and sign the online guest book on Josefina's memorial page exclusively at: hansardfamily.com



Gas prices to stay lower during holiday season

By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas fell 7.6 cents per last week, averaging \$2.52 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 \$2.02 while the most expensive was \$3.41 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline fell 0.6 cents last week, averaging \$3.00 per gallon. The national average price of diesel rose 1.1 cents last week and stands at \$3.514 per gallon. "Millions took to the road for Thanksgiving, and while some regions, like the Great Lakes, saw gas prices rise just in time for travel, most of the nation saw prices hold mostly stable or decline

slightly as the national average remains near the lowest level we've seen since 2021," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "The weeks ahead should feature slight drops in gas prices in most areas, with over 100,000 stations now offering a gallon for \$2.99 or less, which should stick around through the holiday shopping season. For this week, all eyes will be on the previously delayed OPEC+ meeting on Thursday. If they begin to restore oil production, oil prices could soften to the mid-\$60s." GasBuddy data is compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

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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) |
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| 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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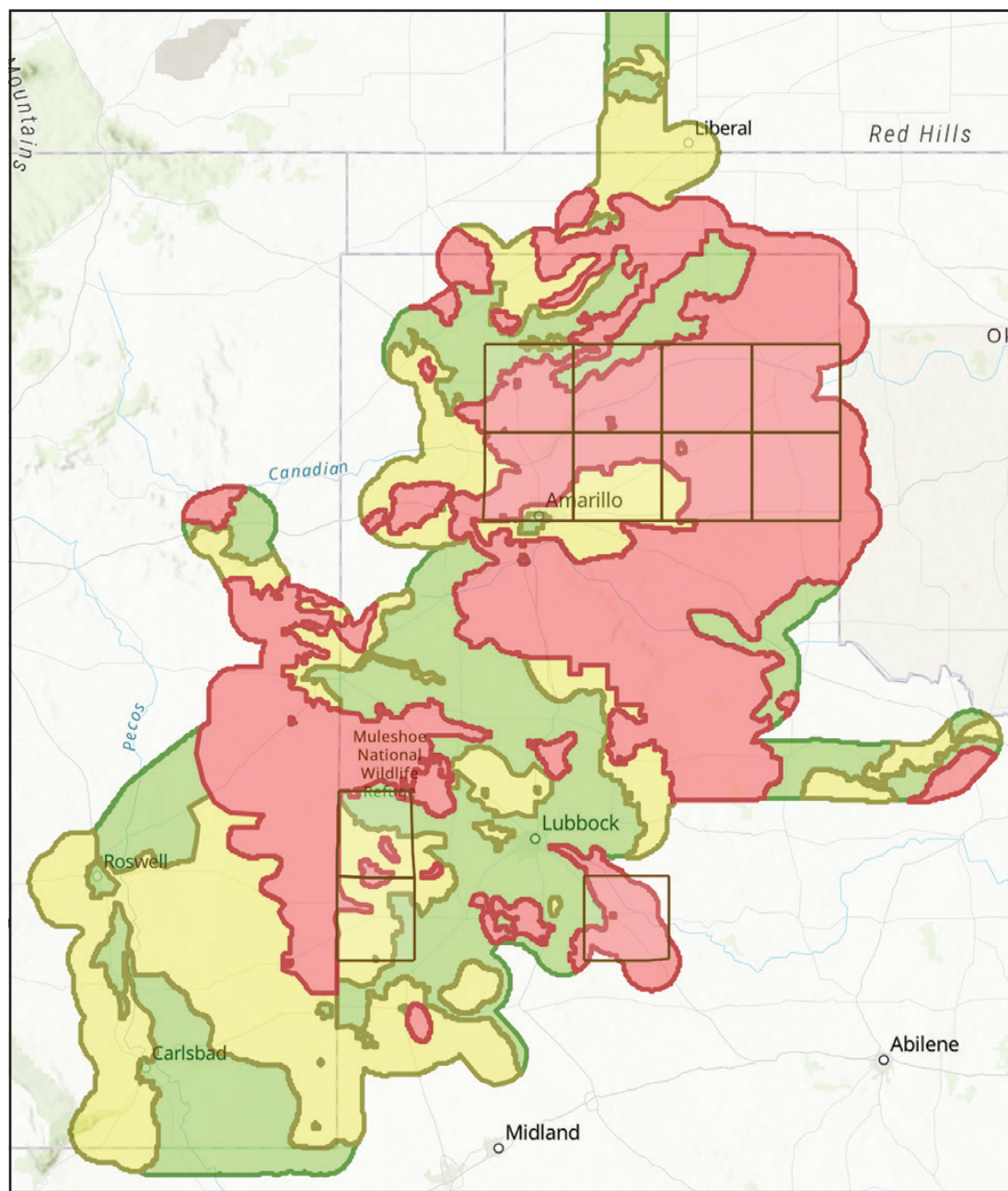
7th Grade Football

Xcel Energy Using AI Technology to Detect Wildfires in Texas Panhandle

Plans include more than 50 camera stations in nearly a dozen counties

AMARILLO, Texas (Dec. 3, 2024) – Xcel Energy is increasing its wildfire detection and mitigation efforts in the Texas Panhandle by introducing artificial intelligence to spot fires early. We are partnering with Pano AI to install more than 50 camera stations across the region. Carson, Gray, Roberts, Hutchinson, Wheeler, Hemphill, Garza, Cochran, Moore, Potter and Yoakum counties are currently being considered. First responders and firefighters will have immediate access to this data, shortening response times.

“We want to better safeguard our neighbors and reduce the risk of future wildfire loss by investing in advanced wildfire detection capabilities,” said Adrian J. Rodriguez, president, Xcel Energy – New Mexico, Texas. “So many of our friends, families and communities have been impacted by the wildfires in the Texas Panhandle and we remain committed to supporting them. Providing this technology to our first responders with the information they need to act swiftly



Mapping the danger — A partnership between Xcel Energy and Pano AI plans to install more than 50 AI-driven cameras to detect wildfires in the Texas Panhandle. This map shows the initial counties where cameras will be deployed along with those areas that have the highest fire risk.

and safely to respond to wildfires will improve public safety.”

The company is currently identifying strategic locations for the initial camera stations in areas with the high-

est fire risk, which will be complete in 2025. This is a five-year program and underscores Xcel Energy’s commitment to protecting our communities, fortifying grid resilience, and

providing situational awareness for first responders in Amarillo and surrounding areas.

Pano AI’s system combines 360-degree high-definition cameras, AI-driven smoke

detection and satellite data integration to continuously scan for smoke. When a potential fire is detected, Pano immediately verifies it through human analysts, triangulates the location and notifies the 911 call center to activate the closest fire department. Fire departments will have access to these live streams for critical, real-time intelligence.

“Early detection of wildfires is critical, especially in high-risk areas like the Texas Panhandle,” said Arvind Satyam, Co-Founder and Chief Commercial Officer of Pano AI. “We are proud to support Xcel Energy’s commitment to community safety and resilience through cutting-edge technology that empowers first responders with the real-time information and enhanced situational awareness they need to act decisively.”

Each Texas camera station will perform a 360-degree sweep every minute. This initiative builds on Xcel Energy’s existing measures, including power line inspections, vegetation management and aerial surveillance. The company plans

to install more cameras in Texas and expand the program into our New Mexico service territory in the future. As camera stations are added and their reach overlaps, their accuracy will improve, helping firefighters respond more quickly.

These efforts follow Xcel Energy’s successful deployment of Pano AI camera stations in Colorado. Our comprehensive wildfire mitigation strategy also includes collaborations with other technology providers and thorough equipment inspections, reinforcing our commitment to protecting vulnerable communities and infrastructure.

We are one of the most reliable energy companies in the industry and we are taking proactive steps to safely meet the needs of our growing region. Xcel Energy is building the energy grid of the future by following our investment plan to modernize and harden our grid for increased resilience. While we make these investments, we will work efficiently to provide energy to our customers and keep their bills as low as possible.

Local Cheerleader Performs in Thanksgiving Day Parade at the Walt Disney World® Resort

Shelby Lewellen of Friona, Texas was among more than 800 junior high and high school cheerleaders and dancers from across the country representing Varsity Spirit in the 2024 Thanksgiving Tour at the Walt Disney World® Resort in Orlando, Florida.

The individuals invited to perform were part of a select group of cheerleaders and dancers chosen as All-Americans during Varsity Spirit summer camps across the country. Lewellen said, “I was extremely proud to represent Friona High School in this event. My family and I are thankful for all of the support from the community.”

All-Americans are selected via tryout based on either superior cheerleading or dance skills at camps operated by Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA), Universal Dance Association (UDA), National Cheerleaders Association (NCA), National Dance Alliance (NDA), or Urban Cheerleading Experience (UCE).

Only the top 15% of the cheerleaders and dancers from Varsity Spirit camps earn the chance to march in a holiday



parade of this caliber.

Lewellen performed with the Varsity Spirit All-Americans in a one-of-a-kind performance through Disney’s Magic Kingdom® Park on Thanksgiving Day.

Besides enjoying a sunny trip to Orlando, All-Americans had the opportunity to meet cheerleaders and dancers from across the nation and enjoy a magical holiday season at Walt Disney World® Resort parks. They also brought t-shirts from their respective hometowns to exchange with each other during the tour.

For more information about the Varsity Spirit All-American Program, visit www.varsity.com.



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