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Chiefs return to Regional Playoffs



Elian Mendoza clears the way for Jacob Bautista in last week's Area Playoff game against Alpine.

Friona Noon Lion Fred Cook welcomes District Governor Dan Shuman to Friona. Dan is the 2019-2020 Governor for District 2 T1 which is comprised of 36 clubs in the Texas panhandle. He is a 25-year member of the Canyon Lions Club and has also served six years on the Eye Bank Board of Directors.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the announcement by the Governor that District 2 T1 had purchased a Vision Screening Machine. This technology will be made available to all clubs for the purpose of coordinating vision screening events for local students. The machine detects seven different eyesight problems so parents can be made aware of any vision problems their children may have.



City of Friona hires new EMS Director



The City of Friona has hired Nik Baucom as the new Friona EMS Director. In his new role, Nik assumes overall responsibility for the clinical activities of the Friona EMS team which also includes delivering quality care to critically ill patients under varied conditions and using assessment skills and written standards of care when physician contact is not possible. Nik is a licensed paramedic with over 5 years of experience and has a great history serving the residents of Friona.

Friona defeats Alpine 36-21

For the first time in 23 years the Friona Chieftains are back in the Regional Playoffs. With their 36-21 win over Alpine in the Area Round, the 2019 team joins the 1996 Chieftains as the only two teams in Friona school history to reach the regional playoffs. By winning back to back playoff games, the Chiefs are now one of the top four teams in Region 1 and one of the top sixteen teams in the state of Texas. Friona will play Abernathy in a Regional Semi-Final game this Friday at 3:00 p.m. in Lubbock, Texas at Lowery Field. Go Big Red!

The Chieftains used a balanced attack to defeat Alpine last Saturday in Andrews, Texas. Jose Grado completed 22 of 30 passes for 173 and a touchdown.

Jose was named the Offensive Player of the Game. Elian Mendoza was the leading receiver with 10 catches for 95 yards and one touchdown. Jacob Bautista rushed for 103 yards on 24 carries and scored the game's first touchdown. Rogelio Palacios only had 30 yard of rushing but scored three touchdowns in tough short yardage situations. He also caught a 24 yard pass late in the 4th quarter that kept a crucial drive alive. Tim Ally kick a field goal but was injured on the play and the Bucks were flagged for a roughing penalty allowing the Chieftains to decline the three points and score a touchdown.

On defense, the Chiefs bent some but did not break. Alpine had 398 to-

tal yards with 155 on the ground and 243 in the air but only managed to score 22 points. One of the highlights for the defense was not allowing Alpine to score right at the end of the first half. Friona forced three fumbles with recoveries made by Jose Rodriguez, Rogelio Palacios, and Xavier Hernandez. Xavier was the leading tackler and was named the Defensive Player of the Game.

In this week's Regional Semi-final matchup, the Chieftains will play the Abernathy Antelopes (11-2) who were Champions of Division 2 District 2-AAA. Abernathy beat Reagan County 75-0 in the Bi-District round and Childress 50-14 in the Area round of the playoffs.

City receives new street sweeper, Mayor White takes it for a spin



The City of Friona is leasing a new street sweeper to help keep Friona streets clean. The street sweeper was budgeted as a high priority item by the Friona City Council and is long



overdue. "Since coming back to Friona, I've been asked repeatedly about getting a street sweeper. I'm happy we were able to move forward," states City Manager Lee Davila. Once insured, the street sweeper will begin its work. The City will work on developing a rotation schedule so residents can anticipate when to move their vehicles off the street.

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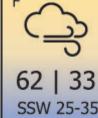
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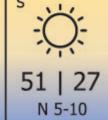
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Community Calendar

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November 28

- Thanksgiving
- No Snack Pak 4 Kids (December 5th is next meeting)
- No Parmer County Area AA meeting (December 5th is next meeting)

December 2

• Christmas in the Park and Lighted Parade from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

December 5

- Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Los Arcos
- Snack Pak 4 Kids Friona United Methodist Church 4:30 p.m. Double pack day.
- Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

December 6

• Caregivers Coffee Break 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Donuts and Meeting at Senior Citizens Center

December 9

• Parkinson Support Group Meeting at 5:30 p.m. (MST) Clovis Community College Rm. 101 Main Building in Clovis, New Mexico

December 12

- Snack Pak 4 Kids Friona United Methodist Church 4:30 p.m. Double pack day.
- Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

December 14

• Prenatal Classes at Parmer Medical Center 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Call 806-729-7352 for information (Rocio Carrasco)

December 19

- Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Los Arcos
- Snack Pak 4 Kids Friona United Methodist Church 4:30 p.m. Double pack day.
- Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

December 23

 Friona Star office closed week of December 23

December 25

Christmas

January 1

New Year's Day

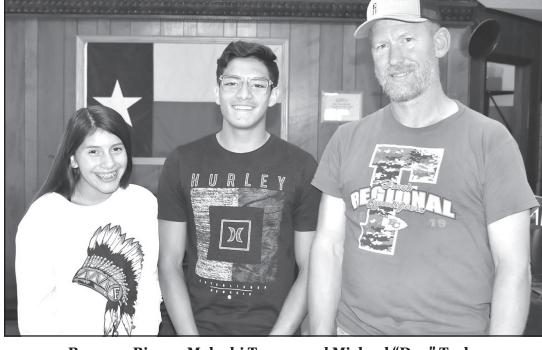
A Team To Watch Over Me

By Clint Mears

It is mid-August, the temperature is in the upper nineties, and the action on the football field is unusually intense. Friona is hosting Bushland in a preseason scrimmage and both head coaches are watching carefully to make sure things do not get out of hand. The Chieftains and Falcons are not fierce rivals, but each team is looking forward to the upcoming season and all the players want to make a good impression. Malachi Torres catches a

pass and is tackled by a Falcon defensive player as he is running downfield. He has gotten the "wind knocked out of him" and is having trouble breathing. The situation is not unusual, running backs and receivers deal with it rather frequently. Football, after all, is a contact sport. But this time is different. The junior at Friona High School is feeling an unfamiliar pain in his back. Quite naturally though, if you are young and the adrenaline is flowing, you just work through it. A few plays later, Malachi dives for another pass and as he hits the ground the pain becomes more intense. He comes off the field looking for "Doc" to see what the problem is. Everything appears normal, so he is cleared to keep playing. However, as he is standing on the sidelines his condition begins to get worse. Malachi knows something is wrong, but he is not ready to quit playing just yet.

Breanna Rivera has been watching and is aware that Malachi is experiencing some pain. She is a freshman



Breanna Rivera, Malachi Torres, and Michael "Doc" Taylor

at Friona High School and is a Student Athletic Trainer (SAT). She and the other SATs have been "learning the ropes" with Head Athletic Trainer Michael "Doc" Taylor. They have been learning how to prevent, recognize and treat sports related injuries. The SATs have learned how to deal with all kinds of injuries from minor cuts and scrapes to life threatening events such as heart attacks. Every year, a week before the student athletes show up for two-a-day practices, the Friona Sports Medicine kids are at the school 8 hours a day learning and practicing the skills that one day may help to save the life of a student athlete or coach. Their focus has been on the safety and welfare of the student athlete. They are at every practice and are often the "eyes and ears"

of the Head Athletic Trainer. Today, Breanna's focus is on Malachi and he is better off for it.

Pain is always a possibility while participating in any sport. It is the result of an injury and a protection mechanism to prevent further injury. The longer Malachi stands on the sideline, the worse the pain becomes. Breanna has been keeping a close eye on him and she believes that he is looking worse. Finally, she has seen enough. She grabs Malachi's helmet to keep him from going back onto the field. It is her judgment that he should not return to the game until he sees "Doc" again. His situation demands more attention.

Malachi is escorted back to the treatment area to be reassessed. His condition has definitely deteriorated. It is decided that he needs closer observation and the EMS ambulance is the nearest available location that affords some degree of privacy. Once in the ambulance Malachi's condition is monitored by both the Friona Sports Medicine team and Friona Emergency Medical Services. It is agreed that he should be taken to Parmer Medical Center immediately. Once there, he is diagnosed with a lacerated kidney. Due to the severity of the injury, he will need to be transported to Northwest Texas Healthcare System in Amarillo by Air Ambulance. Unfortunately, storms in the area prevent the medical helicopter from flying and the Friona EMS is pressed back into service. They safely and quickly transport Malachi to Amarillo where he spends the next three days in the hospital. His football career is on

forces the whole idea of having Athletic Trainers, Student Athletic Trainers, and EMS personnel at each game and Athletic Trainers at every school district. It also justifies the untold time spent in instruction and training to make sure everyone is on the same page. Not every injury is serious, but if you are not prepared, any injury could be. Breanna was prepared and made the right decision. She is part of a team that very few people think about too much except when the need arises. However, when that time comes, everyone is thankful that "the team" is there and watching. Malachi is thankful that this highly trained team was watching over him.

hold until next year.

This real-life event rein-



Karlee Osborn, Gibby Husted, Neely Pitsch, "Doc", Juanita Garcia

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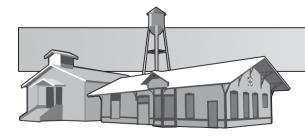
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Thanks to Friona Christian Ministries for hosting the Annual Community Thanksgiving Worship Service. Thanks also to First Baptist Church for sharing their church with the community. A special offering was taken which will be used throughout the year to help people in need. Around \$4,200.00 was collected. Call Brett Hoyle at First Baptist Church at 806-250-3933 if you wish to make a donation to this worthy cause. Last year, over 27 families were helped in their time of need by this ministry.

Congratulations to Jacob Bautista for being named last week as one of the "Athletes of The Week" by the Amarillo Globe-News. The Chieftain running back was recognized for his performance against Anson and helping lead Friona to its first playoff win in 10 years. Go Big Red!

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Belated Happy Birthday to Sophee Beyers. She was born on November 13th and is the granddaughter of Mark & Lisa Neill. Call the Friona Star office at 250-2211 or email us at frionastar@wtrt.net if you wish to add someone to the Birthday list.

State Senator Kel Seliger will hold a Parmer County Town Hall on Thursday, December 5th from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. inside the Depot in the City Park.

*** **National Days**

November 28 — Thanksgiving Day

November 29 — Black Friday November 30 — Small Business

Saturday

December 1 — Pie Day

December 2 — Cyber Monday December 3 — Day of Giving

December 4 — Cookie Day



A group of Parmer County 4-H kids competed at District 2 Meat Judging on Tuesday, November 19th at Texas Tech. Stan Jones is the coach. Anthony Abarca, Caden Bunker, Elijah Robledo, and Tristan Schueler qualified for the State Round Up in June at Texas A&M in College Station.

Christmas in Park schedule of events

Monday, December 2nd

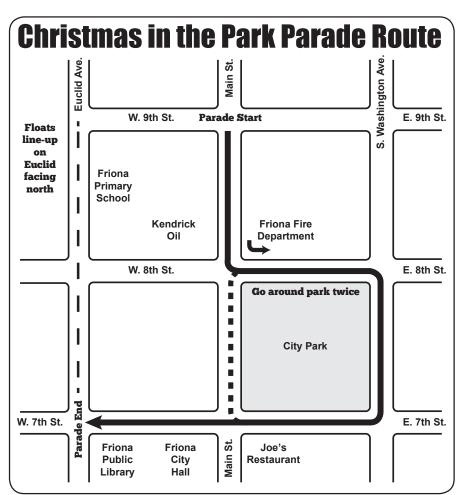
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

- * Mayor Ricky White gives welcome * Santa & Mrs. Claus arrive with Miss Friona Carly Drake and Little
- Miss Friona Ellie Jo Weatherly * Miss Friona and Little Miss Friona
- and Elves hand out candy canes
- * Santa meets with the children in Depot

* Vendors in the Park 6:00 p.m.

- * Line up on Euclid Street between **Primary and Elementary Schools**
- * Christmas Parade of Lights begins * 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes given to parade
- entries courtesy of Leal's, Ivy Cottage





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Warranty deeds as reported by the County Clerk's Office from the week of November 13, 2019 through November 21, 2019:

Angela J. Gault — Kaitlin Pendleton — L 3,4,5, and 6 B 40S 20.80 of L 5 and all of L 6 Vol 254 Pg 774

Child Support Office — James Rodriguez — See Doc. Betty Joyce Waddell, Doyce Ray Waddel — Tom D. Sell, Kyla N. Sell — all of N 160A of W/2 Sec Num 107 B H

Salvador Godoy, Eugenia M. Godoy — Juan Manuel Avalos Godoy, Maria Dolores Marquez Martinez — L 1 B 5 Lakeside Addition, L 11 B 4 of McMillen and Fergus Addition



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

11-18-19 — Jeremiah Rando, 18, of Farwell was arrested by the Farwell PD on a charge of possession of marijuana < 2 oz in drug free zone, pending County Court.

11-18-19 — Genaro Esparza, Jr., 20, of Clovis New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County SO on a charge of possession of marijuana < 4 oz > 2 oz, pending County Court.

11-18-19 — Daniel Gonzales, 36, of Friona was arrested by the Friona PD on a charge of DWI 3rd or more, pending Grand Jury.

11-19-19 — Amanda Marcarenas, 35, of Farwell was arrested by the Parmer County SO on a charge of criminal trespass, pending County Court.

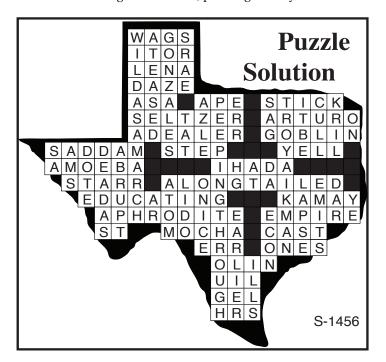
11-20-19 — Marion Lane, 29, of Farwell was arrested by the Farwell PD on a charge of assault, pending County Court.

11-20-19 — Jose Tafolla, 26, of Muleshoe was arrested by the Parmer County SO on a motion for enforcement, pending District Court.

11-20-19 — Marcos Munoz, 24, of Muleshoe was arrested by the Parmer County SO on a charge of forgery, pending District

11-21-19 — Tiffanie Romero, 26, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County SO on a charge of burglary of building, pending District Court.

11-23-19 — Francisco Salazar, 44, of Bovina was arrested by the DPS on a charge of DWI 2nd, pending County Court.



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OBITUARIES



Mildred Welch

Mildred Harkins Welch, 84 of Friona passed away November 20, 2019 in Friona. Viewing was from 9:00 A. M. to 8:00 P.M. with family visitation from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HAN-SARD FAMILY Funeral Home Thursday November 21, 2019 with a Celebration of Life Memorial Service scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Saturday, November 23, 2019 at the First Baptist Church in Friona with Rev. Ellis Parson and Rev. Brett Hoyle, officiating. Arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Mildred Lafern was born June 27, 1935 in Carnegie Oklahoma to Finley Beckham and Nola Mildred Millwee Harkins. Mildred grew up with two older brothers Leon and Earl. Mildred gave her life to Jesus and was baptized at age 11. Mildred graduated from Plainview High School in 1952.

Mildred married Royce Gene Welch on June 29, 1952 and the couple lived in several locations before settling in the Friona area in 1956 to farm.

Gene and Mildred were members of Summerfield Baptist Church for over 60 years. Mildred served the church as the church clerk from 1973 to current. She was a very dedicated member who had served in all capacities such as Sunday School teacher, GA leader, VBS director, along with serving on various boards and offices.

Mildred was a member of the Black Study Club (formerly the Black Home Demonstration Club). She also served the club in every office multiple times. Lifelong friends and families were made!!

Mildred is remembered for always being a kind, generous and loving Christian wife, mom and grandma. She enjoyed working in the yard and caring for her home. Mildred was the perfect farm wife. She was a true servant in every way.



Survivors include three children, Veca Masters and her husband James, Kevin and wife Linda, and Varla and her husband Terry all of Friona; 11 grandchildren, Vacresia Salyer and husband Greg of Shallowater, LaTawn White of Midland, Vanette Barnett and her husband Todd of Amarillo, V'Lynda Barnett and her husband Kevin of Perryton, V'Laura Sundlie and husband Justin of Ozark, MO, V'Lesha Pelton and her husband Raymond of San Angelo, Tolby Wilcox and his wife Jenny of Lubbock, Kelsey Welch of Amarillo, Katy Welch of Friona, Dillon Welch and wife Ariana of Seminole, and Duncan Welch and his wife Ariel of Lubbock. Greatgrandchildren Mason, Gage, Liam, Gene, Maddison, Ellis, Kitzy, Valeigh, Bryce, Aubrey, Easton, Palmer, McCoy, Slaton, Parker, Marlee, Peyton, Paxton, Avah and Mavrick. Also, by two sisters- in-law, Carleta Harkins of Hereford and Paula Welch of Amarillo.

The family suggests memorials be to Parmer Medical Center 1307 Cleveland Friona, Texas 79035 or Bluebonnet Home Health and Hospice 304 East 11st. Friona, Texas 79035

You may send condolences to the family and sign the online register book at www. hansardfamily.com



Carolyn Rainey

Carolyn Marie Rainey, 80, of Amarillo, TX died Thursday, November 21, 2019.

Services were at 10:00 A.M., Monday, November 25, 2019, at Boxwell Brothers Ivy Chapel, 2800 Paramount Blvd., with Pastor Bob Miller officiating. Graveside services were at 1:00 P.M., Monday, November 25, 2019 at the Bovina Cemetery, with Pastor Brett Hoyle officiating. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, Amarillo.

She was born on February 26, 1939 in Friona, Texas, to A.D. and Lucille Stowers. She attended Friona High School. She married Cloys Stanberry and they had four children. He died in 1968. Carolyn then married Joe Bob Bralley who helped her raise her children. Carolyn and Terry were married on December 28, 2006, after Terry helped her recover following her heart surgery. She was a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She enjoyed going to WT football games with Terry and was a big Houston Texans fan. She loved to work with crafts and take care of her grandchildren. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death



by her parents; brother, Gaylord Stowers; and her first husband, Cloys Stanberry.

Survivors include her husband, Terry Rainey; daughters, Debbie Madrid and husband Joseph, and Kay Saunders and husband Joe; sons, Terry Stanberry and wife Becky, and Robbie Stanberry and wife Jesenia; brother, Larry Stowers and wife Karen; sisters, Joyce Read and Diane Talley and husband John; four granddaughters; six grandsons; and two great-granddaughters

The family received friends from 4:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M., Sunday, November 24, 2019, at Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Sign the online guestbook at www.boxwellbrothers.com

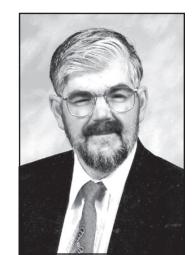
Raymond Hromas

Raymond Bradley Hromas, 65 of Bovina passed away Friday, November 22, 2019 in Hereford. Celebration of Life Services have been scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at the First Baptist Church in Bovina with Stan Miller, officiating. Burial following in the Bovina Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Brad was born January 4, 1954 in Friona to Raymond Arnold and Amy Christine Donaldson Hromas and has lived his entire life in Bovina. His sister Charlotte became like a second mother to him and spent many unselfish hours providing special love and care for him. Brad enjoyed being a part of the Bovina community. He loved his family, especially his nieces and nephews. He also loved his aunts and uncles, cousins and other family. But, most of all, he loved the Lord and was a prayer warrior.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his sister Charlotte, just a few weeks ago, and his grandparents, Ernest Arnold and Sophia Hromas and Jo and Pearl Donaldson.

Survivors include one brother-Galen Hromas and wife Judy of Bovina, brother-inlaw-Jerry Wilburn of Hereford, four nephews-Shannon Wil-



burn and wife Melanie, Kelley Wilburn and wife Heather, all of Hereford, Darren Hromas and wife Stana of College Station, Matt Hromas and wife Michelle of Bovina, three nieces-Lori Morris and husband Cecil of Amarillo, Jodi Peabody and husband Ted of Ann Arbor, Michigan and Lisa Ketchum and husband Zach of Wolfforth, Texas, also 29 greatnieces and nephews and two great-great nieces.

You may send condolences to the family and sign the online register book at www.hansardfamily.com



Happy Birthday Friona Folks!

Nov. 28 Rena London Cason White

Nelda Talley

Nov. 29 Ky Graham Mitchell Gibson Lisa Gonzales Nicole Talley **Jude Ramirez**

Nov. 30 Shauna Maynard Robin Rector Dean Agee Brea Brown Alryna McElreath



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

Dec. 1 Virginia Cleveland Ryan Sifford Kyle Hurst Connie Cumpton

Robin Renner

Dec. 2

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Dec. 3 Randie Hamilton Cheryl Cunningham Corben Baxter **Thomas Maricle Terry Davis** Timothy Schueler Kinsey Barnett Molly Rector

> Dec. 4 Erin Barnett **Brock Field** Deniss Field Myrna Barraza



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Thankful for...

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

In scripture we are commanded to be a thankful people (1 Thessalonians 5:18), but we are often given examples of what thankfulness looks Ephesians 1:15-23 is a rich passage that displays thankfulness to God, which fuels sincere prayer. Thankfulness of others, should lead to speaking your appreciation to them, and in many cases it will lead to intercession to God for them.

In this passage Paul expresses his thankfulness to the Lord for his Christian brothers and sisters, then he asks for God to give them "a spirit of wisdom and of revelation." Can you imagine what Washington DC would look like if it was dominated by a godly spirit of wisdom and revelation? It's crazy to think that everyone might get along and get behind what is best for the country in God's sight, instead of just stumping for one's agenda or party. Next, Paul asks that believers would see the "hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe..." Imagine if the church was also so dominated in the reality of the hope we have sues that affect people like depression, anxiety, sexuality, family problems or politics, but would lean on the power of God and have a heavenly focus and solution to these earthly problems. That would change the world and a whole lot of people in Friona! From there, he closes is prayerful intercession by reminding them of who Jesus is. God has "raised him [Jesus] from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all." Can you imagine how different people would be if they were fully surrendered to his rule and reign in their lives? Although you can't force someone into surrendering their life to Christ, you can asses your life and repent of those areas that aren't pleasing to the Lord, and commit to surrender your will to him, and be thankful for his love to you and his work in you.

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

Thankfulness begins in the heart and it is the heart that God desires most. I want to say a prayer if I may for thankfulness. It is some of the first kinds of prayers we learn as children as we pray with one eye open looking for things to be thankful for like our spoons, napkins and each individual by name at the table. So here it goes.

Father God to whom all praise is due. We thank you, for this very day. The sun rose this morning in a remarkable display of Your majesty. We thank you, Lord for life, that precious allotted time between our birth and last breath. We thank you for the memories of loved ones now safely at Home in your rest. We thank you that they have marked our lives with

Father we are humbled by the bounty of physical blessings that we should count more often. We think you for homes, food and the abundance that many cannot even imagine. We pray that we will keep perspective that we are mere managers of stuff and may our stuff never take Your place.

Lord, we thank you for this community that lives, loves and shares as we serve You with all our hearts. May you bless each family in our community, that we may ever abound in sharing our lives with each other.

God, You know we have lost some good folks here in our area and we ask comfort for the families as they face these first holidays with empty seats. Spread your arms around them, and use our arms, as well.

Lord, our hearts are full of thanks because they are full of hope and that hope has come at great price to You in giving us Your Son, may we ever be grateful and live out our days in gratitude for this great gift. Thank you for loving us enough to create us, be patient with us and redeem us all according to your plan. It is in the name of Jesus we pray. Amen. (There is much more to be thankful for keep your prayer going.)

Express Thankfulness

By Teena Hughs

In cleaning out my mother's house, we ran across a letter my great-grandmother had written when her son, my grandfather, was going to marry my grandmother. It was the sweetest letter!!!

Nana was telling her son's future in-laws how much she and Papoo loved Vesta, and how they were looking forward to having her in the family. She was hoping their son would live his life worthy of a woman like Vesta and always treat her right and

My grandmother was a Godly woman. Even though my grandfather didn't always treat her the way she deserved, she never gave up on God and remained faithful to Him always.

Feller and I are truly blessed to have a daughter-in-law we are thankful for. We have loved her since the first time we met her. I know that isn't always the case for everyone, and words cannot express my sadness for the families that have in-laws that are difficult to love.

I have known Will's mother-in-law since we were in Kansas, even before Peyton was born. I have sent her numerous birthday cards, but I had never told her how much we love Peyton and how much we appreciate her.

This year, finding this letter made me feel guilty that I had never told Bobbie Ann how we feel about Peyton. I remedied that in October.

If there is someone in your life that has made a difference, someone you have especially fond feelings for, someone you are grateful for, I hope you will take the time to tell or show them how thankful you are for them. Face-to-face is best, but in today's world, and with the MANY ways to communicate with people, there really aren't any excuses for not telling someone how you feel about them. Make someone's day and tell them. You won't regret it, for them or for yourself!!!



Texas Weekly Fuel Update and Outlook

Texas gas prices have risen 1.2 cents in the past week, averaging \$2.24 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 3.9 cents per gallon lower than a month ago, and stand 2.3 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$1.99 while the most expensive is \$3.19 per gallon. The cheapest price in the entire country is \$1.89 while the most expensive is \$6.24 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has fallen 2.2 cents in the last week, averaging \$2.58 per gallon. The national average is down 2.6 cents per gallon from a month ago, but 5.1 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

"Gas prices have continued to slowly decline over the last week as motorists gear up to hit the road to celebrate Thanksgiving Day, the busiest autumn holiday. With a 7% rise in travelers this year, the U.S. is poised to set another record for most Thanksgiving travelers ever," said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "Motorists who shop around for the next fill-up this week could potentially shave 20-50 cents per gallon off their expense by shopping around. Be wary of crossing state lines, especially between California and Arizona or Nevada in the West, Illinois and Missouri or Iowa in the Midwest, Pennsylvania and Delaware or New Jersey in the

East, and Florida and Alabama in the South. Some of these borders can cost or save motorists 25-95 cents per gallon, so pay attention. We recommend downloading a price-comparison app like GasBuddy to find easy savings that can be better spent on Black Friday

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data is accessible at http://FuelInsights.GasBuddy.com.

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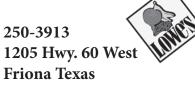
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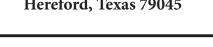




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State Capital Highlights

By Ed Sterling



State's chief election officer works to head off election misinformation

AUSTIN — Texas Secretary of State Ruth Hughs announced ahead of the 2020 primary and general elections that her office will join fellow members of the National Association of Secretaries of State in #TrustedInfo2020, a social media-based education effort to prevent misinformation.

Hughs encouraged Texans to look to their state and local elections officials as the trusted sources of election information. "The upcoming 2020 elections will be historic and unlike any before," said Hughs.

"It is imperative that voters in the Lone Star State are able to count on trusted sources of election information as they prepare to make their voices heard in next year's elections. I encourage Texans to visit VoteTexas.gov and to follow our verified accounts, as well as those of their local elections officials, to receive the most accurate and up-to-date information regarding our elections," Hughs added.

Texas — a Super Tuesday state — will conduct its party primaries on Tuesday, March 3. The other states holding elections on that date are Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont and Virginia.

Trump visits Apple site

While the U.S. House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence heard testimony at the U.S. Capitol in the impeachment inquiry into President Donald J. Trump on Nov. 20, the nation's chief executive flew to Austin.

According to a White House news release, Trump met with Apple Inc. CEO Tim Cook and held a brief news conference at Apple's Flex compound. Trump praised Cook and the success of Apple and responded to reporters' questions relating to the impeachment hearings and to trade policy with China. Trump's remarks are posted at whitehouse.gov.

Jobless rate stays low

Texas Workforce Commission on Nov. 15 reported the Lone Star State's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady at 3.4 percent for the month of October.

This marks the fifth consecutive month of record low unemployment and 3.4 percent is the lowest unemployment rate since series tracking began in 1976.

"October Labor market data is great news for Texas workers," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez. "Their skills continue to be in high demand and more and more individuals are finding employment. These numbers are a wonderful reminder of why I am proud to be a Texan."

Leading job growth in October was the Trade, Transportation, and Utilities industry, which added 9,700 jobs, followed by Professional and Business Services adding 6,300 jobs, and Education and Health Services which added 5,300 jobs.

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area recorded October's lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 2.1 percent, followed by the Amarillo MSA at 2.4. The Austin-Round Rock, College Station-Bryan and Lubbock MSAs each recorded the third-lowest rate at 2.6 percent.

Update: Vaping issues

As of Nov. 19, the Department of State Health Services had identified 189 Texas cases of severe lung disease in people who report vaping before developing symptoms, including one

Patients range in age from 13 to 75 years old, with a median age of 22 years. About onequarter of the people affected in Texas are minors. Three-quarters are male, and nine in 10 report vaping THC or marijuana, possibly in conjunction with other substances. Almost all were hospitalized, with many requiring inten-

Nationally, 2,172 cases have been reported in 49 states. DSHS is working with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Food and Drug Administration and other states to gather evidence about what the cases have in common and determine a cause.

Lives honored at event

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller and the Texas Department of Agriculture on Nov. 21 hosted the fourth Annual Texas Agriculture Memorial Day at the state Capitol.

At the event, a crowd recognized men and women who have lost their lives or have been severely injured while engaged in agriculturalrelated pursuits, and those who passed away due to other causes but had a significant role in the agricultural community, according to the department.

State 4-H and FFA youth leaders placed a memorial wreath on the steps of the Capitol and the Texas Department of Public Safety provided an honor guard with musical accompaniment by a lone bagpiper.

Small Town Cooking By Jeri Lynn White

Recipe for Joy

You might expect a recipe for joy to call for ingredients like happiness, prosperity, positive circumstances, and maybe some good luck. But finding joy doesn't require any of these items. In fact, the surest way to joy is through

Several studies on gratitude support the idea that expressing gratitude makes you healthier and is good for relationships. In a nutshell the studies measured one's happiness or mental health after participating in a gratitude practice. This practice might be writing a letter of gratitude to someone or writing a list of things they are grateful for or expressing gratitude to one's partner. All these activities led to feelings of joy and happiness that lasted well after the practice was completed.

According to an article, "How Gratitude Changes You and Your Brain," published by the Greater Good Magazine, "Gratitude reverses our priorities to help us appreciate the people [in our lives] and the things we do." An article called "Giving Thanks Can Make You Happier," found at www.health.hardvard.edu, recommends these ways to practice gratitude:

- Write a thank you note to someone who doesn't expect it
- Thank someone mentally
- Keep a gratitude journal
- Count your blessings
- Pray
- Meditate

A podcast, Happiness Matters by Rona Renner and Dr. Christine Carter, suggests these few ideas about encouraging children to practice gratitude as well. They both noted that around Thanksgiving is a great time to introduce the gratitude practices to the whole family. One of their ideas included making place cards for all your Thanksgiving guests and allowing each guest to write something they are thankful for about each person on their place card. Then your guests all leave with a special keepsake. During the rest of the year, Renner and Carter suggested going around the table each day and sharing what you appreciate about the day or having a good thing/ bad thing sharing around the table. If dinner isn't the best time, you can take time at bedtime and talk about three good things that happened that day. The pod cast also reminded the listeners that expressing gratitude is not easy for some people and that it takes practice to remember to look for the blessings in our lives.

One of my favorite authors, Brene Brown, says, "There is not joy without gratitude. She continues, "In 12 years I've never interviewed a single person who would describe their lives as joyful, who would describe themselves as joyous, who was not actually

practicing gratitude."

The Friona Junior High and High School Choirs will host a Chili Luncheon at the High School Cafeteria from Noon until 1:30 p.m. in order to raise money for choir expenses. Pay at the door.

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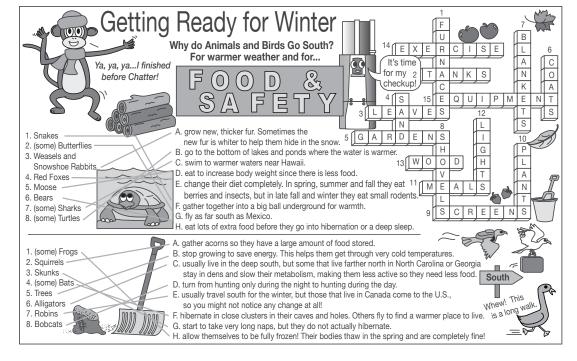
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USDA Statement on U.S. Sugar Market

Consistent with the Commerce Department's Agreement Suspending the Countervailing Duty Investigation on Sugar From Mexico (the Agreement), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today notified the Department of Commerce (Commerce) of an additional need for sugar in the U.S. market of 100,000 short tons of refined sugar.* Consequently, Commerce has increased the quantity of Mexican refined

sugar permitted to be exported by 100,000 short tons. This increase in Mexico's refined sugar export limit will not change the total amount of total sugar imports from Mexico, just the mix between refined and other sugar.

In recent weeks, prospects for U.S. sugar production have declined significantly due to adverse weather in both sugar beet and sugarcane regions. In the November 2019 World Agricultural Supply & Demand Estimates Report, the U.S. sugar production projection declined by 572,000 short tons raw value from the previous month, while ongoing weather concerns threaten further reductions. USDA will continue to monitor the market to assess whether supplies are ad-

*Refined sugar of a polarity of 99.2 and above, as produced and measured on a dry basis.

City approves street sweeper

The Friona City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 619 Main in Friona, Texas. The meeting began with a roll call, an invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments. Minutes of the October 15, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved. The Council heard a report from the Friona Police Department concerning budget, expenses, personnel, and upcoming events. Action on a request by Adrian & Yesenia Rubalcava to place a mobile home on their property located at 211 Woodland was tabled. They were not present at the meeting.

Approval was given to an expenditure authorized by the Friona Economic De-

velopment Corporation to Marla Hart/H&R Block in the form of an \$8,500.00 forgivable loan. The re-appointment of Danny Kendrick, Clint Mears, and Ricky White to serve on the Friona Economic Development Board of Directors for two-year terms was also approved.

In other business, the Council approved the Accounts Payable for October 2019 and the Financial Statement for October 2019.

Next, approval was given for a municipal lease agreement with First Bank of Sterling, Kansas for a Starfire S-4C Street Sweeper. Also approved was resolution 19.11.11 regarding the negotiation, execution, and delivery of the municipal lease agreement with First Bank regarding a street sweeper.

The Council also discussed a depository bank proposal, city farm leases, and a non-EMS licensed/certified personnel agreement with Parmer Medical Center. No action was taken regarding those agenda items.

The City Council then went in to Closed Executive Session to discuss the hiring of an EMS Director, the status of EMS employees, and items regarding real prop-

All meetings are open to the public. The City Council reserves the right to go into Executive session at any time. Go to cityoffriona.com to find the agendas and minutes from previous meetings. Information in this article is only a summary. Any questions concerning specific actions should be directed to the City Council.



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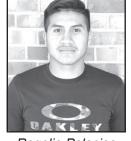
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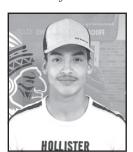
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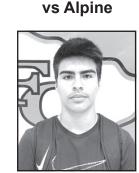
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- 4. Red Foxes
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- 7. (some) Sharks

6. Alligators

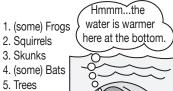
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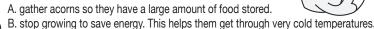
8. Bobcats

- 8. (some) Turtles
- C. swim to warmer waters near Hawaii. D. eat to increase body weight since there is less food.
- E. change their diet completely. In spring, summer and fall they eat
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- G. fly as far south as Mexico.

them hide in the snow.

- - H. eat lots of extra food before they go into hibernation or a deep sleep.





A. grow new, thicker fur. Sometimes the new fur is whiter to help

B. go to the bottom of lakes and ponds where the water is warmer.

C. usually live in the deep south, but some that live farther north in North Carolina or Georgia stay in dens and slow their metabolism, making them less active so they need less food. D. turn from hunting only during the night to hunting during the day.

E. usually travel south for the winter, but those that live in Canada come to the United States, so you might not notice any change at all!

F. hibernate in close clusters in their caves and holes. Others fly to find a warmer place to live.

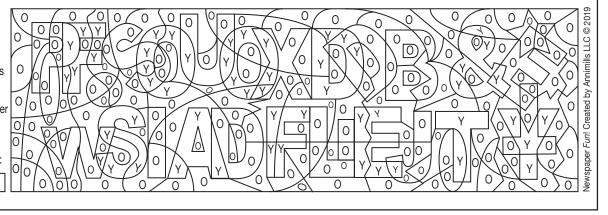
G. start to take very long naps, but they do not actually hibernate. H. allow themselves to be fully frozen! Their bodies thaw in the spring and are completely fine!

I hide in mud.

Why do Animals and **Birds Go South?**

People who go to the warmer southern states for the winter are sometimes nicknamed "Snowbirds." Animals and birds go south for the warmer weather too! Two more reasons animals and birds travel south during the season of deep cold and snow are for:

O = orange Y = yellow



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First Quarter

(F) Jacob Bautista 7yd Run (Tim Ally PAT Good)

Second Quarter

Martinez, David #76

(A) Aaron Fellows 1yd Run (Jeremiah Muse PAT Good) (F) Jose Grado 7yd Pass to Elian Mendoza (Ally PAT Good)

Third Quarter (F)Roger Palacios 1yd Run (PAT No Good)

Fourth Quarter

(A) Aaron Fellows 12 Yd Run (Muse PAT Good) (F) Roger Palacios 3 Yd Run (2pt Eduardo

Chavez pass to Josiah Rejino)

(A) Diego Monclova 38yd Run (Muse PAT Good)

(F) Roger Palacios 6yd Run (2pt Jacob Bautista Run)



Commissioners discuss 2020 Census Redistricting

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, November 25th at 10:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom of the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, Texas. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag. There were no public comments.

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diet has to

change for

the winter.

Menu

Fruits

Rabbit

Berries

The first item of business was the discussion of 2020 Census redistricting. Chuck Kimbrough, a partner with the law firm Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP, provided the Court an overview of what would be involved in the redistricting process. A vote was tabled until the December 9th meeting when all Commissioners would be present.

Next, Wendy Case gave the Court an update on all the activities conducted by the Extension office during the past six months. Bids for storage building repairs for the Extension Office were also considered. The bid by G&M Construction of Bovina was accepted and it will cost roughly \$10,000 to wire, insulate, and install new windows in the building.

The Minutes from the pre-

vious meeting were read and approved. Commissioners approved the payment of the accounts payables as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May and the Treasurer's Report was also approved.

In other business, the Court approved vacation pay for a Parmer County employee and approved a 2020 Joint Primary Resolution allowing for Democrat and Republican primaries to be held at the same time and location.

Sheriff Randy Geries reported that he was currently housing 19 inmates at the Law Enforcement Center. He also reported that the two emergency airpacks located in the LEC had to be refurbished and re-certified.

The next Commissioner's Court is scheduled for December 9th.

All meetings are open to the public. The Commissioners Court reserves the right to go into Executive session at any time. Go to parmercounty.org to find meeting agendas. Information in this article is only a summary. Any questions concerning specific actions should be directed to the court.



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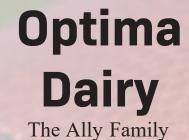




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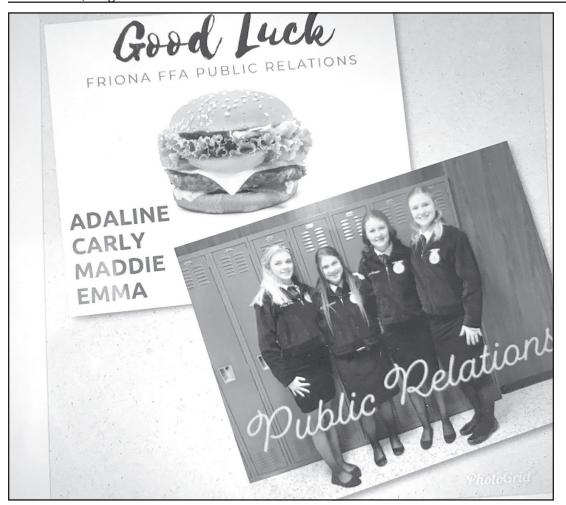
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Congratulations to the Friona FFA Public Relations team of (l-r) Adaline White, Carly Drake, Maddie Sharrock, and Emma Schueler for capturing 1st Place in the District Competition. They advanced to the Area round which was held in Canyon. They incorporated the "Friona: The Cheeseburger Capital of Texas" theme into their project.

WTRT and WT Services Employee Awards presented

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative and its WT Services subsidiary held an Employee Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, November 20th. The ceremony will now be planned as an annual event.

The luncheon was a departure from the long-standing tradition of presenting service anniversary awards as part of the Annual Meeting of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative. A survey of the team members determined that an awards luncheon amongst peers and leadership would be more mean-

Service Anniversary Awards were presented to the following: Johnny Flores, systems and facilities team (35 years); Hope Suarez, customer care/billing (20 years); Michael Foster, construction team (15 years); Ruben Coronado, manager, business solutions (10 years); Harvey Bravo, construction supervisor (10 years); and Max Sanchez, installation and repair team, (5 years).

New Spirit of Excellence and Innovation awards were presented

The Spirit of Excellence Award is presented to team members from WTRT and WT Services who embody company mission, vision and culture. The award, a glass globe, symbolizes the mission statement of connecting customers to the world from where they work and live with state-of-the-art communications technologies.

Spirit of Excellence Awards were presented to Hulisis Arceo and Marcos Villarreal, installation and repair team; Chelsea Anderson, manager, accounting; Rich Kendrick, manager, finance/accounting/radio shops; Rick Bartels, manager, accounting; Raquel Vallejo, manager, administration/ customer care; Michael Foster, construction team; Clint Ruckman, manager, facilities/installation and repair/construction; Stephanie Alonzo, manager, oc department; Heath Urbanczyk, systems and facilities team; and Cindy Carroll, accounts payable coordina-

Innovation Awards were presented to team members bringing forth innovative ideas that benefit the company. Recipients were Shelby Axe, manager, business solutions, and Ruben Coronado, manager, business solutions.

Ruben Coronado was also presented an award as Funniest Team member in recognition of his quick wit and funny stories.

What you need to know about the reports of a looming 2020 bacon shortage

By Adam Russell

Amid popular reports of a possible bacon shortage, many consumers wonder what the future holds for their favorite cut of pork.

The future of U.S. bacon supplies isn't clear enough for consumers to panic about a potential shortage in 2020, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist.

David Anderson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension economist, College Station, quoted Taylor Swift in saying we "need to calm down" when talking about numerous reports regarding a bacon shortage in 2020 that could be based more on expectations than current reality.

"I'm just not convinced yet that these reports aren't sensationalizing the situation a bit at this point," he said. "There are contradictory production and economic factors at play in the market, and I think it will take some time to play out."

But as U.S. consumer love for bacon grows, so does the demand. There is also growing demand elsewhere in the world.

Exports to China have increased significantly since an outbreak of African swine flu led to large-scale culling of China's swine herd. Growing exports of half-carcasses of U.S. pork to China is fueling concerns that U.S. supplies of pork bellies, the cuts that provide bacon, may not keep up with domestic demand.

Anderson said Chinese demand for U.S. pork is a new factor that will weigh heavily on the market for the foreseeable future. But according to Anderson and a recent U.S. Department of Agriculture report, U.S. production and cold storage supplies are setting decades-long records.

"The long-term expectation is for big exports to China, but that is relative to the record amounts of pork we are producing today and have in storage," he said. "Pork prices are extremely cheap here and are competitively priced in China, even with the current tariff."

Bacon supply on ice

Anderson said cold storage stocks of pork bellies are the highest he has on record going back to 1973. The U.S. Department of Agriculture reported pork bellies in cold storage were up 34% from last year, reaching 40.7 million pounds compared to 30.4 million pounds in 2018.

It was worth noting that cold storage stocks are typically low in September, he said.

Chinese demand for pork hasn't let up and led to prices so high that U.S. pork is competitive despite a 62% tariff. Exports have steadily increased as China culled around half its swine herd and continues to struggle with controlling the African swine flu.

Meanwhile, demand for pork bellies in U.S. markets has continued to grow as bacon has become a staple in many households, Anderson said.

The National Pork Board reported U.S. consumption of bacon increased 2.4% from 2001-2013, with Americans consuming about 1.1 billion servings of bacon annually.

Pork belly is found on 8.7% of U.S. menus, a 59% increase in the number of restaurants serving products from the cut since 2014. Bacon is served in seven out of 10 U.S. restaurants.

The board's report also indicates bacon's increased demand over the last few decades is due to its growing appeal beyond breakfast.

"We're producing more and more hogs here at home,

and pork bellies are only one cut, but we have to remember America's appetite for bacon," Anderson said. "Bacon is on everything these

Rollercoaster market for bacon

Anderson said cold storage holdings could indicate bacon-producing companies and restaurants are building supplies in case there is a shortage and prices begin to rise. But he also noted that large belly stocks are related to record hog and pork production.

Expectations of a shortage and subsequent price speculation, rising exports to China, the ongoing trade dispute, how African swine flu continues to affect China's swine herd, U.S. production and stockpile levels add to the commodity's uncertain future and, ultimately, market volatility.

Pork belly prices have been "on a rollercoaster for a while now," Anderson said, well before Chinese supplies became a factor.

For now, Anderson expects U.S. pork exports to China will continue to grow as the Chinese continue to deal with swine flu.

"All these stories could be true in the future even though they appear to be at odds with what is going on with production," he said. "We'll just have to wait and see if export growth is larger than production growth to the point it cuts into domestic supplies and causes prices to rise here at home."

Bacon bits

- · A 275-pound pig nets 16 pounds of bacon, or approximately 560 thinly sliced pieces, according to the National Pork Board.
- · Preserving and salt-curing pork dates back to 1500 B.C. in China.
- Greek and Roman cultures expanded the tradition, and centuries ago bacon became a favorite of people in France, Germany and England.
- The first packaged sliced bacon was patented by Oscar Mayer in 1924.
- The average American consumes almost 18 pounds of bacon each year.

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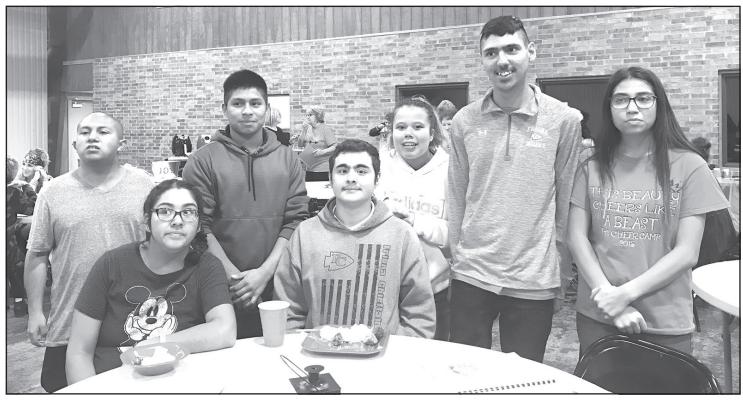


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Friona Jr. High UIL Team and Individual Results

6th Grade Mathematics

1st Place Team (Mario Garcia, Francisco Gutierrez Silva, Rafael Rocha, Aaron Rosales) Aaron Rosales-1st place individual Mario Garcia-tie, 3rd Place individual Francisco Gutierrez Silvatie, 5th Place individual Rafael Rocha-tie, 5th Place individual

8th Grade Mathematics

3rd Place Team (Justin Chavira, Alezandra Rodriguez, Erik Estrada) Justin Chavira-2nd place individual Alezandra Rodriguez-tie, 4th Place individual

6th Grade Maps, Graphs and Charts

2nd Place Team (Jaquelyn Salinas, Jameson Daniels, Avram Hernandez Avram Hernandez-2nd Place individual

7th Grade Maps, Graphs, and Charts

2nd Place Team (Nathan Tafoya, Gael Guevara, Odalis Faudoa Benavente) Nathan Tafoya-4th place individual Odalis Faudoa Benavente-6th Place individual

8th Grade Maps, Graphs, and Charts

1st Place Team (Dieter Ally, Andres Pinon, Issac Tafoya, Justin Chavira) Dieter Ally-1st place individual

7th Grade Art

2nd Place Team (Ashley Maldonado, Vanessa Martinez, Jalie Cook) Ashley Maldonado-1st Place individual Vanessa Martinez-5th Place individual

8th Grade Art

3rd Place Team (Alexis Escobedo, Reagan Daniels, Johanna Campos, Ellie Galaviz, Yeslie Faudoa, Kasey Vargas) Reagan Daniels-1st Place individual Ellie Galaviz-6th Place individual

6th Grade Dictionary

3rd Place Team (Rene Rodriguez, Thomas Cook, Abril Arzate) Abril Arzate-tie, 2nd Place individual

7th Grade Dictionary

1st Place Team (Carolyn Borjas, Sophia Leon, Marilyn Antonio Cho, Aubrey Schueler) Sophia Leon-1st Place individual Aubrey Schueler-tie, 2nd Place individual

8th Grade Dictionary

Nayeli Herrera-3rd place individual

6th Grade Number Sense

1st place team (Aaron Rosales, Mario Garica, Rafael Rocha) Aaron Rosales-1st Place individual Mario Garcia-2nd Place individual Rafael Rocha-5th Place individual

7th Grade Number Sense

3rd place team (Nevaeh Galan, Antonio Avila Cortes, Damian Sanchez) Damian Sanchez-4th Place individual

8th Grade Number Sense

1st place team (Jonathan Gonzalez, Justin Chavira, Isaac Olmos, Spencer Stokes) Jonathan Gonzalez-3rd place individual Justin Chavira-4th Place individual Isaac Olmos-5th Place individual

6th Grade Social Studies

2nd Place Team (Juan Vargas, D'Andre Shelby, Zaybree Goff, Rene Rodriguez) Rene Rodriguez-1st Place individual D'Andre Shelby-tie, 3rd Place individual

7th Grade Social Studies

Lexi Soto-1st place individual Angela Lerma-4th place individual

8th Grade Social Studies

1st place team (Dieter Ally, Yvonne Legarreta, Jose Alvidrez, Andres Pinon) Dieter Ally-1st Place individual Yvonne Legarreta-3rd Place individual Andres Pinon-5th Place individual

8th Grade Music Memory

1st Place Team (Reagan Daniels, Lylianna Martinez, Adynaih Dominguez, Ellie McEuen, Spencer Stokes, Genesis Hernandez) Reagan Daniels-1st Place individual Adynaih Dominguez-3rd Place individual Ellie McEuen-6th Place Tie

6th Place Spelling

1st Place Team (Azriel Flores, Yaselene Faudoa, Rene Rodriguez, Marco Leon) Marco Leon-1st Place individual Azriel Flores-tie, 6th Place individual Rene Rodriguez-tie, 6th Place individual

7th Grade Spelling

1st Place Team (Nariah Rocha, Yoseline Mulul Gabriel, Sophia Leon) Sophia Leon-1st Place individual Yoseline Mulul Gabriel-4th Place individual

8th Grade Spelling

1st Place Team (Leah Hernandez, Alezandra Rodriguez, Naylei Herrera, Valeria Corralez) Alezandra Rodriguez-3rd place individual Nayeli Herrera-5th Place individual

Science II (8th Grade)

1st place team (Reese Stowers, Jacee Burney, Kasey Vargas, Andres Pinon) Reese Stowers-2nd place individual Kasey Vargas-3rd Place individual Andres Pinon-4th Place individual

6th Grade Listening

3rd Place Team (Francisco Gutierrez Silva, Justin Reveles, Rene Rodriguez, Israel Santiago) Francisco Gutierrez Silva-2nd place individual

7th Grade Listening

Karely Nunez Tarango-6th place individual

8th Grade Listening

Alezandra Rodriguez-tie, 2nd Place individual Jarrett White-tie, 2nd Place individual 6th Grade Chess 3rd Place Team (Maddox Ashlock, Kaysen Stanberry, Avram Hernandez) Maddox Ashlock-2nd Place individual

6th Grade Impromptu

Azriel Flores-3rd place individual Evelyn Hernandez-5th Place individual

7th Grade Impromptu

Lilly Abarca-3rd place individual Kitzy Welch-4th place individual

8th Grade Impromptu

Ellie Galaviz-6th place individual

6th Grade Oral Reading

Yaselene Faudoa-4th Place individual Ashley Chico-6th Place individual

7th Grade Oral Reading

Kitzy Welch-1st place individual Aubrey Schueler-6th Place individual

7th Grade Modern Oratory

Jalie Cook-4th Place individual Aubrey Schueler-5th Place individual

8th Grade Modern Oratory

Amy Montana-1st place individual Elijah Thompson-6th place individual

6th Grade Ready WritingMia Moreno-4th place individual
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place individual

7th Grade Ready Writing

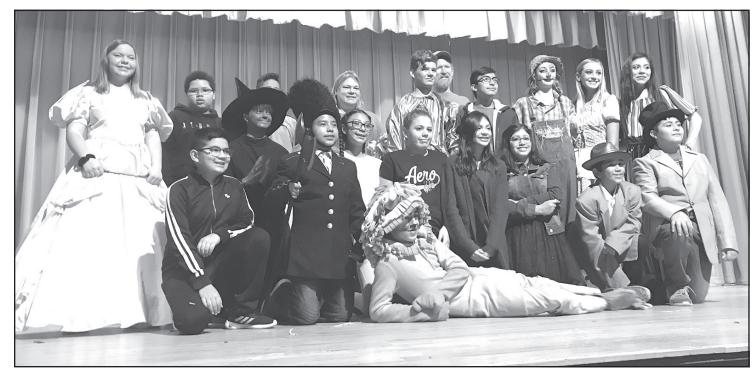
Desiree Raymond-3rd place individual Kitzy Welch-4th Place individual

8th Grade Ready Writing

Jennyfer Munoz Loredo-5th place individual Ellie McEuen-6th place individual

One Act Play "Oz!" by Don Zolidis

2nd Place Show
Best Performer-Dieter Ally, "Lion"
All-Star Cast-Kitzy Welch, "Beth"
All-Star Cast-Reese
Stowers, "Scarecrow"
Honorable Mention CastAmy Montana, "Guide"
Honorable Mention CastJarrett White, "Tin Man"





Opportunities to give

Empty Stocking Fund

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

Project Christmas Card

The Parmer County Hospital Auxiliary is accepting donations for its 2019 Project Christmas Card. Proceeds from this annual fundraiser are used by the Auxiliary to purchase medical equipment for Parmer Medical Center. Project Christmas Card began years ago by encouraging people to donate the money they would usually spend on Christmas cards to the hospital fund instead. That idea continues today by asking citizens to set aside a percentage of their Christmas budget for Project Christmas Card. Project baskets and canisters have been placed around town in various businesses for the collection of donations. The names of donors will be included in a special Christmas Greeting in the December 19th edition of the Friona Star. Please make sure you put your name with all (even cash) donations. The deadline for donations is Saturday, December 14th. You can contact Connie Neeley at (806) 250-2542 for more information.

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Christmas in the Park

Christmas in the Park will be held on Monday, December 2nd from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Santa will be at the Depot to visit the children from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. A lighted parade will immediately follow. Kids!!! Write your letters to Santa in advance and give them to the elves when you arrive at the park. There will also be vendors in the park to provide food, drinks, and etc.

Be sure to go by the Chamber of Commerce and enter the lighted parade or sign up as a vendor. You can also go to frionaon-line.com and print out a Vendor or Lighted Parade entry form and a map of the parade route can also be found at the website.

Adopt A Tree

Help make the City Park Shine! Go by the Chamber of Commerce office and pick out your special tree to decorate.

Ho! Ho! Home for the Holidays

The Friona Chamber of Commerce is once again hosting Ho! Ho! Home for the Holidays! All you have to do is shop locally and sign up to win \$25 in Friona Bucks at local businesses. The event ends on Thursday, December 19th and there will be a drawing for winners at each participating business. There will also be a grand prize of \$100 in Friona Bucks.

Participating businesses include A-1 Service Center, Bi-Wize Pharmacy, Blackburn Hardware, Creative Chaos, H&R Block, Hunan's Restaurant, Ivy Cottage, Kendrick Oil/Farm Store, Joe's Restaurant, Lowes Supermarket, Malouf's Fabrics, Milk House Market, The Nutrition Spot, and Veterinary Industries.

Jr. High wins 3rd in UIL competition; One Act Play wins 2nd

On Wednesday, November 13th, 85 students participated in the Junior High District UIL Meet in Muleshoe, Texas. Friona won 3rd place overall and brought home 69 individual awards and 21 team awards.

On Wednesday, November 20th, the One Act Play Cast/Crew competed in the District Contest, hosted by Friona High School. The Friona cast/crew brought home 7 individual awards and won 2nd place show.

Final team and individual results listed above.



Last week Empty Stocking Fund co-chair Holly Campbell (right) presented a \$1000 check to Prairie Acres Administrator Amy Skiles (center) to help purchase Christmas presents for each resident. Also at the presentation were (l-r) Activities Director Elizabeth Romero and residents Margaret Duggins and Charles Gilbreath.









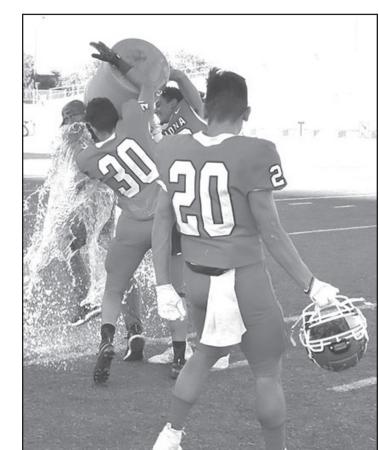










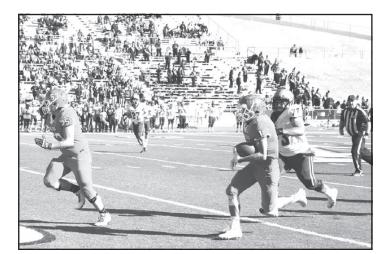
















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