



Another Christmas Story

'Twas the 6th before Christmas at right about dark,
The trees were all lighted for St. Nick in the park;

The choir had arrived and was set to perform,
They would sing all the carols and try to stay warm;


Vendors were there and all guests were soon fed,
Even the big guy all decked out in red;

And right behind Santa what did we see?
Royalty, elves, and a manager named Lee;

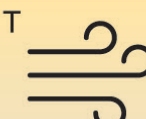
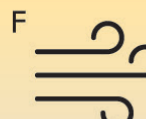
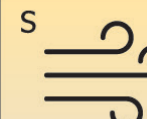
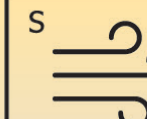
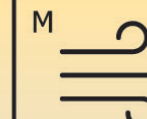
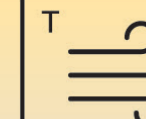
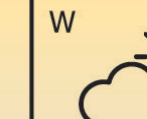
The kids were lined up to tell what they needed,
Some hemmed and hawed and others just pleaded;

And when it was over and he got in his sleigh,
Santa looked back and had this to say;

I had a great time but can you explain,
You have a nice depot, but where is the train?

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Community Calendar

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

December 20 – January 3

- No School

December 23-24

- Courthouse Closed

December 25

- Christmas Day

December 27-31

- Friona Star office closed

December 31

- Courthouse Closed

January 1

- New Year's Day

Wash your hands

Stay at home if sick

Wear your mask

Stay 6 feet away

Ivy Cottage
Bridal Registry

Regan Anthony & Scott Bednorz

Join our Bridal Registry Free of Charge!
Inquire at Ivy Cottage - 1100 N Prospect Ave or call us at 250-8073

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FRIONA, TX

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Friday 11-5 • Saturday: 10-3

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Regan Anthony & Scott Bednorz

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Farmhouse to Your House

Letters for Santa

The Friona Star office received 190 letters from the Primary School, 149 from the Elementary School, and 4 letters were brought to our office. The USPS tracking app showed that Santa did receive all of the letters. The following Santa letters are some that we randomly selected from the box. We are typing the letters as they are written. Santa can speak all languages!!!



Merry Christmas!

I got cookies Santa, can you give me presents? Oh and my sister has naughty. I really really REALLY want a new pink jacket it's fine if you don't give me one. Oh and my family is really nice oh and you should listen to music ♥ Have a jolly happy Christmas Eve! ♥

Your friend
Daniela
2nd Grade

Querido Santa,

Hola! ¿Como has estado? Me imagio que muy ocupado porque ya se esta acercando la Navidad. Yo me he portado poquito mal pero enveces un poquito bien. Me podrias traer un juguete carro te voy a dejar uhas galletas y un vaso de leche. Tambien le dejare comida a tus renos.

Feliz Navidad
William
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,

Can you please give me a baby doll and a reall dog and I have been good and I want my sisters paprs.

Your friend
Jenna
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,

I want a Supreman toy and Some cloths and a captine amreca sheuld. Shuzame toy and a PS5 and a nefr guntot.

to Santa
from Ian
2nd Grade

Earlier in the month, the Friona Star took its collection of Santa letters to Edna at the Post Office to be shipped to the North Pole. A total of 343 letters were mailed via Overnight Delivery to Santa Claus at 123 Elf Road, North Pole, 88888.

Querido Santa

Hola! ¿como has estado? Me imagino que muy ocupado porque ya se esta acercando la Navidad. yo me he portade vien en la casa y poquito en la escuela mal porque no leavie-ro prestar la crayenea amigos por favor me pude traer un preye-stechen y sino puede traerme el plevestechon me pudes traer una visicle ta y sino puede s me pudes unos yordan s yroeaprami ermanita por favor felis Navidad Santa

Ian
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,

I want a phone with a phone case and some shoes some Air Forces. And for all my family to gather up and eat some tamales.

To: Santa
From: Jaylee
5th Grade

Dear Santa

Hi Santa you can give me a hug and you can call me and my mom put cookis and milk to sleep if you come. I give you a Big hug santa you can bring me a toy I what a smell dog. and what ted Bear.

Love Santa
Maria
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,

I would like a apple pin please then a slime kit and a 50 pack a fig-det please more school syplise please and thank you!!!!

Your friend
Itzel
2nd Grade

Dear, Santa

I want for christ-mas is new nike tennis shoes, colore changing air forces, New phone case, pens markers.

to: Santa
From: Emery
5th Grade

Daer, Santa

Hey, How are doing? Tell Rudoff I said Heyyyy! So you know I'm a Ticktoker right? So I want a ring light pretty pretty plzzz! And maybe some crocs and thats all so Ya!

From,
Sophice
5th Grade

Dear Santa

And rodof how are you dowing in the north pol. what do you like to eat do you like cup-cakes and hot chokalet and cookis for christ-mas I want a Barbi toy house and cloths and shoes and a tablet

love
Emelda
3rd Grade

Dear Santa

For Chrismas I want two puppy and I want it to be boy and a gril that are siblings. The taype of dog that is a Doberman. I also want to get stuffs for the puppys. The colors that I want is red and a pink for the puppys. Could I also Let my family take a breck for two months so I could go and spend with my family and pets. Also could you get the thing that my sibling want and parents. Could you also get everyone in my fam-ily like cousins, grama, grampa, uncle, and annt a christmas persants and also my teachers in 4th and 5th. I want everyone to have a great chrismas and get what they want for chrismas.

From: Karolina
5th Grade

Dear Nick

i wont a iphone 13 pro max and a whach and a tadlet with a pensel so i can drew i love to drew and i relley want one and i want sume uno cards and more games buy new ones ♥ and a new love for my mom. ♥ I want all my family to be there for chrismas and that i can see my dad ag-ine and i want a litte tree to ♥

Love -
Mayra
5th Grade



TEXAS CROSSWORD
by Charley & Guy Orbison
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ACROSS

- 1 Camry, e.g. (2 wds.)
- 5 San _____, TX
- 6 TX Vikki Carr Latin hit: "Cosas del _____"
- 7 Apollo 13 transmission: "Houston, _____ had a problem"
- 8 TXism: "the bigger they _____, the harder they fall"
- 9 when a prosecutor dismisses a case before trial: "_____ pros." (abbr.)
- 12 TXism: "_____ as an outhouse on a cold morning" (long distance)
- 17 a fried tortilla dish that properly ends with an "a"
- 19 TXism: "Sunday go to _____"
- 21 opposing soldiers
- 22 1966 film: "Texas _____ the River"
- 23 mascot of Lamar State College Orange (2 wds.)
- 28 TXism: "there's more than one way to skin _____"
- 29 TX Mac Davis hit: "Baby, Don't Get Hooked _____"
- 30 bomb used in the Vietnam War
- 31 pungent bulb
- 35 India currency
- 36 TXism: "fat _____ house cat"
- 42 groove-_____ is a south Texas bird
- 44 in Smith and Cherokee counties on highway 110
- 46 this Teddy stayed at San Antonio's Menger Hotel
- 48 annual Texas event in Washington: "Black _____ Boots Ball"
- 49 Neil to George H.W.
- 50 honorary Texas Ranger: _____ Stanley Gardner
- 51 _____ Dallas Hotel
- 52 loud racket
- 13 TX Steve Forrest 1961 comedy film "The _____ Around"
- 14 flowerless plant
- 15 nuclear energy source
- 16 TXism: "Lord willing and the creek don't _____" (determined)
- 18 pay TV network
- 20 TX Nat who sang "Sweet Thang" (init.)
- 23 TXism: "bend _____ elbow" (drink)
- 24 a freshwater fish
- 25 England's version of a bar (2 wds.)
- 26 zoo animals similar to pigs
- 27 Chief _____-te-ka adopted Houston
- 32 TXism: "he's _____ spring chicken"
- 33 state where TX Holly died (abbr.)
- 34 "use it _____ lose it"
- 36 "lemon" ending
- 37 TXism: "salt some away"
- 38 dweeb (2 wds.)
- 39 Dunne of epic 1931 western "Cimarron"
- 40 "sorry, you're on your on" (2 wds.)
- 41 TXism: "scatter _____" (shotgun)
- 43 RB star Emmitt (init.)
- 45 this TX Phyllis was on "Vega\$" TV show
- 47 Victoria of film "All of Me" starring TX-born Steve Martin
- 48 "bull" in Mexico
- 55 Jody Mc _____ 1962 film: "Young Guns of Texas"

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "slick _____ seed"
- 2 Milam County seat
- 3 Amarillo: 3,605 feet _____ level
- 4 TXism: _____ as hen's teeth"
- 9 Texas Wesleyan athletics assn.
- 10 TX-born Robby Benson starred in a film made from this 1967 song (4 wds.)
- 11 _____ Fresno, TX
- 12 doctors' org.

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HO! HO! HO! Christmas Promotion Winners 2021

Sponsored by the Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture

- Ivy Cottage** Shelby Carrillo
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- Farm Wife Kitchen** Janette Thorn
- Vet Industries** David Hough
- Bi-Wize Pharmacy** Angi Raymond
- Kendrick Farm Store** Raul Licerio
- Dos Chixx** Jackie Rivera
- Grand Prize Winner** George Frye

Each Winner received \$25 in Friona Bucks to be spent at the business where they won. Grand prize winner received \$100 in Friona Bucks to be spent anywhere Friona Bucks are accepted.

COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from December 9, 2021 to December 16, 2021

- (12/10/21) Adrian Rubalvava — Pascuala Yesenia Cigarroa — Lots 1-6 of Block 100, Original Town of Friona, Parmer County 211 Woodland Friona Texas
- (12/14/21) Robert W. Anderson, Ginger K. Anderson — Bobbie Ted Roberts Jr., Manuelita Roberts V — Lot 1, Block 5, Ridgecrest Addition, Unit Number 3, City of Farwell Parmer County Texas
- (12/15/21) Jose Alfredo Pinon, Alicia G. Pinon — Mario E. Soto, Rebecca Soto — All of Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, Block 11 of the Original Town of Bovina Parmer County; All of Lot 12, Block 3, of the McMillen and Fergus Addition to the Town of Friona Parmer County as shown by Plat of said Addition of Record in Vol 15, Pg 112 of Deed of Records of Parmer County
- (12/15/21) Premiere Partners IV LP — T and G Land LLC — All of Section 51, Block H Kelly Subdivision, Parmer County Save and Except an 8.50 Acre Tract of Land out of the Southeast Corner of Section 51, Block H Thomas Kelly Subdivision Parmer County as per Plat recorded in Vol 5, Pg 169 Deed of Records Parmer County Texas; More Tracts Exhibit "A"
- (12/15/21) Jimmy Meeks, Lawanda Meeks — Diane R. Tomlinson, Walter Ernie Tomlinson — North 85' of Lot 2, block 3, Ridgecrest Addition Unit No. 2 City of Farwell Parmer County Texas
- (12/15/21) Jeff Boehning, Tisha Boehning — Robert Lelear Jr., Kimberly J. Lelear — A Tract of Land in the North 1/2 of Section 90, Block H, Thomas Kelly Subdivision, Parmer County Texas

National average gas price down 2.9 cents

By GasBuddy

Texas gas prices rose 0.3 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.86 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Gas prices in Texas are 14.0 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 95.9 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

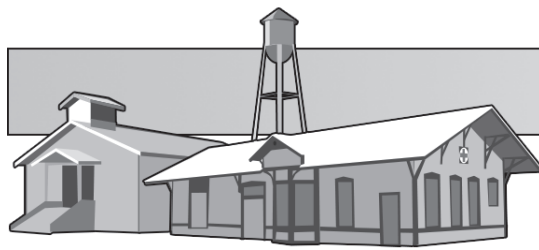
According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$2.35 while the most expensive is \$3.89 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline fell 2.9 cents in the last week, averaging \$3.30 per gallon. The national average is down 11.1 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.09 per gallon higher than a year ago.

"For yet another week, average gasoline prices continue to fall as omicron cases surge, leading oil demand, and thus oil prices, to stall. The decline in gas prices will likely continue until new Covid cases slow down," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

De Haan continued, "With gas prices very likely to continue declining this week in most states, we may see Christmas gas prices fall just under their all-time high on the holiday, which was \$3.26 in 2013. Beyond Christmas, with omicron cases likely to continue climbing, I do believe we'll see a more noticeable hit on gasoline demand once the holidays are over. There's a rising likelihood that we won't see gas prices rising for the rest of the year- with one caveat- gas prices in the Great Lakes states have plummeted by 30 to 50 cents in some areas, and stations in those areas may raise prices slightly should oil prices slow their decline. Aside from those areas, declines at the pump are likely to continue as we close out 2021."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. GasBuddy data is accessible at <http://FuelInsights.GasBuddy.com>.



TOWN TALK

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Lions raffle winners — The Friona Noon Lions held a drawing for its 2021 fundraiser raffle last Monday and the winners are as follows; J'Lond Jarecki won the CZ Bobwhite 20 gauge shotgun, Richard Samarron won the Smith and Wesson Stainless Steel Model 67-38 Special, Manuel Toledo won the Yeti Roadie 5.2 gal. Cooler with 2 Rambler 18 oz. bottles, and Josh Barnett won the Tyler Gun Works Iroquois Tomahawk. Congratulations to all!

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Done for the year — This is the last issue of the Friona Star for 2021. It has been the tradition for many years to take the last week of the year as a vacation. The next edition of the Friona Star will be January 6th. It will contain a special "In Memory" listing of those we lost in 2021. The Friona Star office will be closed from December 24-31. See you next year.

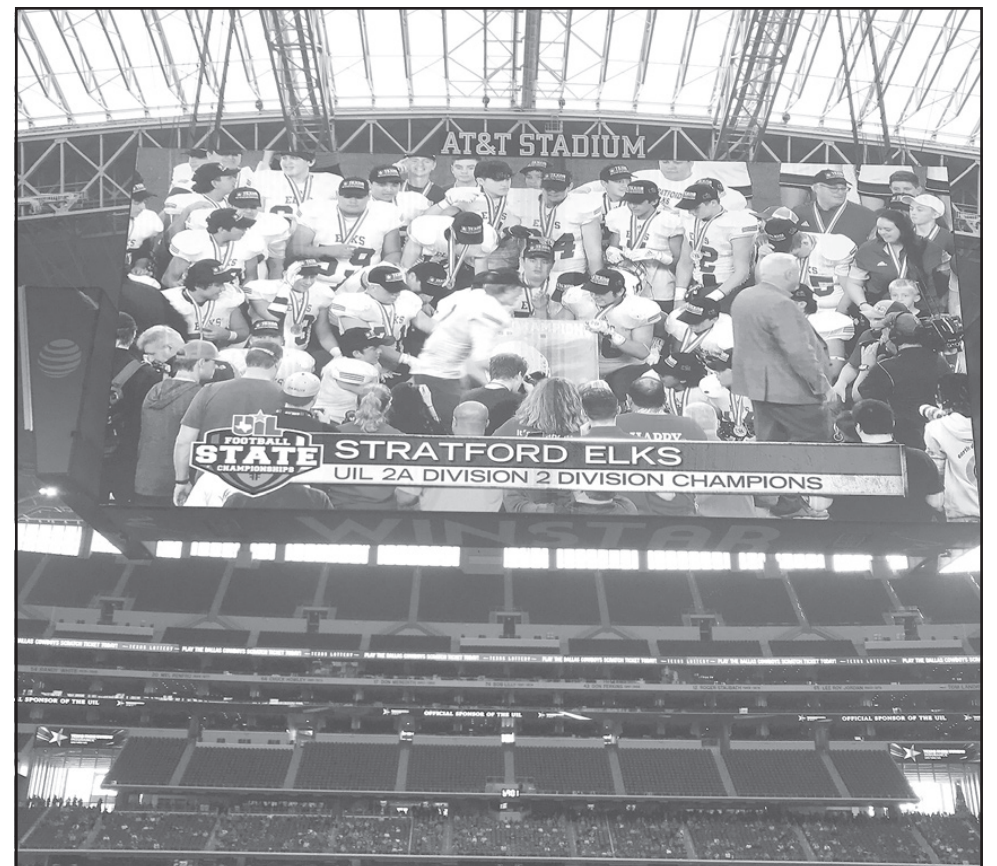
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Just missed it — Due to an early press deadline, Joe Bob & Vondale Mann and Danny & Pam Kendrick did not make the Project Christmas Card list in the second section of the paper. A total of \$2,082 was raised this year. We will print an updated list next year along with details on what equipment was purchased with the proceeds.

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Jerry's World — 1971 Stratford grad Homer Haile travelled to AT&T Stadium (home of the Dallas Cowboys) in Arlington to watch the Elks try to capture another state championship. Stratford defeated Falls City 39-27 in the Class 2A Division 2 finale to win its 4th Football State Championship. Homer said that the team received several police escorts through panhandle towns on their way back to Stratford as well as a huge ceremony when they got home. Congratulations, Stratford!

- National Days**
- December 23 — Regifting Day
 - December 24 — Eggnog Day
 - December 25 — Christmas
 - December 26 — Candy Cane Day
 - December 27 — Fruitcake Day
 - December 28 — Pledge of Allegiance Day
 - December 29 — Tick Tock Day
 - December 30 — Bacon Day
 - December 31 — Champagne Day
 - January 1 — New Year's Day
 - January 2 — Science Fiction Day
 - January 3 — Fruitcake Toss Day
 - January 4 — Spaghetti Day
 - January 5 — Bird Day



Last year we heard hooves pawing... and Santa's sleigh jingling on the roof! Kids: color stuff in!

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The Night Before Christmas!

The night before Christmas is an evening filled with wonder and surprises. Each family has its own way of celebrating as they wait for Christmas morning to arrive: trimming a tree, joining in Christmas caroling or sharing hot chocolate and Christmas cookies. A fun custom is the hanging of stockings by the fireplace in hopes of finding small candies and treasures in them on Christmas morning!

What might Santa tuck into a stocking to be found on Christmas morning? **Can you find and circle the surprises listed in the stocking?**

Merry Christmas to you and your family!

It's Christmas Eve and...

- one family is putting up its Christmas _____ and decorating it.
- when Mary and Joseph could not find a room in Bethlehem, an innkeeper offered his _____.
- lighted _____ are in our windows.
- children hang their _____.
- families attend church _____.
- kids remember to leave cookies and milk for Santa Claus and _____ for his reindeer.
- a family's favorite Christmas _____ is being read aloud.
- in one story, animals can talk at midnight; they are given the gift of _____ for one special night.
- friends and families join together to stroll the block and sing Christmas _____.
- Santa Claus is busy delivering _____!

1. carols
2. sugar
3. services manger
4. stockings
5. gifts
6. candles
7. story
8. tree
9. speech

Treats for the Reindeer Pulling the Sleigh!

Gosh! We do all the work pulling the sleigh on Christmas Eve and Santa gets the cookies and milk left out by children everywhere. Maybe some thoughtful children would leave us a little bit of sugar as a treat! Oh, we like these too:

Find and circle at least 25 nouns that are plurals - meaning "more than one." (Hint: they end with the letter 's'.)

R = Red
O = Orange
G = Green

Shining Brightly on Christmas Eve!

In the Christmas story this appeared and shone brightly in the sky. It guided the Three Kings to the place where the Christ child was born. It is a symbol of hope and joy. **Follow the dots to see what it is:**

20. 1. 2. The...
17. 18. 19. 3. 4. 5.
16. 6.
15. 0. 7. R T S A
14. 11. 8. ...of
13. 10. 9. Bethlehem!



Christmas Brunch #2

Just in case you didn't find anything you liked last week, here are a few more recipes to brighten your Christmas morning.

Southwest Crock Pot Breakfast Casserole

By Linda Larsen
www.thespruceeats.com

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 pound bulk breakfast sausage (cooked and drained)
- 1 onion (chopped)
- 2 cloves garlic (minced)
- 1 green bell pepper (chopped)
- 1 (4-ounce) can chopped green chilies or jalapeño peppers (well drained)
- 2 1/2 cups Monterey Jack or Pepper Jack cheese (grated)
- 18 eggs
- 1 to 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper, if desired
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Steps to Make It

Grease inside of 5-quart crockpot with butter or spray it with nonstick cooking spray. Starting with sausage, layer the cooked and drained meat, onions, peppers, chilies, and cheese into the slow cooker, repeating the layering process until all of the ingredients are used. In a large mixer bowl, beat the eggs with a wire whisk or eggbeater until combined, then pour over mixture in the crockpot. Cover the slow cooker and cook on low 7 to 8 hours or until the temperature reaches at least 165oF. Serve this recipe immediately with sour cream or fresh salsa. If you have a newer, hotter cooking crockpot, check at 5 1/2 hours. To serve, scoop up portions and serve on warmed plates.

Cinnamon Roll Cake

By Kristina Vanni
www.thespruceeats.com

Ingredients

- For the Dough:*
- 1 (1/4-ounce) package active dry yeast
 - 1/2 cup warm water, between 110 and 115 F
 - 1/2 cup warm heavy whipping cream, between 110 to 115 F
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 3 to 4 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1 large room temperature egg, beaten
 - 3 tablespoons (1 1/2-ounces) unsalted butter, melted
- For the Filling:*
- 1/4 cup (2-ounces) unsalted butter, softened
 - 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
 - 2 tablespoons ground cinnamon
- For the Frosting:*
- 1/2 cup (4-ounces) unsalted butter
 - 1/4 cup cream cheese, softened
 - 1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
 - 1/8 teaspoon salt
 - 1 1/2 cups confectioners' sugar

Steps to Make It

Gather the ingredients. Dissolve the yeast in warm water and whipping cream until foamy. In another bowl, combine the sugar and salt, then add 3 cups of the flour, the yeast mixture, egg, and melted butter. Stir until moistened. Add just enough of the remaining flour to form a soft dough. Turn out the dough onto a lightly-floured surface and knead until smooth and elastic, about 3 or 4 minutes. Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease top. Cover and let rise in a warm place until doubled, about 30 minutes. Turn out dough onto a lightly floured surface and roll into a 15 x 12-inch rectangle. Spread the softened butter over the dough. Sprinkle with brown sugar and cinnamon. Using a pizza cutter, cut into 2-inch wide strips. Roll up one strip and place in the center of a greased 9-inch round cake pan. Wrap the remaining strips around the center to form one giant roll. Cover with greased foil and let rise until doubled, about 1 hour. Meanwhile, pre-heat oven to 350o F. Bake until golden brown, 30 to 40 minutes. If the dough starts browning too quickly, cover lightly with foil. Cool on a wire rack. For the frosting, beat butter, cream cheese, vanilla, and salt until blended. Gradually beat in the confectioners' sugar. Spread over the top of the cooled cinnamon roll cake. Cut into wedges to serve. Enjoy!

Cardinal Punch Mocktail

By Colleen Graham
www.thespruceeats.com

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup cranberry juice
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/4 cup ginger ale
- Lemon slice, for garnish
- Orange slice, for garnish

lemon juices. Top with the ginger ale. Garnish with orange and lemon slices. Serve and enjoy.

How to Make a Pitcher or Punch Bowl

The cardinal punch is an easy recipe to increase as needed. Simply retain the proportions of 2 parts cranberry, 1/2 part lemon, 1 part orange, and 2 parts ginger ale. When preparing it ahead of time, hold the soda until it's time

to serve so your guests can enjoy a fully carbonated drink. To make 1 quart for a pitcher: Combine 12 ounces (1 1/2 cups) of cranberry juice, 3 ounces (about 1/3 cup) of lemon juice, 6 ounces (3/4 cup) of orange juice, and 12 ounces of ginger ale. To make 1 gallon for a punch bowl: Measure out 6 cups of cranberry juice, 1 1/2 cups lemon juice, 3 cups of orange juice, and 6 cups of ginger ale.

Happy Birthday

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| Dec. 23
Sue Wells
Nancy Davis
Kasandra Gonzalez | Dec. 31
Staci (Murphree) Brantley
Emily Marie Epperson
Tonya Rainey
Oscar Torres
Frankie Lindeman |
| Dec. 24
Mike Herbert
Catherine Fairweather
Emily Chico | Jan. 1
Cordella Jeter
Gary Stowers
Corbin Potts
Carter Acker
Bennett Acker
Cinda (Johnson) Scheef
Michael Hernandez |
| Dec. 25
Mona Sharrock
Bob Hurst
Mickey Harrelson
Michael McLellan | |

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| Dec. 26
Moises Piña
Lindsey Jennings Irwin
Allison Bass
Kerry Blackburn | Jan. 2
Dr. Neill Veggeberg
Daniel Cuevas
Tony Cuevas
Maddie Zambrano |
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| Dec. 27
Jessica Piña
Joanna Schueler Baaafour
Nora Mendez | Jan. 3
Jennifer Baize
John Jarecki
Dale Mann
Sarah McFarland
Jeremy Reed
Vickie Kube
Landon Weatherly
Julie Mason |
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| Dec. 28
Brandon Berend
Jan Parker
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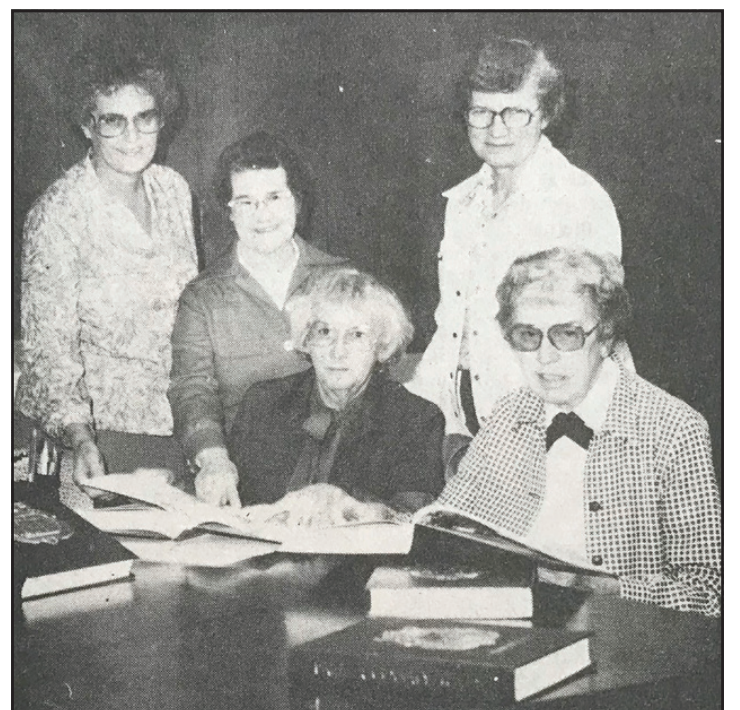
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FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



HAPPY DAY....The Parmer County History Book was received this week, and members of the book committee have been enjoying handing out the book to those who ordered one. Shown looking at copies of the book are (standing) Betty Rector, Grace Whitefield and Velma Schlenker. Seated are Allo Reeve and Orma Flippin. (Friona Star, Sunday, December 20, 1981)

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Coming Home For Christmas

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

Merry Christmas, I came across this article when looking for something else. It has been 10 years since I wrote this and eleven years that we have been home. We are still thankful for this community and pray God's richest blessing for you and your family now and in the year to come. God bless. In Him, Jeff

The road had been long and darkness settled over the land as the shorter days gave way to colder nights. The travelers were on the move in pursuit of a future that collided with a past. A unique opportunity, one filled with hope and promise, but for now the road was long and dark with the simple question coming from the back, "Are we there yet?" "No, not yet, but soon," was the response

from the front. So many times this road traveled, but never like this before. Then oft in the distance like a lighthouse beacon, the star shone brightly. A summons from the front seat to the back, "Sweetheart see that star?" "Yes" was the sleepy reply. "We are going to live in the place where it resides." "Are we there yet?" came the response. "Almost" was the reply. Like the star of Bethlehem, was the beacon calling the shepherds, this star was bidding the travelers welcome. This star meant home.

Now for some this melodramatic introduction might set the tone for some deep discussion, but I must tell you, the Star on Wheat Growers was that little beacon calling us home. Like most of you I grew up

seeing it a million times, but this year I see it differently. We are here neither to visit, nor here because my parents chose to live here. Now we are here because we want to be here and have prayerfully trusted God with that choice. I am not just talking about our choice, but your choice, to have us come home, as well. Thank you. Thank you to 6th St. for loving us so, and this community for all the encouragement and kindness.

We look forward to what God has in store and are thankful for what all He has done. We do wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year. Looking forward to what God does in this place to His glory. God bless. In His Service and Yours, Jeff, Monica and Elaina

Everlasting Father

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Merry Christmas! I hope you have a very blessed Christmas as you focus on Jesus Christ, God's perfect gift to you! Isaiah 9:6 says "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Jesus Christ is the promised child, fully man and fully God, sent to bring salvation to the world. Isaiah

9:6 mentions four titles of Jesus that highlight who he is. Everlasting Father speaks of Jesus' divinity, and Lordship over eternity. "Father of Eternity" is another way to translate this phrase, and it speaks of his lordship over eternity, and it reminds us that he is the only source of eternal life. This title is not to confuse the personhood of the Trinity, but to affirm that the Son who is born, is not sacrificing his deity when he clothed himself in hu-

manity. In fact, Jesus affirmed that when he said "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life," in John 3:16.

The point is this, Jesus gives life eternal to all who come to him in saving faith, which truly is the greatest gift of all! If you don't know Jesus as your Lord and Savior, may this Christmas be the time when you cry out to him to save you from your sins.

God Cares for Us

By Teena Hughs

We are all created by God, man and woman, in His image (Genesis 1:27), for His purpose (Colossians 1:16). I do not believe God makes mistakes, so when He made me a female, He did it for a reason and a purpose!

I use the self-checkout at Walmart, because I like to bag my groceries a certain way. Of course, I usually make a mistake or two, so last Thursday, I had to call the Walmart employee over to straighten me out. This time, the employee was a transgendering male. I will refer to him as "he" or "him" because God created him as a male.

He was very nice, and I was very nice to him in return, just like I would be to a "straight" person. The Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:31) kept going over and over in my head. When I was leaving, I thanked him again, something I would do to anyone who had helped me.

I had 50 miles to think about this on my way home. Even though I don't try to, sometimes I feel like I go overboard in the being nice category with people like him. I don't want to say to him that I approve of what he is doing in any way, but I do want to be friendly.

I have a friend whose son is gay. The thing that kills her soul is the thought that people think he is unlovable. No matter how someone lives their life, I do not want a single person to feel like they are unlovable. God loves them; He may be disappointed in some of our choices, but He loves each and every one of us!!!

If it is God's will, maybe the transgendering male and I will meet again and form a friendship over time; or, I may never see him again. I do not believe you educate or "change" anyone by being unkind or rude to them. You cannot establish a conversation or relationship by being ugly to someone.

Someday I will answer for how I treat everyone, not just transgendering people. I have given Jesus many reasons to shake His finger in my face when I meet Him, but I really hope He won't have to spend a lot of time shaking His finger at me over the ways I haven't loved my neighbor. Time will tell.

In one of my Bible studies, we were encouraged to practice our testimony and be prepared to give it to someone on the spur of the moment. I believe we need to formulate our opinions about many of today's morals and values issues, and based on Scripture, be prepared to speak our opinions in a loving way. Sometimes we know something is wrong, but we haven't taken the time to research and formulate our thoughts and reasons as to what we will say when God asks us to speak.

It is Christmas. It is a wonderful time to start practicing loving your neighbor that doesn't think or live like you, or as God desires. I know it can be tough, but the more you practice it, the easier it gets, and the merrier Christmas you will have!!! You will also put a smile on God's face, and it is always awesome to put a smile on His face. Take care everyone; merry, merry Christmas and happy, happy new year!!!

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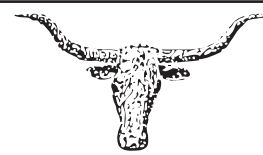
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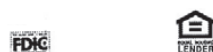


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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



State's workforce surpasses pre-pandemic high

The Texas labor market exceeded the previous pre-pandemic high in February 2020 by hitting just under 13 million nonagricultural jobs in November, the Texas Workforce Commission reported last Friday. The adjusted jobless rate was 5.2% last month, down slightly from the previous month.

"Reaching this milestone for job creation in Texas shows the strength of our economy," TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel said.

The Amarillo area had the lowest unemployment rate among Texas Metropolitan Statistical Areas at 3.1%, followed by the Austin-Round Rock MSA at 3.2% and College Station-Bryan at 3.5%.

"Texas continues to reach unprecedented milestones thanks to our unwavering commitment to economic freedom and our young, skilled, growing, and diverse workforce," Gov. Greg Abbott said.

PUC approves electric grid reliability measures

The state Public Utility Commission last week voted unanimously to enhance both short-term and long-term reliability of the state's electric grid through what it termed "major reforms" to the state's wholesale electricity market.

"In prior years, any single one of these changes would have been considered significant. Taken together, they are a generational shift in the Texas electricity market," said Peter Lake, PUC chairman. "This (is) a move away from the crisis-based business model we have operated under for the past two decades. This new model centers on reliability."

Some of the major changes:

- Changes in the mathematical formula used to price electricity when reserves become scarce. The change will provide

earlier price signals to add additional generation of power and for large consumers to reduce demand.

- Increasing incentives for large consumers to cut usage when the grid needs additional power.

- New or revamped ancillary services that increase the capacity for generators to react to sudden swings in electricity supply and demand.

Phase two of the process will provide "long-term incentives for investment in reliable power generation infrastructure to ensure Texas will have the power the state's needs for decades," according to the news release.

Count of fatal job injuries for 2020 released

A total of 469 people working in Texas died in work-related incidents in 2020, according to the Texas Department of Insurance. That is a 23% decrease from 2019. The state's incident rate for fatalities was 3.9 per 100,000 full-time employees in 2020, while the national incident rate stood at 3.4.

The construction industry accounted for 27% of the fatalities, with 127 incidents, according to TDI. Fatalities in the transportation and warehousing industries had the second highest, accounting for 20.4% with 96 people killed. Natural resources and mining recorded the third-highest number with 54 fatalities, or 11.5%.

Raising the bar for higher education
The Commissioner of Higher Education said last week the state is raising the bar for higher education. In an address before nearly 200 higher education leaders, Harrison Keller released "an ambitious vision for higher education," according to a news release from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

The updated strategic plan for the state's higher education system includes:

- Adding a new goal for 35- to 64-year-olds who need new skills to compete in today's economy.

- A broader range of postsecondary credentials of value to fit workforce needs.

- The goal of students having no college debt or at least a low, manageable debt.

- A greater focus on research and development to drive innovation.

- Renewing the state's commitment to advancing equity for all Texans to complete post secondary degrees and certificates.

Keller called the present time "the greatest opportunity since the end of World War II to make an impact in higher education."

"As we emerge from the global pandemic, we arrive at another defining moment in history," he said. "In Texas, the window of opportunity is open for us to work together to advance and enhance this vision for higher education and enrich the lives of generations to come."

Vaccine battle mandate likely headed to Supreme Court

The fight over a federal COVID-19 mandate for companies with more than 100 employees is likely headed to the U.S. Supreme Court after the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overruled a lower-court decision that had paused the mandate nationwide. The mandate from the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration is now scheduled to take effect Jan. 4.

Republican state attorneys general in 27 states, including Texas, are suing OSHA over the mandate, joined by con-

servative groups, business associations and individual businesses, The Dallas Morning News reported.

The Biden administration issued a statement after the appeals court ruling: "Especially as the U.S. faces the highly transmissible Omicron variant, it's critical we move forward with vaccination requirements and protections for workers with the urgency needed in this moment."

Meanwhile, Abbott announced last week that he had sent a letter to U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin reaffirming the state would not enforce the mandate on members of the Texas National Guard.

"The state of Texas will not enforce this latest COVID-19 vaccine mandate against its guardsmen," Abbott said. "If the federal government keeps threatening to defund the Texas National Guard, I will deploy every legal tool available to me as governor in defense of these American heroes."

The number of new cases of COVID-19 reported last week stood at 36,508, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University, down slightly from the previous week, while deaths rose to 478.

The number of law-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations totaled 3,117 on Sunday, virtually unchanged from the previous week, according to the Texas State Department of Health Services.

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 and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com.

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 from your friend
 Eli
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Dear Santa,
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To Santa
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 Yor Friend
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Dear Santa
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 Your Friend,
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Dear Santa
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 From Kyleigh
 To: Santa
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Dear Santa,
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 5th Grade

Dear Santa
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Querido Santa,
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 Feliz Navidad
 Maydelin
 2nd Grade

Lions Club News



Merry Christmas from Lions Club Sweethearts Breanna Rivera (left) and Cheyenne Correa (right) and Club President Andy Montana. Members of the FHS Varsity Choir sang Christmas Carols at the Lions meeting last Monday. Raffle winners are listed in Town Talk.



Friona Varsity Choir — Back Row (l-r): Landree Steadman (Director), Pamela Cardona, Jennyfer Munoz Laredo, Cheyenne Correa, Emmanuel Gonzalez, Evan Snyder. Front Row (l-r): Anahi Villa, Andres Pinon, Amy Montana.

Commissioners to address election concerns

Parmer County Commissioners Court met in special session on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom of the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, Texas. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Texas Flag. Commissioner Pct. 1 Kirk Frye conducted the meeting.

During the Open Forum portion of the meeting, Izzy Carrasco addressed the Court about issues concerning the upcoming Republican Primary Election.

Minutes from the December 13th meeting were read and approved. Commissioners approved the payment of the accounts payables as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May. The Treasurer's Payroll Report was also approved.

In other business, approval was given for a resolution authorizing Parmer County to join Oldham County and Deaf Smith County in an InterLocal Agreement to form a Multi-County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART). The County Judge would be the authorized representative for the county. Bonds for County Commissioner Pct. 1 and the

County District Clerk Deputy were approved. Approval was also given for a tap on an existing gas line under a county road.

Sheriff Randy Geries reported that he was currently housing 26 inmates in the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center. Of that total, 13 are from Deaf Smith County and costs will be reimbursed for housing those inmates.

Commissioners also met in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. A Special called meeting of the Commissioners Court was scheduled for Thursday, December 30th at 10:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom.

The Courthouse will be closed from Noon on December 22nd through Friday, December 24th and also on Friday, December 31st.

All meetings are open to the public. The Commissioner's Court reserves the right to go into Executive Session at any time. The agenda may be found on the Parmer County website. Information in this article is only a summary. Any questions concerning specific actions should be directed to the Commissioners Court.

PUBLIC NOTICE: PARMER COUNTY 2021 REVISED COUNTY ELECTION PRECINCT PLAN

By order dated December 6, 2021 ("2021 Order"), the Parmer County Commissioners Court ("Commissioners Court"), the governing body of Parmer County, Texas ("County"), approved the 2021 Revised Parmer County Election Precinct Plan ("2021 Revised Plan") pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Texas Election Code and other authority. The 2021 Revised Plan made changes to the County's existing election precinct plan. The 2021 Revised Plan shall take effect on and after January 1, 2022.

The following is a brief, general description of the changes made in the County's existing election precinct boundaries as described in the 2021 Revised Plan, said changes made by the Commissioners Court a result of county commissioner precinct changes made pursuant to the County's 2021 redistricting project, or for the efficiency and convenience in the holding of elections: (1) certain territory in the northwest area was transferred from Election Precinct 303 to Election Precinct 201 in the area of US Highway 60 to Country Road 1 to US Highway 85; (2) certain territory was transferred from Election Precinct 303 in the south area to Election Precinct 201; (3) the territory of Election Precinct 202 was combined with Election Precinct 203; (4) the territory of Election Precinct 301 was combined with Election Precinct 302; (5) Election Precincts 203 and 302 were discontinued since they were combined with other Election Precincts; and (6) Election Precincts 101, 401, and 402 remain unchanged.

Copies of the County's 2021 Order and 2021 Revised Plan may be inspected and copied at the office of the Parmer County Judge at the Parmer County Courthouse, 401 Third Street, Farwell, Texas 79325 (telephone 806-481-3383), or reviewed and downloaded at www.parmercounty.texas.gov. Questions regarding these matters should be directed to the office of the Parmer County Judge. Public notice regarding the changes in the County's existing election precincts, as described in the 2021 Revised Plan, is being accomplished by the County as required by law.

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Obituaries

JD Aronce

JD Aronce, 40 of Friona passed away December 17, 2021 in Amarillo. Viewing will be held from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM with Rosary Services at 6:00 PM Wednesday, December 22, 2021 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY with Mass of Christian Burial Services scheduled for 11:00 AM Thursday, December 23, 2021 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church of Friona with Father Gregory Bunyan as Celebrant. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



many close friends who became his brothers and sisters. He treasured his beloved dog, Friona. His voice and his laughter were contagious to all around him and his nature of making everyone feel special will be impossible to forget.

JD was born February 15, 1981 in El Paso, Texas to Jesus David and Nellie Castro Aronce.

He will be greatly missed and his legacy of compassionate love, overflowing joy, and positive energy will continue to live on in all the people's lives he has touched.

He grew up in Friona and graduated with the class of 1999. Following graduation, he attended WT A&M and South Plains College earning his Associates of Arts in English and Music Engineering.

Those to carry on his legacy include his parents David and Nellie Aronce of Friona, 4 sisters-Martha Aronce Hartgen and husband Kenneth of McCamey, Anna Aronce Hernandez and husband Jonathan of San Antonio, Marie Aronce Cocian and husband Emanuel of Aurora, CO., and Rebecca Aronce and wife Amanda of Littleton, CO., nieces and nephews- Luke Mata, Ethan Mata, Shiloh Cocian, Gracen Cocian, Amberly Hernandez, Brooke Hernandez, Kayla Hernandez and Camden Cocian, and his beloved Maltese that he so lovingly named Friona after his hometown.

He was a gifted musician, talented singer, and passionate songwriter. He was the lead singer of Downpour and Red Republic. He had hundreds of fans, friends, and family that followed his musical career from the Panhandle to San Antonio, and Phoenix, AZ. He was a front man in every sense of the word and loved performing and entertaining people. He later worked in financial services.

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

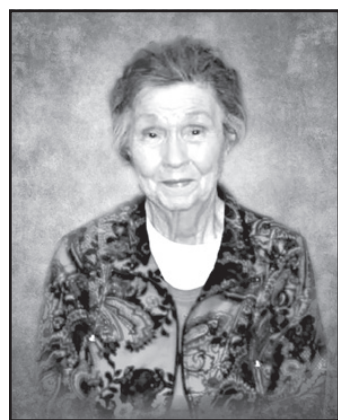
JD enjoyed hiking, camping, skiing Black Diamond trails, and traveling around the United States, Mexico, and Scandinavia. His true joy was spending quality time with his family and friends.

He loved his family, nephews, and nieces and will forever be "Uncle Jelly". He had many,



Dora Geneva Bentley

Dora Geneva Bentley, 82 of Friona passed away December 14, 2021 in Friona. Viewing was held from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM Sunday, December 19, 2021 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY with Celebration of Life Graveside Services scheduled for 2:00 PM Monday, December 20, 2021 at the Friona Cemetery in Friona with Jeff Procter, officiating. Burial following by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



othy Benson, 1 brother-David Wilkerson, 1 son-in-law-Tommy Walker, 1 daughter-in-law Rhonda Bentley.

Dora Geneva was born January 15, 1939 in Stevenson, Alabama to Alvin and Ella Mae Evans Wilkerson. She later married Alvis "Dave" Bentley December 3, 1955 in Dimmitt.

Those to carry on her legacy include 1 son-Ricky Don Bentley, 1 daughter-Susan Elaine Walker of Muleshoe, 2 brothers-Rayford Wilkerson and Kenneth Wilkerson, and 1 sister Alene Gamble, all of Friona, 9 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She loved to spend time with her family and enjoyed cooking for them. Her caring heart also went to love and care for her animals.

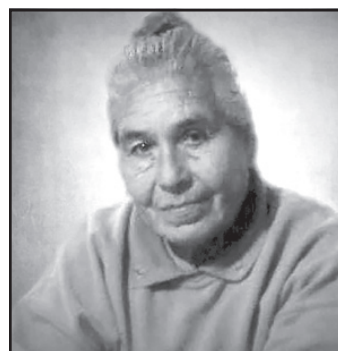
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She is preceded in death by her parents Alvin and Ella Mae, husband Dave, 1 son-Danny Ray Bentley, 1 sister-Dor-



Cruz Rodriguez

Cruz Rodriguez, 76 of Friona, passed away December 15, 2021 in Hereford. Viewing was held from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM with a Rosary Service at 6:00 PM Tuesday December 22, 2021 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY. Mass of Christian Burial services are scheduled at 11:00 AM Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church of Friona with Father Gregory Bunyan as Celebrant. Burial to follow in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



Elk City, OK., brothers, sisters, 30 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

Cruz was born on May 3, 1945 in Mexico to Vicente Rodriguez and Fabiana Bueno. She married Martin Gomez in 1964. She was a homemaker. Cruz loved crocheting, cooking, and taking care of her home and family. She was greatly involved in the church in Mexico.

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

Cruz is preceded in death by her parents Vicente and Fabiana Rodriguez.



Those to carry on her legacy include her husband Martin Gomez of Friona, Texas. 4 sons - Luis Gomez and wife Gabriela of Greeley, CO, Jorge Gomez of Greeley, CO, Socorro Gomez and wife Rita of Denver Co, Martin Gomez and wife Carla of Herford, 5- daughters Delfina Gomez of Chihuahua, Mexico, Carolina Alvidre and husband Federico of Chihuahua, Mexico Fabiana Gomez of Friona, Cruz Vela and husband Juan of Bovina, and Zimi Loera and husband Ramiro of

James Larry Buckley

James "Larry" Buckley, 75, passed away at Covenant Medical Center of Lubbock on Tuesday December 14, 2021, after a brief battle with an aggressive lung cancer. He was born December 8, 1946, in Dimmitt, Texas, to Gwen and James F. Buckley. His siblings are Janet (Jobey) Claborn of Muleshoe, Steve (Vicki) Buckley of Dimmitt, and Darrell (Beth) Buckley of Dimmitt.

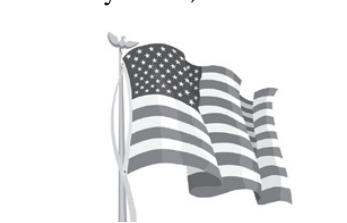


A multi-year letterman at Friona High School in football, basketball, and track, Larry was a top contributor in all sports. In basketball, he was the leading scorer for three consecutive years, ultimately leading them to their first district championship in 20 years. After graduating in 1965, Larry spent a brief time at West Texas State University before joining in the U.S. Air Force. Initially stationed in Biloxi, Mississippi, he later transferred to Bangor, Maine, where he met Myrna Joyce Eastman. They soon fell in love and were married on October 14, 1967. They lived at times in Dimmitt, Hereford, and Littlefield, and he cherished each day of their 54 years together.

driving a harvester and raising goats with equal skill; a diverse Restaurant Owner of The Ranch House, City Pizza, and Cross Roads BBQ; an Entrepreneur of 12V Air Compressors and personalized antler hunting knives; an Outdoorsman who loved hunting, fishing, and spending time in God's creation; a Brother who treasured his sibling relationships; a Father who taught his sons to seek God, love their wives, and lead their families; a loving Husband who always picked the last rose for his wife. Finally, he was a man of God, dedicating the start of each day to speaking with God and the rest of the day listening.

Larry was a true jack-of-all-trades, a Renaissance man born to the wrong century. He was a tall-sitting Cowboy driving cattle on horseback; a skilled Welder fashioning oil rigs, trailers, truck beds, and woodburning stoves; an independent Mountain Man creating a Colorado cabin to escape the confines of "city life"; a Farmer

Larry is survived by his wife Myrna of Littlefield and sons Blake (Jenny) Buckley of Frisco and Benton (Ashli) Buckley of Shallowater. He was blessed with 7 grandchildren.



Larry donated his body to the Texas State Forensic Anthropology Center in San Marcos. A small family gathering will be held in January to remember him and share memories. In lieu of flowers, please remember Larry by fighting cancer via donations to the American Cancer Society at cancer.org. Go to <https://www.cancer.org/> and click "Give in Honor & Memorial."

Thelma Coffey

Thelma Coffey, 95, of Clovis, NM passed away December 21, 2021, in Lubbock, TX. Thelma was born October 12, 1926, in Melrose, NM to Floyd Traylor and Wilma Rumbaugh Skeen. She graduated from Field School, then married the love of her life John Leonard Coffey in 1943. She then became the consummate homemaker. In 1964 she fulfilled one of her lifelong dreams by beginning college at West Texas State University, where she graduated in 1968. She then taught school in Friona, Lubbock and Clovis Community College. She was a member of Central Baptist Church.



Loved ones include daughters, Carol Taylor and husband, Bill; Kay

McGee and husband, Edward; Becky Weatherly and husband, Bill; and Kelli Coffee; grandchildren, Heather, Taylor, Ben, Brook, Beth, HaliAnne, and Samantha; and 6 great-grandchildren; sisters Juanita Woods and Doris Welsh and husband, Marvin.

Don; and two sisters Anna and Mary.

Memorials are suggested to New Mexico Baptist Children's Home P.O. Box 629 Portales, NM 88130.

Thelma was preceded in death by her parents; husband, John Leonard; grandson John; four brothers Clifford, Archie, Charles, and

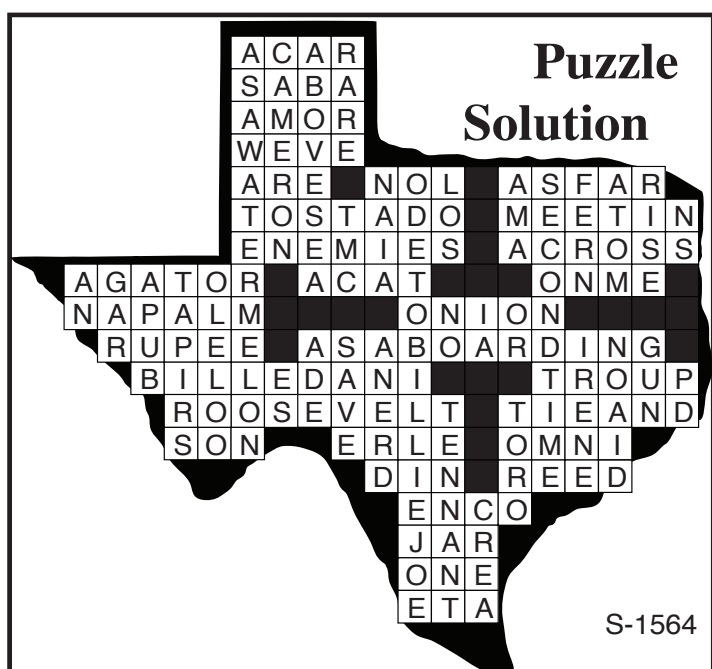
Family visitation will be from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Mountain Time Zone, Thursday, December 23, 2021, at Central Baptist Church 2501 North Norris Street Clovis, NM 88101. A celebration of her life will be 10:30 a.m., Thursday, December 23, 2021, in Central Baptist Church in Clovis New Mexico, with B.J. Brooks officiating. Graveside services will follow in Melrose Memorial Cemetery. Please celebrate the life of Thelma by visiting www.sandersfuneral-home.com.

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Friona Star has an archive of past obituaries at frionaonline.com

Empty Stocking Fund

The Empty Stocking Fund utilizes donations to provide clothing and a toy to local needy children. This year, over 50 children benefited from your generosity and will enjoy a much happier holiday season.



Special thanks to Isela Quezada, Gayla & Shawn Bucksath, and USDA Meat Inspectors for purchasing the toys, & games.



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Dear Santa,
I was good this year. I would like some make-up, a barbie house, and a camper.

Love, Ali
Primary School

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a big truck and crane.

Love, Jorge
Primary School

Dear Santa,
Yo quiero un carro de Elsa. Por favor.

Love, Maricela
Primary School

Dear Santa,
Para navidad quiero un LOL surprise y zapatos.

Love, Breanna
Primary School

Dear Santa,
My name is Hunter. I am in first grade. I am 7 years old. I try to be nice. I Love you Santa! This year I would like a ligo set for Christmas.

Hunter
Primary School

Dear Santa,
Por favor quiero que me traiga una muñeca que camine. Gracias.

Love, Maria
Primary School

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a skateboard with elbow and knee pads.

Love, Jaden
Primary School

Dear Santa,
Para navidad quiero una bicicleta.

Love, Eduardo
Primary School

Dear Santa,
Para navidad quiero una motocicleta, con coderas y rodilleras.

Love, Ezekiel
Primary School

Dear Santa,
I want a skateboard and a necklace and bracelet.

Love, Larrah
Primary School

Dear Santa,
I was good this year. I would like a fornite and I would like sum Hot Wheels cars and some among us pop its.

Love, Eduardo
Primary School

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a beauty room.

Love, Daniel
Primary School

Dear Santa,
I was good this year. I would like a box dog, PS5, and V bucks.

Love, Dominick
Primary School

Dear Santa,
Para navidad quiero un nintendo switch ps2.

Love Jayden
Primary School

Dear Santa,
I want a carwash for my hot wheels.

Love, Ethan
Primary School

Dear Santa,
I would like a violin for kids.

Love, Alexa

Dear Santa,
Para navidad quiero un juego de ponis.

Love, Sofia
Primary School

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a LOL surprise.

Love, Genesis
Primary School

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie.

Love, Juana
Primary School

Dear Santa,
Please bring me skateboard.

Love, Austin
Primary School

Dear Santa,
I want a jump house, a bike, a yo-yo, a puzzle, a stuffy, mailbox, and a phone.

Love, Kiana
Primary School

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy, a turtle pet, an iguana, clothes, and a yoyo.

Love, Zach
Primary School

Dear Santa,
I want a Lamborgine RC car. I also want a turtle.

Love, Emiliano
Primary School

Dear Santa,
I want toy cars, a jumping house, and games.

Love, Pascual
Primary School

Dear Santa,
I want two dinosaurs, a firetruck, and a baseball.

Love Stetson
Primary School

Dear Santa,
I was good this year. I would like a desk, supplies, and a pony.

Love, Demri
Primary School

Dear Santa
I got a question are you really Not chust my dad. OK that was my question so how are you and mrs. clowes and your elfs are yall good ok this what I want for chirstmas I want a ps5 please and a vr set too and a cuphunter and thats what I want for chirstmas. oh and anuder question are you coming this year yes or no. Ok that it for me.

Love
Angle
3rd Grade

Deer Santa
I wish Santa was rile because I can get prisens and we will eat cookes and drink melk and we can go to tho snow and get snow and throw to my little brothter and my big broter even luis and we can get to slid and we cand bild a snow man a big snow men a b snow men so I clim in the snow men and we can bild a house with the snow and we can eat candis and can drink hot chocolate and I cand buy a crinis tree and we can put the ligts and I wisnt cold get a robot

Love
Lucio

Dear Santa,
how are you Santa and mrs. claus are the reindeers good? i dont have cookies so im only going to give you milk ok santa and i want a toy car and a sgueshy of popcorn and play dough and a new phone for my brother like the one he had and a huggy wuggy toy

love
Jonathan
3rd Grade

querido Santa
Hola Santa como esta a senora clos y vasavenira friona texas para de jarte galletas y lecke ya tus renos yademas me puedes traer un patin del diablo y una patineta y un pleysteishon 5 y una vicaleta y anos llordan y ropanueva y un selular.

gasias
Brandon
3rd Grade

Dear Santa
how is it in the north pole is it cold. And also for christmas I want a drone and new shoes. I got a question how are you feeling good or bad do you like it there if I was there I would be so cold because it is moving and also how is mrs. clause feeling I would lik to meat you and gant do you a snta ixist yes or no.

love
Juan
3rd Grade

How are you santa and how are you raindeer are you coming to Friona for this chirstmas and for this chhirstmas I want a car of toy I want book of the 91-story treehous and I wan a PS5 thank you and plases end happy Chirstmas!!

Love Leis
3rd Grade

Dear Santa
how ear you how is mrs- es clos are you coming to Friona are you gana bring me a presint how ear he elfs I wiring for you.

Love
Cristina
3rd Grade

Dear Santa
how is Ms. Santa Clos do you like coffee with marshmellows how are you santa I miss you santa. I wut a popit and a midn hose I wus go girl or min girl yes or no.

Love
Paula

Hey Sata horu you duwig? or you go bilayo pre-set? or you rio reh tiroco or okay the hor duo okay and yuo okay flu Ho Ho I en olay of dem kidsed sata

Duayt

To: Santa
Hello Santa how are you A pack of squislys or slime I will leave you some home made cookies and some carrot for your raindeer can you tell roughdaph I said hi I hope you have a good Chirimas cause I know I am.

Juliett
5th Grade

Dear Santa
How are you doing? I hope you are doing good is Mrs. Cluaes drinking hot choklet. I known that Mrs. Cluaes and you are drinking hot choklet to. I will leave you some coo- kias and milk. for christ- mas I want a hoverbord elektrik scoter and a bike.

love
Aide
3rd Grade

deer Santa
how are you doing San- ta how is Rodof doing to Santa is mrs. claus doing great to how is everbody doing in north pole are you real santa yes or no mabe I could see you at the city parck am I in the good list or bad list do you love the hot chocolate and carrots for the rain- deer is the elf's do good theres and help you to and mrs. claus to are you doing great diliver present do you no what I want for christme. I want a ps5 and any toy for my sister and a box of moster trucks and hot wheels to and for my mom she whants a little car like a long time ago when she could drive if you could bringet my mom be so happy you don't have to okay santa but i whant two things santa or three maybe three present and my on phone but not iphone a samsing and for my dad any thing for my dad whant's I dont no maybe some thing for my dad any thing.

Merry christma santa
Love,
Andres
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,
I was good this year. I liked a bike, spederman toy and an animal toy.

Love, Luke
Primary School

To Santa
fore christmas I want rell handcuffs
Willie
2nd Grade

Dear Santa
I wat a nintendo switch - DVD friday night funkin and a iphone13
Daniel

Dear, Santa Claus
I want a Real Friend and I want to be happy and I want my mom to be happy. I want everyone to be happy I am Thankful for my friends petrolina, candi, maria, angie. They are Real friend. I love them please take care of them I also want clothes, shoes and dresses I want my sibilings to be happy I wish I was happy for once I want to smile and I want a Diary and a notebook and pencils and sketebook and colors and colors penicls and pens and mark- ers am sad and I want to be happy am thank- ful for teachers friends, familys please let me be happy for once.

Tomasa
5th Grade

Dear: Santa
I want a four wheel- er for Christmas and i also want a ps5 and i also want a 68 number jersey plz get me this plz.

From: Hector
5th Grade

Dear Santa,
how are you doing? How are the elves, Mrs. Claus, and the rein- deer? Well, I've been doing good. What I want for Christmas is a George Kittle jersey and a 49er decorated football.

Thank You,
Sincerely,
Fernando
5th Grade

Dear Santa,
the things I like are The Nightmare Be- fore Christmas, I like popit's anypopit. I like bows, shoes, and ev- erything I kinda like some things girly. I would love anything.

To: Santa
From: Karyme
5th Grade

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“Frio” had been in the ACME Body Shop during the past year undergoing needed repairs. As with everything else, the Covid pandemic delayed his return. FYI — he is fully vaccinated.

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Cow and Driver Magazine

“Can’t wait for the electric version”
T. Edison

“Juicy”
R. McDonald

Unlikely classic

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

Clement C. Moore was a Hebrew scholar, and professor of Asian and Greek literature at the General Theological Seminary in Manhattan. He was also the son of Benjamin Moore, president of Columbia University, and the Episcopal bishop of New York. The elder Moore participated in the inauguration of George Washington and administered the last rites to Alexander Hamilton after his deadly duel with Aaron Burr.

Meanwhile, Benjamin’s son, Clement, a relatively obscure poet, unearthed his muse on the night of December 24, 1822. While riding a horse drawn sleigh in the snow-covered streets of Greenwich Village, Moore wrote an ode, with the intent—only—of amusing his six children, but the poem “A Visit from St. Nicholas”—morphed into a classic called “The Night Before Christmas.”

‘Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there; ...

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends **The Poet of Christmas Eve, a Life of Clement Clarke Moore, 1779-1863** by Samuel White.

Source: History Matters: Showing our children that their past is prelude to their future at the gratefulamericanbookprize.com website.



Season’s Greetings from Library Staff



Alexa Garcia, Circulation Director; Becky Upton, Assistant Director; Anahi Gomez, Director

Merry Christmas from Created With Purpose



Lindsey Patsch (Nurse) and Marcia Thompson (Admin. Asst.) with Santa



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Merry Christmas from the Friona City Council



Back Row (l-r) Aldermen Jeff Stowers, Greg Lewellen, Alan Monroe, Brent Loflin, Bruce Fleming. Front Row (l-r) Mayor Ricky White, City Manager Lee Davila, and City Secretary Rosa Mendez.

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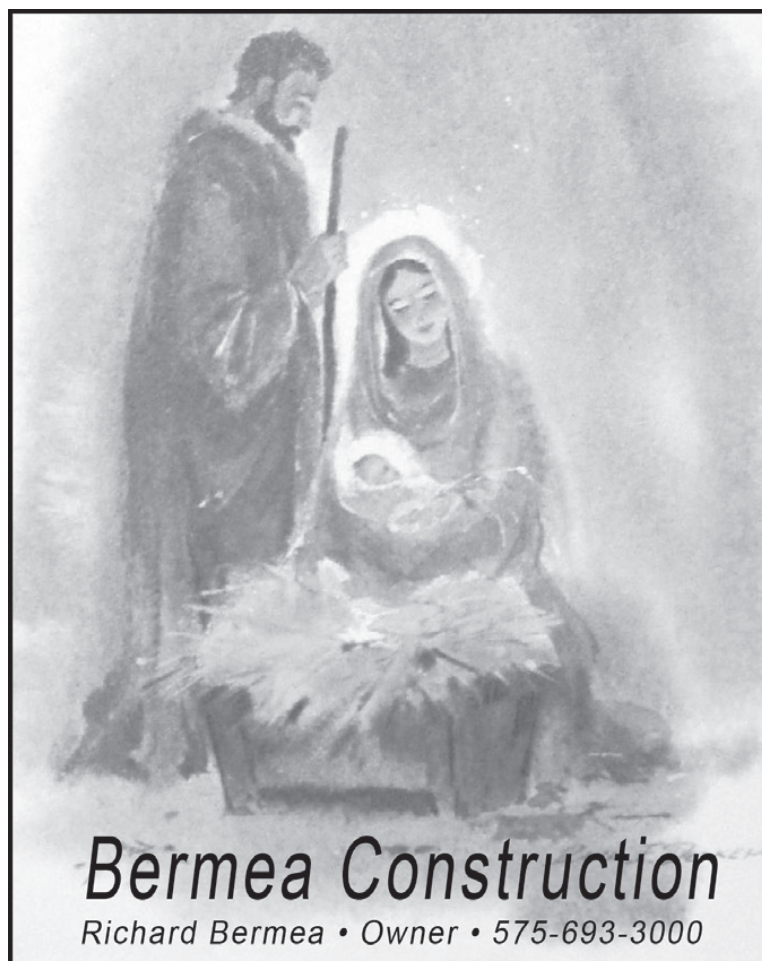


(l-r) Antonio Rocha, Dustin Thompson, Darrin Gilley, Jamie Lewellen, Jason Rector, Jeri Lynn White, and Wade Schueler.

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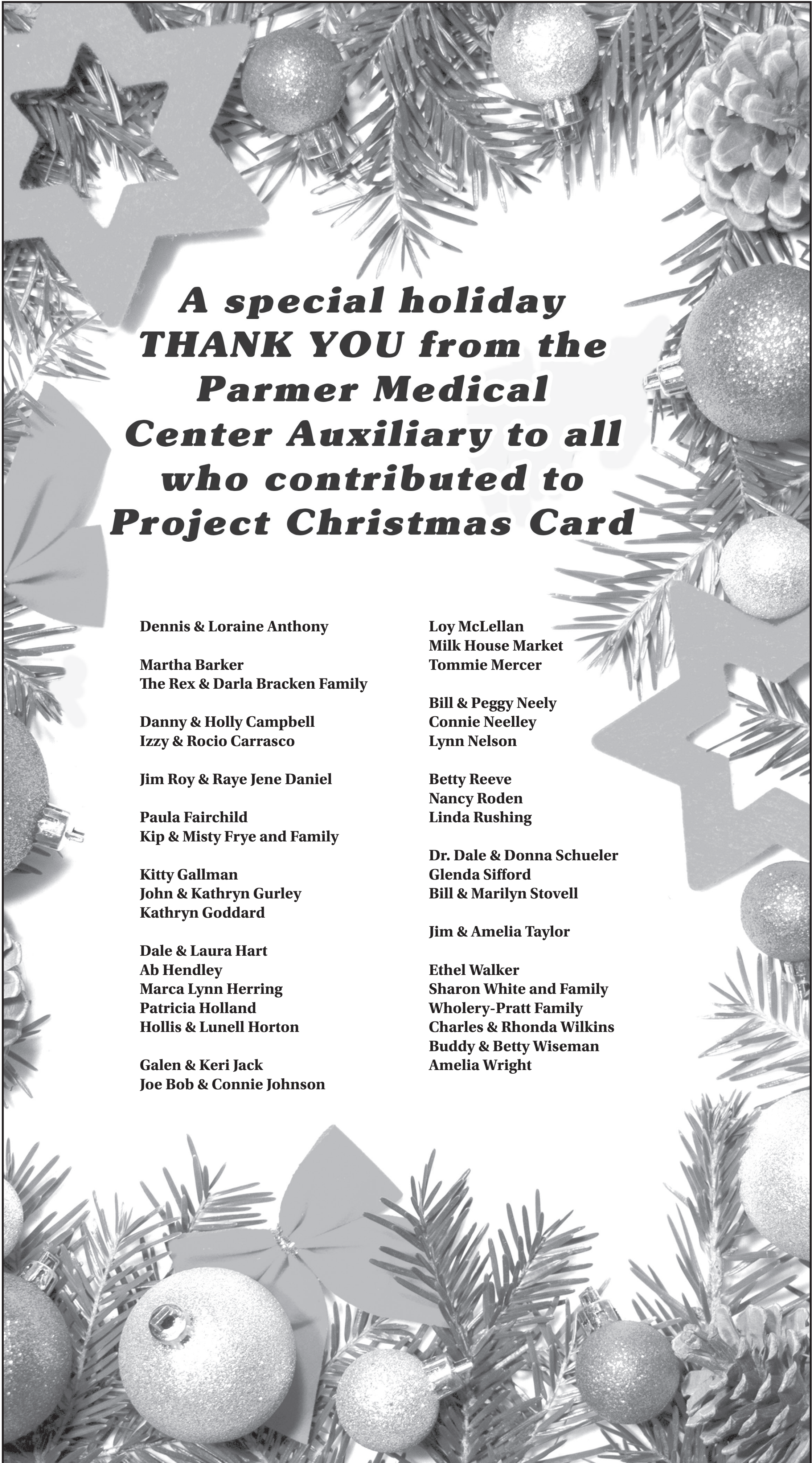
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Champions: Los Muchachos



Runner Up: F-Town



Dodgeball Tourney Results

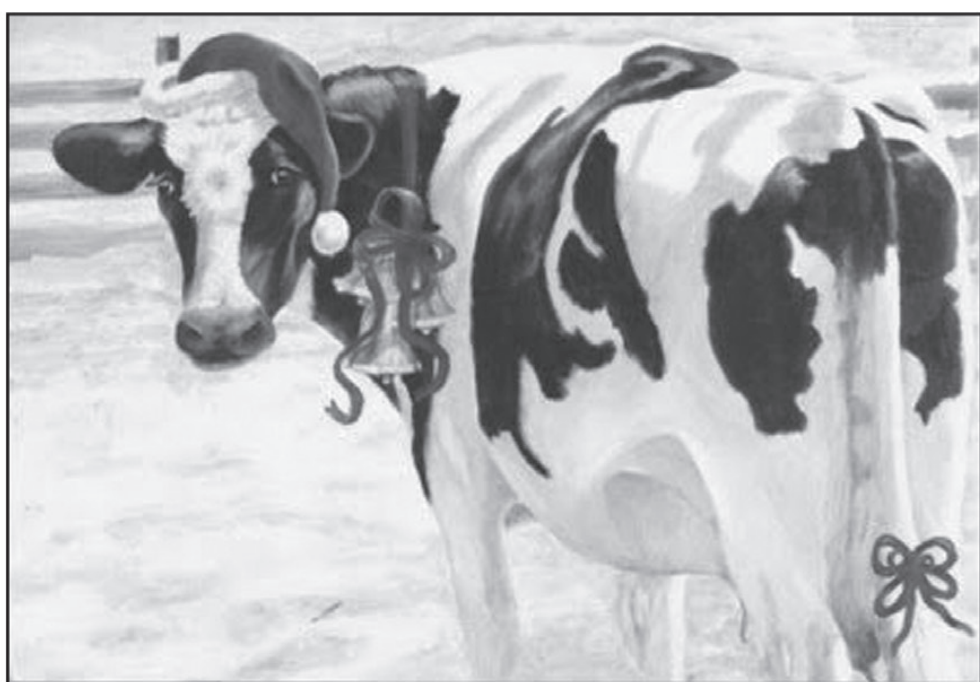
The Friona FFA sponsored a Dodgeball Tourney last Thursday night to raise money for the Amarillo Food Bank. Spokesman Tim Ally said the event raised \$200 for the food bank and that

he would like to thank Ag Texas and West Texas Protein for donating the water, local dairy farmers who donated milk, and Optima Dairy who provided apples. Also, special thanks to Shawn Farrar,

Victoria Bruno, and Erin Barnett and her FCCLA students. The Los Muchachos team defeated the F-town team 3 games to 2 in the championship match. Thanks to everyone who participated!



Merry Christmas



Republican Primary Election

March 1, 2021

names listed in alphabetical order
(i) = Incumbent

District Clerk
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Sharon May (i)

County Commissioner, Precinct 2
Gene Schueler
Charles Wilkins (i)

County Commissioner, Precinct 4
John O'Brian
Casey Russell (i)

Early voting begins on Monday, February 14th

More photos from the Fire Department Christmas



2021-22 UIL Team and Individual Results • Friona Junior High

Art SMART

- 6th Grade
Giovani Santiago - 2nd
2nd Place Team (Isael Guzman,
Harley London, Giovani Santiago)
- 7th Grade
Kyleigh Stephens - 5th
Anneliese Rocha - 6th
2nd Place Team (Abigail
Marquez, Anneliese Rocha, Lexi
Saldana, Kyleigh Stephens)

Chess Puzzles

- 6th Grade
Hector Aguirre Anguiano - 2nd
Octavio Arias - 5th
2nd Place Team (Hector Aguirre
Anguiano, Octavio Arias, Leigha
Haseloff, Cade Stowers)

- 7th Grade
Alessander Vega - 4th

Dictionary Skills

- 6th Grade
Fatima Grado Toledo - T6th
- 7th Grade
Yvette Zetino Garcia - T6th

Editorial Writing

- 8th Grade
Kaylee Gomez - 1st

Impromptu Speaking

- 6th Grade
Liandra Ramos - 4th
Annison Steelman - 6th
- 7th Grade
Stevie Herring - 3rd

Maps, Graphs & Charts

- 6th Grade
Denzel Perez - 1st
Bryan Cecena - 5th
1st Place Team (Bryan Cecena,
Kailey Jaramillo, Denzel Perez)

Mathematics

- 6th Grade
Jesus Mendoza-Campos - 1st
Nathaniel Padilla - 6th
1st Place Team (Jesus Mendoza-
Campos, Nathaniel Padilla,
Ivy Schueler, Cade Stowers)
- 7th Grade
Yvette Zetino Garcia - 3rd
Aaliyah Padilla - 5th
3rd Place Team (Aaliyah Padilla,
Maite Vega, Yvette zetino Garcia)
- 8th Grade
Aaron Rosales - 3rd
Mario Garcia - 4th
2nd Place Team (Mario Garcia,

- Francisco Gutierrez Silva,
Rafael Rocha, Aaron Rosales)

Modern Oratory

- 6th Grade
Jett Jerden - 1st
Leah Salazar Acosta - 3rd

- 8th Grade
Ashley Chico - 6th

Music Memory

- 7th Grade
Alizah Dominguez - 1st
Stevie Herring - 2nd

Number Sense

- 7th Grade
Aaliyah Padilla - 3rd

Oral Reading

- 7th Grade
Shelby Lewellen - 3rd

Ready Writing

- 7th Grade
Stevie Herring - 2nd

Science

- 7th Grade
Izaac Ortiz-Carillo - 5th
2nd Place Team (Noah Aguilar,
Shelby Lewellen, Izaac Ortiz-
Carillo, Yvette Zetino Garcia)
- 8th Grade

- Ella McFarland - 4th
Reese Steelman - 6th
3rd Place Team (Evelyn
Hernandez, Ella McFarland,
Aldo Salas, Reese Steelman)

Social Studies

- 6th Grade
Giovani Santiago - 6th
3rd Place Team (Hector Aguirre
Anguiano, Colt Avalos, Kaylani
Rodriguez, Giovani Santiago)

8th Grade

- Avram Hernandez - 1st
Maddox Ashlock - 2nd
Juan Vargas - 6th
1st Place Team (Maddox Ashlock,
Avram Hernandez, Juan Vargas)

Spelling

- 6th Grade
Ivy Schueler - 2nd
Kailey Jaramillo - 3rd
1st Place Team (Kailey Jaramillo,
Leah Salazar Acosta, Ivy Schueler)
- 8th Grade
Marco Leon - T1st
Kaylee Gomez - 4th
1st Place Team (Azriel Flores, Kaylee
Gomez, Marco Leon, Vana Stanberry)





Christmas Concert • 6th Grade Band



Christmas Concert • 7th Grade Band



Christmas Concert • 8th Grade Band

Costs for holiday meals up from last year

By Adam Russell

Costs for preparing holiday meals will be higher this year as prices for most everyday staples and specialty items used in traditional baking recipes are up, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

David Anderson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension economist, Bryan College Station, said U.S. Department of Agriculture retail data and that agency's consumer price index report comparisons of year-over-year trends show costs for most staples are up as the holiday season nears.

Some items like flour, sugar, eggs, potatoes and milk are staples throughout the year, but consumer demand ratchets up during the holidays due to in-

creased baking of traditional fare, Anderson said.

"I think everyone is noticing higher prices on most products, and grocery items are no different," he said. "Right now, we're seeing prices go up on many everyday staple items to specialty items we traditionally prepare for the holidays, so the cost of Thanksgiving lunches and dinners is going to be higher than recent years."

Prices for holiday baking

Sugar prices are up 2.8% compared to this time last year, according to a USDA consumer price index and outlook report. There were no official reports available focused on baking flour, but Anderson suspects extreme drought cutting

yields in major wheat production states by as much as 50% will likely mean higher prices.

Retail egg prices are up 29% to \$1.82 per dozen vs \$1.41 per dozen last year, according to the USDA egg market overview. Consumer demand has been surprisingly low but are expected to pick up heading into Thanksgiving Day, and egg production is down a little over 1% compared to last year.

The price for a gallon of fresh whole milk is up 7.6% to \$3.66 compared to \$3.38 this time last year, Anderson said. Production of total fluid milk was almost the same, and prices for other milk products like cheese, butter and sour cream have changed some, but Anderson said those changes are difficult to quantify.

Wholesale cheddar cheese is down almost 3% to \$5.40 per pound compared to \$5.58 per pound last year, while butter prices were up around 5% per pound. A separate USDA Agriculture Marketing Service report indicates cream availability has been short in central and eastern states.

Subsequently, some butter production



Fruits and vegetable prices were also up at grocery stores compared to this time last year. (Stock photo)

schedules have been hindered by tightened supplies, labor issues and delayed deliveries.

"Feed prices and decreased production are among the top factors driving egg prices up, but then the dip in cheddar prices compared to rising butter prices is a little bit more difficult to say why with the available information," he said.

Vegetable prices up

Pinpointing contributing factors for the mixed bag of price increases and decreases for other holiday staples from potatoes to cranberries is also difficult, Anderson said. Overall, fresh fruits and vegetables are 2.7% higher than last year, according

to the USDA consumer price index report.

Reports focused on potatoes show red potatoes were down about 9% to 85 cents per pound compared to 90 cents per pound last year whereas russet potatoes, the typical variety used for mashed potatoes, were relatively unchanged.

Price reports for squash and onions were similarly variety dependent. Butternut and zucchini squash prices were up whereas prices for crooked-neck squash were down 23% based on weighted averages. Prices for sweet and yellow onions were down 4% and 18%, respectively, while the price of red onions was 50% higher.

A 12-ounce bag of cranberries, which are used in traditional holiday side dishes, was up 15% to \$2.14 compared to \$1.86 last year.

"The retail report is a sampling of 2,700 stores and based on price averages across the country, and this mixed bag of price fluctuations could be indicative of a number of factors. It typically goes back to supply and demand, so if prices went down, they likely had a good crop or lower than normal demand, and if the price went up, there might be an issue in production or supply and/or increased demand."

Adam Russell is a communication specialist for Texas A&M AgriLife.



Prices on a wide range of items found in traditional holiday recipes including eggs are higher than last year. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Laura McKenzie)



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Varsity Basketball Team

- 3 Kitzy Welch
 - 4 AJ London
 - 5 Lizbeth Toledo
 - 10 Hiromy Quiroz
 - 11 Angelica Reyes
 - 12 Mags Licerio
 - 13 Laura Perez
 - 14 Anahi Gonzalez
 - 15 Audrianna Trevino
 - 22 Reyna Arias
 - 23 Ivory Shelby
- Head Coach — James Thackston

Record: (0-3, 0-1)
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 - 3 Johnny Gonzalez
 - 5 Jared Rejino
 - 10 Steph Ally
 - 11 Bryan Chavira
 - 13 Jose Saucedo
 - 15 Andrew Rivera
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