



Keep Friona Clean Roll-off box to open Saturday January 11

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



The roll-off box is located at East 8th and South Jackson Ave. It is a free service provided to Friona residents. Examples of items not allowed in dumpsters includes: steel and metal, mattresses and furniture, refrigerators/AC units, paint

cans (with or without liquids), electronics and appliances, drums/barrels, brick, wood and concrete, railroad ties. Items not accepted in the roll-off box are tires, oil and tree limbs. To dispose of these items, please contact the City office at 806-250-2761.

Early morning apartment fire claims three lives

Three people died after a fire at the Cottonwood Townhomes apartment complex in Friona destroyed four apartments and damaged five others. The Friona Volunteer Fire Department was called to the 1300 block of Walnut Street at 5:00 a.m. on Friday, December 20th. Upon arriving at the scene, local officials notified additional fire crews to assist in the effort. Also, a myriad of mutual assistance agencies were notified and all responded immediately.

One adult and two children died as a result of the fire. The victims were identified as Mateo Zetino Ambrocio, 28, of Friona; his daughter Sandy Hilaria Zetino Juarez, 4 years old, of Friona; and his nephew Jose Juaquin Zetino Aju-alip, 12 years old, of Friona.

The fire was under control around noon but over 130 people were evacuated from the apartment complex as a safety precaution. Most were able to return to their homes by the end of the day. The cause of the fire is still being investigated.



Friona firefighters battle blaze!

“Great is what we’re going for...the world’s greatest pilots fly American” Local native retires after 32 years as a commercial pilot

By Darla Bracken

Claud Scott Lillard was born October 30, 1954 in Clovis, NM to C L Lillard and LaVelle Scott Lillard. Scott’s ancestors had come to FRIONA in 1905 from Richmond, Missouri. The John Lillard family started the first livery stable in FRIONA located at the corner of 6th and Euclid (where the American Legion Building is located). They had three sons Lawrence, Claude (C L) and Earl. Lawrence married Edith Maurer, C L married Carrie Weir and Earl, who did not marry a FRIONA girl, later returned to Missouri.

C L, Sr. and Carrie had five children: Virginia, Frank, Marshall, who died in 1921 at 19 months, C.L., Jr. and Wilton. C.L., Jr. was born in Clovis, NM but his family moved back to FRIONA when he was just one year old. His father, C.L. Sr. served as the local railroad agent at the Depot for many years. C. L. Jr. attended school in FRIONA all twelve years and played football for the Chieftains in high school. After a short trip to California as a senior, he and some football friends graduated there.

In 1942, C.L. was the first 19 year old drafted for WWII in Parmer County serving in the United States Army from October 1942 to November 1945. He fought in the European theater including the D-Day invasion at Normandy, Ardennes, Rhineland, Northern France, Central Europe and in the Battle of the Bulge. Following the war, Sgt. Lillard returned to FRIONA and started working for his brother-in-law, Louis Woodford, when he met LaVelle Scott through a mutual friend. LaVelle is from Tipton, OK near Altus. They married in February 1949 in Clovis, NM and moved to California ‘to get rich’ but returned to FRIONA in 1950 when C. L. went into the Real Estate and Insurance business, his life-long career. His office was in an historic building which had been a glass pump gas station in early FRIONA for many years.



Scott followed in his dad’s footsteps and attended FRIONA schools all twelve years. He had some of his Dad’s teachers, Carmaleet Truitt and J. T. Gee and even went to the ‘Old Red’ building as his dad did before the building was torn down in 1965. As a child Scott dreamed of being a pilot and never gave up on his dream. Following the Lillard legacy, Scott played sports from the 7th grade on up to his senior year including track, some basketball and lots of football. During Scott’s school

years dad C. L. bought an authentic chieftain headdress for the mascot to wear. He also furnished a full blood Arabian horse, Jamzed, for the Chieftain mascot to ride at games for the 1965-66 school year.

After his graduation from high school in 1973, Scott attended Lubbock Christian College and enrolled in the Air Force ROTC at Texas Tech. His goal was to become a pilot in the military, but when President Carter closed the program for training new pilots, he had to find another way.

He sold Kirby vacuum cleaners to work his way through college. Commercial airlines require a four year college degree in aircraft operations plus 1,500 hours in flying experience, so he had his work cut out for him. On the way, he met his future wife Susan Snow who was from Fritch, TX while attending a LCC. They married in 1975 and have two sons, Shane and Jeremy. Divorced in 1990, Scott married Linda Greco from Massachusetts in 2016.

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All first responders were needed to battle the apartment fire on December 20th.

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Emergency Siren System: Alternating tone • Firefighters only | Weather Warning: 1 long tone • take cover — 3 short blasts • all clear | Tested 1st & 3rd Thurs. at 7 p.m.

Friona Weather January 2-8	T 44 27 NNW 10-20	F 46 23 NW 15-25	S 56 33 WSW 10-20	S 56 29 N 10-20	M 50 24 W 10-25	T 46 23 NNW 10-20	W 51 28 SW 15-25	Precipitation December 0.00 Year 0.00	Burn Ban: No
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Local native retires after 32 years as a commercial pilot

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Although Scott's dream began in early childhood, he experienced his first flight at Benger Air Park at age 12 with his dad C.L. and a local crop duster pilot. He was hooked! Later, he rented many planes at Benger from Elvie Jennings. He took his first flying lesson in January 1977. Scott realized his dream and became a commercial airline pilot for America West Airlines AWA in October 1987 based in Phoenix, Arizona and quickly became captain. In 2005, America West announced that they were buying the bankrupt U S Airways. "My company's name changed as did my uniform, but my AWA boss, Doug Parker, ran U S Airways as well." In December 2013, U S Airways acquired the bankrupt American Airlines again keeping the acquired company's name for business name recognition. "My old boss at AWA still runs the new American Airlines and once again I got a new uniform and kept my Captain status." Captain Lillard has been captain for



28 of his 32 years with all but the last year based in Phoenix. American is now the largest airline and they do have very good training. "In 2018, I changed from flying the Airbus 319, 320 and 321 to my retirement aircraft, the Airbus 330, the

largest in the fleet." Flying the 330 is the pinnacle of a pilot's career, but one doesn't get the opportunity until your number comes up. "My last flight came on October 26, 2019 from Prague in the Czech Republic back home to Philadelphia, home base for the 330. I retired with around 26,900 hours of flight time or about 3.2 years if you could fly 24/7/365 and mostly night flying for millions of nautical miles.* I loved the 330 but just flying is not for everyone, but if you do have the bug, it is very hard to get rid of it."

The AIRBUS 330 200 and the Airbus 330 300, both have crews of 3 pilots, 1 captain and 2 first officers, and 10 flight attendants. The 300 flies 5200 miles and carries 291 passengers. The 200 flies up to 8300 miles, has a wingspan of 198 ft., weighs 516,686 pounds and carries 269 passengers. Pilots rotate during long flights with one at rest, but all 3 are on the flight deck for takeoffs and landings. His mandatory retirement came on October 29, 2019 one day before his 65th birthday.

What's next on the horizon for Captain Lillard? Perhaps a contract to train future pilots in flight simulators in Dallas. A true perk above the bright blue? All those beautiful sunrises and sunsets. Seeing St. Elmo's fire, static electricity, dance across the windshield during storms was a more frightening experience. When I asked him about the grounding of all

planes after 9/11, he said that he was in Europe and had to stay put for 17 days... A sad reality, several hundred crew members are injured each year in trips to and from the airports in hotel vans. Some with career ending injuries.

Please join me in congratulating Captain Claud Scott Lillard, Flight Operations Pilot for American Airlines, a distinguished FRIONA High School graduate upon his service and retirement.

* 15,500,000; a nautical mile measures distance and knot measures speed or one nautical mile per hour

* Nautical mile is how far you travel in one minute of Latitude based on the Earth's circumference and is slightly more than a statute mile.

Note: Scott's mother, LaVelle Lillard, is a resident of Prairie Acres and is 93 years young.

My husband Rex, Class of 1963, rode 'Jamzed' for C.L. and Hugh Moseley, owners. Rex rode 'Jamzed' at several games dressed in the buckskin costume and headdress for C.L. and the Chieftains, after he graduated.

My younger brother, Leslie, and Scott were 'across the alley' best friends before they started school and spent hours playing football, riding their tractors, and of course, pretending to be airplane pilots. Metal lawn chairs lying on their backs made the perfect cockpits for two little boys and their vivid imaginations...db



Community Calendar

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

January 2

- Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Los Arcos
- Snack Pak 4 Kids at 4:40 p.m. at Friona United Methodist Church
- Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

January 3

Caregivers Coffee Break 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Donuts 10:00 a.m. Meeting Senior Citizen's Center 1410 Washington St.

January 9

- Snack Pak 4 Kids at 4:40 p.m. at Friona United Methodist Church
- Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

January 13

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

January 14 - 16

- 83rd Annual Parmer County Jr. Livestock Show

January 16

- Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Los Arcos
- Snack Pak 4 Kids at 4:40 p.m. at Friona United Methodist Church
- Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

January 20

- Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 23

- Snack Pak 4 Kids at 4:40 p.m. at Friona United Methodist Church
- Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

FRIONA STAR SUBSCRIPTIONS

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\$40 PER YEAR

E-STAR (EMAILED):

\$24 PER YEAR

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ACROSS

- TXism: "high as a cat's ___" (costly)
- "blind as ___"
- transgressions
- this Jack appeared in "4 for Texas"
- ___ and breakfast
- TX Mary ___ Ash
- in Parker County on FM 1187
- bring to life
- a Cowboy winning field goal with seconds left, e.g.
- TXism: "rules the roost" (plural)
- "showing ___ of color"
- remember
- Hitler's party
- Greek goddess of dew
- TXism: "small fish ___ pond"
- "___-Reynosa International Bridge"
- feedlots have a certain ___
- "___ Astro fan after the 2017 World Series" (but not 2019)
- Mineral Wells county
- "tall Texas ___"
- Texas Hold'em players who get winning hand on the "river" card (2 wds.)
- TX Roy Orbison's instrument
- this Sandra was Gidget after TX-born Debbie Reynolds
- Lake ___ Pines in Marion County
- TX has 2 Ripley's Believe It ___ museums
- TXism: "I ___ that like a duck needs an umbrella"
- you'll find several ___ of dominoes at a TX family reunion
- greatly reduce prices
- TXism: "as welcome as a skunk ___ picnic"

DOWN

- what TX Nokona company will make one for you (2 wds.)
- home of Dyess Air Force Base
- seat of Hemphill County
- it's a TV station and AM/FM station in El Paso
- former call sign of Amarillo's KJJP FM
- TX weekend excursion? (5 wds.)
- TXism: "does a wet dog stink?"
- TXism: "hard as dodging rice ___ wedding"
- written works
- Muslim ruler
- small subdivisions of a Cub Scout pack
- TX concert pianist, Samaroff
- Houston noted cancer center (abbr.)
- in Tyler: "___ Olde City Antique Mall"
- smallest U.S. state by area (abbr.)
- TX Nimitz's early naval rank (abbr.)
- Pittsburg's county
- facial hair (2 wds.)
- Langtry may have been named after this British actress
- United ___ of America
- ___ Jo, TX
- women who sing in low voices
- tidy
- required class at school (abbr.)
- TX 41st president to the TX 43rd (abbr.)
- tranquilized
- TXism: "___ darn it!"
- TXism: "if he ___ giddyup, you better go" (mean)

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ON YOUR PAYROLL

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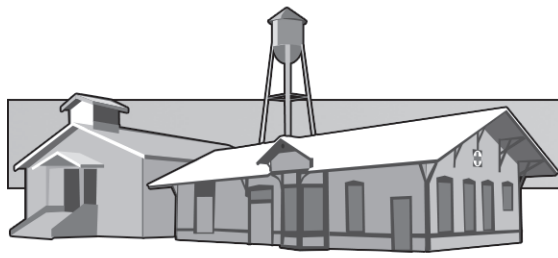
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Congratulations to the winners of the Friona Noon-Lions Club Raffle. Dan Klingensmith won the Ruger 6.5 Creedmoor Rifle. Larry Widner won the Browning 20 gauge Shotgun. Gary Stowers won the Tyler Gun Works exclusive (1 of 20) Ruger SP 101 9mm Handgun. Dianna Wright won the custom built Tomahawk by Tyler Gun Works.

Curt Miller, Executive Di-

rector of the Parmer County Farm Service Agency has retired after 28 years of service. He plans on working with his younger son Caleb on construction projects in and around the Lubbock area. Curt's wife Kathi is Friona Elementary school teacher.

The Friona Pioneer Heritage Society has purchased the Parmer County American Legion Post 208 building in Friona. The Heritage

Society was needing space to expand the museum in Friona. The Legion will still use the building to conduct its meetings.

The Friends of the Library Book Shoppe will be closed for the New Year's holiday. Customers are welcome to call 265-5811 to schedule an appointment to visit the book shop during this time. Regular hours, Wednesday afternoons 3:00 until 5:30,

will resume on January 8, 2020. The book shop is located at 119 West 6th, and good quality used books sell for one dollar a bag. All proceeds benefit Friends of the Library projects.

The 83rd Parmer County Junior Livestock Show is set for Tuesday through Thursday, January 14th -16th with the sale on Saturday, January 18th. Good luck to all participants!!!

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On Friday, February 7th, Friona High School will be hosting its annual Chieftain Choices Career Fair event. For more information, contact Allison Johnston at Friona High School
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National Days
- January 2 Science Fiction Day
 - January 3 Fruitcake Toss Day
 - January 4 — Trivia Day
 - January 5 — Bird Day
 - January 6 Technology Day
 - January 7 — Bobblehead Day
 - January 8 — Argyle Day

Friona man dies in early morning crash near Umbarger

According to DPS officials, at 5:08 a.m. on Monday, December 30th, Carlos Olvera, 21, of Friona was driving south on FM 168 approximately 0.3 miles east of Umbarger. He was approaching the intersection of US 60. For unknown reasons, Olvera did not stop at the intersection but instead traveled across all lanes of US 60 and into the barrow ditch south of US 60.

tracks and began to roll. The vehicle rolled over the first set of tracks and came to rest upside down on the second set of tracks. The vehicle was then struck by an eastbound train and came to rest on the tracks approximately 2000 feet past the area of impact. Olvera was pronounced deceased on scene by Randall County Justice of the Peace, Tracy Byrd.

DPS officials determined that Olvera was not wearing a seat belt. The driver of the train and a passenger were not injured. The crash remains under investigation.

The vehicle struck a dirt embankment and continued traveling south until it reached the railroad tracks. The vehicle struck the railroad ballast for the first set

Look up past issues of the Friona★Star on our website!

- 1.) Go to frionaonline.com
- 2.) Click on the "newspaper archives" link
- 3.) Search



Winter Warm-Up!

Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzles:

Tea!

1. sweetener
2. people do this with tea to check its quality
3. hot _____ is needed
4. late afternoon
5. some people "read" tea _____
6. used for boiling water
7. largest grower of tea

Cocoa!

1. cocoa trees were originally grown in South and Central _____
2. fruits, called _____, grow on the branches and trunks of cocoa trees
3. inside them are the _____, called cocoa beans, which are white
4. the beans turn brown while _____ (sun)
5. a little inside piece of the bean (nib) is taken from the bean and crushed into a _____ form
6. the liquid is then mixed with _____, cocoa butter and vanilla
7. the new mixture is _____ finely - the finer, the richer it becomes
8. the whole _____ enjoys chocolate and cocoa

Coffee!

1. _____ - world's largest coffee producer
2. the coffee bean is beanlike, but it is really a _____
3. planted seeds grow into coffee _____
4. takes about 3-4 years for a coffee tree to grow red _____, called "cherries" - each holding 2 coffee beans
5. 100 _____ of coffee cherries only supplies 20 _____ of coffee beans
6. beans must be _____ (usually in the sun) before they can be stored
7. after drying, _____ remove any layers of skin from the beans
8. beans are green, but they are _____ brown and ground

Warm-Up Activities and Sports

Wow, it's cold out there! Warm up inside or outside by moving around.

Indoor Action

Read our lists of outside and inside activities and sports that will keep you moving and warming up!

Then, find and circle the words in bold print.

1. motion detection sports **games**
2. build a **blanket** fort
3. balloon **volleyball**
4. **basketball**
5. **indoor soccer**
6. **table tennis**
7. **exercise** video
8. **baking**
9. **bowling**
10. **dancing**

Outdoor Fun

1. **skiing**
2. **snowboarding**
3. **ice skating**
4. **snowball** fighting
5. **sledding**
6. **snow tubing**
7. **snowman** building
8. **snowshoeing**
9. **snow fort** building
10. **snow shoveling**

What Did Mother Teapot Say to Her Little Ones?

You are my...

Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
O	Y	Y	Y	O	Y	O	Y	O	Y	O	Y	O	Y	O	Y	O	Y	O	Y
O	Y	Y	Y	O	Y	O	Y	O	Y	O	Y	O	Y	O	Y	O	Y	O	Y
O	Y	Y	Y	O	Y	O	Y	O	Y	O	Y	O	Y	O	Y	O	Y	O	Y
O	O	O	Y	O	O	O	Y	O	Y	Y	Y	O	O	O	Y	O	Y	Y	Y
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

O = Orange
Y = Yellow

FRIONA POWERLIFTING

2020 Schedule

Date	Event	Location	Day
January 11 th	Panhandle Invitational	Panhandle	Saturday
January 25 th	Abernathy Powerlifting meet	Abernathy	Saturday
February 8 th	Dumas Powerlifting Meet	Dumas	Saturday
February 22 nd	Seagraves Invitational	Seagraves	Saturday
March 7 th	Girl's Regional Meet	Seagraves	Friday
March 14 th	Boy's Regional Meet	Sundown	Saturday
March 20 th	Girl's State Meet	Waco	Friday
March 28 th	Boy's State Meet	Abilene	Saturday

Eduardo Rojas – Boys Head Coach
Elias Carrillo – Girls Head Coach
Jimmy Arias – Athletic Director

Jimmy Burns – Superintendent
Erika Montana – Principal
David Woods – Asst. Principal

BI-WIZE

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Ho! Ho! Home for the Holidays Business Promotion came to an end on Thursday Dec 19th with FIFTEEN \$25 dollar Friona Buck Winners and ONE \$100 grand prize winner. Thank you, A-1 Service Center, Becky's Burritos, Bi-Wize Pharmacy, Blackburn Hardware, Creative Chaos, H&R Block, Hunan's Restaurant, Ivy Cottage, Joe's Restaurant, Kendrick Oil Farm Store, Lowe's Supermarket, Malouf's Fabric, Milk House Market, The Nutrition Spot, and Vet Industries for participating in this year's promotion!

\$25 Winners

- A-1 Service Center—Christina Torres
- Becky's Burritos—Ezquiel Prieto
- Bi-Wize Pharmacy—Francis Huckins
- Blackburn Hardware—Dale Hart
- Creative Chaos—Guadalupe Loera
- H&R Block—Ernesto Ramos
- Hunan's Restaurant—Marisol Posada
- Ivy Cottage—Elvira Arellano
- Joe's Restaurant—Salette Toledo
- Kendrick Oil Farm Store—Norma Bautista
- Lowe's Supermarket—Hope Richardson
- Malouf's—Stephanie Pope
- Milk House Market—Ruanne Chijimatsu
- The Nutrition Spot—Yvonne Moreno
- Vet. Industries—Vickie Vasquez

\$100 Grand Prize Winner

Maria Sanchez

Angelo State University Releases Fall 2019 Dean's List

Marco Monreal of Friona is part of the Angelo State University Dean's List designation for the 2019 fall semester.

To be eligible for the ASU Dean's List, full-time undergraduate students must maintain at least a 3.25 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale.

The complete fall 2019 Dean's List is available on the ASU website.

Angelo State University, founded in 1928, is a thriving four-year public school in Texas. Our Ram Family environment helps students feel at home, a place where they know faculty and staff care deeply about their success.

Our excellent faculty makes it possible for students to conduct undergraduate research, rank above State acceptance averages for professional schools, and receive personal access to instructors and progressive facilities.

We are part of the dynamic Texas Tech University System with campuses across the state. Angelo State has been ranked as one of The Princeton Review's "Best Colleges" in the nation since 2010, and we are also a College of Distinction. We were also recognized as a Top 10 Gold Award for ranking in the top 10 of the 76 institutions in the Large Public University category that were awarded the "Military Friendly School" designation for 2019-20. We have ranked as a Military Friendly by Victory Media (VIQORY) School for 11 consecutive years. For more information, log on to angelo.edu.

Texas Weekly Fuel Update and Outlook

Texas gas prices have risen 5.5 cents in the past week, averaging \$2.27 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 2.5 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 31.3 cents per gallon higher 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 today stands at \$1.88 while the most expensive is \$5.19 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has risen 1.6 cents in the last week, averaging \$2.57 per gallon. The national average is down 2.0 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 32.3 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

"The streak has been broken: for seven straight weeks we saw the national average drop, but the fun has come to an end as oil prices continue to show strength into the last days of 2019 boosting the national average this past week," said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "Prices jumped thanks to a notable, yet anticipated drop in oil inventories, sending oil to multi-month highs above \$61 and gasoline prices following. However, weakness will likely return to gasoline prices in January and February as demand weakens, so perhaps all is not lost. As we say goodbye to 2019, here are some interesting figures from this decade: the U.S. consumed 1.25 trillion gallons of gasoline, which is enough volume to raise Lake Superior's level 2.3 inches, having spent \$3.625 trillion on gasoline alone, and driving 31.25 trillion miles, enough for 5,208 round trips to Pluto on the consumed gasoline. With 2019 nearly behind us, many are asking what lays ahead for 2020? GasBuddy will be releasing our 2020 Fuel Outlook this week, and in it, answers to many asked questions about how bad gas prices will get over the coming 365 days."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. Unlike AAA's once daily survey covering credit card transactions at 100,000 stations and the Lundberg Survey, updated once every two weeks based on 7,000 gas stations, 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://FuellInsights.GasBuddy.com>.

COURTHOUSE NOTES

Warranty deeds as reported by the County Clerk's Office from the week of December 12, 2019 through December 19, 2019:

Donald Jones, Victoria Jones — Cynthia Burton — A tract of land being the West 75' of Lots 25 and 26 and the West 75 of the N 3 Lot 24 and Lot 27 less and except the S 10 of the E 75' Block 11 of the Original Town City of Farwell

Kimberly K. Lowe, Wade E. Lowe — David Belew — W/2 of Sec 97 Less 3 Acres in the SW Corner B H Thomas Kelly Subdivision

James Russell Atwell, Sherry Lee Atwell — MDL Family Investment LLC — All of L 11 and 12 of B 18 of the Original Town of Friona

Mattison L. Adams, Monica S. Adams — David Belew — A 437.48 Acre tract of land out of Sec. 70 B H Thomas Kelly Subdivision Vol. 5 Pg. 169

Timothy H. Spangler, Antonia Spangler — Destiny Ortiz, Santos Ortiz — All of L 7 and E 40 ft. of Lot 6 B 4 first installment to Staley Addition No 3 an addition to City of Friona E 40 ft. L 6 being described by metes and bounds

American Legion Post 206 — The Friona Pioneer Heritage Society Inc. — All of N 20 ft. N 20 of W 50 ft. W 50 L 20 and W 50 ft. of L 21, 22, 23, and 24 of B 76 of Vol. 5 Pg. 421

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

12-16-19 — Anthony Myers, 45, of Friona was arrested by the Friona PD on a charge of assault of family member w/previous conviction, pending Grand Jury.

12-24-19 — Darius Bolling, 28, of Lubbock was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of possession of marijuana < 2 oz., pending County Court.

12-25-19 — Alberto Ponce-Flores, 30, of Friona was arrested by the Friona PD on a charge of possession of marijuana < 2 oz., pending County Court.

12-27-19 — Nathaniel Wade, 37, of Portales, New Mexico was arrested by the Farwell PD on a charge of possession of marijuana < 2 oz., pending County Court and on a charge of possession of CS Pg 1 > 1g < 4g, pending Grand Jury.

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Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act takes effect Jan. 1, 2020

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With the implementation of the BWN Act on Jan. 1, VA will immediately begin deciding claims to deliver benefits to eligible Veterans and survivors. VA will continue to provide excellent customer service to all Veterans throughout this process. BWN claims will be processed under current prioritization with special priority given to BWN Veterans over age 85 or those who have a terminal condition.

In addition, the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act also includes changes to the Loan Guaranty program for all Veterans, not just Blue Water Navy Veterans. To learn more about those changes, please visit the BWN Loan Guaranty Landing Page.

The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) has developed a BWN Informational website to communicate the latest developments and to house resources that are beneficial to understanding the law, Veterans' eligibility and how to apply.

We have also developed a communications toolkit with resources that can be viewed and shared. These resources may be accessed from the BWN informational website:

- BWN 101 Deck
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Fact Sheet
- Fraud Flyer
- Poster

These resources are available to Veterans, Survivors, Dependents and Stakeholders. Therefore, all VA employees should be well versed about BWN benefits for eligible Veterans and their families. You are encouraged to familiarize yourselves with this information to continue giving the best customer service.

Thank you to everyone on the VBA team who has played a role in preparing for the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act to take effect. I appreciate your hard work and your efforts to make this our #BestYearEver.

PAUL R. LAWRENCE, Ph.D.
Under Secretary for Benefits

Christmas Stockings

By Teena Hughs

As my children were growing up, we were in church every Sunday. It didn't matter if where we were, we found a church to attend.

Over the years, I have wondered if I did the right thing making us be in church every Sunday. Was it so important to give up fun on Sundays to attend church? Was it necessary to have those perfect attendance awards?

Over Christmas, God gave me the opportunity to see that taking them to church every Sunday did have an impact.

I got really sick. I didn't have anything prepared for Christmas dinner! My daughter came home the 24th, and she completely took over. She made the biscuits and cornbread for the dressing; she made the dessert; she did everything so that we could have a Christmas dinner, and she did a fabulous job!!! And, what did I do? I slept, trying to get over my illness.

The morning after Christmas, Will told Lauren and me about an atheist he knows who posted some really unkind words about God on Facebook. To my surprise, Will answered him. Everything he said to the man's comments was spot on right.

Will is one of those young people who took advantage of his freedom in college and quit going to church. Every

once in a while, he will post a picture or say something on Facebook that assures me he still knows who Jesus is. This was one of those times.

Even though Will might not be going to church, he said he is thankful for a family who loved him and took him to church every Sunday. To be honest, I was still really sick, and all I could do was listen.

Friends, we never know what effect we are having on our kids. Take them to church every Sunday; pray for them; eat as many meals with them as you possibly can (with no cell phones at the table); engage them in conversation and listen to them (Nothing makes young people feel more useless than not being listened to and considered of value by adults!)

Even when we don't know what effect we are having on our kids and grandchildren, we cannot give up trying to help make them into the people God desires them to be. We may be made fun of; we may feel like our efforts are in vain; we may never see the results of our efforts (It has been a LONG time since I have seen any results from my efforts, trust me!!!), but in the end, it is ALWAYS worth it!!! God and His children are counting on us to help them become the ones He desires them to be. Take care and happy new year!!!

Happy New Year

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Happy New Year!!! Can you believe that it is already 2020? When I think of a new year, I am reminded of the newness that Christ gives to those who have been forgiven of their sin. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come." The old that is spoken of refers to our sin, and when a person turns to Jesus Christ in repentance and faith, the stain of sin upon your soul is washed away and you are made new in Jesus Christ. The promise of God in this verse is profound for His children because you can live in the newness that Christ brings.

The newness that Christ brings is twofold. One, it is a gift of salvation that is given to the believer. The verse above is clear about this reality, that "The old has passed away; behold the new has come." The second aspect to the newness we have in Christ is in regards to living out the new life that Christ gives. Ephesians 4:23-24 says "and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness." In Christ we are made new, but we still have to put on of the new life. Putting on the new self, though is not about external rules and religion, but it is about being transformed from the inside out by the power of God through the Holy Spirit. Living out this newness demands you fill your mind with truth from God's Word, stay filled with God's Spirit, fellowship with God's people, and help others come to know of God's salvation in Christ. As you celebrate the new year, I hope you can also celebrate being a "new creation" through salvation in Christ Jesus, and that you will "put on the new self" as you live out the new year.



For over one hundred sixteen years, Summerfield Baptist Church has been ministering to the people of Parmer, Deaf Smith, and Castro counties. Many people have been saved through her activities in their lives. She has also helped support missions throughout the world through Baptist programs.

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January 5, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. will be the last service, in which we will celebrate the life of such a great church. Please, come and celebrate with us.

Ellis Parson - Pastor

Retired teachers and school personnel to meet January 7th

Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel will meet on Tuesday, January 7th, 2020, at 12:00 noon at the home of Melissa Randolph. The program, "What is the Aronice Center?" will follow a soup and cornbread luncheon. PCRTSP members are encouraged to bring their volunteer hours to this meeting or to contact Glenda Procter, Volunteer Chairperson.

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State Capital Highlights

By Ed Sterling



Paxton lauds 5th Circuit ruling against Affordable Care Act

AUSTIN — After the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit declared the individual mandate in “Obamacare” unconstitutional on Dec. 18, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton expressed his agreement.

“The Fifth Circuit’s holding is clear: the federal government cannot order private citizens to purchase subpar insurance products that they don’t want,” Paxton said. “The individual mandate is the centerpiece of Obamacare and I am glad the Fifth Circuit recognized that it is unlawful.”

Paxton said he looks forward to demonstrating in federal district court that the rest of the law cannot stand without the individual mandate, and added:

“Yesterday’s decision is a win for the rule of law,” he said. “Finally being rid of this law will be a victory for all Americans.”

The lawsuit against the federal government was filed in U.S. District Court in the Northern District of Texas by Paxton and a list of other state attorneys general. Paxton said it would be up to the lower court to determine whether any part of the U.S. Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, referred to as “Obamacare,” can remain, in light of the mandate’s unconstitutionality.

In Texas and 38 other states where the federal government administers health exchanges, health insurance premiums rose an average of 105 percent from 2013 to 2017, Paxton said.

The U.S. Supreme Court upheld Obamacare in 2012, but a majority of the justices agreed that the law’s individual mandate was constitutional only because its accompanying tax penalty could justify forcing individuals to purchase health insurance under Congress’ taxing power. Devoid of that penalty, Obamacare’s individual mandate cannot be preserved as a tax, rendering Obamacare entirely unlawful, Paxton said.

Meanwhile, according to U.S. Census data, an estimated five million Texas residents, or nearly 18 percent of the state’s population, do not have health insurance.

TPWD promotes hikes

The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department on Dec. 20 encouraged Texans “to kick off the next decade of adventures at a Texas State Park by participating in a First Day Hike.”

To foster the effort, the agency scheduled a

variety of events on New Year’s Day. First Day Hikes aim to help visitors commit to their New Year’s resolutions to get healthy, the agency said.

First Day Hikes events include strolls on scenic trails, midnight walks, polar plunges, bike rides and short treks with four-legged family members and more strenuous hikes for experienced visitors.

Last year, according to Texas Parks & Wildlife, 77 state parks hosted First Day Hike events in which an estimated 4,000 participants walked, paddled and biked.

A list of events is posted online at tpwd.texas.gov.

Jobless rate stays low

The Texas Workforce Commission on Dec. 20 announced that the Lone Star State’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady at 3.4% in November.

The rate marks the sixth consecutive month of record low unemployment in the state. Also, 3.4% is the lowest unemployment rate since series tracking began in 1976, according to an agency news release.

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) recorded November’s lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 2.1%, followed by the Amarillo and Austin-Round Rock MSAs each with an adjusted rate of 2.5%. The College Station-Bryan and Lubbock MSAs each recorded the third lowest rate at 2.6%.

Reps vote on impeachment

The U.S. House of Representatives on Dec. 18 voted to approve two articles of impeachment against President Donald Trump.

The vote on Article I, Abuse of Power, was 230 for, 197 against and 1 present/not voting. The vote on Article II, Obstruction of Congress, was 229 for, 198 against and 1 present/not voting.

For Texas’ 36-member House delegation, the vote was partisan. All 23 Republicans voted not to approve both articles and all 13 Democrats voted to approve both articles.

As the deadline for this column, the articles of impeachment had not been forwarded to the U.S. Senate, where the president would be tried in accordance with Article 3 of the U.S. Constitution, with the Honorable John Roberts, chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, presiding.

The 2019 US tornado season included an ‘extraordinary’ occurrence

Last year, the U.S. set a record low for the number of fatalities with just 10 people killed, the lowest number since tornado fatality record-keeping began in 1875.

A pair of unforgettable tornadoes bookended the 2019 U.S. tornado season, which is effectively over; the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has no reports of tornadoes so far in December. The U.S. tornado season typically runs from March through November or sometimes into early December, although tornadoes can occur at any time.

The year’s deadliest event was an EF4 tornado that killed 23 people in Lee County, Alabama, in early March. Tornadoes and their destruction killed a total of 38 people in the U.S. this year.

Last year, the U.S. set a record low for the number of fatalities with just 10 people killed, the lowest number since tornado fatality record-keeping began in 1875. The previous record low total was 12 in 1910. Tornadoes cause an average of 80 U.S. fatalities annually.

However, one of the costliest tornado outbreaks in Texas history, amazingly, resulted in no deaths when it struck north Dallas on October 20 and 21. AccuWeather estimates the total damage and economic loss from that severe outbreak of 10 tornadoes – including an EF3 – will approach \$4 billion.

“The tornado outbreak this past October was extraordinary in the sense that, thankfully, nobody was killed,” said AccuWeather Founder and CEO Dr. Joel N. Myers. “Nobody – not one person! That’s the story – the amazing progress that has been made in weather forecasting accuracy over the last 50 or more years and our ability to get life-saving warnings to people in advance so they can take action and get out of harm’s way certainly paid off in this case.”

In between the events in Alabama and Texas, 556 tor-



Aerial image shot by a drone shows a Home Depot store in Dallas, Texas, that was obliterated after a destructive nocturnal tornado ripped through the area on Sunday, October 20, 2019. (SevereStudios / John Humphress)

nadoes occurred nationally in May, unofficially breaking the record for the month of 542 set in 2003, though the monthly total has yet to be confirmed. The 25-year average for May is 269 tornadoes.

AccuWeather’s 2019 forecast released in February accurately pinpointed the areas to be hit hardest this year, with a higher frequency of severe weather risks in the traditional Tornado Alley -- notably Oklahoma, Kansas and parts of Texas -- which is more than they had experienced on average the previous three years.

“People were starting to question whether Tornado Alley should be shifted farther east, but our forecast accurately called for more events in the traditional area this year,” said AccuWeather Lead Long-Range Meteorologist Paul Pastelok.

Texas, with 188 tornadoes, has experienced the most of any state in the U.S., according to preliminary, unconfirmed data from NOAA. Kansas is second with 127, while Oklahoma and Mississippi are tied for third with 98.

“We are trying to prepare people in advance where disruptive weather can occur more frequently throughout the season and impact their safety, work or everyday plans,” Pastelok said. “We work to save as many lives as possible and to give people, companies, those in emergency services and others as much advance

notice as possible to prepare and to take action.”

NOAA’s preliminary reports show there have been 1,603 tornadoes in 2019, but that total is not a confirmed final number. The inflation-adjusted annual tornado running total -- which attempts to remove overcount by multiplying the preliminary total by 0.85 -- is 1,363, according to NOAA.

There were 1,169 tornadoes in 2018, and the 25-year average is 1,199 tornadoes a year, according to NOAA’s Storm Prediction Center. AccuWeather’s forecast in February for 2019 estimated an increase of roughly 20 percent over the 25-year average.

Tornado-related fatalities have been trending downward despite more people living in tornado-prone areas. The reasons for this trend include advances in weather science and technology, the increasing accuracy and speed of processing warnings and the effectiveness of warning methods such as through mobile apps, as well as better cooperation between government weather services and the American weather industry that includes AccuWeather.

AccuWeather is a proud and early partner of NOAA’s WeatherReady Nation resiliency program, which helps to continue this trend, and the company is proud to get these lifesaving warnings out to the public rapidly and accurately through its apps and website.

Break out the bubbly: Sparkling Wine 101 Get to know varieties, how Texas’ sparkling wine market continues to grow

The holidays are a time for celebrating, and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts say Texas sparkling wines are a buoyant option for toasting during gatherings or ringing in the New Year with friends and family.

Champagne vs. sparkling wine - All champagne is sparkling wine but not all sparkling wine is champagne.

Sparkling wine can only be called champagne if it comes from the Champagne region of France, located outside of Paris, and is made using chardonnay, pinot noir or pinot meunier grape varieties, explained Jim Kamas, AgriLife Extension fruit specialist based in Fredericksburg.

As the juice from crushed grapes ferments to become wine, carbon dioxide gas is formed as a byproduct of fermentation. If the gas is allowed to escape, the result will be a “still” or non-sparkling wine. But if at some point the process of fermentation is halted and the carbon dioxide gas is prevented from escaping, this will produce sparkling wine.

“In more recent years, winemakers in Texas have expanded into making sparkling wines,” Kamas said. “While the traditional grape varieties used in the production of champagne are the chardonnay and pinot noir, neither of those varieties are very widely planted in Texas.”

Sparkling wines come in both white and rosé styles with a wide array of flavors and aromas depending on the grapes used and winemaking practices employed, said Michael Cook, AgriLife Extension viticulturist, Denton. Grapes commonly being used to produce sparkling wines in Texas include roussanne, Marsanne, chenin blanc, viognier, chardonnay, pinot noir, trebbiano tuscano, blanc du bois and other locally grown varieties.

“That being said, all sparkling wines share at least two things in common: sharp acidity, which helps lend to the wine’s crisp and fresh taste, and bubbles, which give a creamy and rich perception to the palate,” he said. “Because of these characteristics, sparkling wines are well suited to the typical heavy dishes served at Christmas and New Year’s. Sparkling wines are not just for celebration but pair nicely with chicken, turkey, ham, lobster, stuffing, yams, mashed potatoes, holiday pies, and don’t forget the cheese and chocolate.”

Pétillant naturel - While the rosé craze has taken the state and nation by storm, Cook said a new trend is quickly gaining popularity in the sparkling wine world -- the production of pétillant naturel, or pet nat, wines. This sparkling winemaking style utilizes natural yeast and in-bottle fermentation to produce a bubble-rich wine with a wide range of



light and refreshing aromas.

Cook said wineries love them because they can be offered to consumers sooner than wines that require aging, and consumers love them because they are light and refreshing.

Pet nat wines are partially fermented in vats or tanks, then transferred to bottles and sealed. The fermentation process continues in bottle, generating carbon dioxide, which creates both the pressure and the bubbles “we know and love,” said Andrea Botezatu, Ph.D, AgriLife Extension enologist, College Station.

Because these wines are not filtered or polished in any way, they tend to be cloudy and contain sediments, which is perfectly normal for this particular style of wine, Botezatu noted.

“They’re light and fruity and easy to drink,” she said. “They’re perfect for parties.”

Méthode champenoise

In July 2018, Grape Creek Vineyards opened Heath Sparkling Wines, a facility that produces four different sparkling wines bottled under the names Euphoria, Adoration, Ebullience and Blanc de Blancs. The modern-style facility, touted as “the first winery in Texas dedicated to the art of sparkling winemaking,” also has a tasting area.

“We use pinot noir and chardonnay grapes, but also produce a sparkling rosé wine using pinot grigio and a sparkling white that’s a blend of trebbiano and chenin blanc,” said Jason Englert, a winemaker for Grape Creek Vineyards in Fredericksburg.

Englert said the most well-known way of processing champagne and sparkling wines is the méthode champenoise, but the equipment for this process is specialized and very expensive, representing a substantial investment for a winery.

“So, what we do at Heath Sparkling Wines is process the grapes and ferment the juice to make the base wine (cuvée). The finished base wines are then filtered and transported by tanker to a sparkling wine processing facility in California to complete the méthode champenoise process.”

Once the process is completed, which usually takes

about 18 months, the sparkling wine, which is in champagne bottles, is corked and has a wire hood applied. Then foils and labels are affixed and the bottles are placed in case boxes and palletized for return shipping.

Those proponents of the méthode champenoise point to the individual attention given each bottle and the time taken to complete the process as necessary for bringing out the full flavor and richness of the wine.

Englert noted other Texas winemakers have experimented with making sparkling wines using other methods such as the old-school pétillant naturel process and the Charmat method, a more economical production process in which still wine goes through secondary fermentation in large vessels.

Texas winemakers

Along with Heath, other Texas wineries that produce sparkling wines include Messina Hof Winery, McPherson Vineyards, Wedding Oak Winery, William Chris Vineyards, Saint Tryphon, Spicewood Vineyards, Farmhouse Vineyards, Knipp Cellars, Southold Farm and Cellars, Landon Winery, Fiesta Winery and Whistling Duck Vineyards and Winery.

“We have made some really exceptional sparkling wines with blanc du bois, pinot blanc, chenin blanc and trebbiano, as well as the traditional chardonnay and pinot noir grapes,” said Messina Hof Winery owner and winemaker Paul Bonarigo, who is also president of the Texas Wine and Grape Growers Association.

Bonarrigo said as infrastructure and knowledge bases grow there will be an expansion in the production of sparkling wines throughout the state, and consumers will see more and more wineries launching a sparkling wine product.

Cook agrees. “Texas is really getting a foothold in the sparkling wine niche market,” he said. “Winemakers see the advantages of turning out amazingly fresh and aromatic wines that utilize grapes that may not be suited for their traditional table wines and can be offered to consumers sooner rather than later.”



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Friona ISD Nominations for Gifted and Talented Program

Friona ISD students in Kindergarten – 12th grade are eligible for parent or teacher nominations to the Gifted and Talented Program offered by Friona ISD for the 2020-2021 school year.

Parents who desire to nominate their child for this program may contact the principal or counselor in their child's building for the appropriate form.

Forms need to be completed and returned to the principal by January 31, 2020. A certified Gifted and Talented teacher will administer the necessary tests for admission to the program.

Los estudiantes de Friona ISD en los grados de K-12 tienen el derecho de ser nominados por padre o maestro para el programa que se ofrece en nuestro distrito de niños Talentosos por el año escolar 2020-2021.

Los padres que desean de nombrar a su niño para este programa pueden hablar con consejera o el principal de la propia escuela para pedir las formas necesarias.

Las formas necesitaran ser completadas y entregadas a la oficina del principal para el 31 de enero del 2020. Los estudiantes nominados serán considerados y tomaran evaluaciones las cual determinaran admisión al programa.

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Carthel Family Christmas



Forty-one out of forty-three family members got together on Saturday, December 21st at Ann Carthel's home to celebrate Christmas. Ann is 92 years old. The gathering included her four sons and their families. Santa and Mrs. Claus also made an appearance that evening.

Commissioners hold final meeting for 2019

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, December 23rd 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. The Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Commissioners approved the payment of the accounts pay-

ables as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May and the Treasurer's Report was also approved.

Commissioners discussed a Road Use Agreement with a potential Wind Farm operator in the Lazbuddie area. The agenda item was tabled until a more detailed agreement could be finalized.

The Court was asked to consider approving a fiber optic cable line under a County Road. It was determined that "Ironwood" is

a subdivision road and not a County road.

Commissioners approved continuing education hours for County Clerk Susie Spring (91.5 hours) and Justice of the Peace Pct. #1 Jo Beth Gipson (20 hours).

Sheriff Randy Gerles reported that he was currently housing 15 inmates at the Law Enforcement Center and 5 of those are from the Deaf Smith County. Sheriff Gerles also informed the Court that he had contacted the Texas Department of Emergency Manage-

ment, Mutual Aid of Amarillo and Hereford, and other regional emergency responders after he arrived at the apartment fire in Friena early Friday morning on December 20th.

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.

Friona School Calendar for January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 -HS Basketball vs. Canadian 5:00p.m.	3	4 -HS Basketball @ River Road 5:00p.m.
5	6 -JH Girls vs. Dimmitt 5:00 -JH Boys @ Dimmitt 5:00	7 -Back to School -JVG/VG Basketball @ Muleshoe 5:00 -JVB/VB Basketball vs. Highland Park 5:00	8	9 -Friona JH Basketball Tournament	10 -HS Basketball @ Spearman 5:00	11 -Sudan Speech Tournament -Band Area Auditions @ Levelland -Friona JH Basketball Tournament -Panhandle Powerlifting Invitational
12	13 -JH Girls vs. Tulia 5:00 -JH Boys @ Tulia 5:00	14 -Deadline to File for a Place on the School Board Ballot -HS Basketball vs. Tulia 5:00	15	16	17 -Band All Region Clinic/Concert @ WTAMU -HS Basketball @ Bushland 5:00	18 -Hereford Speech Tournament -Band All Region Clinic/Concert @ WTAMU
19	20 -JH Boys vs. Muleshoe 5:00 -JH Girls @ Muleshoe 5:00	21 -HS Basketball vs. Dimmitt 5:00	22	23	24 -HS Basketball @ Canadian 5:00 -Mighty Writers Rally 2:00 in JH Auditorium	25 -Friona Bobsled - JH Solo/Ensemble Competition -Abernathy Powerlifting Meet
26	27 -JH Boys vs. Dimmitt 5:00 -JH Girls @ Dimmitt 5:00	28 -HS Basketball vs. Muleshoe 5:00	29	30	31 -Canyon/Tascosa Swing -HS Basketball vs. River Road 5:00	

Voting By Mail In The 2020 Elections

By Susie Spring, Parmer County Clerk

A large number of registered voters are eligible to receive an early ballot by mail for the Primary Election in March of 2020, any Run-off Election in May of 2020 and the November 2020 General election. There are qualifications that have to be met to receive a ballot by mail. You must apply for a ballot by mail each year; the application is only good for the year in which you apply.

First, you must be a registered voter of the county in which you are asking for a ballot by mail.

Then, to be eligible you must know that you will be out of the county on voting days, OR have a disability that prevents you from voting in person, OR be 65 years of age or older. In certain instances someone incarcerated in jail may be eligible.

You may receive an application by mail from one of the political parties or you may go online to votetexas.gov. Click on the Voters with Special Needs tab at the top right of the page. Go down to the bottom of that page and click on "Get Application".

You may request an application from the Parmer

County Clerk's office by calling 806-441-3691 or mail a request to: Parmer County Clerk PO Box 356 Farwell, TX 79325 and an application will be mailed to you. You may also come to the Clerk's office in the Courthouse and pick up an application.

Please fill out the entire application. Applications not correctly filled out are invalid and will not be processed. When filling out the application you must designate which election you are requesting a ballot to be sent to you. If you check ANNUAL APPLICATION, this includes all elections held in 2020.

Also please indicate which party ballot you are requesting. Applications must be mailed or brought in person to the Parmer County Clerk's office. For the Primary Election, all applications must be received by 3 PM, Friday, February 21, 2020. If you are requesting a ballot be sent out of the country, the deadline for receiving the request is Wednesday, February 12, 2020.

Please exercise your right to vote as a citizen of the United States.



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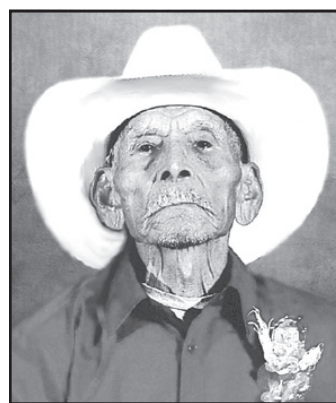


Eufemio DeLaCruz

Eufemio DeLaCruz, 93 of Bovina passed away December 28, 2019 in Lubbock. Viewing will be from 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. Thursday, January 2, 2020 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina, with Rosary Services that evening at 6:00 P.M. Mass of Christian Burial Services set for 11:00 A.M. Friday, January 3, 2020 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina with burial following in the Bovina Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Mr. DeLaCruz was born in Cicacalco, Zacatcas, Mexico November 12, 1926 to Caterino and Panfila Ramirez DeLaCruz. He later married Emma Delia Zepeda. He was in the construction business for many years, a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina and loved to tend to his animals.

He is preceded in death by his wife Emma Delia Zepeda DeLaCruz, 4 sons-Pancho, Cande, Modesto, and Joaquin DeLaCruz, 2 daughters-Maria and Rosario DeLaCruz. 1 sister and 1 brother.



Those to carry on his legacy include: 6 sons- Eleazar, Victor, Gerardo and Abel DeLaCruz all of Bovina and Jose and Ramon DeLaCruz of Mexico, 4 daughters-Irma and Socorro DeLaCruz of Mexico, and Luisa and Carmen DeLaCruz of Bovina, 1 brother-Pedro DeLaCruz, 1 sister-Sara DeLaCruz both of Mexico. 47 grandchildren, 66 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great grandchildren. You may send condolences to the family and sign the online register book at: www.hansardfamily.com

Hansard Family
Funeral Home

Eldred A. Brown

Eldred A. Brown, 94, long time Deaf Smith County Farmer and Rancher, passed away Sunday, December 22, 2019 in Amarillo, Texas. Visitation was on Monday, December 30, 2019 from 2:00-4:00 PM at Mendez Mullins Family Funeral Home, 105 Greenwood Street, Hereford, Texas. Burial followed at 4:30 PM at West Park Cemetery, 800 Bradley Street, Hereford, Texas. Services and arrangements have been entrusted to Mendez and Mullins Family Funeral Home of Hereford, Texas.

Eldred was born on May 12, 1925 to Noble and Elzora Potts Brown in Thalia, TX. The family moved to the Bootleg area in 1941. Upon returning home from the Army, Eldred married Maxine King. They were married in 1947 at Bellview, New Mexico.

Eldred served for many years on the Deaf Smith County Electric Cooperative Board. He also served on the Golden Plains Cooperative Board, the Walcott School Board and was a member of the Bootleg Fire Department. He proudly served his fellow Veterans as Honor Gaurd at Ussery-Roan Texas Veterans Home, where he resided for 7 years. Eldred never lost his love and enthusiasm for farming. He loved to ask



about and look at crops.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Maxine Brown; brothers Floyd and Ernest, and a great-nephew, Justin Brown.

He is survived by one son, Tommy Brown and his wife Linda of New Braunfels, Texas, two grandchildren, Tracy Benavides of New Braunfels, Texas, Gary Brown and his wife Emily of Harrodsburg, KY. Four great-grandchildren, Presley Benavides, Zane, Kenzie and Ross Brown.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest a memorial be made in Eldreds name to Ussery-Roan Texas Veterans Home, 1020 Tascosa Road, Amarillo, TX 79124, the Bootleg Fire Department, 1009 FM 1058, Friona, TX 79035 or a charity of your choice.

The family would like to thank the staff of Ussery-Roan for the wonderful care they provided Eldred and the kindness they extended to his family during his stay there.

You may go online and sign the guestbook at www.mendezandmullins.com



Howard Lynn Fleming

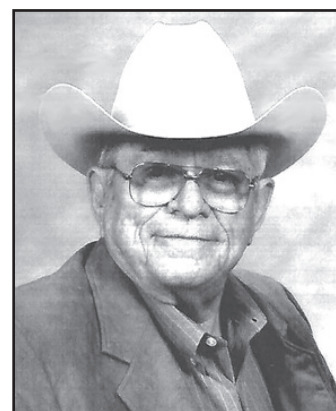
Howard Lynn Fleming, 84 of Friona passed away December 22, 2019 in Lubbock, Texas. Viewing was held Friday December 27, 2019 from 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. with family visitation from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Celebration of Life Services were held 2:00 P.M. Saturday, December 28, 2019 at Friona United Methodist Church with Reverend Skip Hodges, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Howard was born October, 22, 1935 in Byers, Texas, to George Woodrow "Woody" Fleming and Lunie Myrtle Adair Fleming. He married his High School sweetheart, Patricia Anne Bernethy on September 8, 1956 in Wichita Falls, Texas. Howard and Pat were married for 57 years until her death in 2016.

Howard served in the Navy beginning in 1954 with the ROTC while still attending Burk Burnett High School and continuing through his years at Texas Tech where he majored in Agricultural Engineering. After graduation at Texas Tech, Howard was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the US Navy and went into active service from 1960-1966.

After his naval service,



Howard moved his family to Friona, Texas where he owned and operated Fleming & Son Gin, Fleming Fertilizer, and Hub Grain Company until his retirement in 2009. Howard also spent many years farming and raising Longhorn Cattle, Thoroughbred race horses, and Ostriches.

Howard was active in many local civic and church organizations.

Howard was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Pat, his sister Deloris Fleming Clement, and one granddaughter Danielle Fleming.

He is survived by four sons: Charles Fleming of Clovis, David Fleming and wife Dawn of Lubbock, Andrew Fleming and wife Judy of Lubbock, and Bruce Fleming and wife Shana of Friona, eleven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Friona United Methodist Church, 301 East 8th Street, Friona, Texas 79035.

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

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In Memory 2019

January

- Eloy Joseph Flores
- Sarah Ann Miller
- James W. "Jimmy" Pope
- Virginia Dollie Espire de'Gayaree Jennings
- Gracie Bautista Caballero
- Mary Schlabs
- Mary Catherine "Kitty" Bailey
- Vallie Dee Carmichael
- William "Bill" Quinn
- Josefina Alonzo-Coffey
- Maynard Agee
- F.G. Crofford
- Tommy Wayne Walker
- Calvin Rex Talley
- Gerald Wayne Shirley
- Jerry Allen Crutchfield
- Jo Ann Wells
- Jamie Herring
- Erith Hawkins

February

- Reagan Stowers
- Kenneth Wayne Gauntt
- Hattie Moser
- Ethel Lena "Sally" Whitesides
- Shirley McReynolds
- Duane Wylie
- Sidney Lee Whiteley
- Cliserio Medrano
- Guadalupe Silguero Guerra

March

- Henry William Graves Jr.
- Joyce Ione (Vick) Dyer
- Elthie Hand
- JoCarrol Czeizinger

April

- Dorothy Ruth Johnston Prudhomme
- Carol Dean Huggins
- Hilda Maria Larios De La Cruz
- Olive Smiley Massie
- Lizbeth Maria Ordenez Juarez
- John Colby "J.C." Pena
- Gilberto Torres Sr.

May

- Larry Dopp
- Pedro "Doe" Marrufo
- James O. Davis
- Benito C. Arizmendez Sr.
- Janice K. Miller



June

- Karen Kay Davis
- Raymond Drager
- Dr. John L. Humphrey
- Teddy P. Tucker
- Tom E. Villa
- Lucy Hernandez

July

- Alonzo Strickland
- Dalton Kimberly Caffey
- Margaret Juanita Demel Ruzicka
- David A. Soto
- Socorro Gallego
- Alfredo Lafuente

August

- Billie Rae Treider McGee
- Delfino "Shorty" Hernandez
- Carl McInroe

September

- James Wesley Barnett
- Wanda DeLoyce Roberts Oliver
- Johnny Grant Mars

October

- Julie M. Salinas
- Ann Cobb Barker
- Dixie Lee Malcom Carson
- Jamie S. Lara
- Jody Tom Lewellen
- Melodi J. (Dixon) Woosley
- Charlotte Hromas Wilburn
- Erlinda Valerio
- Richard Glenn Perkins
- Jackie Petty

November

- Martha Garner Tyler
- Terri Tamm "Tammy" Hinojosa
- Jesus "Jesse" Morales Sr.
- Helen Bailey
- Mildred Welch
- Carolyn Rainey
- Raymond Hromas

December

- Elizabeth Toledo Zavala
- Juanita S. Hernandez
- Ila Daniel
- Charlene Beatrice Walker Harper
- Ileta Uldene Bomar Grimsley
- Billie Leo Marshall
- Sam Mears
- Howard Lynn Fleming
- Enfemio DeLaCruz
- Eldred A. Brown

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Third graders gave gifts to the residents at Prairie Acres and sang Christmas carols.



Employees from USDA at Cargill donated toys that were given out along with clothes for the Empty Stocking Fund.

2020 Census Provides Job Opportunities for Texans Age 50-Plus

Nearly 100 days are left before the 2020 Census count begins, and advocates for Texans over age 50 say this massive undertaking is an opportunity for people looking for short-term work.

Tina Tran, state director of AARP Texas, says her organization is helping older residents who want to get involved to become census-takers in their communities.

"The Census is a great opportunity for particularly older workers who are looking for flexible work and short-term work," says Tran. "And the Census is looking at adding about 500,000 temporary workers."

Texas is one of five states in the nation that has chosen

not to establish a statewide "Complete Count" committee, tasked with increasing awareness and motivating residents to participate in the 2020 Census.

Without a state count committee, Tran adds it's even more important that schools and local organizations ensure all families are educated about the census.

"It is really important that we get an accurate count, because resources and representation is on the line," says Tran. "Our officials estimate that even a 1% undercount could result in lost millions of dollars for our state."

Tran points out that understanding how the census

works can help protect people against potential scams. For instance, she says the Census Bureau doesn't send emails to individuals, and if you receive an email claiming to be from the census, it's a scam.

"Often, scammers will use this as a way to get access to your Social Security number," says Tran. "They also may ask for bank account or credit card numbers. The census will not demand any money or threaten any jail time for not participating."

If you suspect a scam, Tran says contact the Census Bureau and your local police department. You can also call the AARP Fraud Watch Network hotline at 877-908-3360.



Carly Drake signs with WT!!!

On Thursday, December 19th, family and friends celebrated as Carly Drake, daughter of Wes & Amber Drake, signed a letter of intent to compete in Track and Field next year for West Texas A&M University. Go Buffs!!!

