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Carpenter receives honor

Parmer Medical Center is proud to announce that Devin Carpenter, PMC Director of Nursing, was one of the recipients of this year's Panhandle 25 Great Nurses awards

Not Just Milk Anymore



Groundbreaking ceremonies were conducted last Wednesday at Del Rio Dairy to initiate construction of a renewable natural gas (RNG) digester which will turn the waste of 7,500 dairy cows into 1.1 million pounds of ultra-clean transportation fuel each year.

The \$30 million project is a joint venture between Clean Energy, the country's largest provider of renewable natural gas (RNG), and TotalEnergy, a broad energy company that operates in over 130 countries. All the fuel produced at Del Rio Dairy will make its way into Clean Energy's nationwide network of RNG stations. Del Rio Dairy is owned and operated by Rocky & Liz Gingg and is located approximately 10 miles south of Friona on Highway 214. Other companies involved with the project include Montrose Environmental, Black Bear Environmental Assets, Atmos Energy, and Industrial Services Company. Construction is expected to be complete near the end of next vear.

Before the shovel-ready photo-op, a luncheon was served at the Milk House Dairy barn for project dignitaries and invited guests. Hayride transportation was also provided to enhance the dairy farm experience. Nathan Moroney, Del Rio Dairy operations manager, conducted a tour of the rotary milking carousel at Milk House and explained all of the newest technologies utilized to help produce milk safely and efficiently. In future editions, the Friona Star will take a closer look at the digester technology and the companies that are working to make the project a reality.

In the photo (l-r)

Cal Brannon

Industrial Account Manager **Atmos Energy Corporation**

Emmanuel Come

General Manager Biogas USA **TotalEnergies**

Delphine Merle

Head of Biogas Development & Growth **TotalEnergies**

Rocky Gingg Owner Del Rio Dairy

Andrew J. Littlefair

The Panhandle Great 25 celebration raises the awareness of the contributions of nurses to patient care, research, leadership, education and community service. There are currently more than 4000 nurses practicing in the Panhandle area.

This annual event allows for the amazing stories of courage, strength, resilience, and the lives of each patient they touch to be told, not only at the bedside, but in the boardroom, schoolroom, and throughout the community.

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President and CEO **Clean Energy**

Bernie Sheff

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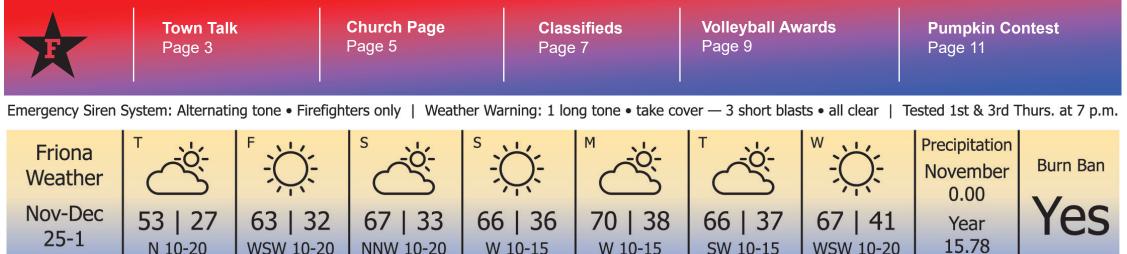
FFA News

The FFA Chapter Public Relations team qualified for State at last week's Area contest in Canyon. Team members are AJ London, Jacee Burney, Dieter Ally, Emma Schueler, and Kitzy Welch. Also, Aubrey Schueler competed in the Area 1 Greenhand Creed contest last week. Out of twelve students from six districts she placed fourth! Congratulations to all!!!

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Community Calendar

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November 22-26

No school

November 25

Thanksgiving

November 29 Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center

December 2

 Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center

 Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center • Christmas in the Park

the Senior Citizens Center







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WTAMU Intramural Volleyball Champs



Former Squaws Bailey Pope, Emma Rector, Jodie Denton, Mariah Trevino, and Carly Drake, along with the help of locals Essence Keys from Amarillo (Tascosa High School), Maranda DeLeon from Hereford, and Giselle Fuentes from Dimmitt won the 2021 WTAMU Women's Intramural Volleyball Championship.



Light Agenda for Commissioners

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, November 22, 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.

There were no public comments. Minutes from the November 8th 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.

Commissioners reviewed and renewed a Right-of-Way pipeline agreement with El Paso Natural Gas. Approval was given for a Bond for the County Clerk Deputy.

Extension Agents Janelle Duffey and Wendy Case gave Commissioners an update on recent projects and activities.

Sheriff Randy Geries reported that he was currently housing 38 inmates in the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center. Of that total, 28 are from Deaf Smith County. Parmer County will be reimbursed for housing those inmates.

COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from November 11, 2021 to November 18, 2021

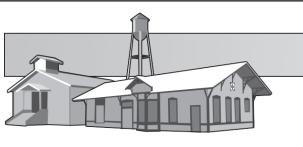
(11/12/21) Garry W. Beauchamp, Carolyn Beauchamp — Garry W. Beauchamp, Carolyn Beauchamp — The South Half (S 1/2) of Lot 8 and All of Lots 9 and 10, Blk 67 of the Original Town of Bovina Parmer County All of the (SW/4) of Sec 35 in Township 6 S Range 3 East Capitol Syndicate Subdiv of Capitol Reservation League Number 531 in Parmer County The (SE/4) of Section 35 Township 6 South Range 3 East Capitol Syndicate Subdiv Parmer County See Exhibit A

(11/12/21) Robert Dial Sparks — Jake Ware, Tennille Ware — The NE/4 Section 3 Blk A Capitol Syndicate Subdiv Parmer County

(11/12/21) Robert Dial Sparks — Mike Ware, Dana Ware — A 20 Acre Tract of Land in the NE 1/4 Sec 3 Blk 3 Capitol Syndicate Subdiv Parmer County

(11/15/21) Bobby Daniel, Gerald Daniel, Janell Miller — Bobby Daniel, Gerald Daniel, Janell Miller — All of the West Half of Section 18 Township 5 South Range 4 East of a Capitol Syndicate Subdiv Parmer County See Exhibit A

(11/15/21) Sawyer Lyn Osborn, Marissa Lynn Osborn — Wayne Schilling, Mary Schilling — Lots 6



Texas Plains Trail Region Facebook post — Texas Plains Trail Region is in Friona, Texas on November 19 at 9:48 a.m. We've been busy out and about in the region the last two weeks - so many exciting things going on! Thank you to the Parmer County Museum for the tour and a delicious lunch meeting at The Farmwife Kitchen. Follow the museum's Facebook page for an exciting project they are working on honoring our region's Veterans.

Same Game, Familiar Name — #2 Behren Morton is a freshman quarterback for the Texas Tech Red Raiders. Behren is the son of James and Suni Morton and has two older sisters, McKayla and Maggie. James was the head football coach of the Friona Chieftains from 1992 through 1997. After stops at Lubbock Monterey and Midland Lee, James moved back to his hometown of Eastland in 2016 and was Behren's head football coach. Behren was one of the top quarterbacks in the country during his high school career at Eastland and was heavily recruited. James was a 2009 inductee into the West Texas A&M Hall of Champions for his time as a standout running back for the Buffs. He also was signed by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for two seasons. Good luck Behren and

TOWN TALK

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Best Wishes to the whole family!!! ★★★

Native American Heritage Day — Riding horseback from state to state in 1914, Red Fox James, a Blackfoot Indian, sought endorsement from 24 states to support a national day recognizing and honoring Native Americans. He presented these endorsements to the White House the following year. At the time, the U.S. government didn't proclaim a national day. However, the state of New York declared the second Saturday in May as American Indian Day.

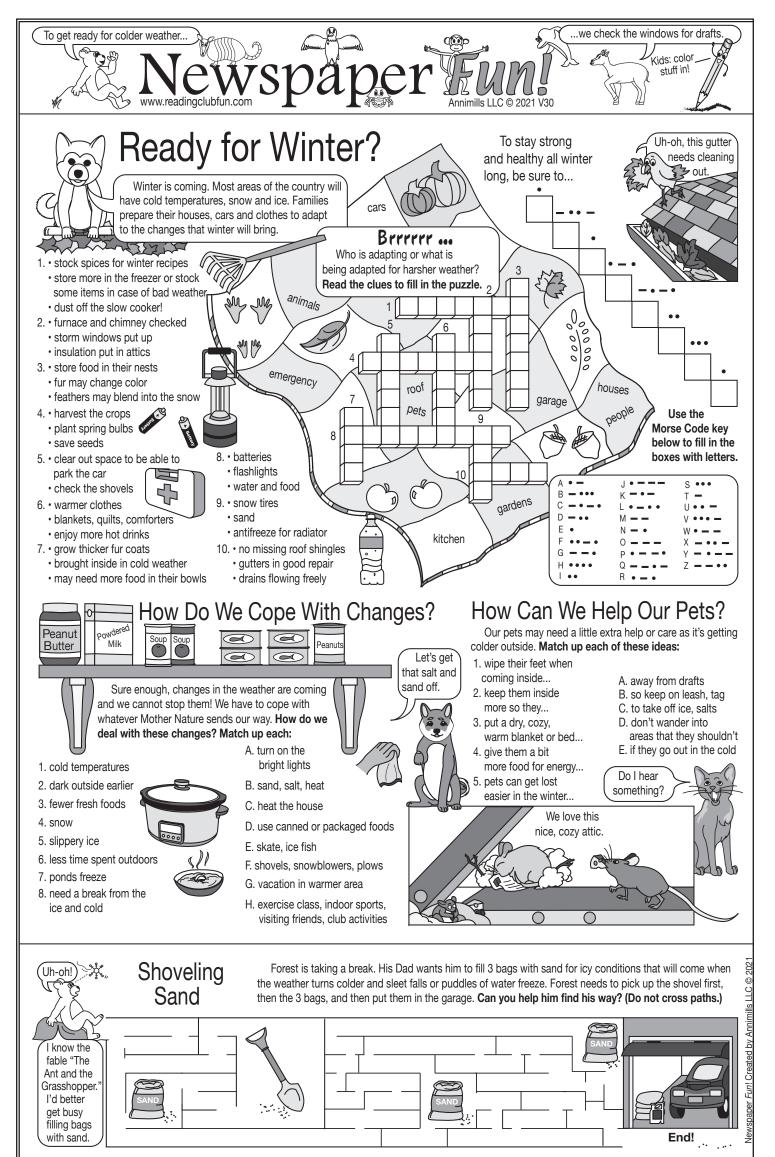
In 1986, the 99th Congress passed a joint resolution authorizing the President to proclaim November 23-30, 1986, as American Indian Week. President Ronald Reagan declared the first American Indian week that year and each year following his presidency. President George H.W. Bush continued the proclamations until 1990, when he approved a joint resolution to declare November as National American Indian Heritage Month. This tradition has continued annually. In 2008 the Native American Heritage Day Act was enacted by Congress and signed by President George W. Bush on October 8, 2008.

There are 574 federally recognized tribes in the United States. There are additional tribes recognized only at the state level. In addition, hundreds of other tribes continue to go through the process of federal recognition.

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Project Christmas Card — The Parmer County Hospital Auxiliary is accepting donations for the Project Christmas Card. The proceeds will be used to purchase medical equipment for Parmer Medical Center. Canisters/boxes are placed around town in various businesses for the collection of donations. The names of donors will be included in a special Christmas Greeting Card in the Friona Star newspaper. Please make sure you put your name with ALL donations. You can contact Connie Neeley (250-2542) or Donna Schueler (295-3585) for more information.

National Days November 25: Thanksgiving Day November 26: Native American Heritage Day November 27: Small Business Saturday November 28: French Toast Day November 29: Cyber Monday November 30: Mason Jar Day December 1: Pie Day



and 7 Blk 7 Lakeview Addition City of Friona Parmer County

(11/16/21) Socorro Reyes — Oscar Reyes — All of Lots 11 and 12 Block 23 of the Original Town of Friona Parmer County as shown by the Plat thereof of Record Vol 5 Pg 421 206 E. 9th St. Friona TX

(11/16/21) Jeremy Hobbs — Brendan Smith — Tract of Land in the SE/4 Sec 9 T 51/2 S R5E Capitol League #512-513 Capitol Syndicate Subdiv Parmer County

(11/17/21) Dennis M. Grabbe, Cortney G. Grabbe — Trisha Steelman — All of Lot 7 and the S/2 of Lot 8 Block 19 Original Town of Friona Parmer County

The Invisible Airplane

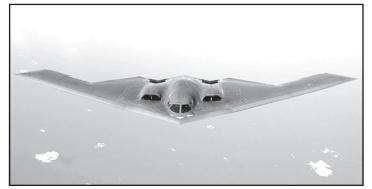
By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

It was one of the best kept secrets in the history of the American military: the creation of the world's first stealth aircraft—a bomber that had a massive wingspan of 360 feet but was—for practical purposes—"invisible." Radar tracking was almost impossible; it couldn't be detected by infrared, sound detectors, or seen by the naked eye. It took ten years—of working in total secrecy—for Northrop [later known as Northrop Grumman] to design and build the B-2 Spirit a/k/a Stealth Bomber.

News that America had such an important piece of weaponry was divulged at a November 22, 1989, news conference at Air Force Plant 42 in Palmdale, California.

For more information, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends Inside the Stealth Bomber: The B-2 Story by Bill Scott.

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





Cranberries

Just in time for Thanksgiving, we can celebrate National Cranberry Day on November 21. Here are a few different ways to enjoy cranberries.

Directions

til cold.

In a 1-1/2-qt. slow cooker, combine all

ingredients. Cook, covered, on low 3-4

hours or until cranberries pop and mix-

ture is slightly thickened. Transfer to a

small bowl; cool slightly. Refrigerate un-

Slow Cooker Cran-Apple Chutney

www.tasteofhome.com

Ingredients

1 package (12 ounces) fresh or frozen cranberries, thawed 1 medium Gala apple, peeled and finely chopped 2/3 cup sugar or sugar substitute equivalent to 2/3 cup sugar 1/3 cup honey 2 tablespoons brown sugar 2 tablespoons frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1 teaspoon cider vinegar

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Dash ground ginger

Cranberry Pumpkin Muffins

www.tasteofhome.com

Ingredients

2-1/4 cups all-purpose flour 1 teaspoon baking soda 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice 1/2 teaspoon salt 2 large eggs 2 cups sugar 1 cup canned pumpkin 1/2 cup canola oil 1 cup fresh or frozen cranberries, chopped

Directions

Preheat oven to 400°. In a bowl, combine the first 4 ingredients. In a bowl, beat the eggs and sugar; add the pumpkin and oil and mix well. Stir into the dry ingredients just until moistened. Fold in the cranberries. Fill foil- or paper-lined muffin cups threefourths full. Bake at 400° for 18-22 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool for 5 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks.

TLC (Thanksgiving Leftover Casserole)

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Ingredients

4 cups seasoned stuffing cubes 4 cups cubed cooked turkey 2 celery ribs, finely chopped 1 cup frozen peas

1/2 cup chopped sweet onion 1/4 cup all-purpose flour 4 large eggs 3 cups 2% milk 1 cup fresh or frozen cranberries 1 can (8-1/4 ounces) cream-style corn

1/2 teaspoon salt 1/2 teaspoon pepper 2 tablespoons butter 1/3 cup coarsely chopped pe-

> cans Directions Preheat oven to 350°.

tappy Birthday

Nov. 25 Sharon White Debra Beauchamp Harley London Polly Rivera **Edward Rivera** Laura (Ellis) Garcia **Gladys** Day Cathy Christesson Polly Turner

Nov. 26 Adaline White Jamie (Reeve) Epperson **RyLee Vancleave** Don Maynard Erik McInroe

Nov. 27 Johnna Blackburn Jordan (Monroe) Jarecki Franzella Reynard Lana (Fangman) Bracken Lupe Castillo Mal Manchee

> Nov. 28 Rena London Cason White Nelda Talley

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

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

Dec. 1 Virginia Cleveland Dr. Ryan Sifford, PhD Kyle Hurst **Connie Cumpton Robin Renner**

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

Gas prices continue to fall

By Gas Buddy

Texas gas prices have fell 3.2 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.00 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Gas prices in Texas are 2.9 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand \$1.22 per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$2.59 while the most expensive is \$3.89 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has fallen 1.9 cents in the last week, averaging \$3.39 per gallon. The national average is up 2.8 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.30 per gallon higher than a year ago.

"With oil prices plunging nearly \$10 from the recent peak of \$85 per barrel, motorists will start to see gas prices decline nationwide, just in time for Thanksgiving, and the decline could stretch for several weeks," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.



Layer first 6 ingredients in a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. In a large bowl, whisk flour, eggs, and milk until smooth. Add corn, salt, and pepper; mix well. Pour over top; let stand 15 minutes. Dot with butter and sprinkle with pecans. Cover and bake 35 minutes. Uncover and bake 30-35 minutes or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean.



De Hann continued, "It's not impossible- so long as oil prices hold near these levels or continue falling- that the national average could shed 15 to 30 cents per gallon over the coming weeks, while some areas like California could see declines of as much as 25 to 40 cents. While there's reason to be optimistic that the peak of gas prices will soon be behind us, the decline in the price of oil is likely reflecting the possibility of a coordinated global release of oil from strategic reserves. If that doesn't happen, oil could again rally. However, with Covid cases on the rise again reducing global demand, it does seem the most likely outcome will be a drop in gas prices that could last several weeks."

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.





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Panhandle Parables "Thanksgiving in My Heart"

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

In Psalm 100 David pens these words in verse 4. "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name." It is the time of year for reflection, harvest is nearing its end and it lends itself to a time of thankfulness.

It is a simple thing really. Be thankful. Yet there are many who struggle with being thankful. The attitude of thanksgiving should be as natural as breathing to a believer, for there is much to be thankful for in this life and the one to come.

From childhood we are taught to say, "thank you." Two little words used properly can bring encouragement to the hearer and praise to God. I remember as Monica and I taught Elaina to pray and many of those early prayers included a lot of thanksgiving. Even in my own childhood I recall praying with one eye open looking around the room for things to be thankful.

Redeemed by the blood of Christ we rejoice at the notion of all He has done. How could we not be thankful? Answering that with negativity is to listen to all other voices besides that of God. Why would Paul tell the early church to not grumble or complain? Why would he tell them "with thanksgiving make your requests known to God?" Because he knew as do, we, complaining divides and thankfulness lifts up.

So, as we enter a season of thanksgiving resolve within yourself to be thankful each day. Thankful that there is today, thankful for all the blessings both physical and especially spiritual, and while you are filling your heart with thanksgiving, share it! Your list will be longer, but here are a few to get you started...

Thank a veteran, thank our first responders and your neighbor. If you see one of your teachers from your school years, which most of us around here still can, thank him/her for your education and love. Thank your families and above all give thanks to God for your life is unique and special to Him.

David concludes the Psalm with a simple reminder, "For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations." Amen!

Happy Thanksgiving!!!

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Four hundred years is a really long time! It is almost half a millennia, and it is ten times my age. Four hundred years ago the United States of America didn't exist, neither did indoor plumbing, electricity and the modern amenities we take for granted. But, four hundred years ago is when the original settlers at "Plymouth Colony" set aside a feast day to give thanks to God's provision and care for them since arriving in North America. Their journey here was perilous, life in the colony was tragic, yet the pilgrims knew that unless it was for the grace of God, they would not have made it through the first winter. Sadly, many of them didn't, as almost half of

the Pilgrims passed away during the first winter in the new world.

The trust in Almighty God, who led, sustained and provided for the Pilgrims is a huge reminder that true thankfulness is not rooted in one's circumstances, but in something much greater. For the pilgrims, who were fleeing religious persecution in Europe, everything about life flowed from their Christian faith and because of their salvation in Jesus Christ, they were able to give thanks to God, even when life had much that was less than something to be thankful for. We see this same reality in the Bible in many places such as Psalm 75:1; "We give thanks to you, O God; we give

thanks, for your name is near. We recount your wondrous deeds." Did you notice the heart of thankfulness in that verse was God is near? Of all the things one could be thankful for, that is one of the biggest. God's presence in your life, whether in trial or triumph, is a tremendous blessing because you can know that you are never alone, and that you are under the Lord's care. Being under the Lord's care, speaks specifically about having a saving relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ alone. When you have this, your sins are forgiven, your name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life, and you are able to live abundant and Spirit-filled each day.

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Let God Handle Things

By Teena Hughs

I have met someone here who has a prodigal daughter. If you have ever had a prodigal, you know that as a parent, it can be excruciatingly painful. You want them back, behaving like they were raised, not today, but yesterday!!! This woman is praying, praying desperately for God to show her what she needs to be doing to get her daughter back, and she is hearing nothing.

My heart breaks for her. She feels like she needs to be doing something to get her daughter to answer her phone calls, to just let her know something, anything going on in her life, to get any sign of hope that things are going to get better some day soon. And, she is getting nothing from God, from her daughter, from anyone.

I have told her that the best advice I ever received was to pray for our prodigals and then turn them over to God to let Him handle them. She agreed that was good advice, but I don't think she actually heard what I was saying, because she feels like it is her responsibility to do what God tells her to do to bring her child back. In the meantime, the situation with her daughter is eating her up!

Why is it so hard for us to let God handle our problems? He is just waiting for us to ask Him for His help. It is so difficult for us to turn anything over to God, especially when we feel like it is our responsibility to help someone, to solve a problem, to bring a prodigal back home.

I don't know if my new friend can't hear God, or if He isn't saying anything to her, because He doesn't want her to do anything. As I have said before, God knows all, sees all, and He is working, not only in the prodigal, but also in her parents, whether we can see it or not.

Waiting on a prodigal to come home requires patience and prayer. I just re-read the story of the prodigal son in Luke 15:11-32, and when the younger son wanted to leave, the Bible did not say the father tried to talk him out of leaving; he didn't follow him or try to find him; he gave him his part of his inheritance and let life play out, and he let God work in the life of the prodigal, the older brother, and the father.

The story of the prodigal son ended on a happy note for the son and father, but I am not sure how it ended for the older brother. I am hoping and praying the story ends well for my friend and her daughter. We are entering the Christmas season, and miracles happen during this time; I am praying for a miracle! 9th & Washington • 806-250-2207 Pastor Robert Kerby Website-<u>www.thevictory.tv</u>

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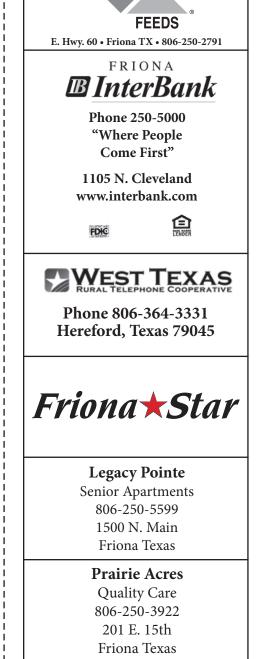
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State Capital Highlights

Extreme weather could still threaten grid

The state's power grid could still be at risk under extreme winter conditions, according to the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, but should operate fine under normal conditions.

The Seasonal Assessment of Resource Adequacy, issued Friday, said the grid can meet normal and even moderately challenging weather conditions but could break down if the state faces winter storms such as occurred last February.

During Winter Storm Uri, much of the state experienced prolonged blackouts.

"We expect there's a 10% chance that demand will exceed what ERCOT considers to be their extreme peak load scenario," Andrew Dessler, a professor of atmospheric sciences at Texas A&M who has been researching the grid, told KUT.org. "In my opinion that's not a great worst-case scenario. One in 10 things happen all the time."

The assessment from ERCOT came just days after a similar assessment from the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, which said Texas is under "extreme weather risk" if winter weather conditions exceed projections, spawning rolling blackouts as experienced last winter.

KUT reported recently that natural gas producers and suppliers can opt out of any mandates to winterize their production facilities, while power plants must do so under a bill passed by the Texas Legislature during the regular session.

Election Audit Division funds allocated

Gov. Greg Abbott and GOP legislative leaders announced Friday that \$4 million has been shifted from the state prison system to the secretary of state's office to pay for county election audits as required under the state's new elections law.

The Dallas Morning News reported the secretary of state's office, which is under the governor's control, would create an Election Audit Division that could conduct random county audits of elections under the new law.

"Ensuring the integrity of our elections is critical to our democracy, and the Texas Secretary of State's office deserves the resources and sup-

Winter Sun Strategies

The first line of defense against sun damage is clothing. Your face, head and neck tend to remain exposed year-round, and this is where most skin cancers occur. Don't forget your wide-brimmed hat and UV-blocking sunglasses before heading out. Apply a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15 or higher daily to all exposed skin, and make sure to cover often-missed spots like the tops of your ears, around the eyes and near the hairline. Try to avoid the peak sun hours between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and seek shade when you can. Continuing sun protection efforts through the colder, cloudier months of the year reduces your risk of premature skin aging and developing the world's most common cancer.

port needed to thoroughly complete this ongoing task," Abbott said.

Abbott said the audit of Dallas, Harris, Tarrant and Collin counties is "the largest forensic audit in the country." Former President Trump called for a statewide review of the 2020 presidential election despite winning the state by more than 600,000 votes.

Shipping containers used to create border wall

Abbott directed National Guard and Department of Public Safety troops to place about 20 large shipping containers along the banks of the Rio Grande to form a "steel curtain" to prevent illegal crossings from Mexico.

The Houston Chronicle reported the move came while the world is facing a shortage in shipping containers that is contributing to the supply chain disruptions being experienced as a result of pandemic-related shutdowns.

The shipping containers were placed next to the international bridge at Eagle Pass.

"Large shipping containers, resources, and personnel are being used to protect communities and property owners. Texas is securing the border," Abbott said in a tweet.

Winter rainbow trout stocking begins

able-sized fish during winter months to create angling opportunities throughout Texas," Carl Kittel, rainbow trout program director, said. "Rainbow trout love cold water, can be caught on a variety of baits and lures and are great to take home and eat. Our winter rainbow trout program

anglers for over 40 years." TPWD manages 18 neighborhood fishing lakes in the state's major urban areas, as well a number of city- and county-managed park ponds. Anglers are encouraged to take their daily legal limit, because the trout can't survive in the state's summer heat.

has been a favorite with

The 2021-2022 Trout Stocking Schedule can be found online at: https:// tinyurl.com/8ayk2nbs.

COVID-19 cases steady but deaths drop

The number of new COVID-19 cases in the past week in the state was largely unchanged from the previous week, with 22,976 reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. A total of 591 deaths were reported, down 30% from the previous week. The number of lab-confirmed CO-VID-19 hospitalizations in Texas stood at 2,663 as of Sunday, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. That is down just slightly from the previous week.

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1st Quarter

A - Luke Houston 29 yard TD pass from Jess Hoel (Jess Hoel PAT, Good) A - Luke Houston 38 yard TD pass from Jess Hoel (Jess Hoel PAT, Good) A - Anthony White 68 yard Interception return (Jess Hoel PAT, Good) **2nd Quarter** F - Jacob Bautista 18 yard TD pass from Martin Godinez (Tim Ally PAT, Good) **3rd Quarter** A – Jakob Sanchez 38 yard Interception return (Jess Hoel PAT, No Good) F - Jacob Bautista 2 yard TD run (Tim Ally PAT, Good) 4th Quarter A - Landry Miller 18 yard TD pass from Jess Hoel (Jess Hoel PAT, No Good) **Rushing Stats** TDs Carries Yards 1 Jacob Bautista 222 24 1 87 4 Mario Bautista 170 16 Bryan Chavira 0 10 39

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Varsity Football

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Injuries and the inability to finish long drives with points put an end to the 2021 season for the Chieftains. Friona had 416 yards of total offense to Abernathy's 319 but could not put the ball in the end zone enough to win the game. Also an injury to Bryan Chavira kept him on the sideline most of the second half. In his final game, all-time leading rusher Jacob Bautista finished the night with 222 yards on 24 carries and a touchdown. Jacob also scored on a 18 yard touchdown pass from Martin Godinez. Mario Bautista rushed for 87 yards on 17 carries and was also injured in the fourth quarter. On defense, Tony Rodriguez was the leading tackler with 8 and Jacob Bautista had 6 tackles. Jose Alvidrez recorded a quarterback sack and Bryan Chavira had an interception. The Chieftains finished the season with a 8-3 record. Of the three losses, one was to the district champions and the other two were against regional playoff semi-finalists.

By Gary Borders

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department begins its annual stocking of more than 350,000 rainbow trout throughout the state this week, a program that continues until early March.

"TPWD stocks catch-

Friona Flashbacks

From the Friona Star Archives



Rosemary McCallum, left, and Nora Rios, add the turkey to the senior citizen lunch line at Monday's sumptuous holiday repast complete with turkey, dressing, giblet gravy, and pumpkin pie and more. The ladies cook for the seniors twice weekly and fed more than 100 folks on Monday. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. Photo by Ron Carr. (Friona Star, Thursday, November 27, 2008)

The number of Texans who are fully vaccinated totals 15.78 million, which is 54.1% of the state's population, according to DSHS. In addition, 2.42 million people in the state have received an additional dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

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.

Varsity Volleyball

The Bushland Lady Falcons repeated as Class AAA Volleyball State Champions.





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Friona Interbank has an opening for a full-time teller. To apply online, please go to interbank.com. Thank You.



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Friona ISD is looking for a full time custodian. Hours are 7 am -6 pm with a 2 hour lunch and a 30 minute break in the morning and afternoon. Interested applicants may call Friona ISD 806-250-2747 or Martha Moreno 806-346-2091.

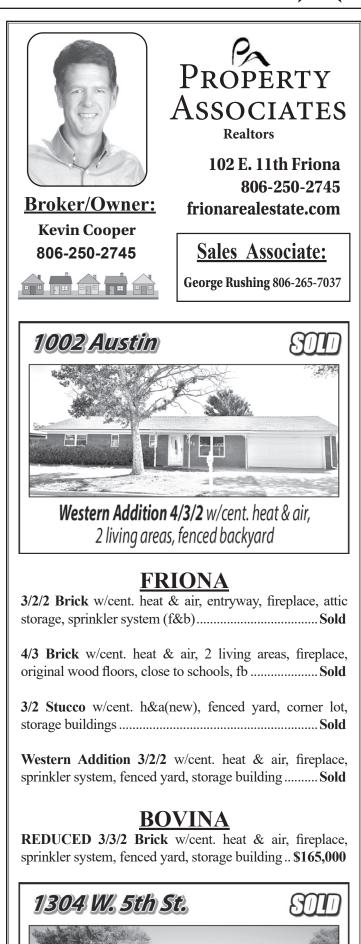
Friona ISD está buscando una persona que ayude a limpiar la escuela a tiempo completo. El horario es de 7 am a 6 pm con un almuerzo de 2 horas y un descanso de 30 minutos por la mañana y por la tarde. Las personas interesadas pueden llamar a Friona ISD 806-250-2747 o Martha Moreno 806-346-2091.

Sign-On Bonuses Offered Due to growth, Prairie Acres is seeking to fill multiple positions including CNA's (both shifts), nurses, dietary and housekeeping employees! We are pleased to offer great health, dental, vision and life insurances, paid time off and sign-on bonuses for those that qualify! Interested? Come by and see us at 201 East 15th St. today!

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4:00 - 6:15 p.m.

- Santa & Mrs. Claus arrive with Miss Friona Breanna Godinez and Little Miss Friona Nyah Cano
- · Miss Friona, Little Miss, and Elves hand out candy canes
- Santa meets with the children
- Choir will sing carols · Vendors in the Park
- 6:00 6:30 p.m.
- · Participants line up on Euclid Street between Primary and Elementary Schools for Light Parade
- 6:30 p.m.
- The Light Parade begins

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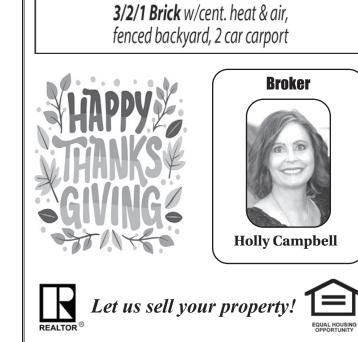
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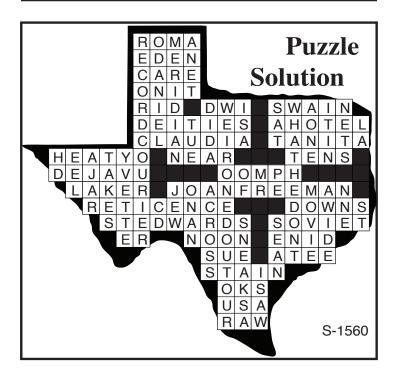
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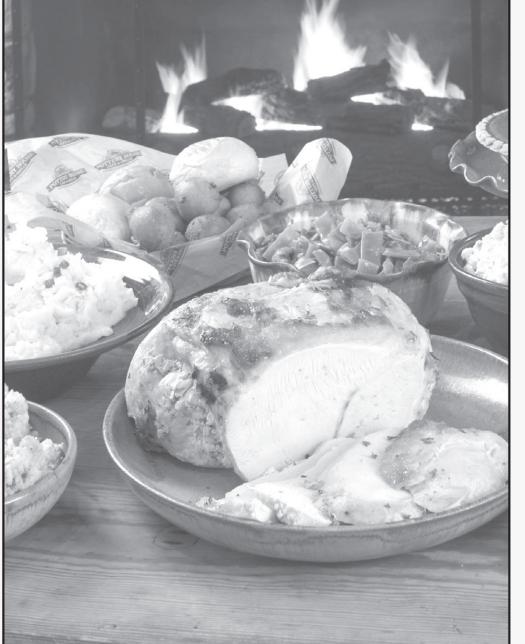
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Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart



Check Your Mirrors By Sue Jane Sullivan



From a Nurse, With Love

Kristen McCook, MSN, FNP-BC Assistant Professor of Nursing Harding University Carr College of Nursing Searcy, Arkansas

I was a nursing student the first time I saw a woman give birth. Even though I was young and naïve, I was cognizant of the weight of the moment when the baby took its first breath: the thin space where we see the holy and miraculous here on earth. I sometimes reminisce about the special pleasure I felt showing the new dad how to bathe his brandnew baby. I could also recount the triumph I've experienced, as I helped patients take their first steps following a major surgery. I've been there when the news was really good, when the cure was pronounced, or when they finally got to go home. Believe me; we celebrated. Those memories are like buoys. They keep me afloat.

Now, with almost 20 years of nursing experience behind me, in hospitals, clinics, and patients' homes, you might be surprised to know, that those bright, shiny moments of new life, second chances, and celebrations are not the ones that left the deepest impressions. Those belong to the patients whose stories were full of sorrow, not of joy. They are the ones for whom I kept vigil when their families could not be there, with whom I grieved when the news was bad, and sometimes my heart broke as they

faced the terrible consequences of their own self-destructive choices. I've held their hands as they breathed their last. I ached to bring them comfort, even when no relief or respite was possible. Maybe you know about those experiences too; though in America, we are sometimes afforded the luxury of avoiding the difficult subjects of suffering and death, until we can't avoid them any longer.

When I think about the 766,000 Covid deaths in our country, I see the faces of those former patients and their families, not because my patients died of Covid or because they must live with its long-term consequences. No, I think of them because I bore witness to their suffering, and sometimes to their deaths, and as an eyewitness, I know with a kind of certainty that is heavy, powerful, and difficult to convey, that they were never numbers or news stories. These were real people; they lived in front of me. I see the faces of my nursing colleagues and friends, who are no more immune to their patients' pain than I am. I know what it is like to be weary, for the work to feel unending and fruitless. And I see your faces also, and I am convinced that if you had any idea about those things, you would not need to be persuaded to be vaccinated against a deadly virus, a virus that has caused tremendous suffering and death, much of it preventable.

It's completely reasonable to be hesitant; it makes sense to ask questions. It's prudent to weigh the evidence carefully, to be discerning in decision-making. But if I thought the facts would convince you, that's where I would have started. Although I have a good foundation in pharmacology (I teach it to nursing students), I've listened to the vaccine experts and immunologists who have far more knowledge. Some of my nurse colleagues participated in the vaccine trials. I've read the studies from Pfizer and Moderna myself. The data is absolutely compelling: the vaccines work, and they are safe. The vast majority of American nurses (90%) and physicians (96%) have been fully vaccinated. I will vaccinate my two children at the first opportunity.

If you're not convinced by the science and urgency of our circumstances, what would it take for you to change your mind? If you've been waiting, I implore you to get vaccinated now--not because you're afraid of death but because you know what a beautiful and precious gift life is.

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Candidates file for Republican Primary

County Republican Chairman Bill White announced that the following candidates have submitted applications for the Republican Primary election and have been entered into the Secretary of State system: Rhonda Wilkins -Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1; Joe Lafuente - Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1; Deana Lucero Leuea - Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2; Isabel Izzy Carrasco - County Judge. To file for a county office, contact either Republican County Chairman Bill White at 806-265-7031, or contact Glen Maxey at 512-656-6337 to file as a Democrat since there is currently no Parmer County Democrat Chairman.

The filing period for county, district, and statewide offices ends at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 13th. Early voting for the March 1, 2022 Primary Elections begins on Monday, February 14th.





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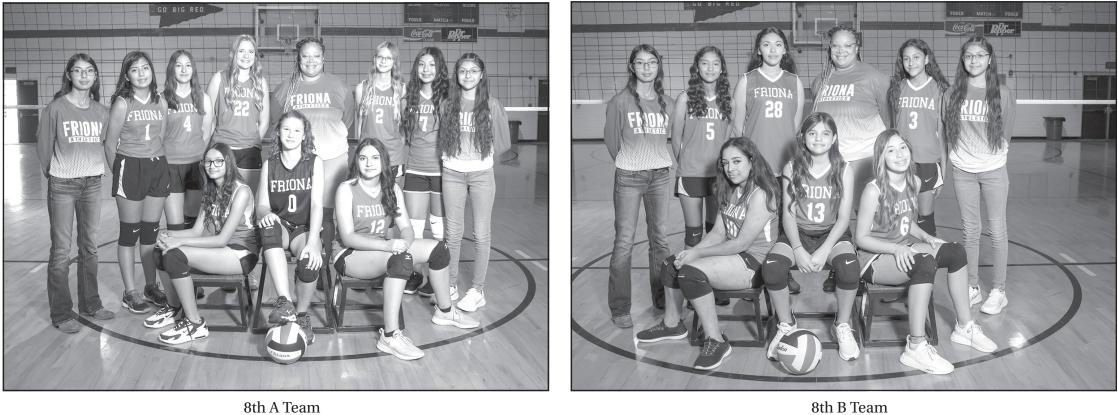


7th A Team Border Bash Champions

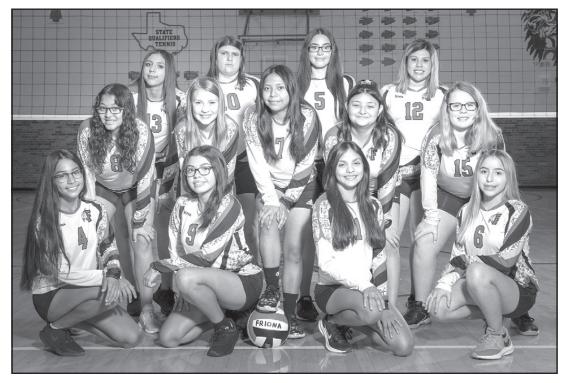


7th B Team





8th A Team Border Bash Champions



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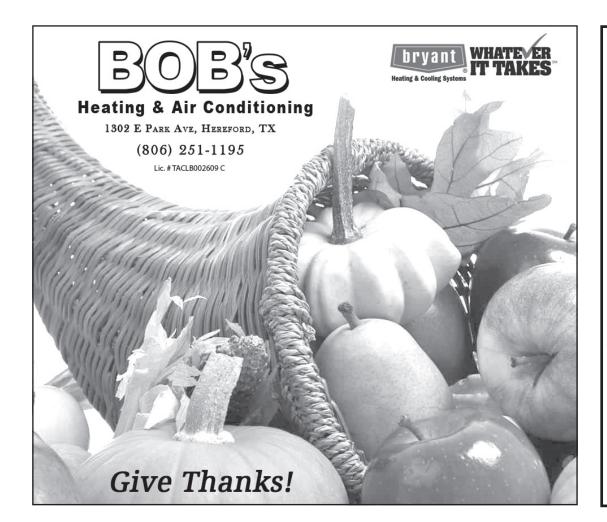
JV Team



Friona Squaws Bi-District Champs (Season Record 11-26)



Jason Daniels, along with FHS grads Mariah Trevino and Emma Rector, operated the scorer's table at the Area volleyball playoff game against Highland Park.





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- Medicare Advantage Members may have to get PLAN AUTHORIZATION to get covered care.
- Unlike Traditional Medicare, SERVICES MAY BE DENIED by the Plan, leaving you financially responsible.
- **BE CAREFUL** when changing your prescription drug program to make sure you have not switched to a Medicare Advantage Plan by mistake.



Note: TRS retirees should confirm their Medicare eligibility before making any changes to their health care coverage.

Let us help you sort through the pros and cons based on your healthcare needs, and make a decision that is right for you!

Call Rhonda Wilkins, Director of Senior Services 806/250-2754 for a personal appointment.

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Friona Elementary Pumpkin Contest

Ghoulish Gourd (Scariest Pumpkin) 5th Grade 1st – Darius Gonzalez 2nd – Bailey Cook 3rd – Augustine (Chato) Alarcon

4th Grade 1st – Jace Jarecki 2nd – Lucas De La O 3rd – Joselin Perez

3rd Grade 1st – Fin Vazquez 2nd – Kaiden Bridges 3rd – Jonathan Luis

2nd Grade 1st – David Carranza 2nd – Jaiven Garza 3rd – Asher Suarez

Jovial Jack O'Lantern (Silliest Pumpkin) 5th Grade 1st – Ivanna Guevara 2nd – Jayce Polk 3rd – Aaron Mendez

4th Grade 1st – Abigail Guerra

3rd Grade 1st – Jenniferlilly Portillo 2nd – Roman Salinas 3rd – Karina Ester Gutierrez Benito

2nd Grade 1st – Alie Chapman 2nd – Jaelyn Rodriguez 3rd – Neidelyn Rodriguez

Picturesque Pumpkin (Best Cartoon/ Book Character) 5th Grade 1st – Eli Rosales 2nd – Brianna Rocha 3rd – Itzel Arenas

4th Grade 1st – David Avila 2nd – Ella Rector 3rd – Sarina Amaya













3rd Grade 1st – Eden Esparza 2nd – Santino Mendez 3rd – Arianna Rocha

2nd Grade 1st – Colt Carthel 2nd – Sophia Quintana 3rd – Tristan Gonzales

Pretty in Pink Pumpkin (Breast Cancer Awareness) 5th Grade 1st – Aylen Moreno 2nd – Jayleigh Contreras 3rd – Tania Martinez

4th Grade 1st – Sophie Lewellen 2nd – Kamila Moreno

Staff Winners Nancy Rosales Jovial Jack O'Lantern

Rafael Calvillo Picturesque Pumpkin





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Last Friday, Legacy Pointe Executive Housing Director Cindy Hooley and Prairie Acres Administrator Jeff Procter hosted a BBQ lunch for prospective tenants at the new senior apartment complex. Attendees got to view the renovations that have been made to the former assisted living facility. Sixteen apartments are now available to lease. Rent starts at \$1,500 per month and includes two meals a day and all expenses paid except for phone. Drop by 1500 N. Main for a tour or call 806-250-5599 for more information.



Panhandle Gives campaign is underway

The 6th annual #ThePanhandle-Gives campaign is November 22-30. This year, 175 organizations spanning 20 counties are participating. For the 2nd year in a row, the Amarillo Area Foundation, who hosts the event, will cover all the online donation fees. That means when you give online, 100% of your gift goes to the organization and will have additional money added to it from the Amplification Fund.

Participating organizations in Parmer County include Friona Youth Sports, Parmer Paws Animal Outreach Center, and Parmer County Museum.

#ThePanhandleGives is a Panhandle-wide effort to raise awareness of the nonprofit needs for communities across the 26-county region of the Texas Panhandle as well as the monetary needs nonprofit organizations have during this critical time of year.

Donors who wish to give offline can make donations at any Amarillo National Bank, Happy State Bank, or FirstBank Southwest locations in the Texas Panhandle.



There, donors can designate their donation to a charity in the memo line or make a donation to the Amplification Fund to benefit all 175 participating organizations. Checks need to be made out to The Panhandle Gives. All donations to the fund will be distributed amongst the participating nonprofit organizations.

About the Amarillo Area Foundation - The Amarillo Area Foundation is the only community foundation serving Texas' northernmost 26 counties (including Parmer County). Since its inception in 1957 and into the future, the Foundation provides grants and services to strengthen nonprofit organizations. Learn more and give now at www.thepanhandlegives.org.

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