



Santa Claus is comin' to town

You better watch out! No crying or pouting either! Why? Because Santa Claus is making a stop in Friona. The big guy wearing red is in the middle of his naughty & nice tour and sources say that he has been making a list and checking it twice. Santa will be in town to take photos with the kids and collect pre-orders for Christmas gifts. His expected arrival time is 4:00 p.m. next Monday.

Mayor Ricky White will provide a welcome and opening remarks at the 2021 Christmas in the Park event. The Mayor will then introduce Santa Claus as he arrives with Miss Friona Breanna Godinez and Little Miss Friona Nyah Cano. Next, Breanna, Nyah, and Elves will hand out

candy canes. Santa will then move inside the Depot to give the anxious and/or apprehensive children a chance to tell him what they want for Christmas and maybe take a picture.

Other activities in the park will include: a Cookie Decorating Station with the cookies provided; a Wreath Decoration Station where you can bring your own or buy one to decorate; Food Trailers including Godfather's Pizza, Amigos, Taqueria Trejo, and more.

More activities include: Visiting and taking pictures with Santa; Christmas Carols sung by the FHS Choir; Pony Rides with Frio the Pony; Letter Writing to Santa Station; The Chieftain Tree, the first red and white Christ-



Miss Friona Breanna Godinez and Little Miss Nyah Cano

mas Light Tree; Adopt a Tree by Local Businesses; and the Light Parade down Main Street and around the park!

The Christmas in the Park celebration will begin at 4:00 p.m. and

will conclude around 7:00 p.m. Be there!!!

In the photo above — Kyle Lambert, chamber board member and Cargill employee, and his son John Wyatt watch as a big tree in the park gets "lit up".



Rebar for Christmas

The project for all Ag Mechanics classes this fall is Christmas Trees and Crosses made out of rebar. They are easy to install in your yard and look really good with lights wrapped around them. The cost is \$20 dollars each and all are constructed by Friona FFA high school students. If you are interested in purchasing a tree or cross, you can come to the FHS Ag Building Monday through Friday during school hours and pick one up. You can also contact Mr. Born at 580-461-8295, and he will deliver them to you if you live in Parmer or Deaf Smith County. You can also order via the Facebook page. There is a limited supply, so order today!

CHRISTMAS

in the Park

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021

Schedule of Events

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.






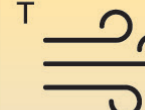

- * Participants line up on Euclid Street between Primary and Elementary Schools for Light Parade

6:30 p.m.

- * The Light Parade begins

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Friona Weather December 2-8	T  75 46 WSW 10-20	F  72 34 WNW 10-20	S  63 38 NW 5-10	S  68 29 N 10-20	M  60 43 SSW 15-25	T  67 28 W 20-30	W  52 30 W 10-20	Precipitation December 0.00 Year 15.78	Burn Ban Yes
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Community Calendar

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

December 2

- Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- Packing bags for Snack Pak from 2-3 p.m. at Friona United Methodist Church north entrance off 9th Street

December 6

- Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- Christmas in the Park with Santa Claus

December 7

- Pearl Harbor Day

December 9

- Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center

December 13

- Public meeting at FISSD Board Meeting to discuss financial rating

December 14

- Band Christmas Concert at 7:00 p.m. at Jr. High Auditorium

December 16

- Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- Early release for school students

December 17

- Early release for school students

Comptroller announces \$2.9 billion transfer

On Tuesday, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that he recently completed the transfer of more than \$2.91 billion into the State Highway Fund (SHF) and the Economic Stabilization Fund (ESF; commonly known as the "Rainy Day Fund"). Each fund received nearly \$1.46 billion, or 50 percent of the total transfer.

"The Rainy Day Fund and the State Highway Fund are key components of Texas' long-term economic success and help provide the foundation needed for our future growth," Hegar said.

Hegar continued, "Texas is expe-

riencing a strong economic recovery, and our population continues to boom as more and more people and businesses seek out the jobs and opportunities created here in Texas. It is critical that we continue to invest in the infrastructure needed to maintain our fiscal health and keep our economy growing while at the same time acknowledging the uncertainty that remains and setting aside dollars to ensure we are able to weather future downturns."

The transfer amounts are based on crude oil and natural gas production tax revenues in excess of 1987 collections. If either tax gen-

erates more revenue than the 1987 threshold, an amount equal to 75 percent of the excess is transferred.

In November 2014, voters approved a constitutional amendment allocating at least half of these severance taxes to the ESF, with the remainder going to the SHF for use on non-toll highway construction, maintenance and right-of-way acquisition.

According to the Texas Constitution, the ESF transfer must occur within 90 days after the end of the fiscal year. When fiscal 2021 ended on Aug. 31, the ESF balance was \$10.3 billion.

Unique Advent experiences set for Dec. 5 in Hereford

Prepare for a meaningful Advent experience when you join Saint Anthony Catholic School and San Jose Church as they stage a "Walk Through Bethlehem" and an observance of Las Posadas on Sunday, December 5th, in Hereford. St. Anthony's Catholic Church is located at the intersection of North 25 Mile Avenue (Hwy 385) and Park Avenue. Admission will be two cans of food that will be donated to the Hereford Food Pantry, or a gently used jacket of any size, warm hat, new gloves, or a small donation. Clothing items will be provided to Catholic Charities.

Parts of the festivities will be open to the public while some of the central experiences will be reserved for youngsters under 12 years of age, with parents and adults invited to accompany them. Children participating are encouraged to come in Biblical costume, which can be as simple as a shepherd's head wrap or towel or linen, and a simple draped robe of cloth.

According to Elaine McNutt, who is helping to chair the observances, a Christmas Bazaar will be open to the public from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Antonian Room of Saint Anthony Catholic

School. Baked goods, frozen casseroles, crafts, and a variety of festive items will be offered for purchase.

A children's interactive Bethlehem market area will also be open from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium and south building, where children 12 and under, accompanied by adults, will fill out a census form, just as Mary and Joseph were traveling to do long ago, and be led through a simple craft activity. A nativity photo opportunity will also be available.

Youngsters will be guided through visits to traditional Bethlehem businesses such as a tailor shop, rock quarry, carpenter shop, music shop, and a fish market. Food items including pancakes, breaded cheese sticks and pulled pork sandwiches will be available for purchase in the market (school lunchroom).

From 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. members of San Jose Church and the community will lead a replication of Las Posadas, (Spanish for "The Inns") a religious observance celebrated in Mexico and parts of the United States, usually between December 16 and 24 that commemorates the journey that Joseph and Mary made from

Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a safe refuge where Mary could give birth to the baby Jesus.

When they were unable to find lodging in Bethlehem, Joseph and Mary were forced to seek shelter in a stable, where the Christ Child was born. Las Posadas is celebrated from Thursday, December 16 to Friday, December 24, 2021.

Adults, including musicians, follow the procession, which visits selected homes and asks for lodging for Joseph and

Mary. Traditionally, the procession is always refused lodging, though the hosts often provide refreshments. At each stop, passages of scripture are read and Christmas carols are sung. In keeping with that tradition, a choir from San Jose Church will perform, and an attempt is being made to secure a Mariachi band to also perform. A pinata celebration will be held following Las Posadas.

120 W Park Ave, Hereford, TX 79045



TRAVELING FOR CENSUS — Crew Clark, left, and Jaselyn Gonzalez take on the attire of Joseph and Mary and pose with a prop donkey as they anticipate the upcoming "Walk Through Bethlehem" and a celebration of Las Posadas on Sunday, December 5 at Saint Anthony School. Photo courtesy of Elaine McNutt.

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ACROSS

- 1970 western "___ Called Horse"
- this Cockrell served two terms as mayor of San Antonio
- "___ up" (support)
- retire. accts.
- indicate approval
- "A" of AME church
- Greek god of love
- Daryl Sorenson is ___-law to TX Tanya Tucker
- Santa ___, TX
- in Hidalgo County on highway 107
- doctors' assn.
- hole-in-one requires ___
- hit for TX Bob Wills & TX Willie (2 wds.)
- army cop (abbr.)
- we will play golf "___ shine"
- "bull" in Mexico
- "the sun" in Mexico
- it's served with rice on a Tex-Mex plate (2 wds.)
- former name of the Congo
- Paris, TX once had the "Chili ___ Cookoff"
- state where TX Holly died (abbr.)
- test replaced by TAKS in 2003
- TXism: "he can ___ day and dance all night" (stamina)
- "Jack ___ ran up the hill . . ."
- this TX Darnell was a star in 1948 film "Unfaithfully Yours" (init.)
- TX tech co.
- Breckenridge AM
- rebuke
- apt FM in 1-down
- Emmy ___ Harris and TX Willie sang "Angel Eyes" in 1980
- TXism: "it's a ___ piece" (distant)
- interruptions in free cell phone apps
- Brewster County seat with an elevation of 4,475 feet
- newspaper in McGregor
- TXism: "take ___" (sit)
- "siestas"
- first two letters of the alphabet
- the first time some Texicans declared independence: "___ Rebellion"
- cinnamon ___
- TXism: "want ___ bad I could spit"
- Mexico American labor leader, Cesar
- this Alex played for the Mavs (init.)
- gun rights advocacy group (abbr.)
- car's safety restraint (2 wds.)
- TXism: "he's got the morals of an alley cat" in Morris County on U.S.67
- legendary TX pitcher, Nolan (init.)
- paddle
- "___ Piper"
- spread out the Texas flag, e.g.
- lethargic
- a secret society originating in China
- female deer
- 1960-88 was the Tom Landry ___ of the Cowboys
- what a fan feels when the Cowboys or Texans win
- upper layer of the earth's crust
- before, poetically
- this agcy. looks for illegal drugs on the Tex-Mex border
- told a horse to gallop immediately? (2 wds.)
- TXism: "he couldn't ___ his upper lip" (weaking)
- lineal assn. of TX founding families
- TX "Mean" ___ Green
- TXism: "worthless as ___ hair cut"
- TXism: "he's a few bricks shy of ___"

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ON YOUR PAYROLL
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Local teens injured in accident

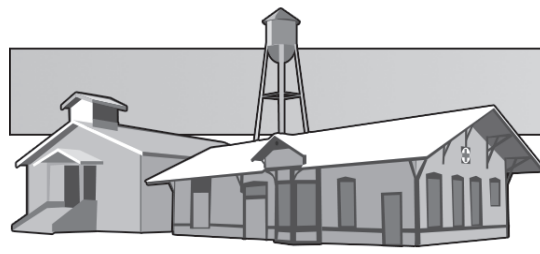
A preliminary Department of Public Safety (DPS) investigation indicates that on November 10th, at approximately 11:15 a.m., a 15-year-old juvenile male, of Friona, was driving a Dodge Pickup truck north on County Road 19 (a dirt road*). The driver of the pickup was traveling at an unsafe speed for the condition of the dirt road and lost control of the vehicle. The pickup truck entered the west shoulder and rolled over multiple times. Two of the juvenile male passengers were ejected from the bed of the pickup truck.

*[At the time of the crash the condition of the dirt on the road was loose/powdery making it more difficult to drive on.]

The 15-year-old male juvenile driver along with a 15-year-old juvenile female passenger and a 15-year-old juvenile male passenger were transported to Parmer Couter Medical Center in Friona with minor injuries.

The two 14-year-old male juvenile passengers ejected from the bed of the pickup truck were transported to hospitals by air. One was airlifted by AeroCare to UMC in Lubbock with serious injuries. The other one was airlifted by Apollo to Amarillo Northwest Texas Hospital with serious injuries.

All occupants of the vehicle are from Friona. The DPS does not release names of juveniles. The crash is still under investigation.



TOWN TALK

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Drive-bye Retirement — make sure you drive by the drive-bye retirement event for Rhonda Wilkins on Tuesday at Parmer Medical Center. Drive in, wish Rhonda the best, receive punch and cookies, drive away. You can do that!

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AAA Regional Championship Football Game — Abernathy and Lubbock Roosevelt will battle for the AAA Region 1 title Friday night at 7:00 p.m. at Jones AT&T Stadium (Texas Tech) in Lubbock. The Antelopes (12-1) and Eagles (13-0) are both from District 4-AAA and Roosevelt won the first matchup 58-56 earlier in the year. Abernathy defeated the Chieftains in the first round of the playoffs.

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Christmas in the Park — the event will be bigger and better than ever this year. More lights, more food, more activities, and more fun. The City of Friona, Chamber of Commerce, Michael Bautista (Robertson Electric), and TW&M LLC have worked overtime to prepare Main Street and the park for the celebration on Monday.

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Save the Date — Christmas Band Concert at 7:00 p.m. on

Tuesday, December 14th in the Junior High Auditorium. Sounds good to me.

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Football Wrap-up next week — next week's edition of the Friona Star will include a wrap-up of the football season including All-District selections and photos.

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Can you hear me now? — for some time the State of Texas has had a financial agreement with local communications companies to provide service for rural areas of the state. The costs of providing that service is reimbursed from a state-administered fund that collects fees from phone customers across the state. Because of changes in consumer habits, that fund has been steadily depleted and no action to replenish it has been taken by either the Governor of Texas or the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) which oversees it. A lawsuit is currently at the Third Court of Appeals. Loss of telephone service in rural areas is a possibility and that includes 911 service. Call your Texas congressmen.

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Cookie Day — The English word "cookie" is derived from the Dutch word koekie, mean-

ing "little cake." Hard cookie-like wafers have existed for as long as baking has been documented. However, they were usually not sweet enough to be considered cookies by modern-day standards. The origin of the cookie appears to begin in Persia in the 7th century, soon after the use of sugar became common in the region. They then spread to Europe through the Muslim conquest of Spain. Cookies were common at all levels of society throughout Europe by the 14th century, from the royal cuisine to the street vendors. Cookies arrived in America in the 17th century. Macarons and gingerbread cookies were among the popular early American cookies.

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National Days

- December 2: Special Education Day
- December 3: Bartender Day
- December 4: Cookie Day
- December 5: Repeal Day
- December 6: Microwave Day
- December 7: Pearl Harbor Day
- December 8: Brownie Day

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(11/15/21) Alana Perez, 27, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Possession CS PG1 > 1g < 4g, pending Grand Jury.

(11/15/21) Anthony Perez, 27, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Possession CS PG1 > 1g < 4g, pending Grand Jury.

(11/15/21) Victor Davila, 21, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Deadly Conduct Discharging Firearm, pending Grand Jury.

(11/15/21) Hector Garcia, 25, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Deadly Conduct Discharging Firearm, pending Grand Jury.

(11/16/21) Juan Silva, 35, of Friona was arrested by the Bovina Police Department on a Hockley County warrant, bond and released.

(11/18/21) Jose Quiroga, Jr., 40, of Bovina was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a Moore County warrant, bond and released.

(11/18/21) Alan Perez-Rivera, 32, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Possession CS PG1 > 4g < 400g, pending Grand Jury

(11/21/21) Jose Gomez-Munoz, 19, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of DWI - open container, pending County Court.

COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from November 18, 2021 to November 24, 2021

(11/18/21) Manuel Alvidrez — Eva Alvidrez Delgado — 1 Acre out of Capitol League No. 509, out of the SE/4 of Section 12, TWP 6 South, Range 3 East, Capitol Syndicate

(11/19/21) Hurst Property Holding LLC — Marissa Lynn Osborn, Sawyer Osborn — Lot 37 Blk 1 Western Addition City of Friona in Parmer County

(11/19/21) Bobby Lee Koehn, Rebecca Celia Koehn — Bryan Craven — Lot 16 Blk 4 MIMO Addition city of Farwell in Parmer County

(11/22/21) Irma Franco Marquez — Domingo Benito Mejia — South Half of Lot 3, and All of Lots 4 and 5, of Block 48, of the Original Town of Friona Parmer County

(11/23/21) Matthew R. Beckerink, Nancy J. Beckerink — Blue Sky Farms LLC — All of the SE/4 of Section 22, Bock Y, W.D. and F. W. Johnson Subdivision Bailey County All of the SE 10 Acres of the NE/4 of Section 22 Block Y, W.E. and F.W. Johnson Subdiv Bailey The W 3 Acres of the E 13 Acres of the South 40 Acres of the NE/4 of Sec 22 Block Y, W.D. and F.W. Johnson Bailey County More Tracts see Exhibit A

(11/23/21) Hector M. Estrada, Juana Estrada — Koen Ally, Els Ally, Els Van De Vyer — All of block 103 Original Town of Friona City of Friona Parmer County

(11/23/21) Jerry Brent Loflin, Annette Loflin — Erik Estrada, Emilia Estrada — The Northerly Part of Lot 27 and the Southerly Part of Lot 28, of Block 6, Lakeview Addition to the City of Friona Parmer County

(11/24/21) Sea Scrolls LLC — Bonnie Warren — The West 92.0' of Lots 1, 2, and 3, and Block 12 Original Town of Farwell Parmer County

This month we open our hearts... ...and help to make the holidays bright!

Newspaper Fun!

www.readingclubfun.com Annimills LLC © 2021 V31 Kids: color stuff in!

December Days - Spreading Cheer!

December days are packed with extra work and fun activities! Our communities buzz with extra energy and excitement.

Let's **all** spread seasonal and holiday cheer! I'm gathering a basketful of food that will be a holiday dinner for a family that needs a helping hand. Are you helping with a special project in school or with your family? **Read the clues below to see what people are doing and to get some ideas for yourself.**

After my homework is done, I like to give this much of myself to make things better for others!

1. hosting Christmas _____ to celebrate and give out toys
2. lighting outdoor trees and singing carols to spread _____
3. going to holiday _____ and craft shows to join in fun with their neighbors
4. kids and their families are collecting coats, _____ and hats to keep others warm
5. boxing treats, letters, cards, personal items for _____ serving in other countries
6. may be adopting a _____ cat or dog (if conditions are good for this)
7. filling and delivering baskets and bags with _____ for a Christmas dinner
8. gathering small toys, books, pens, etc., to put in shoeboxes to send to needy _____ across the world
9. selling "photos with Santa" at a special breakfast to raise _____
10. wrapping toys and other _____
11. shopping to help police officers "fill their cruisers" with _____ to bring joy
12. visiting the _____ to bring plants or treats

Hi! My name is Snowy. This year I'm donating to the American Lung Association. They will send me a set of Christmas Seals® to thank me and I'll use them on my holiday cards. Other nonprofits give out address labels to help raise funds for their causes.

123 Learning Ln
New York, NY

Giving Trees

Use this color key to finish the color-in puzzle to see what kinds of items people are collecting to keep others warm.

Y = yellow B = blue
G = green R = red

A Gift of Kindness and Love!

If you have a cozy, quiet home and wish to care for a companion, visit an animal shelter and...

What is Yoshi talking about? **To find out, use the Morse Code Alphabet below to fill in the letters on the blanks.**

A	---	J	--- --	S	... -
B -	K	--- .-	T	---
C	--- .	L	..- .	U	..-
D	..- -	M	---	V	... -
E	---	N	..-	W	--- .
F	..- .	O	---	X	..- -
G	... -	P	..- .	Y	..- .
H	Q	..- -	Z	... -
I	..	R	..-		



Small Town Cookin' *By Jeri Lynn White*

Pears

December is National Pear month. They can be used much like an apple. I found a couple of recipes to use up those pears you just bought: one sweet and one savory.

Pork Chops with Pear Chutney

www.foodnetwork.com

Chutney:

- 1 shallot, diced
- 3 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons light brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 1 1-inch piece peeled fresh ginger, cut into coins
- 1 teaspoon Madras curry powder
- 1 cinnamon stick
- Kosher salt
- Pinch crushed red pepper
- 3 pears, peeled, cored, and cut in large dice
- 2 tablespoons dried cranberries
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

Chops:

- 8 thin bone-in pork chops, each about 4 ounces
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil

Directions

For chutney: In medium microwave-safe bowl, stir together shallot, vinegar, brown sugar, butter, ginger, curry powder, cinnamon stick, 1/4 teaspoon salt, and red pepper. Cover and seal with plastic wrap and heat in microwave oven on HIGH for 1 minute. Carefully remove plastic wrap and stir in pears and cranberries. Re-cover and microwave for 10 minutes more. Carefully poke holes in plastic wrap to release steam and set aside.

For pork chops: Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Pat pork chops dry and season with salt and pepper to taste. Add 1 tablespoon oil to pan and heat until shimmering. Lay 4 chops in pan and sear until golden on one side, about 3 minutes. Turn and cook 1 more minute. Remove from pan; set aside and keep warm. Repeat with remaining oil and chops. Add chutney to pan and, scrape up any brown bits from bottom using a wooden spoon. Simmer until slightly thickened. Stir in cilantro. Serve chops with chutney.

French Pear Pie with Brown Sugar Topping

By Diana Rattray

www.thespruceeats.com

Ingredients

For the Filling and Crust:

- 6 cups fresh sliced pears
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 unbaked pastry shell, 9-inch

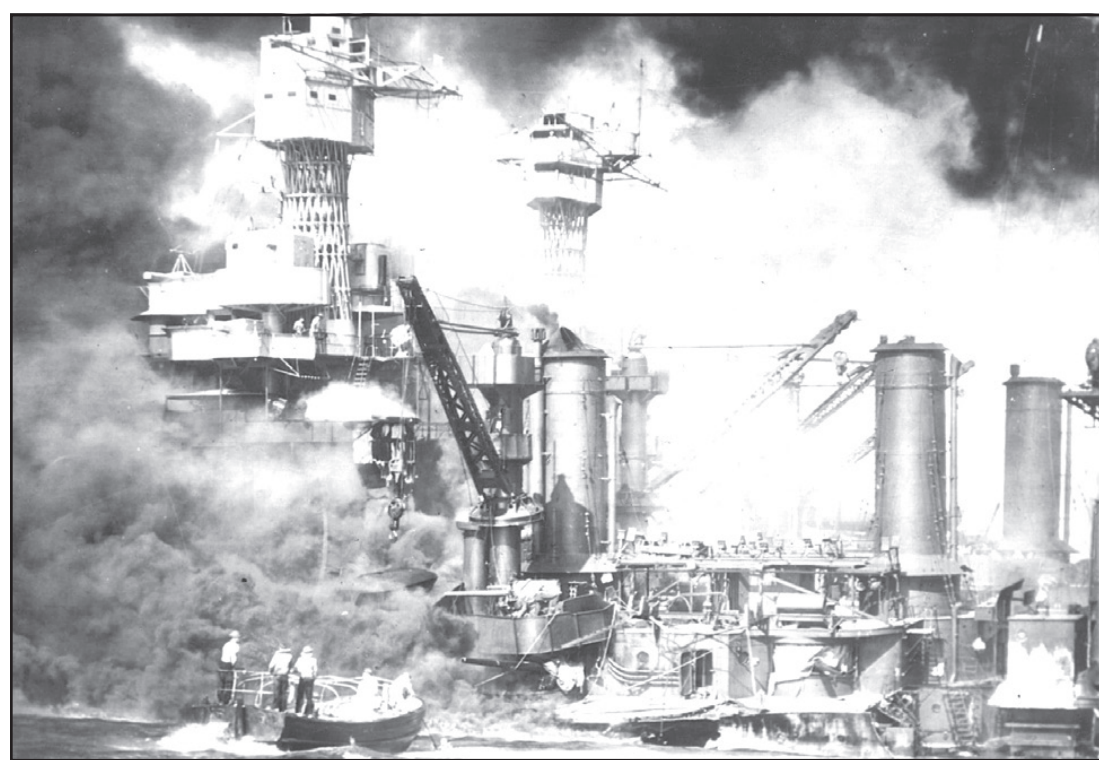
For the Crumb Topping:

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup flour



Steps to Make It

Gather the ingredients. Pre-heat oven to 375°F. Mix sliced pears with lemon juice, sugar, ginger, and flour. Place mixture in pastry-lined pie plate. For the topping, cream together the butter and brown sugar; stir in flour. Spread topping over pears in the pie shell. Bake pie at 375 F for 45 minutes, or until pears are tender and topping is nicely browned. Serve warm or cold, with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream.



National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day is observed annually in the United States on December 7, to remember and honor the 2,403 United States citizens who were killed in the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on December 7, 1941 which led to the United States declaring war on Japan the next day and thus entering World War II. (National Archive Photo)

Happy Birthday

Dec. 2
Meredith Edelmon
Abbey Cramer
Mallory Kemple
Bernie Lennon
Phoebe Upton
Courtney London
Richie Perez

Dec. 5
Teena Hughs
Charles Wilkins
Allison Johnston
JR Ortiz

Dec. 6
Roy Dominguez
Roy Don Smith
Allison Jones
Tim Mercer
Alisia Rando

Dec. 3
Randie Hamilton
Cheryl Cunningham
Corben Baxter
Thomas Maricle
Terry Davis
Timothy Schueler
Kinsey Barnett
Molly Rector
Sammy Perez
Ashleigh LeRoy

Dec. 7
Carla Sue Scott
Sherri Alger
Darlena Burnett
Karlee Osborn
Audry Rowell

Dec. 4
Erin Barnett
Brock Field
Deniss Field
Myrna Barraza
Daniel Cretsinger

Dec. 8
Mike Beauchamp
Kandace (Frye) Burke
David Lopez
Felissa Dominguez



Gas prices fall again

By Gas Buddy

Texas gas prices fell 6.0 cents during the past week, averaging \$2.94 per gallon according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Gas prices in Texas are 12.0 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand \$1.14 per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$2.45 while the most expensive is \$3.99 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has fallen 3.4 cents in the last week, averaging \$3.37 per gallon. The national average is down 1.4 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.26 per gallon higher than a year ago.

"Gas price declines are slowly picking up momentum. With oil's recent fall and the jury out on a new Covid variant, Omicron, we could be in store for lower prices based on many countries

turning back to travel restrictions, limiting oil demand and potentially accelerating the drop in gas prices," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

De Haan continued, "There remains a very high level of uncertainty ahead of us as OPEC has also delayed its meetings to await more market movements and information on Omicron. But so far, Americans can expect the new variant to push gas prices even lower. Beyond the next few weeks, it remains nearly impossible to predict where oil and gas prices will head, though turbulence is guaranteed."

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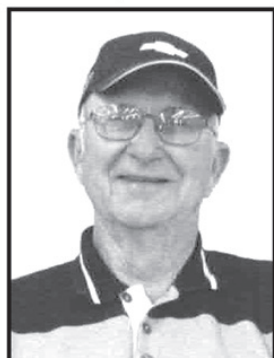
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Panhandle Parables

Drought: A Lack of Reign

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

When you live in a semi-arid climate, you understand that rain is for the most part a limited commodity. We do have some years that are wetter than others, but on average we are usually below average on rainfall. This year is no different, we could use a good soaking rain, the kind that starts slow, stays for several days and soaks deep. We pray for any moisture when it is as dry as it is right now. We know it will rain, just not sure when and that can leave us a little discouraged, and a bit desperate.

This drought has some spiritual undertones. Not immune myself, I see how the last couple of years have sapped many of their spiritual moisture. Their souls are dry, parched, hollow shells of what was once a vi-

brant healthy walk with the Lord. We understand how droughts occur in our geography, but how did this happen to so many so quickly? Simple really, a lack of REIGN. At some point being bombarded with so much divisive information sides were drawn, anger replaced compassion, frustration took over civility and humanity began to focus inward on self and eventually, the reign of God was replaced with the urgency of temporary security that left us worn down, wore out and defeated. I get it, the pace of life has become much too quick, a constant go, go, go. No stopping to refresh, no lingering by the still waters the Shepherd has led us to and justifying this new normal as an improved religion, and yet we thirst. We hunger

for what is real and true, but with out God's reign we remain in a voluntary drought thinking we have no choice.

My prayer is that the drought be broken in the lives of believers who have somehow forgotten they can choose to drink deeply for the Spring of life, Christ himself. What I have written, is written to the guy in see in my bathroom mirror every morning. My hope is that as we recognize the drought, we acknowledge the source of life and come to the well and drink deeply having our thirst quenched rejoining the fight against darkness and remembering again that we have been redeemed. Take a moment and go read John 4 about a woman, who met the Savior at the well. God bless.

Thank you Friona from FCM!

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

On Sunday, November 21 the Friona Christian Ministries' Community Thanksgiving Service was held at the Friona United Methodist Church. This turned out to be a very blessed night of worshipping the Lord Jesus and hearing a powerful testimony message from Pastor Aurello Silva that began with Psalm 100:4, "Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!"

The Methodist church was a very gracious host for the event that consisted of attendees from various congregations in Friona. During the service, there was an offering collected to support the ministry of Friona Christian Ministries. The offering was a little under \$4000 and will be a tremendous blessing by helping people in our area with essential bills and needs! Praise God for this generous offering and thank you for giving

generously.

If you know of someone who is needing help with rent, utilities, food or other essential needs, please give Friona Christian Ministries the opportunity to help. Friona Christian Ministries consists of participating churches in Friona, working together to meet the needs of people in Jesus' name. Applications for assistance can be picked up from and turned in to First Baptist Church in Friona.

Kindness and Love Always Win

By Teena Hughs

Over Thanksgiving I watched a Christmas movie about a young woman who operated an open-air skating rink financed and owned by the city. The mayor and city council decided they could no longer afford to operate the rink, so they were going to close it. Of course the young woman did not want it to close, so she began thinking of ways she could convince the city's powers to keep it open.

Instead of protesting, rioting, burning down the town, etc., she decided to change minds with kindness. She started at the top by paying the mayor a visit with home-baked cupcakes. She stated her case to him without getting mad, but he told her he couldn't do anything. She was not deterred.

Her next move was to find his "soft spot," something that would touch his heart and help change his mind. In the meantime, she and her roommate, who just happened to work for the mayor, started a campaign to send the mayor Christmas cards encouraging him to keep the skating rink open. He received MANY cards!

Through a series of events, it turned out that the mayor's soft spot was

his daughter, his daughter who used to skate at the rink, his daughter who died several years before. The young woman showed sincere empathy for the mayor, and thought it would be a wonderful idea to name the rink after his daughter. His heart was touched; funding for the rink came out of a budget item that had not been used in years, and the mayor's attitude changed for the good, all because the young woman used kindness and not anger to solve a problem.

All too often in today's America, when people feel like an injustice is done or something happens that they don't like, rather than analyzing the problem and finding a solution to the problem or making something better, people take to the streets in anger and hatred and riot, loot, burn, etc. It doesn't solve any problem; it just creates more problems. Many people have had their livelihoods destroyed; prices go up for hard-working Americans to cover the losses incurred by store owners; sometimes lives are lost.

The people who loot, riot, and burn don't ever think about what they need to do to change

things for the better; they just get mad and take to the streets. Sometimes people don't even know why they are protesting. We had friends here last weekend who, because of the media reports, thought Kyle Rittenhouse killed black people; many people thought the same thing. It is easier to riot, loot and burn than it is to really analyze a problem and find a solution.

But, what would happen if we asked the question, "How would Jesus correct this injustice?," "How would Jesus change the minds of a city council or mayor?," or how about asking, "Jesus, is my thinking about this right or wrong; am I doing the right thing by trying to change minds and situations; is my thinking in line with Yours?"

Anger and hatred seldom change minds; they seldom make anything better, but kindness and love do change hearts and minds, and so does prayer and a relationship with Jesus. Change takes prayer, time and patience; it also takes honesty, integrity and sincerity. In the end, people may not like certain results, but kindness and love will always win! It just takes effort.

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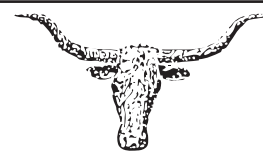
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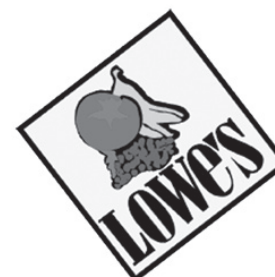
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FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



The Friona Chamber of Commerce board held a ribbon cutting at the new Chieftain Self Storage business in Main St. Owner Allan Haile provided sausage wraps during the open house. From left, Chris Alexander, David Barnett, Mark Haile, John Gurley, Allan Haile, Britny Pope, Julie Mason, Jimmy Maynard, Trish Etue, Patricia Phipps, Bryan Johnston, Chris Keathley, and Mark Collier. Photo by Ron Carr. (Friona Star, Thursday, December 15, 2011)



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Parmer County Friends,

THANKS to YOU, Parmer Paws Animal Outreach Center exceeded its fundraising goal for The Panhandle Gives/Giving Tuesday! While the exact number is still being calculated, we know we topped more than our goal of \$10,000 in individual donations! As an added bonus, a local business matched your \$10,000! Yes there are a lot of exclamation points in those few statements, but we are so excited! Be assured that every dollar you donate goes straight to the daily care of the almost 350 animals we rescue annually in Parmer County.

At present in our shelter, we have three dogs

from Bovina, three from Farwell, one from Friona, two that were abandoned in the country, and thirteen assorted cats, so you see we work hard to help every part of the entire county. Each animal we take in cost us at least \$100 in vaccines and parasite eradication/prevention. Animals in need of emergency vet care or surgery cost over \$1000. This year we have had to cover two amputations, a hip surgery, and five cases of parvovirus. There is also the cost of daily care.

We are fortunate that Merrick Pet Care provides all our dog food, and a local Friona business pays our water bill, because without these folks it would be impossible to operate. We pay electric, gas, internet, and gasoline for transports. There are always additional expenses such as cat litter, reward training treats, cleaning products, toys, and many other unexpected needs that pop up. Recently we installed shelves in the cat rooms so when it is too cold on the catios, our furry friends can climb and lounge inside. Most of the time, our volunteers donate these extras in addition to their presence.

Our volunteers are amazing! Every day someone must go to the shelter--- and sometimes the pounds--- to feed,

scoop poop, medicate, and provide play time for our animals. Every day. Holidays included. When the wind is blowing sixty miles an hour or there is a foot of snow on the ground. When we are not at the shelter we are taking critters to the vet, doing paperwork, networking with other rescues, and a million other things that pop up. And that is all in addition to our regular jobs and busy families. The stress of worrying about how we are going to continue providing care for these abandoned animals becomes overwhelming.

That stress is greatly alleviated thanks to all of you who donated last week. If you missed the chance, consider mailing us a gift at P.O. Box 333, Friona, Texas, 79035, or text us and we will send you online gifting instructions (806-240-2211). You can also contribute by selecting Parmer Paws Animal Outreach Center as your charity on your Amazon account. Contact us if you would like to become a part of this fabulous group of volunteers!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

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Friona Volunteers:
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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Samsung taps Taylor for new plant

Electronic giant Samsung announced last week that it will build a new semiconductor manufacturing facility in the Central Texas town of Taylor, about 40 miles northeast of Austin. The \$17 billion investment will be the largest foreign direct investment in Texas to date and brings the company's total investment in the state to \$35 billion.

Samsung already operates a facility in Austin, its lone U.S. manufacturing plant. The deal was helped along with a \$27 million Texas Enterprise Fund grant, according to Gov. Greg Abbott's office. In addition, city, county and school district officials put together incentive packages worth of hundreds of millions of dollars, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

The project will create more than 2,000 high-tech jobs, thousands of indirect jobs and at least 6,500 construction jobs. Construction is slated to begin early next year with a target completion date in the second half of 2024.

"Samsung Austin Semiconductor has been proud to call Texas home for more than 25 years," said Dr. Sang Sup Jeong, president of Samsung Austin Semiconductor. "We are excited about our growth and future opportunities in Central Texas and appreciate the support from all Central Texas leaders."

Winter Storm Uri's impact on pine trees studied

The damage caused by Winter Storm Uri to the state's trees is still being assessed. While many hardwoods whose crowns turned brown after several days of bitter cold have recovered, pine trees in East Texas are now suffering from an invasion of beetles. The beetles attack both stressed and healthy pine trees, but can only successfully invade severely stressed pine trees, such as those recovering from Uri.

"Looking back at the past nine months, the fact that these beetles are now taking center stage in the decline and death of our pine trees is inevitable," said

Allen Smith of the forest service. "Uri was a major stressor of trees, and the following extended droughty conditions throughout the pine regions of East Texas added additional stress."

Standing beetle-killed trees should be removed and burned or otherwise disposed of to stop the emergence of beetles. Smith said the best-case scenario for pine trees is for a wet winter in East Texas so that trees have ample soil moisture when they start growing again in the spring.

State to get \$408 million for charging stations

Texas is slated to receive \$408 million for electric car charging stations under the recently passed federal infrastructure plan and could apply for additional grants, according to The Dallas Morning News. The money comes under a Biden administration plan to shift half of passenger vehicle sales in the U.S. to electric vehicles by 2030.

The state needs more than 14,000 charging stations to support the number of electric vehicles projected to be traveling on Texas roadways by 2030, according to a 2018 report from Environment Texas. The state had just over 52,000 registered electric vehicles as of last June, according to the Morning News story.

COVID-19 cases drop, as do deaths

While new cases of COVID-19 are spiking again in the Upper Midwest and Northeast, the number in Texas dropped during the past week to 14,745 — down 36% from the previous week. The number of new deaths reported in Texas by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University in the past week totaled 254, down 57% from the previous week.

However, the number of hospitalizations of lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients in the state was virtually unchanged at 2,681, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

The number of Texas who are fully vaccinated continues to inch upward, with 15.838 million reported by DSHS as of

Sunday. That is 54.3% of the state's total population.

Still, while noting hospitalizations are at their lowest levels in many months, officials are still cautious. "We're certainly in a better place right now than we have been in quite a while," Chris Van Deusen, spokesperson for the Texas Department of State Health Services, told the Texas Tribune. "But we are sort of starting to see things change again. And you know, if there's one thing we know about this pandemic, it's that it's going to keep changing."

Meanwhile, another variant of COVID-19 named "Omicron" has been discovered in South Africa and several other countries. Experts are concerned that the new variant may spread more aggressively than previous versions and could prove to be resistant to current vaccines.

Experts urge Texans to get flu shots

A resurgence of influenza this winter is overdue, and Texans are urged to get vaccinated.

"Flu is overdue right now," Dr. Donald Murphey, an Austin pediatric infectious disease specialist and chair of the Texas Medical Association Council on Science and Public Health, told the Texas Newsroom.

"We should be concerned about flu returning. Flu is here every year consistently and last year, with mitigation for COVID, we didn't have a flu season at all," he said.

Murphey added that this year's flu season could be even worse as the decline in COVID-19 cases leads to an increase in public gatherings with fewer people wearing masks. The Texas Medical Association encourages flu shots for everyone 6 months of age and older. TMA says Texans can safely get vaccinated for the flu and COVID-19 at the same time.

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.

Follow the Evidence

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith



Before DNA was used in 1984, criminal investigations were little more than guesswork. But that did not prevent the FBI from establishing its first crime lab on November 24, 1932; in a one room, one man facility, at its headquarters, Agent Charles Appel, who was in charge, had a microscope to find, identify, and compare "trace evidence," plus a helixometer to help him inspect gun barrels:

But, according to History.com, "it was actually more for show than function."

FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover supposedly used the Lab for public relations purposes, but over the years, the Agency amplified its use of technology. By 1938 its Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory was engaged in scientific analysis of handwriting, typewriting, and fingerprints.

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends **Hard Evidence: How Detectives Inside the FBI's Sci-Crime Lab Have Helped Solve America's Toughest Cases** by David Fisher.

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

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A Public Meeting will be held during the FISSD Board of Trustees' Regular Meeting on Monday, December 13, at 7 p.m. in the Board Room of the FISSD Administration Building located at 909 E. 11th Street in Friona, Texas.

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



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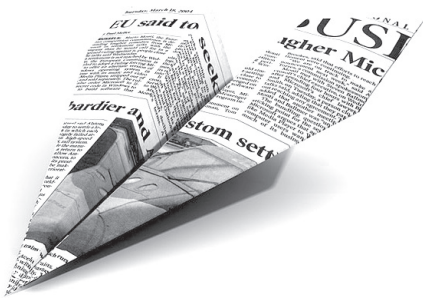
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Xcel Energy readies systems for cold weather ahead

Xcel Energy is prepared for cold weather and is reminding customers they can also take steps to maintain a high level of comfort while saving on monthly bills. “Winter weather on the plains of Texas and New Mexico can present a host of challenges from extreme cold to high winds to ice and snow, and sometimes all of this at once,” said David Hudson, president, Xcel Energy – New Mexico, Texas. “We’ve spent a decade investing in system improvements that will stand up against extreme weather, and these investments proved their worth during last winter’s strongest storms. We’re ready for whatever winter brings and we want to provide everything customers need to stay comfortable and manage their energy costs.”

Xcel Energy has invested more than \$3 billion in transmission line improvements since 2011 that have strengthened the grid and provided more options for moving power from neighboring states served by the Southwest Power Pool. Additionally, area power plants and wind farms were designed for cold weather and are continually being improved to withstand extreme temperatures. Winterization preparation reviews

are conducted annually each fall at Xcel Energy’s Texas-New Mexico power plants, and new wind farms such as Sagamore in New Mexico and Hale in Texas were built with “cold weather packages” that allow the turbines to run in subzero temperatures.

Xcel Energy owns and operates almost 8,000 miles of high-voltage transmission lines and more than 16,000 miles of lower voltage distribution lines across the area. The company has invested millions in recent years in pole replacement and conductor wire upgrades that have hardened the grid against high winds and ice. And ongoing efforts to upgrade voltages in older neighborhoods to a company standard provide more options for Xcel Energy to reroute power for faster restoration in the event of weather related outages.

Customers can ensure their homes and business are prepared for extreme temperatures by having their heating equipment checked ahead of winter and taking steps to make interior spaces more airtight by adding weather stripping around doors and windows. Customers can take advantage of Xcel Energy’s Home Energy Services pro-

gram to have approved contractors inspect their property for drafts and make the necessary adjustments free of charge. Information on this program can be found online at xcelenergyefficiency.com.

Winter heating accounts for about half a typical customer’s monthly energy costs, so it’s possible to realize big savings in the winter if customers keep warm air from escaping to the outside and ensuring heating units don’t have to run as often.

Another important way to save on heating costs is to adjust the thermostat 7 to 10 degrees Fahrenheit from normal settings for eight hours a day. These adjustments are made easier by installing either a programmable or smart thermostat, both of which allow the customer to schedule thermostat adjustments. A smart thermostat offers the added benefit of allowing adjustments to be made remotely via a mobile app or the internet using a smart phone, tablet, or computer. Energy Star-certified smart thermostats can save up to 8% annually on heating and cooling costs, according to energystar.gov.

Should extreme cold come with ice and damaging winds, customers

can be prepared to report outages quickly and track restoration progress by signing up for My Account at xcelenergy.com or by downloading the free Xcel Energy app, available at Apple Store and Google Play. Customers can be notified of

outages in their area and gain valuable information on restoration times if their home or business is affected.

National Handwashing Awareness Week

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension offers handwashing tips

National Handwashing Awareness Week begins December 5 -11th, in observance of the importance of proper hand hygiene technique. Handwashing is a fundamental way to prevent getting sick and reduce the spread of germs and viruses, such as respiratory, diarrheal, foodborne and travel related illnesses.

So how does handwashing prevent the spread? Some viruses have a protective fatty coating that surround it, such as Covid-19. By using soap and lathering for 20 seconds, germs and chemicals are physically removed. According to the Centers for Diseases Control (CDC), “soap lather forms pockets that trap germs, dirt, and chemicals and removes them” while rinsing. Soap and water offer the best deterrence but when this is not available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

The most common respiratory infections (flu, colds, pneumonia, bronchiolitis, coronavirus, etc.) are caused by viral pathogens and can be reduced by 16%, when practicing handwashing. Similarly, foodborne illnesses (Salmonella, Listeria, Norovirus, etc.) can be transmitted through handling raw meats, like chicken, and then preparing other foods without having properly washed hands. Other ways germs can spread is by touching your mask; touching contaminated surfaces that are frequented by others such as doorknobs, tables, gas pumps, shopping carts; touching your

eyes, mouth, and nose; and coughing, sneezing, and blowing your nose then touching people’s hands and/or objects.

What can we do during Handwashing Awareness Week and after? According to Extension Program Specialist Julie Tijerina, “By remembering key times to handwash, we can reduce getting sick or spreading the germs.” Some of these key times, according to the CDC, include:



- Before, during and after preparing food
- Before and after eating food
- Before and after caring for someone who is sick with vomiting and diarrhea
- Before and after treating a cut or wound
- After using the toilet
- After changing diapers or cleaning a person after they have used the bathroom
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After touching garbage

Tijerina offers CDC’s 5-Steps to correct handwashing:

1. With clean running water, wet hands and apply soap
2. By rubbing hands together, create a lather focusing under nails and between fingers
3. Scrub for 20 seconds
4. Rinse with clean running water
5. Using a clean towel, dry hands

For more information, contact your Parmer County Extension Agents Wendy Case or Danelle Duffey at 806-251-5120.

Friona School Calendar for December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 -JH UIL Academics Meet @ Muleshoe	2 -VG/VB Basketball Tournament @ Whiteface	3 -VG/VB Basketball Tournament @ Whiteface	4 -VG/VB Basketball Tournament @ Whiteface
5	- Christmas In The Park	7 -VG/VB vs. Adrian 6:00	8	9 -VG/VB Basketball Tournament @ Smyer	10 -VG/VB Basketball Tournament @ Smyer	11 -VG/VB Basketball Tournament @ Smyer
12	-JH Basketball vs. Denver City G(H) B(T) 5:00 -FISD Board Meeting 7:00	14 -Band Christmas Concert @ JH Auditorium 7:00	15 -3 rd Grad Music Program 2:45/5:30	16 -Early Release For Students	17 -Early Release -JVG/VG vs. Brownfield 5:00	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day 
26	27	28 -VG/VB Basketball Tournament @ Hale Center	29 -VG/VB Basketball Tournament @ Hale Center	30	31 -HS Basketball vs. Denver City 11:00	

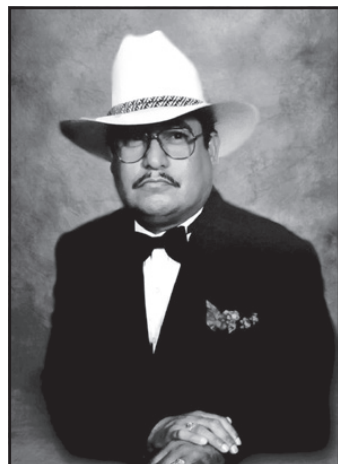


Obituaries



Pedro Garcia Prieto

Pedro Garcia Prieto, 70 of Friona passed away November 22, 2021 in Lubbock. Viewing was held on Monday November 29, 2021 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY with Home Going Services conducted at 10:30 AM Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at Temple of Adoration of Friona with Estella Granada and Ricky Cervantez officiating. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



He was a longtime cotton ginner, farmer and welder that took pride in his natural abilities in agriculture. He was known as a good man that loved his family, helping others and fishing. Pedro was a member of the Lord Supper Church in Gomez, Texas.

Pedro was born April 29, 1951 in Hereford, to Juan and Margarita Garcia Prieto. He later married Mary Mendoza April 3, 1968. They have had a beautiful 53 years together.

He is preceded in death by his parents, 6 brothers-5 sisters, and 2 grandsons-Tobin and

Emanuel Rosales. Those to carry on his legacy include his wife Mary of Friona, 2 daughters-Angelina Cuellar and husband Ruben of Shallowater, and Laura Rosales and husband Marcus of Ralls, 1 son-Jerry Prieto of Friona, 3 sisters-Margie Zamarripa and Clema Hernandez, both of Lubbock, and Maria Mendoza of Austin, 6 grandchildren-Disa, Cody, Corvin, Sarah, Jerry Jr., and Sonya, and 12 great-grandchildren.

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



Rhonda Bentley

Rhonda Bentley, 58 of Friona passed away November 23, 2021 in Fort Worth. A family directed Celebration of Life Memorial Service was held at 2:00 PM Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at CenterPointe Church in Muleshoe with Rev. Jamie L. Johnson and Christina Copley, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



derful caregiver at Prairie Acres Nursing Home and Heritage Estates. At the time of her passing she was owner of Compliance Done Right, a trucking compliance company. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend.

Rhonda was born November 27, 1962 in Hobbs, N.M. to George Paul and Donna Patricia Kornegay Spears. She later married Ricky Don Bentley November 1, 1980.

Rhonda is said to have had a strong entrepreneurial spirit with a great work ethic and caring heart. For many years she was a won-

Rhonda is preceded in death by her mother Donna Patricia Spears, 1 brother-Gregory Alan Spears, and 3 grandchildren.

Those that will mourn

her passing include her father-George Paul Spears, and husband Ricky Bentley, both of Friona, 2 daughters-Christina Copley and fiancé David Woody of Lubbock, and Kasara Stanley and husband Chris of Friona, 1 son-Adam Bentley and Jessica Ibarra of Sudan, 2 sisters-Toni Barnett and husband Mike of Garland, and Cindy Ray of Fort Worth, along with 7 grandchildren-Gatlin, Dalton, Kirra, Alexis, Bristol, Killian and Jackson.

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Charitable Christmas Opportunities

Empty Stocking Fund

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

Project Christmas Card

The Parmer County Hospital Auxiliary is accepting donations for 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.

Adopt a Resident for Christmas

The Prairie Acres "Adopt a Resident this Christmas" program is underway. It's an opportunity to bring JOY to a resident at Prairie Acres. Please contact Elizabeth or Yvette at 806-250-3922 to help provide a Merry Christmas to a special member of our community.

Adopt a Tree

Thirteen more trees are available for adoption. Thirty-six trees were designated for businesses to adopt and donate an entire set of lights for that tree each year during the Christmas season. Differing colors of lights, i.e. blues, greens, reds, yellows and orange, are available. The Chamber of Commerce will put up, take down, and store the lights each year.

Ho! Ho! Home for the Holiday

The "Shop Friona" promotion began on November 12th. Each customer receives one ticket per visit at participating stores. The promotion ends on December 16th. There will be a drawing at each store from its tickets and that winner will receive \$25 in Friona Bucks to be spent with that Merchant. Tickets from all of the stores will be combined for a final drawing. One lucky winner will receive \$100 in Friona Bucks.

Give to the United Way

You can bring your donation to Friona Interbank at 1105 N. Cleveland or mail it to Friona Interbank, P.O. Box 549, Friona, Texas 79035.



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Michael Bautista of Robertson Electric and TW&M LLC employees have been working the past week to install Christmas banners, flags, and lights for the holiday season. The Chamber of Commerce just recently purchased the holiday flags that will line the west side of the park.

RHONDA WILKINS RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

OH NO!!

RHONDA IS RETIRING!

Come help us send her off with a

DRIVE-BYE

**TUESDAY
DEC. 7
12:30-2:00pm**

This is an outdoor drive-'bye' event and we'll have punch and cookies.

“ We will miss Rhonda and we are so proud of her accomplishments here. She has done such a wonderful job developing and supporting our Swing Bed program. *Her passion is unmatched.* **”**



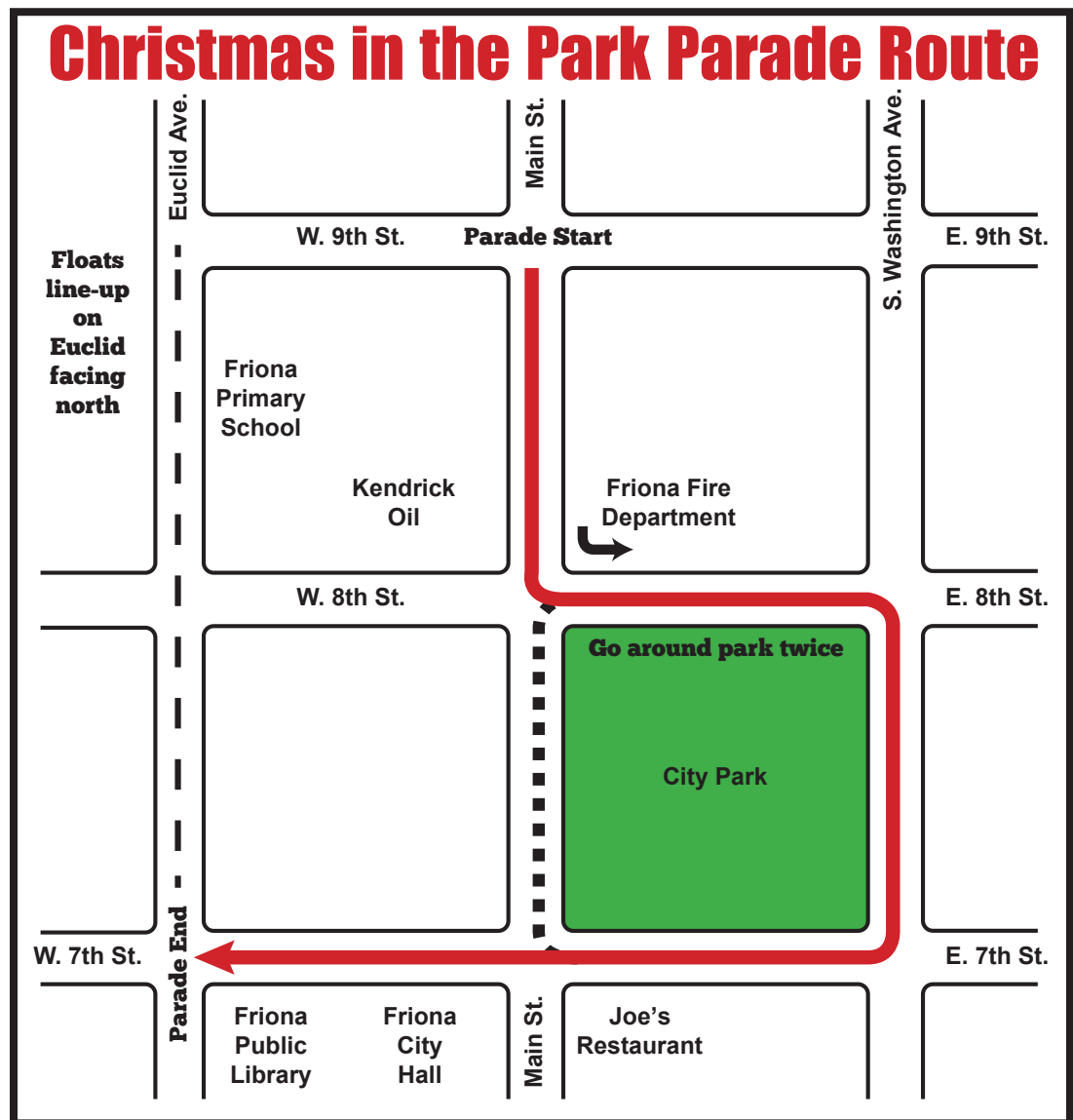
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CHRISTMAS
in the Park
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021
4:30PM - 7:00PM

Come out and enjoy:

- * Cookie Decorating Station
- We will have cookies for you to decorate!
- * Wreath Decoration Station
- Bring a wreath to decorate or buy one to decorate!
- * Food Trailers
- Godfather's Pizza, Amigos, Taqueria Trejo, and more!
- * Visit and take a Picture with Santa
- Santa will be waiting to take a picture with you!
- * Music from the FHS Choir
- Let the FHS Choir serenade you with Christmas songs!
- * The Chieftain Tree
- Our first red and white Christmas Light Tree!
- * Pony Riding
- Frio the Pony will be there to give rides!
- * Writing Letters to Santa
- We will have a place for you to write your letter!
- * All the lights in the Park
- Enjoy all the lights on the trees in the park!
- * Light Parade
- Enjoy the light parade filled with sights and sounds!



Feel Like Medicare Advantage Plans are Targeting You?

Medicare Advantage Plans are offered by private companies that contract with Medicare.

- No matter what the Plan or website is called, **Medicare Advantage is NOT TRADITIONAL MEDICARE**
- Local doctors, hospitals and area specialists may not be in-network for the Plan, resulting in **INCREASED out-of-pocket costs.**
- Medicare Advantage Members may have to get insurance company **APPROVAL** to get covered care.
- Unlike Original Medicare, **SERVICES MAY BE DENIED** by the Plan, leaving you financially responsible.



- You **CANNOT** have a Medigap plan if you enroll in a Medicare Advantage Plan. If you later switch back to Original Medicare, you **MAY NOT** be able to get a Medigap plan or be charged significantly more for that plan.

- **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.

If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda Wilkins, Director of Senior Services at 806-250-2754



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