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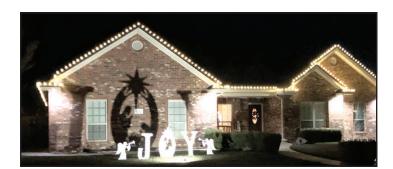


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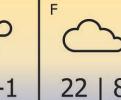
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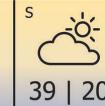
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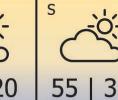


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December 22

 Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

December 25

Christmas Day

December 28

 Library Book Shop at 618 Euclid is open from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

December 29

 Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

January 1

New Year's Day

January 5

 Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

January 9

- Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center
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By Gary Borders



Most Texas pregnancy deaths preventable

A long-awaited state report concludes most pregnancy-related deaths in Texas in 2019 were preventable and disproportionately affected Black women.

The report, issued by the Texas Department of State Health Services and the Texas Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Committee, indicated deaths were mainly attributable to hemorrhage, mental health conditions and blood clots. Also playing a role were discrimination and violence, according to a Dallas Morning News analysis of the report.

DSHS issued the report after months of delay, which drew criticism from members of the committee and maternal health advocates, as well as Democratic lawmakers.

Fourteen women died during pregnancy over the study period, while another 45 died up to a year after giving birth. The Legislature in the coming session is again likely to consider extending post-partum Medicaid assistance from six months to one year, The News reported.

The "consistence of maternal health disparities" was noted by the committee as a key theme that runs through the report. Black women are twice as likely to experience serious health issues during childbirth.

"The report makes clear that state leaders must do more to prevent maternal deaths and support healthy pregnancies among Texas women of all backgrounds, regardless but particularly among Black women," said Diana Forester, Director of Health Policy for the advocacy group Texans Care for Children.

Tornadoes cause millions in timber

A series of tornadoes throughout Northeast Texas in November damaged timber on 13,000 acres, causing an estimated \$10 million in damages, according to a survey by the Texas A&M Forest Service.

Storms that swept across that area on Nov. 4 resulted in seven tornadoes, five of which affected timberland in Bowie, Cass, Henderson, Morris and Red River counties, according to the forest service. A storm in Morris County resulted in one death.

Damaged trees were uprooted, snapped off below the crown or left leaning significantly. Most of the damage to timber was on private property, according to the report.

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ing major disasters that have become a model for similar efforts across the South," said Dr. Aaron Stottlemyer of the forest service. "Our agency performance this work as a service to the people of Texas."

Drought having considerable economic impact

The state's ongoing drought has cost the Texas economy nearly \$7.62 billion in direct agricultural losses, according to the Texas Water Development Board. With very little rainfall during the planting season, this year's drought could have a similar effect next year on West Texas farmers and ranchers, who sustained serious losses in 2022. That's according to a recent report from the state comptroller's of-

Currently about 15% of the state is experiencing extreme or exceptional drought conditions, while nearly 90% of the state still is abnormally dry, the report said.

"The state continues to work on improved management of its water resources as it continues to experience rapid growth in the urban areas, which potentially can compete with agricultural interests for a finite resource," the report said.

"Whether in times of drought or flood, responsible water management ensures Texans see water as a resource — not a crisis. Texans around the state are employing innovative strategies to turn our water challenges into opportunities," said Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar.

A welcome piece of news is that November was wetter than usual across much of the state.

Storage of the state's water supply reservoirs is at 70% of capacity, 11 percentage points below normal for this time of year. Despite the bit of relief Texas experienced in November, drought conditions are expected to expand over the next few months, according to Dr. Mark Wentzel, hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board.

Wentzel wrote that La Niña conditions, which are largely responsible for the current drought, are expected to dissipate by spring, which may bring much-needed relief to droughtaffected areas.

'Seizing the moment' in higher ed

Texas Commissioner of Higher Education Harrison Keller has called on leaders in higher education, industry, philanthropy and government to "seize the moment" to meet three cation today. Those areas are educational attainment, workforce education and research and development.

Speaking to nearly 300 attending this year's Texas Higher Education Leadership Conference, Harrison said the foundation is in place because of added funding after the pandemic radically changed how higher education met the needs of its students.

"The heart of the matter is that expectations for higher education have changed, faster than anyone expected," said Commissioner Keller. "Now, there is a significant disconnect between the scale of our needs in each of these areas versus what our higher education institutions and policies were designed to do."

West Texas quake prompts RRC re-

Another 5.4 magnitude earthquake, this time about a dozen miles north of Midland, prompted the Texas Railroad Commission to send inspectors to the area on Friday evening to "protect public safety and the environment." RRC inspectors are examining disposal activity at injection wells near the site of the earthquake.

This comes after a similar-sized temblor was reported in Reeves County, near Pecos. That quake spurred the commission to implement several revisions designed to reduce the occurrence of such events, generally believed to be caused by water injected into disposal wells during oil and gas operations.

The goal, according to the RRC, is to "address the intensity and frequency of earthquakes in the area."

The West Texas area that will come under the restrictions has been expanded northward to the New Mexico border. There are 78 active disposal wells in that area, according to the RRC.

New COVID-19 cases rise slightly

The number of new COVID-19 cases reported in Texas during the past week inched up to 29,557, with 84 deaths reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. The Texas Department of State Health Services reported 2,181 lab-confirmed hospitalizations across the state as of Sunday, also a slight in-

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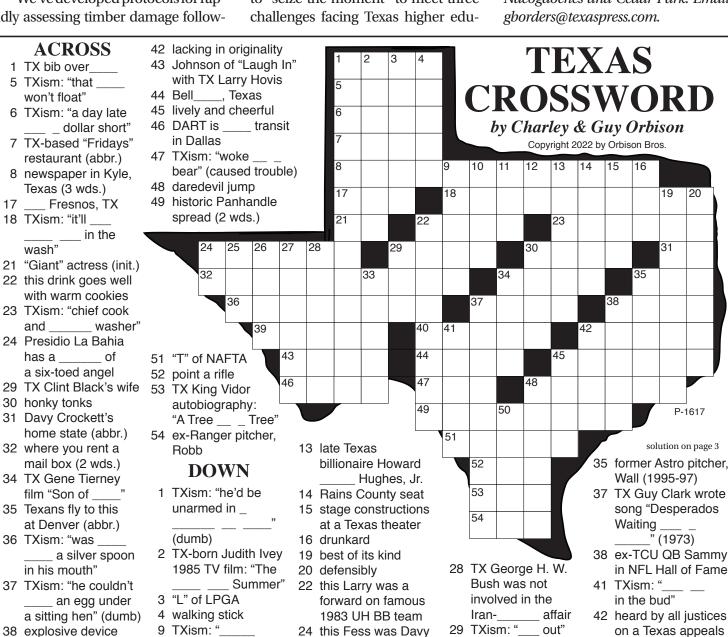
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COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from December 8, 2022 to December 15, 2022

(12/8/22) Jack Allan Kirkland, Michele Kirkland — Clint Cole, Diane Cole — All of the West 36 Feet of Lots 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32, of Block 2, Original Town of Farwell, Parmer County, Texas

(12/12/22) Aaron E. Stockwell, Kelsey E. Stockwell — Caleb Wood, Chandler Wood — South 85' Lot 5, Block 1, Ridgecrest Addition Unit No. 1, City of Farwell, Parmer County, Texas

(12/12/22) Jose Noe Salas Hernandez, Blanca E. Moreno — Junior Hernandez, Gloria Juarez — All of Block 1, Lots 5 (W 10' of 5) and All of 6 and E 10' of 7 of the Ridgeview Addition to the City of Farwell, Parmer County, Texas

(12/13/22) Don Fortenberry — Heather Mares — All of Section 6, of the Harding Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas, Containing 147 Acres, and All of the East 160 Acres of Section 2 of Township 1 North, Range 2 East, Parmer County, Texas

★ Scoreboard ★

Varsity Boys Basketball

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> Kaden Jeter 20 points, Jose Luis Saucedo 6 points

Friday 12/16/22: at Ralls

Kaden Jeter 28 points, Justen Trevino 19 points

Monday 12/20/22: at Denver City

Denver City	17	22	24	19	82
Friona	5	3	6	7	21

Kaden Jeter 8 points, Justen Trevino 8 points

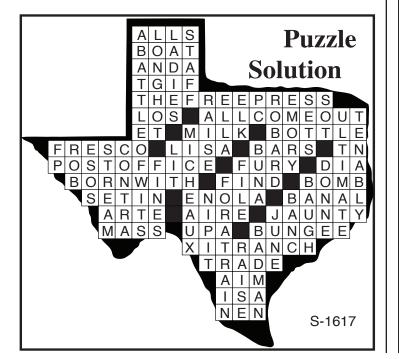
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Happy 60th Anniversary



Bill and Cathy Fairweather

They were married December 22, 1962 in Liverpool England.



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Last Call — This edition is the last Friona Star for 2022. It has been a long-staning tradition to take the last week of the year for vacation and to get ready for a new year. The Friona Star office will be closed from Friday, December 23rd through Sunday, January 1st. We will open again on Monday, January 2nd. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

About Santa Letters — All of the Santa letters from Primary and Elementary students were mailed to the North Pole a couple of weeks ago. We are hopeful that we have included every one of the letters in the paper this week. We try to present the letters exactly as written and without any editing. Go Big Red!

*** Small World News — On December 1st, Governor Greg Abbott announced his new senior staff leadership team. One of the new hires was Shayne Woodard who began serving as Director of Legislative Affairs on December 15th. Shayne is a FHS graduate, a graduate of Texas Tech University with a B.S. degree in Agricultural Economics and a former Tech Student Body President. "The upcoming legislative session will require a formidable staff within the Office of the Governor, and I am pleased to announce this experienced team of talented individuals who will help

our office achieve great things for the people of Texas," said Governor Abbott.

Next Edition — The January 5th edition of the Star will feature highlights from the local stock show. There will also be a "In Memory" listing of those who passed away during the past year.

A Teachable Event — Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel will meet on Tuesday, January 10th at 12 noon at Melissa Randolph's home, 2177 Highway 60, Friona. Following a cornbread and soup luncheon, Lee Davila will speak about upcoming city updates, including the Community Center, which is used by the entire county.

Time 2 Laugh — (1) What do you call a rooster staring at a pile of lettuce? A chicken sees a salad. (2) Why aren't koalas actual bears? They don't meet the koalafications. Source: https://www.rd.com/list/short-jokes.

Trivial Pursuit — Nostalgic college students in the 1960s began to informally trade questions and answers about the popular culture of their youth. After writing trivia columns, Columbia University students Ed Goodgold and Dan Carlinsky created the earliest inter-collegiate quiz bowls. They

tested culturally (and emotionally) significant yet virtually useless information. The students dubbed the tests trivia contests. They later published Trivia (Dell, 1966), the first book treating trivia in the revolutionary new sense. This book also achieved a ranking on the New York Times bestseller list.

★★★ National Days

December 22: Date Nut Bread Day December 23:

Roots Day

December 24:

Christmas Eve

December 25: Christmas Day

December 26: Candy Cane Day

December 27:

Fruitcake Day December 28:

Pledge of Allegiance Day December 29:

Tick Tock Day

December 30: Bacon Day

December 31:

New Year's Eve January 1:

New Year's Day

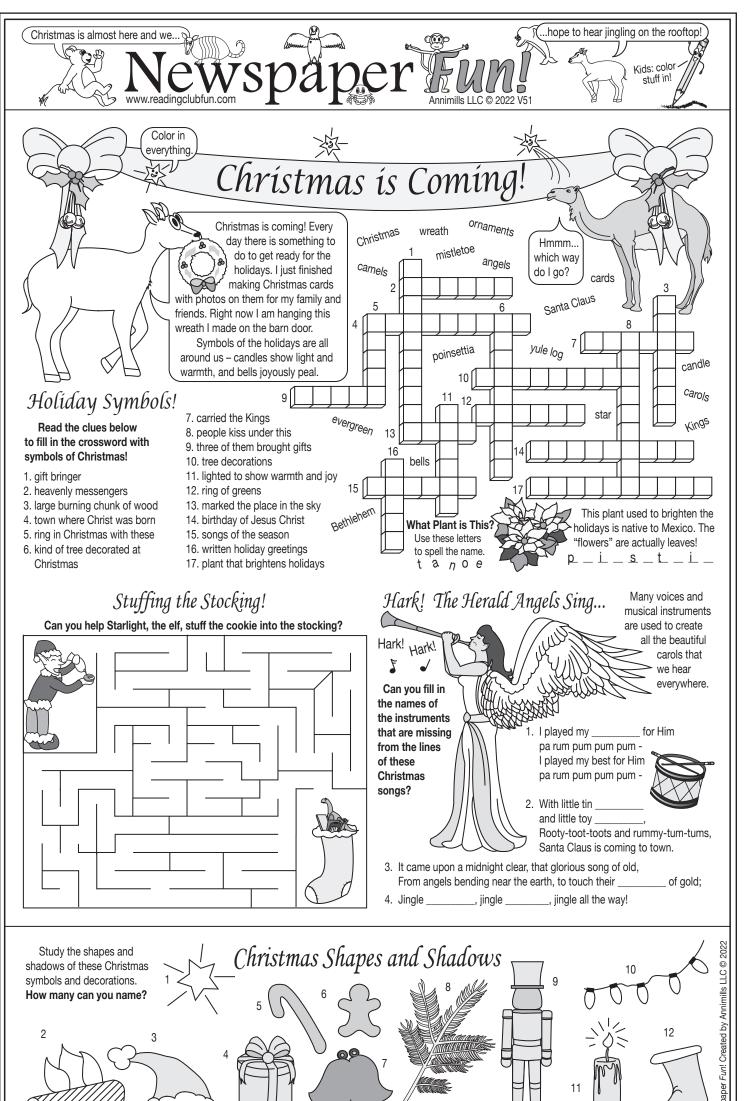
January 2:

Science Fiction Day

January 3: Drinking Straw Day

January 4:

January 4: Trivia Day



Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

National Eggnog Day

December 24th is National Eggnog Day and just in case you want to mix it up a little bit, here is an eggnog flavored quick bread. It would be great to have for breakfast or a snack. You can also bake some bread to share as holiday gifts.

Eggnog Quick Bread with Eggnog Glaze

www.tasteandtellblog.com

Ingredients

Bread:

- 2 1/4 cups Gold Medal® all-purpose flour
- 1 box (4 serving size) vanilla instant pudding pie and filling mix
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 cup butter, at room temperature
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 11/2 cups eggnog
- 1 teaspoon rum extract
- Glaze:
- 3/4 cup powdered sugar
- 3 tablespoons eggnog
- 1 teaspoon rum extract

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line a 9×5-inch loaf pan with parchment paper, or spray generously with nonstick cooking spray. Set aside. In a medium bowl, combine the flour, pudding mix, baking powder, salt, and nutmeg. Stir to combine. In the bowl of a stand mixer, beat the butter until smooth and light. Beat in the sugar, then the eggs, eggnog, and rum extract. Add the dry ingredients. Beat just until combined. Pour the batter into the prepared loaf pan. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 40-60 minutes. If needed, cover the top with foil if the bread starts to get too brown. Coll for 10 minutes, then remove from the pan to a cooling rack to cool completely. Once cool, make the glaze. In a small bowl, beat together the powdered sugar, eggnog, and rum extract. Pour over the top of the bread.



Elementary School staff at their Christmas Party last week.

Texas State Parks Kicks Off 100-Year Birthday Celebration with First Day Hikes

Three, two, one ... Happy Birthday, Texas State Parks! Park lovers everywhere are invited to help Texas State Parks begin celebrating 100 years Jan. 1 with a First Day Hike. Almost every Texas State Park will host ranger-guided and self-guided walks, bike rides, paddling trips and polar plunges in honor of the national initiative aimed at getting people outdoors.

"Texas State Parks is excited to kick off our 100-year celebration with the most First Day Hikes we've ever offered," said Rodney Franklin, director of Texas State Parks.

"Whether you're visiting for the first time, or you've visited many times before, more than

80 parks across Texas are ready to help you start 2023 off on the right foot. We can't wait to share all the exciting things happening in Texas State Parks this upcoming year with you. We invite evervone to make some memories in nature with friends and fam-

The events scheduled throughout New Year's Day are designed to help introduce people of all skill levels to the outdoors and make the experience "a walk in the park." Last year, 4,440 visitors ushered in 2022 by hiking, biking and riding a total of 8,764 miles statewide. Find a list of this year's First Day Hikes on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) calendar page.

Trails at Texas State Parks range in length and difficulty levels across the state. Some short, easy trails are perfect for family-friendly scenic strolls, while more strenuous ones can challenge experienced hikers. Trail maps for all Texas State Parks can be found on TPWD's website, the recently redesigned official Texas State Park app and individual park webpages.

Anyone planning a trip to a Texas state park is strongly encouraged to reserve a day pass in advance since some parks are expected to reach their capacity limit. Reserve day passes online through the TPWD reservation website or by calling (512) 389-8900.

Happy Birthday

Dec. 22 Chris Haile **Garrett Surman** Sabrina Clark **Thomas Preyer**

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Dec. 23 Sue Wells Nancy Davis Kasandra Gonzalez

Dec. 24 Mike Herbert Catherine Fairweather **Emily Chico**

Dec. 25 Mona Sharrock Mickey Harrelson Michael McLellan

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> Dec. 28 Brandon Berend Jan Parker Nathan Hoon **Amy Stephens** Nilsa Perez

Dec. 29 Alan Monroe Holly Schueler Melissa (Monreal) Vazquez Jackie Hefner **Debby Stovall** Heather Schueler **Brynlee Beyers Baylor Barnett**

Dec. 30 Cherie Maddox Ted Procter

Dec. 31 Staci (Murphree) Brantley **Emily Marie Epperson** Tonya Rainey Oscar Torres Frankie Lindeman

Jan. 1 Cordella Jeter **Gary Stowers** Corbin Potts Carter Acker Bennett Acker Cinda (Johnson) Scheef Michael Hernandez

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Jan. 3 John Jarecki Dale Mann Sarah McFarland Jeremy Reed Vickie Kube Landon Weatherly

Julie Mason Jan. 4 Sterling Osborn Melisa Mullins Wayne Jackson Heidi Eichenauer

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Billie Black

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Diesel prices down

By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas fell 9.6 cents in the past week, averaging \$2.57 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Prices in Texas are 37.4 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 29.4 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$1.73 while the most expensive was \$4.17 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 11.9 cents in the last week, averaging \$3.09 per gallon. The national average is down 57.1 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 20.0 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 14.1 cents in the last week and stands at \$4.77 per gallon.

"The national average for a gallon of gasoline is down nearly \$2 compared to six months ago, and heading into Christmas travel week, is at its lowest in a year and a half, saving Americans some \$750 million every day," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at Gas-Buddy.

De Haan continued, "While the decline should take the national average under \$3 per gallon in the next week or so, it is soon likely to fade as oil prices have held in the \$70 per barrel range. But while the declines for gasoline may fade, diesel prices still have considerable ground to cover, and could fall another 50 cents or more in the weeks ahead. Fuel prices across the board have been plunging back into territory more Americans feel is normal, which could certainly boost economic sentiment going forward."

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Contrasts of Greatness

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

As you celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, may you remember that His birth depicts a vast contrast of greatness. Luke 2:1 says, "In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered," then in verse 7 we read, "And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger,

because there was no place for them in the inn." Caesar, the ruler of the Roman world looked to display his greatness by counting the people that he ruled, but God, the supreme ruler of the universe showed His greatness by becoming one of His people. Wow, what a vast difference!!!

Your greatness is not found in the control you have, or wealth

you command, but in the love you pour out on others and the lives you touch. We all have a Caesar inside of us, calling us to display our greatness via power, popularity and prestige, but this is not true greatness in God's sight. Greatness is not found in exalting yourself, but humbling yourself so that others will see how great God is.

Panhandle Parables

Hope For The Holidays

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

Let's face it holidays can be a trying time. It would be nice if everything had a Hallmark ending, but the reality is there can be a lot of stress, struggle and despair that can present itself too. Emotions can run high dealing with all that encompasses the traditions of the seasons. Long lines and parking lot mania are just a couple of the chaotic experiences this time of year. For some it goes much deeper as they face the first holiday season without a loved one. Still others long to connect to family, but do not have that opportunity. I do not share all this to bring anyone down, I am not a Baugh hum bug type of person. The problem is these things can affect believers in Christ just as much as nonbelievers and it is to

today.

This world can be cold and heartless, it can be very dark in places. It was so also at the birth of Jesus Christ. Yet, when His light blasted through the darkness like a knife through hot butter it would never be overcome. Although darkness made every effort, darkness failed to dim His light. As light of the world, Jesus came to remind people of God, He came to be king. He came to give hope and salvation to mankind. Hope is such a powerful force that anything can be overcome if hope is clung to during those dark times. Take a little walk through the Bible and you will find hope flows freely through its pages. Joseph had to cling to hope and believe some difficult stuff about his bride Mary. Mary too clung to hope that what she believed would come to pass. Hope is not wishful thinking, but eager anticipation. It goes hand in hand with faith and love. Jesus gave us all of them. It is His gift. Even Jesus spent much time spreading a simple message to repent for the kingdom was at hand. It was the light that darkness could never overcome, but only retreat.

It doesn't take much; a small amount of hope can conquer a large amount of fear. Couple it with faith and love and the perfect trifecta is formed. I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year and to remind you there is hope for the holidays and He started in a cradle that lead to a cross but ended with an empty tomb. So, go and share the hope that endures beyond the holi-

Love and Jesus

By Teena Hughs

1 Corinthians 13:13: "There are three things that will endure--faith, hope, and love--and the greatest of these is love."

that end, I write to you

Friends, we are closing in on the end of Advent. Last Sunday, the **love** candle was lit in churches and homes. Hope Bolinger points out that **love**, just as it is the greatest of faith, hope, and **love**, (1 Corinthians 13:13), it is also the greatest of all the virtues in the Advent wreath (hope, peace, joy, and **love**).

Depending on the translation you read, the word love is mentioned in the Bible anywhere from 100-300 times: John 3:16, "For God so **loved** the world that He gave His only begotten Son." Joseph could have stoned Mary when she told him she was pregnant, because he thought it was an out-of-wedlock pregnancy, but his love for her kept him from doing it. Mary had a natural motherly love for Jesus. Jesus' two commandgreatest ments are centered

around love: Love the

Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength, and **love** your neighbor as yourself (Luke 10:27, Mark 12:30).

Jesus is our example of love and how to love. It is His "entire purpose for being on earth." Too many people believe that when God tells us NO, or when He corrects us, He is being mean, that He doesn't love us. Nothing could be further from the truth. He does these things because He does love us; He wants to protect us, help us, keep us out of harm's way. Only He knows what is best for us!

The fifth candle, also known as the Christ candle, usually the larger white candle in the center of the wreath, is lit either Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, or both. The white symbolizes the purity and blamelessness of Jesus.

Hope Bolinger points out that, "virtues such as **love**, hope, peace, joy, and faith are important in the Christmas story as well as in our daily walk with Christ;" they "are important hallmarks of the Christian faith and journey." It is Jesus who holds all of these virtues together.

Without love, we cannot walk with Christ, and there is no Christmas story without them. Without Christ and love, we can't be Christians. According to Bolinger, "Otherwise, our works and our purpose on earth are for nothing. We need Christ and His love to share the Good News of salvation throughout the earth."

As you celebrate the birth of Christ and look forward to His second coming this Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, may you be filled with the hope, peace, joy, and love of Jesus, the light of the world. And, may you take Jesus into the world so that others can see His light in you and be attracted to the hope, peace, joy, and love of Jesus that you have, and they desire. My most sincere wish is for you and your family and friends to have the most Christ-filled

Christmas ever!!!!!

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Commissioners approve **ARPA funds for EMS**

Parmer County Commissioners Court met in special session on Monday, December 19, 2022 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.

There were no comments from the public during the open forum. Minutes from the December 12th 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.

Aspen Fleming of the Friona EMS, Cesar Marquez of the Bovina EMS, and Debbie Weir of the Lazbuddie EMS submitted requests for needed equipment. Commissioners approved a LUCAS (Lund University Cardiac Assist System) CPR machine for each of the three EMS organizations for approximately \$18,000 each. A quantity discount is possible since the County will be purchasing a total of four machines. Ap-

proval was also given for 2 sets of bunker gear for Bovina at a cost of around \$2,000 and a 1-year payment of \$6,000 towards a First Responder Kit for Lazbuddie EMS. ARPA funds will be utilized for all the purchases and payments.

Commissioners also approved ARPA funds in the form of "Premium Pay" for county employees. The one-time \$1,000 payments are in recognition of work performed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Elected officials are not qualified to receive the payment.

Revisions of the Vacation Pay-Out Policy were discussed and approved. Employees may now carry over 2 weeks of vacation time plus 40 hours of work time. Also, for vacation time to be deemed "denied", an employee must make two or more requests with each request consisting of a different vacation time during the year.

John Gurley's resignation as Emergency Management Coordinator was approved as of December 31st and Sheriff Eric Geske was appointed the fill the vacancy as of January 1,

2023. Sheriff Geske has completed the necessary training for the position. Also, Bonds were approved for Parmer County elected officials and employees.

Commissioners approved the following individuals to serve on the Parmer County Historical Commission for two-year terms: Chairman Gladys Spring (Bovina), Richard Carson (Bovina), Wendy Carthel (Friona), Tommy Fulcher (Farwell), Gay Goettsch (Farwell), Hollis Horton (Friona), Bonnie Howard (Farwell), Joe Bob Mann (Friona), Mary Lee Mitzelfelt (Farwell), Don Spring (Bovina), Sharon White (Friona), Teresa Ancira (Farwell).

Parmer County Sheriff Eric Geske informed the Court that the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center is currently housing 34 inmates of which 8 are paying customers from Deaf Smith County and 7 are paying customers from Dawson County.

The next regular meeting on January 9th was rescheduled for Friday, January 6th.

All meetings are open to the public. Information in this article is only a summary.

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86th Parmer County Jr. Livestock Show Friona Community Center

Tuesday, January 17th Steer and Beef Heifer Show

Wednesday, January 18th Goat/Lamb/Rabbit Show

Thursday, January 19th Barrow and Dairy Heifer Show

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Entries	
Barrows	153
Beef Heifers	4
Dairy Heifers	9
Goats	69
Lambs	59
Rabbits	7
Steers	33
Entries by Club:	
Farwell FFA	90
Friona FFA	85
Lazbuddie FFA	64
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City of Friona

By the Numbers

November 2022

Public Library

18 days open 292 e-visits 414 in-house visits 9 new patrons 312 items circulated 9 new items added Book Shop open 7 times \$95.00 in sales

Police Department

166 calls 2 arrests 19 citations 76 warnings 95 stops 2,298 miles driven

EMS

10 transports (911) 12 transfers 2 calls at Prairie Acres 16 non-transports (911) 0 no patient or disregard 6 standbys 46 total service calls

Volunteer Fire Department

Nov. 2 Wreck sent 2 trucks & 5 firefighters Nov. 10 Wreck sent 3 trucks & 9 firefighters Nov. 10 Grass Fire sent 3 trucks and 10 firefighters Nov. 19 Shed Fire sent 3 trucks & 9 firefighters

Nov. 22 Grass Fire sent 2 trucks and 10 firefighters Nov. 24 Wreck sent 4 trucks and 14 firefighters

Nov. 30 Wreck sent 5 trucks and 12 firefighters

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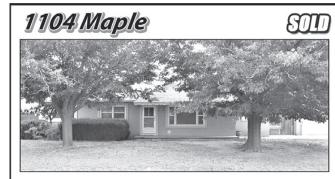
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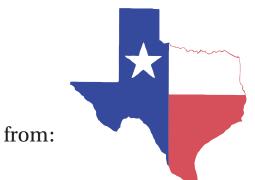


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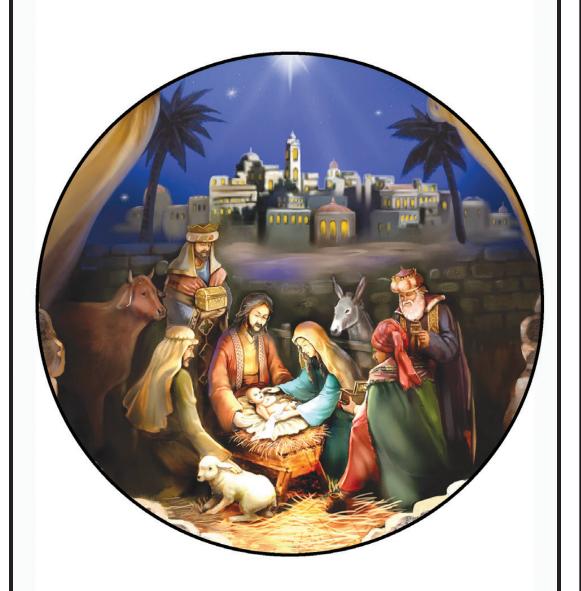
In the photo (l-r) — Back row: Chamber Administrative Assistant Mari Martinez, Chamber Treasurer Crystal Moroney, Santa Claus, Miss Friona Kitzy Welch, Middle row: Little Miss Arribelle Hernandez, City Manager Lee Davila, Chamber Board Member Manuel Toledo, Front row: Mayor Greg Lewellen.

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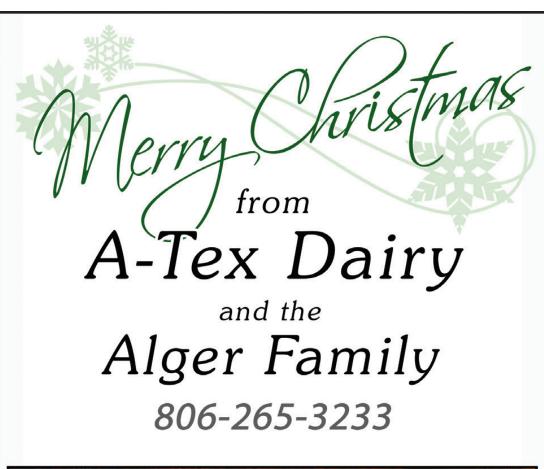


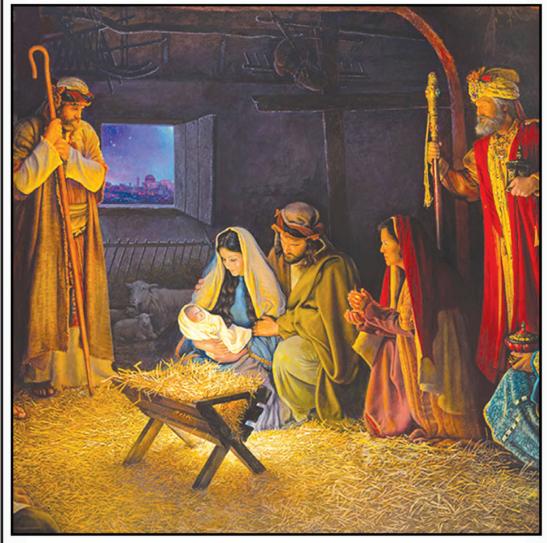
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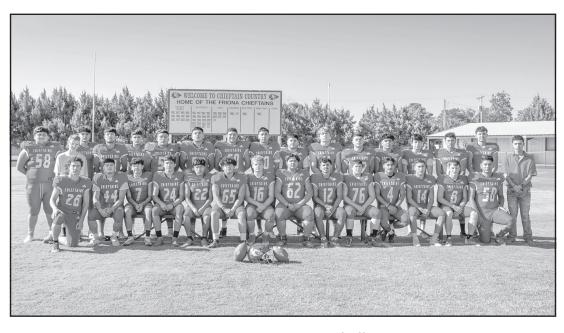
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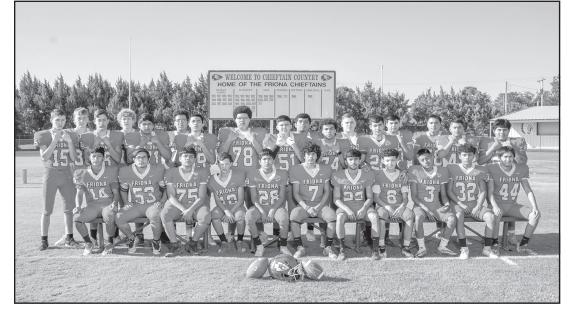


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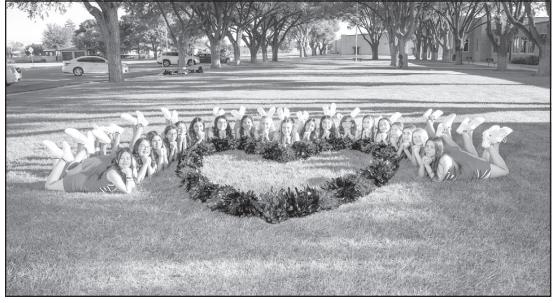
Friona High School Cheerleaders



Friona 8th Grade Football



Friona 7th Grade Football



Friona Junior High Cheerleaders

Merry Christmas

One Service Only Sunday, December 25th 10:00 a.m.



Victory Family Worship Center and Knect Student Ministry





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Friona Flashbacks

From the Friona Star Archives



These youngsters are peeking in the Old Depot window to get a glimpse of Santa Claus during the Monday evening Christmas in the Park celebration. Ron Carr photo. (Friona Star, Thursday, December 6, 2012)

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Dear Santa, I want a toy tractor. Paw Patrol toys. Love, Ariel

Dear Santa, Me da juetes sonics y juetes de encanto. Love, Beatriz

Dear Santa, Para Navidad yo quero camisas y dulces. Love, Ingir

Dear Santa, I want a car. I love Santa. I love my mom and dad. Love, Carlos

Dear Santa, Yo quero que me tragas muncho juetes. Love, Eli

Dear Santa, My biggest holiday wish this year is a snow globe. Happy holidays, Aubree

Dear Santa, My biggest holiday wish this year is a white board. Happy holidays, Jaden

Dear Santa, My biggest holiday wish this year is some race cars. Happy holidays, Abram

Dear Santa, My biggest holiday wish this year is a white board. Happy holidays, Ethan

Dear Santa, I want a dinosaur. Love, ?

Dear Santa...

Dear Santa, My biggest holiday wish this year is a phone. Happy holidays, Kaleb

Dear Santa, My biggest holiday wish this year is a phone. Happy holidays, River

Dear Santa, My biggest holiday wish this year is a spiderman. Happy holidays, Diego

Dear Santa, My biggest holiday wish this year is makeup. Happy holidays, Haylee

Dear Santa,
My biggest holiday wish
this year is a barbie.
Happy holidays,
Catalina

Dear Santa,
My biggest holiday wish
this year is a car toy.
Happy holidays,
Eduardo

Dear Santa, My biggest holiday wish this year is a piano. Happy holidays, Israel

Dear Santa, My biggest holiday wish this year is an alien toy. Happy holidays, Alejandro

Dear Santa, My biggest holiday wish this year is a nintendo switch. Happy holidays, Xander Dear Santa,
My biggest holiday wish
this year is a LOL toy.
Happy holidays,
Breanna

Dear Santa, My biggest holiday wish this year is a Barbie house. Happy holidays, Alva

Dear Santa, My biggest holiday wish this year is a makeup kit. Happy holidays, Jessa

Dear Santa, This year, I would like LOL dolls. From, Harper

Dear Santa, I want a toy raptor. Love, Dominique

Dear Santa, I want a toy kitchen. Love, Vlaney

Dear Santa,
I want a vanity and a little teddy bear.
Love, Acenet

Dear Santa,
I want a Grinch and a
Santa costume.
Love, Jude

Dear Santa, I want a Gabby dollhouse and a barbie. Love, Harper

Dear Santa, I want an elephant. Love, Kryme Dear Santa, I want a toy helicopter with a ladder on the

bottom. And a plane that sprays water. Love, Juan

Dear Santa, I want a doll and a baby. Love, Carol

Dear Santa,
I want a barbie doll and
a new baby.
Love, Avery

Dear Santa,
I want two toys. I want
a life saver. I want a real
monkey.
Love, Sebastian

Querido Santa, Quiero una muneca. Con Carino, Jessica

Dear Santa Claus, I want a phone and xbox. Love, Annabelle

Dear Santa Claus, I want a kitchen toy and phone. Love Marleny

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a puppy
and some clothes and
new shoes and new
socks.
Love, Analee

Dear Santa Claus, I want a toy car. I want a toy fox. Love, Audrey Dear Santa Claus, I want a baby toy, a toy computer, kitchen toy, a toy phone and a toy puzzle.

Love, Alaiah

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a four wheeler, a ps 5, an xbox, a phone and a computer.

Dear Santa Claus, I want an ipad for Christmas. Love, Illiana

Love, Nathanael

Dear Santa Claus, I want an iphone 14, motorcycle and xbox. Love, Andrew

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a phone, a deer
toy, kitchen toy, a
husky, a ps 5, clothes,
motorcycle and an ipad.
Love, Austin

Dear Santa, I want a sonic toy. Love, Josue

Dear Santa, I want a Black Panther Sword. Love, Andre

Dear Santa, I want a motorcycle. Love, Elias

Dear Santa, I want Black Panther claws. Love, Jonathan Dear Santa, I want a doll house. Love, Aislinn

Dear Santa,
I want a gabby
dollhouse.
Love, Liz Marie

Dear Santa, I want a princess doll for Christmas. Love, Tomasa

Dear Santa, I would like an LOL doll. From, Daniah

Dear Santa, I would like legos, iphone and toy kitchen. From, Ander

Dear Santa,
I would like a dog, iphone, tablet and barbies.
From, Amelia

Dear Santa, I would like barbies. From, Sofia

Dear Santa, Iwould like a trampoline park and a dog. From, Jael

Dear Santa, I would like an iphone, dog, trampoline and legos. From, Stetson

Dear Santa, I would like an iphone 14. From, Pedro

Dear Santa,
My biggest holiday wish
this year is a dog toy.
Happy holidays,
Arribelle



St. Teresa's Catholic Church Christmas Services

December 24Christmas Eve
at 6 pm in Friona
(Bilingual)

December 25Christmas Day
12:30 in Friona

(Spanish only)

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Christmas Services

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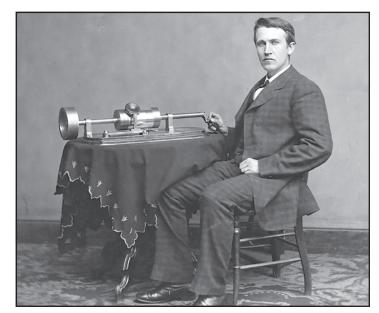


He Saw the Light

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

Early on, Thomas Edison's successes would have seemed unlikely. He wrestled with attention deficit disorder; scarlet fever; and a sequence of hearing infections that stripped away much of his hearing. Even so, he once said, "Genius is 1 percent inspiration and 99 perspiration."

He dreamed up the motion picture camera; improved Samuel Morse's telegraph, enhanced Alexander Graham Bell's telephone, and—according to History.com-reworked the first light bulb "to be long-lasting enough to be practical for widespread use...the first incandescent lamp had been produced 40 years earlier, [but] no inventor had been able to come up with a practical design until Edison embraced the challenge



in the late 1870s. After countless tests, he developed a high-resistance carbon-thread filament that burned steadily for hours and an electric generator sophisticated enough to power a large lighting system."

On New Year's Eve, 1879, the re-worked version was displayed in Menlo Park, NJ; more than 3,000 persons showed for the demonstration.

The Grateful American **Book Prize recommends** Thomas Edison: The Inspirational Life Story of **Thomas Edison** by Helen Boone.

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

Friona Fireballs win basketball tournament

The Friona Fireballs competed in the 5/6 grade girls "Bring It" basketball tournament in Dimmitt on December 16th and 17th.

The team kicked off the tournament on Friday with a win over Bovina Elite by a score of 25-20. Jaylee Perez scored 7 points, Brynlee Smith 2, Genesis Aguirre 6, D'Nasha Shelby 6, and Aylen Moreno 4.

On Saturday morn-

ship game. Dimmitt also advanced to the championship with a nail-biter win over Bovina.

ing, they played the

Dimmitt Bobbies, who

had defeated the Mule-

shoe Diamonds the

night before. Jaylee

scored 13 points, Gen-

esis 1, D'Nasha 6, and

Avlen 2. The final score

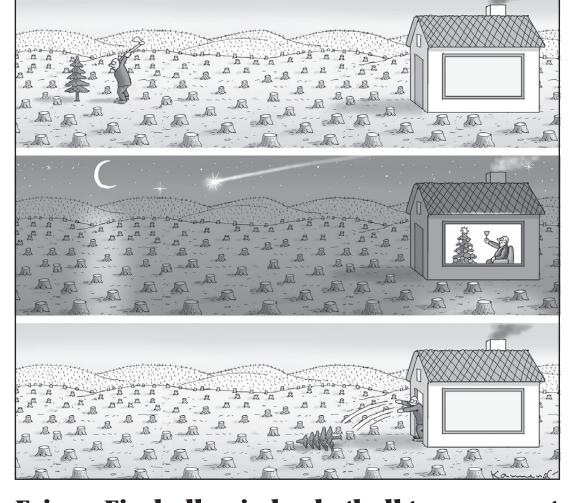
of 22-8 earned them in

spot in the Champion-

In the final game,

Jaylee scored 9 points, Genesis 3, Ivanna 2, and Aylen 6. That propelled the Friona team to a 20-12 victory over the Bobbies and earned the Fireballs first place in the "Bring It" Basketball Tournament hosted by Panhandle Youth Sports League in Dimmitt.

The Friona Fireballs will play in the Texico Tip Off tournament on January 13-14.



Published on December 22, 2022.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

CITY OF FRIONA

TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Friona will hold a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on December 28, 2022, at Friona City Council Chambers, 619 Main St. Friona, TX, 79035 regarding the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for one or more Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) grants for Program Year 2023. The City of Friona may be eligible to participate in the 2023-2024 TXCDBG Community Development Fund and/or 2023 Downtown Revitalization Program.

The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The City of Friona encourages citizens to participate in the development of TxCDBG application(s) and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Leander Davila, City Manager at Friona City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact the City to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the City at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Para más información en español, comuníquese con Leander Davila al (806) 250-2761.

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In the photo (l-r): Back row: Aylen Moreno (6th), Emery Rangel (6th), Karleigh Rangel (5th), Jaylee Pérez (6th), Brynlee Smith (5th), Genesis Aguirre (5th); Front row: Preslie Goyne (5th), D'Nasha Shelby (6th), Ivanna Guevara (6th), Amaya Rojas (4th)

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Santa Letters

Dear Santa, I would like LOL dolls. From, Kourtney

Dear Santa, I would like an iphone. From, Delaney

Dear Santa, My biggest holiday wish this year is roo jitzu. Happy holidays, Zach

Dear Santa, Can you give me a barbie? Love, Finno Dear Santa Claus, I would like an iphone, ps 5, computer, monster truck. Love, Hailey

Dear Santa, I want slime, Pete the cat, LOL, lollipop, bracelet, hairband, iphone, pop it and teddy bear. Love Alicia

Dear Santa, My biggest holiday wish this year is Undertaker from WWE.

Happy holidays, Roman

Dear Santa, My biggest holiday wish this year is jrone with a rumot. Happy holidays, Cannon

Dear Santa, My biggest holiday wish this year is a toy barbie of JoJo. Happy holidays,

Ahyanna

Dear Santa, My biggest holiday wish this year is Madd23 Happy holidays, Jett

Dear Santa, My biggest holiday wish this year is a lot of rainbow hi toys.

Happy holidays, Karlee

Dear Santa, My biggest holiday wish this year is I wish my elf can stay at my house. Happy holidays, Ace

Dear Santa. My biggest holiday wish this year is barb and prk. Happy holidays, Aliciatt

Dear Santa, My biggest holiday wish this year is a PS 5. Happy holidays, Mauricio

Dear Santa. My biggest holiday wish this year is for a PS 5. Happy holidays, Agustin

Dear Santa, My biggest holiday wish this year is Pepa. I want a

Happy holidays, Hazel

Dear Santa, My biggest holiday wish this year is a new game for my Xbox. Happy holidays, Darey

Dear Santa, I want a baby doll that talks. Love,?

Dear Santa,

I want a new shirt, hooverone, slime, and bracelet.

Love, Victoria

Dear Santa, I want barbies, pop it, a cat, a puppy, Iphone 14, slime, braclet, and tree. Love, Juana

Dear Santa,

I want squishmallows, pop it, slime, bracelet, hoverboard, minnie mouse and kitten. Love, Braxlynn

Dear Santa,

I want a puppy, a decorated tree, slime, pokemon, bracelet, pop it, phone 14, and a cat. Love, Anabely

Dear Santa, I want a PS 5 and games, Nike clothes, pop it, Mario 3D and monster truck. Love David

Dear Santa, I want a stuffed animal bird and iphone and a lego and slime. Love, Lauren

Dear Santa, I want a monster truck, pokemon, iphone, pop it, Ipad and hoover. Love, Juan

Dear Santa, I want trollbox toys. Love, Xam

Dear Santa,

I want grinch clothes, Iphone 14, motorcycle, pop it, mario 3D, a dog, and slime. Love, Sebastian

Dear Santa. Can you get me a toy car? Love, JoJo

Dear Santa,

I want a monster truck, pop it, dinosaur, motorcycle and slime. Love, Evan

Dear Santa, I want pokemon cards, legos, elf, pop it, mario 3D, slime and Pete the cat. Love, Noah

Texas Ramps Up Border Strategies Ahead Of Title 42 Ending

Governor Greg Abbott, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), and the Texas National Guard are continuing to work together to secure the border; stop the smuggling of drugs, weapons, and people into Texas; and prevent, detect, and interdict transnational criminal behavior between ports of entry.

Since the launch of Operation Lone Star, the multiagency effort has led to over 333,000 migrant apprehensions and more than 22,000 criminal arrests, with more than 20,000 felony charges reported. In the fight against fentanyl, DPS has seized over 354 million lethal doses of fentanyl during this border mission.

Texas has also bused more than 8,600 migrants to our nation's capital since April, over 4,200 migrants to New York City since August 5, more than 1,400 migrants to Chicago since August 31, and more than 380 migrants to Philadelphia since November 15.

Operation Lone Star continues to fill the dangerous gaps left by the Biden Administration's refusal to secure the border. Every individual who is apprehended or arrested and every ounce of drugs seized would have otherwise made their way into communities across Texas and the nation due to President Biden's open border policies.



Santa dropped by the Creative With Purpose Resource Center Monday evening to visit and take photos with kids and CWP staff members. In the photo (1-r) Erica Moore (Administrative Assistant), Linsdsey Pitsch (Nurse/Sonographer), Marcia Thompson (Client Services Manager), and Santa. For help or information, you can call CWP at 1-806-251-HOPE (4673) or call/text 575-268-9467.

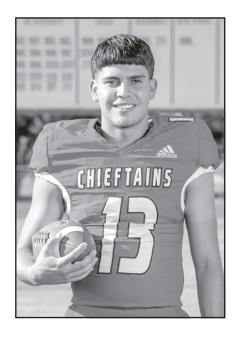








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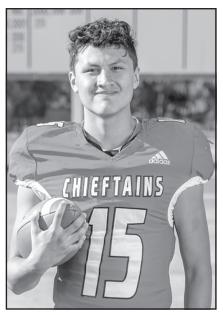
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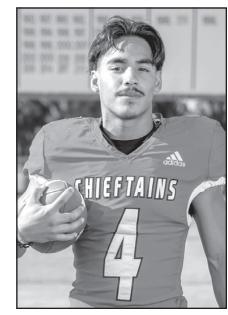
#62 Elijah Robledo 1st Team Offensive Line



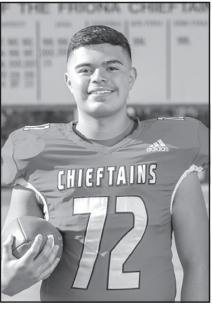
#11 Heston Grimsley 1st Team **Defensive Line**



#15 Anthony Lopez 1st Team Inside Linebacker



#4 Mario Bautista 2nd Team **Running Back**



#72 Angel Saucedo 2nd Team Center



#51 Eduardo Juarez 2nd Team Offensive Line





#58 Erik Jaramillo 2nd Team **Defensive Line**



#59 Jose Alvidrez 2nd Team **Defensive End**

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#20 Josiah Dominguez

2nd Team

Outside Linebacker

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#54 Avram Rocha 2nd Team Inside Linebacker



#10 Tony Rodriguez 2nd Team Outside Linebacker



#1 Isaac Olmos 2nd Team Safety



#2 Martin Godinez 2nd Team Punter **Honorable Mention** Wide Receiver



#14 Jonathan Gonzalez Honorable Mention Corner



#44 Alexis Rivas Honorable Mention Running Back



#74 Aaron Rodriguez Honorable Mention Defensive Line



Offense

Rushing:						
Name	Carries	Yards	TDs			
#4 Bautista	228	1146	11			
#24 Torres	82	510	4			
#44 Rivas	55	395	6			
#13 Saucedo	99	253	2			
#2 Godinez	22	170	4			

#2 Gouillez	22	170	4
#21 Rosales	32	161	2
#11 Grimsley	1	1	1
#3 Sanchez	1	-5	0
Receiving:			
Name	Receptions	Yards	TDs
#2 Godinez	31	526	3
#12 Gonzalez	8	245	3
#1 Olmos	13	117	0
#3 Sanchez	11	99	1
#44 Rivas	3	65	Ω

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#12 Gonzalez	8	245	3	
#1 Olmos	13	117	0	
#3 Sanchez	11	99	1	
#44 Rivas	3	65	0	
#38 Daniels	2	32	0	
#24 Torres	4	23	0	
#11 Grimsley	3	18	0	
#21 Rosales	1	8	0	
#4 Bautista	5	7	0	

Passing:						
Name	Comp.	Att.	Yards	TDs	Int.	
#2 Godinez	14	34	182	0	1	
#13 Saucedo	71	145	911	7	12	

Kicking:				
	Name	Extra Pts.	Attempts	Field Goals

Extra Pts.	Attempts	Field Goal
29	32	0

Defense

#22 Garcia

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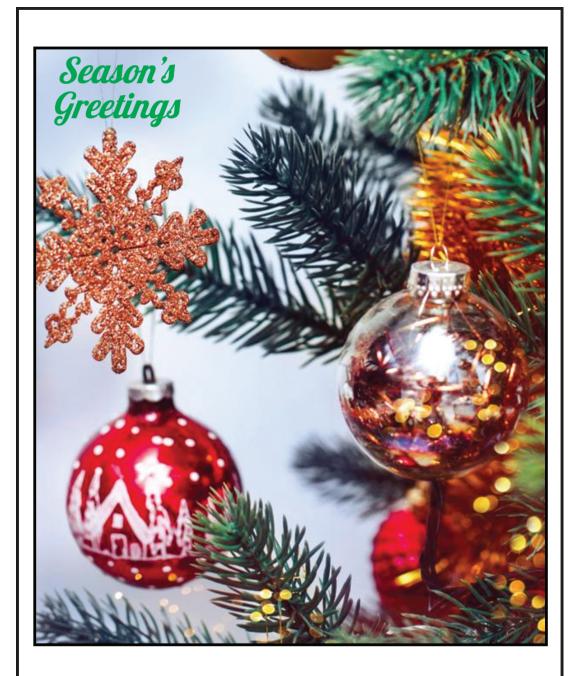


(l-r) Justin, Estefani, Guadalupe, Allison, Lydia, Linda, Elaine, Nikki, Patricia, Salma, Jessica, Cherlyn.

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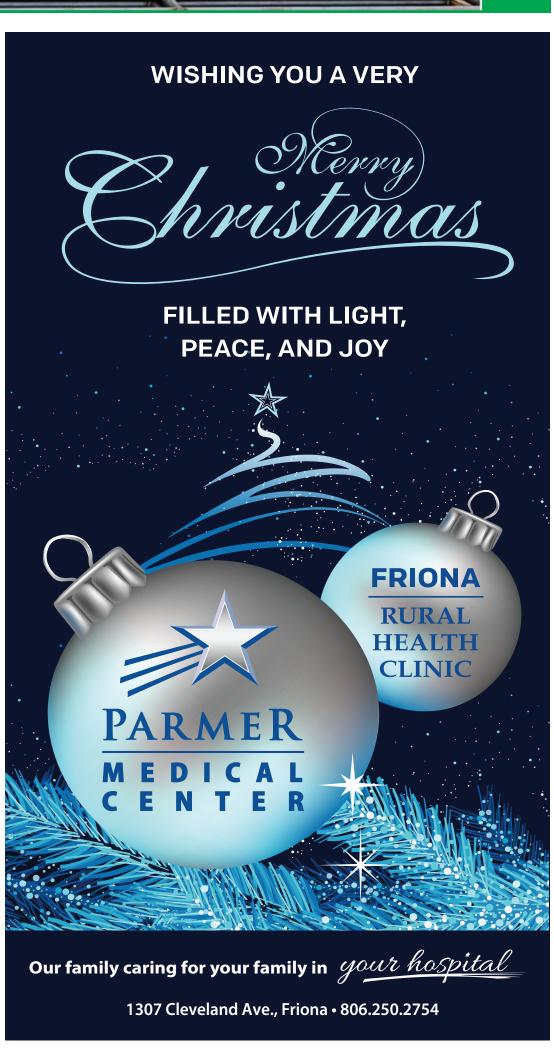




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Dear Santa,

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Dear Santa,

Dear Santa, I want a lot of nerf guns and a bike and i want a vr headset and i want a game called hard bullet and blade and sorcery and want some Dairy close and a computer. Bart

Dear Santa, can you bring me one more sicle and one soccer ball to play and cloths And one pomp to put heat on my soccer ball And one iphone 14 pro to my mom and my dad and to my brother one ipad and for my teacher on macbook and for me one macbook. Brandon

Dear Santa, all I want is 1. A stuffed animal and 2. A ipad 3. Blanked love, Angel

Dear Santa,

Hi, how are you? All I want for Christmas is an iPhone 13 for me and my family. Thank you Santa,

Your friend, Abraham

Dear Santa,

I would like a guitar for christmas and i would really like PS5 bundle if you can get them for me.I would also like god of war game and there Is more things i would like but that would be all. Aiden

Dear Santa,

Hello Santa! How have you been?. I've been good.I can't wait to take another picture with you like how I did in 2016. Ok Santa, my dad need's a jacket because I feel like he's always cold at my dad's work because he always wears his little jacket even when it's like 10 degrees outside.I really wanna squish mellow and sunflowers and lego's. Love, Alicia

Dear Santa, Hello! How are you? I'm good and I'm really excited for Christmas,I can see my family! Santa, what I need is to see my dad. That's what I'm excited about for Christmas. I really want to spend time with my family.

Ouerido Santa,

Yo quiero una baby de juguete y un muñeca y una baby perro Gracias santa Aislynn

Dear Santa, How have you been? Lately, I have been good. I help clean and the house I want for Christmas is a PS5 because it would be my very first PS5. I have never had a PS5. Thank you Santa! Merry Christmas! Love, Brayan

Santa, for Dear christmas i want a hoverboard, more LED lights, new iphone, and tie dye kit Sincerely, Brynlee

Dear Santa, I want a Alberto

Dear Santa, I would like for christmas is a vr slime 13,800 v-bucks football gloves football Iphone 14 tablet laptop 800 dollars slime a sketch pad headset and and madden 23 thank you santa love Caleb

Dear Santa, I want new ipad case and mini brands and more stitch stuff and new jordans and clothes Arianna

Dear Santa, i have been good all year so pils and i woot a pies 5 Pc.and a hubbard and 100 dol-

lars so pils pitr pils and a iphone 14 Abraham

Dear Santa, I wish for a toy lizard with wheels and with a controller. Thank you, Amaya

Dear Santa,

I hope I was a good boy this year because I really kinda was a bad boy but I think I got over it. I need some clothes and some shoes, but what I really want for Christmas is all of the Dog Man books and four Cat Kid Comic Club. So I think that's it, Santa. I hope you have a good

Christmas eve. Your friend, Eli

Dear Santa, i wont a ps 5 Angel

Dear Santa, I want an elite tarasha nerf drone, also 5 nerf grenades, also 1 nerf vests, also 100 pack half length darts for the zinc 2.0,last the zinc

2.0 the nerf doomlands the judge, rival curve shot, rc car, golden pokemon. Brantley

Dear santa I want nike shoes love gaspar

Dear Santa,

Hi! How are you? How are your reindeer? I have been good because I help my mom clean when my sister cries. I carry her. I really need some shoes, a jacket, a real little dog, a little cat, and a nintendo switch. I also want a real hamster and an iphone. Love, Camila

Dear Santa,I really want you to come and give me presents

but you have to put a tag that says the thing that's inside if

you don't, bad things

will happen because I will run after you until you're tired and sweaty. After that I will jump on you

and put on music meanwhile.When I'm done I will leave so then

I won't be in prison.Actually I will steal your sleigh and clothes to go to my house then i will own you're reindeers forever.

Daniela

Dear Santa, I want an Iphone 14 and a trampoline to jump on and glasses because I can't see that well and running shoes that are Nikes and I want a remote control car and you can drive it on rock's. Domingo

Ouerido Santa,

Santa para navidad quiero un juguete que sea un carro de control remoto y tambien quiero un lego y dos carros. gracias santa. Daniel

Dear Santa

This is Gio am in 4th grade thanks for sending Toby early i hope i was good this year hope you make it around the world

My Christmas list 2022 Texas Tech helmet Micah parsons jersey Ceedee lamb jersey Jordan 1 University blue and black Nike pants white and black Treasure x dino Texas tech football and cowboy football Nerf gun Tell Rudoph to run run run Giovani

Dear Santa, I want to have a happy Christmas like always.For Christmas I would like to have a chapter book about all the holidays. I always wanted to read one of those chapter books. Griselda

Querido Santa, hola como estas yo quiero un lápiz chiquito Y un slime rosado y un barbie y tambien muchos colores Y también una ropa, unos libros, y también un grande slime un casa grande de encanto. Gracias, Eunise

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Love, Alie



(l-r) Debbie Williams, Olga Legarreta, Jackie Legarreta, Angel Carranza, Katy Rojas, Santa, Andy Alexander, Peggy Padilla, Desteny Reyes.

Season's Greetings from Friona Noon Lions!!!



Members of the Friona High School Choir sang Christmas carols at the Friona Noon Lions Club meeting on Monday. FHS Choir members present were: (1-r) Emmanuel Gonzalez, Gabriel Rocha, Andres Pinon, Ellie Galaviz, Emma Schueler (Lions Club Sweetheart), Naara Saucedo, Amy Montana (Pres.), Gabriella Castillo (Sec.), Reagan Daniels, Duvy Ortiz (VP).



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Dear Santa,
How are you?I have been really excited for Christmas.I have been good at home Because I do my chores and at school am good because I do my work.I really Socks because all my socks have holes in them.I really want xbox games a Lot of them. Merry Christmas Santa!

Dear santa i what for this year is to spent time with my family and also my teachers so we can selabreat christmas and also for present i just one something and I whant is fifa card a pack of the please and happy christmas!!

Gaspar

Love, Elian

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is Shark Slides. Julian

Dear Santa, for Christmas I want a Nintendo and a little swing for my room. I want new LED lights for my room. And clouds so I can hang up in my room. And I JUST want my brother to be ok.2 I want to be with my family forever. I don't want to die.Then I want a barbie house and I want a computer .Then I want a new tablet case and a BBBBBBBB IIIIII GGGG bean bag. And some skates I want them to be teal with mints on it .TTTTTTH-HHHHHEEEEEE end FROM MALILLANY

Dear Santa, my family and a VR SET AND A VR GAME Jacob Dear Santa, I want for christmas a smartwatch, some shoes and boots and a cachet. Love Dayana

Dear Santa, I want a drone That can glow in The dark.
Deyanara

Dear Santa,
For christmas I want an Iphone 14 pro and I also want to go to a concert of bad bunny, Kimberly, and I also want a computer, apple watch.
Love Diana

Querido Santa, Santa por favor puedes traerme una tableta y también una bicicleta. Gracias Dominga

Querido Santa quiero una conejita de mascota y un juguete y perro Gracias Dayana

Dear Santa, I want a Ps5, shoes, clothes, headphones, computer, and xbox 1 Ediel

Dear Santa, For christmas I wanted Iphone 14, computer, apple wach, nike shoes, Lidia

Dear Santa, I would like a james avery charm bracelet, Jordan 1's and and an snow cone machine. Thank you for reading this, Sincerely Kamila

Dear Santa,

Hi! How are you?I have been waiting for Christmas this year. I have been really good. My grades are good at school and at home cleaning up. Here is what I want for Christmas: led lights because I'm scared of the dark. I also want new shoes because mine are old and tearing, and a football so I can play with my family and friends. That's all. Thank you Santa! Love, Jenna

Dear Santa, hola santa quiero un juguete y un carro de control gracias santa.

Jesus

Querido Santa Yo quiero un ps 5 para Christmas. Gracias Jesús



Texas FFA State Officers paid a visit to Friona and conducted a workshop with Friona FFA students about stepping out of their comfort zones and the importance of speaking up!

Dear Santa, For Chismers I want.... shark shoes .air Jordens .soushmelos YOU FAVRET ELLA

Dear Santa, what I want for Christmas is 10 new soccer balls. Federico

Dear Santa,

This Iszah Snyder in 4th grade all i want is to these people that are sick to git better and a ps5, new phone, and to win my basketball game and git first place, and tell blue to came on the 12 of Decaume and happy Christmas to santa and tell rudolph I said oh oh oh.

Dear Santa,

Isaiah

How are you? I have been really excited for Christmas . I have been good but when it comes to the morning I don't listen . I want an old Naruto action figure, a PS5 and a Naruto game for the PS4 . Have a good day .

Love, Lucas

Dear santa, all I want for christmas is a whole soccer field and a oculus and that's all what I what I want santa also I want the biggest water gun,and unlimited snacks.

Juan

Dear santa, How are you? I have been good. I want a soccer ball. I like red. Have a nice day. Love,Jadavyon

Dear Santa,
I just want anime clothes
and more soft blankets
and some water colors
with markers.
From Ezbeydi

What I want for Christmas is an iphone or Call Of Duty Warzone 2.0,Gel blaster,an Xbox

Dear Santa,

series x,or pokemon cards,or an airsoft gun. Gabriel

Dear Santa,
Hi santa today im in the

Hi santa today im in the school and I want a surprise for me i want a toy of a car of control but a big one.but im happy and I like this school I like my friends and every thing

LUCIO

Joaquin

Dear Santa,
I want 5 presents, and
2 spider-man costumes
for Christmas. I want
a spider-man video
game. I want a Godzilla
Ultimis toy and I want a
Black Panther costume.
I want a toy car with a
controller.

Dear Santa,

How has your day been going? Mine has been good. I would like new basketball stuff and some new basketball jerseys. That's really all I want for this Christmas. Love, Genesis

Dear Santa,

I wish for Lego sonic and a nintendo switch and i was a nice boy. And I was nice to my friends. And I did my homework in class. And my name is Javier.

Thank you!

Dear Santa, I want a 2021 Ipad 12.9 inch because my Ipad is always glitching so I want a new one with an apple pencil. I also want tsum tsum figures from disney. I also want squishmellows, I also want crayons and a sketch pad. I also need new roller skates. I am jr. 4. Love, Kyleigh

Dear Santa, i want some bath bombs and hachimales and glitter force toys and chapstick and a computer binbag and tables and some cat pictures roller skates Jesalyn

Dear Santa, for Christmas I want a Justin Jefferson jersey, airforce 1 red/white.kd red/black shoes. I also want an english bulldog . I hope you have a gucci flight. LOVE JACE

Dear Santa, is it really cold in the north pole and if it is you must be really cold and have a fire pit and a lot of heaters and your reindeers must be cold unless there's a heater in there.i want for christmas a basket ball for my room and clothes and a new football and a 49ers shirt of jimmy g Joel



A special thanks to the volunteer workers and hungry customers for helping to make the concession stand at the local stock show a huge success.

The money raised will benefit local FFA students.



Mindy Rushing, Ashley Smith, and Candice Schueler were some of the volunteers who kept the attendees fed at the local stock show last Saturday.



Friona 4-H students wrapped and delivered sweatsuits for nursing home residents.

Farmers will continue to face high input costs, tight crop margins in 2023

By Blair Fannin

Farmers can expect a challenging marketing environment for agricultural crops grown in 2023 as the global economy faces recessionary challenges, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service grains marketing economist.

"The economic challenges around the world are severe," said Mark Welch, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension grain marketing economist, told attendees at the Texas Plant Protection Association conference.

Farmers looking to market their crops will have do so carefully amidst several challenging economic factors.

"Interest rates, inflation are all important factors," he said. "The Federal Reserve has gotten aggressive (with interest rate hikes). Moving from near zero at the beginning of the year to 4%, increases in the federal funds rate may have dampened overall inflation. The Consumer Price Index that was 9% in June is now down just below 7%. But core inflation, less food and energy, is still stubbornly high, around 5%."

Federal Reserve

Welch said the Federal Reserve isn't done raising rates to try to curb inflation. He expects a quarter of a percent to a half of a percent hike in the future.

He noted there are an ample number of jobs keeping the economy from revisiting the recession of the 1970s when mortgage rates were 15% to 18%. Welch said if the inflation rate can be lowered back to 2%, it's still going to be a challenge.

"We've got a long, long way to go," he said. "If we are headed to a recession in 2023, we know recessions are not good for agriculture."

Projections of net farm income for 2023 is a \$12 billion decline compared to 2022, according to the Food & Agricultural Policy Research Institute at the University of Missouri.

"Input costs are likely to go down, but not as fast as the prices you are likely to be selling at," Welch said.

Meanwhile, farmers making marketing decisions should do so thoughtfully, but not completely hold back waiting for another economic challenge to affect prices. Welch said it's good to understand the fundamentals such as supply and demand, market prices and other factors.

Regarding corn, on the supply side, world corn production was projected at 46 billion bushels



Farmers looking to market their crops in 2023 will have to do so carefully amid several challenging economic factors. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Courtney Sacco)

in 2022 with the U.S. accounting for about 14 billion bushels. Texas accounts for about 2% of the U.S. total. World corn production was a record high in 2021 at 48 billion bushels.

The world harvested 543 million acres of wheat last year, which was an increase of 11 million acres over the last three years. In its long-term projections, U.S. Department of Agriculture pegs U.S. corn

plantings in 2023 at 92 million acres, up from 88.6 million acres in 2022, Welch said.

"The 2023 U.S. corn yield in that projection from USDA is 181.5 bushels per acre compared to 171.9 bushels in the season just ended," he said. "Days-on-hand supplies are currently at about 30 days."

Welch said when days of supply are below 40 days, it results in higher prices. When there is above 40 days supply, prices are typically lower.

Meanwhile, the wheat market is tight, feeling the effects of dry weather as well as economic challenges impacting market prices.

"If we can get out of this La Niña weather pattern, that will help the wheat situation," Welch said. "But right now, it's very tight."

Overall, Welch projects commodity mar-

kets to remain high, but farmers will continue to be faced with high crop expenses due to the economic environment.

"High prices, high input costs with tighter margins," Welch said. "(As the) U.S. starts to increase corn and wheat production, prices will be moderately lower and the global recession impacts and weather will be important factors on production and prices."





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Common causes of household fires during the holidays

By Paul Schattenberg

Although the holidays are supposed to be a time of joy, the season also brings increased potential fire dangers to the home and its inhabitants, said Texas A&M AgriLife experts.

"Fires are among the most common homerelated dangers to be aware of during the holidays," said Joyce Cavanagh, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service disaster assessment and recovery specialist, Bryan-College Station.

The National Fire Protection Association, NFPA, has identified Christmas Eve, Christmas and New Year's Day as the three days of the year when most candle fires occur.

Cause Open one: flames and lit candles

"Candle fires, electrical fires and cooking fires are the types of fires that frequently occur during the holidays," Cavanagh said.

Some tips to help avoid candle and electrical fires

- Keep candles at least 1 foot away from flammable items or surfaces.
- Do not put candles directly on surfaces. Use a sturdy candle holder with a drip plate for wax.
- Blow out candles when you leave the home or go to bed. Avoid using candles in the bedroom

or other rooms in which people may fall asleep.

- Replace candles before they burn all the way down or before the flame gets too close to the holder or bottom of the container.

- Keep lit candles in sight and away from any areas where they may possibly be knocked over.

— When decorating, use electric lights that have been tested by an independent testing laboratory and replace old or worn-out lights.

"In the event of a power outage, use flashlights or other battery-powered lighting as opposed to candles," Cavanagh said.

Cause two: Christmas trees and electrical wiring

Christmas tree fires are rare, but when they do occur, they can be deadly, according to NFPA. They also have the potential to do serious damage to the home or cause injury to those inside.

"Electrical problems are the primary cause of about half of all Christmas tree fires," said Karen Stafford, Texas A&M Forest Service statewide prevention coordinator, Lufkin.

Stafford said some tips for avoiding Christmas tree fires include:

— If using a live Christmas tree, select one with

green needles fresh, that do not fall off when touched.

"Make sure there is always water in the treestand reservoir," Stafford said. "A well-watered tree burns at a much slower rate compared to a driedout tree, which can burn up completely in very short time."

- If purchasing an artificial tree, choose one labeled "fire-resistant."

 Use Christmas tree lights that are Underwriters Laboratory-rated or otherwise independently tested interior lights.

"Using LED lights is also better option because they generate less heat than filament bulbs," Stafford said.

- Turn off Christmas tree lights when leaving home or going to bed.
- Never use lit candles as Christmas tree decorations.
- Locate your Christmas tree at least 3 feet away from any heat source, such as heaters, furnaces, fireplaces, candles or other heat sources
- Make sure your Christmas tree isn't blocking a door or exit.

Cause three: Outdoor burn piles

Stafford said, in Texas, people carelessly burning debris are responsible for the largest number of human-caused wildfires.

"The unsafe burning of wrapping paper, gift boxes and Christmas trees after Christmas could spark outdoor fires," she said. "Pay strict attention to outdoor fire safety precautions and consider recycling trees rather than burning them."

She said to always check with officials to see if a burn ban is in place before burning a Christ-

"Keep your burn pile small and locate it a minimum of 150 feet away from buildings," Stafford said. "And have a water source within reach in case the fire escapes the pile. Also, stay with the fire until it is completely out - or until the fire department responds in the event of a larger fire."

She noted Christmas trees may be ground up for mulch or compost. If allowed, they may also be disposed of in a lake or pond to provide additional fish habitat.

"Unlike artificial trees, live Christmas trees are completely recyclable and can be reused in ways that will benefit the environment." Stafford said.

Cause four: Stacked firewood

Another potential holiday fire hazard she identified was firewood stacked too close to buildings.

"Firewood is often cured, or dried, so it is easier to light in a fireplace," Stafford explained. "But this drying process does not just make it easier to start a fire in the chimney, it makes it easier for the firewood to light anywhere."

She said when firewood is stacked too close to a home, it can be a fire hazard. And in the event of a wildfire, the stacked firewood may provide additional fuel for the fire and lead it to the home.

"Keep firewood stacked at least 30 feet away from all structures," Stafford said. "A stack of burning firewood can generate a lot of heat, and that heat can ignite the outside of a building or radiate through single pane glass windows and break the window and/or even ig-



as LED lights give off little to no heat. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Paul Schattenberg)

Fireworks used to celebrate the holidays can be another potential fire hazard, Stafford said.

If you are planning to use fireworks in your New Year's celebrations, the Texas A&M Forest Service offers these tips:

- Check for local restrictions on fireworks and burn bans.
- Use fireworks outdoors on flat, smooth surfaces away from dry grass and flammable ma-
- Keep water, wet tow-

els and a garden hose nearby in case of a fire.

- Call 9-1-1 immediately if a wildfire or grassfire ignites.

Just in case of a home fire

"It's always good to have a fire extinguisher within easy reach inside the home and to know how to use it," Cavanagh said. "Being vigilant about possible fire hazards around the house can help ensure you will have a safer and happier holiday season."



Unlike artificial Christmas trees, live Christmas trees are completely recyclable. One beneficial use is to



Dear Santa,

Dear Santa, I want four presents. The first present I want is a color and a book to color and I want a bike and my last present is I want my family to be together. I love you Dear Santa. Juana

Dear Santa,

What i want for christmas is to see yannin my best friend from my old school and i also want some new art supplies, and also want long socks that are nike and some presents for my mom and dad what that they really want because they have done a lot for me and that's all i want for christmas. Kayla

Dear Santa, I would like an old x box with halo combat evolved and an iPhone 14 and. A nintendo 64 with mario 64. Love Lucas.

Dear Santa, how are you? How do you make the toys anyways I want posters of Cristiano Ronaldo, Lionel Messi and of Neymar Jr. I want football soccer shoes and any color you find. I want shorts and jerseys of Cristano Ronaldo, Lionel Messi and of Neymar Jr. I want lights for my room. Also I want a football soccer ball. I want a push of a dog.

Love, Manuel

Dear Santa,i welt a dog. and a car. Noah

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Dear Santa,

yo quiero una tablet para hacer mi trabajo y hacer mas cosas en la tablet.

Gracias Dominga

Querido Santa,

He sido una buena chica este año. Empecé a venir a la escuela este año y estoy Aprendiendo inglés. Me gusta 1ir a la escuela. Santa, todo lo que quiero para Navidad es una muñeca y algo de ropa. ¡Gracias Santa! ¡Feliz Navidad! Te Amo Manuela

Dear Santa, i want legos, pokemon cards, avengers action figure,

New mechanical pincelis,new tv,and a new phone, and don't Forget a ipad, lap top, and nerf guns. Marcos

Dear Santa,

I want a PS5,ipad,laptop, uno,football,soccer ball. Thank you Mario

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want legos and a phone. For Christmas I hope you have a safe trip.

From Mateo

Dear Santa,

Hi! How are you? I have been really excited for Christmas. I've been wanting a new tablet. Mine was glitching all the time! Any color will do!

Love, Mia

Dear Santa,

I am so happy Christmas is almost here, I have been really sood, I help my mom clean around the house, I am good at school and make good grades, I am reading my books everyday, I ready need glasses, socks, , clothes, and shoes for Christmas I really would want a tablet, a new stuff animal, and blue books. Have a Merry Christmas Santa.

Love, Mialteze

Dear Santa,

Hi!How are you.I have been good the past year. I really need shoes, paper, pencils, and a pencil bag.Santa, I really really want a coloring book, slime,glitter glue, books,notebook,and a drawing book kit.I hope you can eat and enjoy the cookies me and my sister made. Thank you Santa.

Love, Myrna

Dear Santa, For this christmas I want a ps5 an cool shoes And clos and maglitball dirtbike that is all

Dear Santa, I want a Samsung Phone for Christmas and Makeup. I really hope i have a good

Christmas this year.

Love, Mya

from Miguel

Dear Santa,

I would like an xbox 1 and a tv if not i would like a drone and hot welles. I also would like a nerf gun.

Love Neeko

Dear Santa,

Hi! How are you? I have been so good. I am really excited for Christmas. I really want a tablet, socks, pants, Led light, slime and a good Christmas! Merry Christmas Santa!

Love, Neidelyn

Dear santa I want a kitchen because I like to play with my sister and my sister likes to play in the kitchen too and can you bring me a doll and the kitchen and snowball to play with my two brother.I Love you santa maria

Dear Santa,

Hi, how are you? I have been doing well at school and at home. I need new shoes, socks, and clothes. I would really want a new phone because I lost mine. Thank you Santa.

Love, Marina

Dear Santa,

How are you and Rudolph doing and Mrs. Claus and how are dasher and dancer and prancer and vixen comet and cupid and donner and blitzen. I have been a not so bad kid. I'm good. For Christmas, I want a silver tempest pokemon box. Love Matthew

Dear Santa,

Hello! How are you? I am excited for Christmas. I have been really good. I help my mom clean our car and house. And I listen to her. I am good and make good choices at school. I get good grades also. I really need my own ipad. I really want a new toy. I was thinking about RC cars. Thank you Santa! Merry Christmas, Memphis

Dear Santa, I waot to fil bedr because my throat is hrdeing.I oculo waot to get a cool jaket that has a cobra kia.I oculo waot 20 doors and I waot to gat a air pup thing wair you put balls in a hil.

Dear Santa,

What I want for christmas is an electric bike, playstation 5, ferrari, trampoline park, jordans, phone, mechanical pencils, tv, legos, candy, nerf guns, air pods. Oscar

Dear Santa, For Christmas i want a oculus in a pair of Nikes in a phone in for our baby i want coles for my baby in some coles for

my parents in my broth-

Pedro

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would want off white air forces and seattle seahawks merchandise and a virtual reality to play games.I am going to spend a lot of time with family thank you.

Dear Santa,

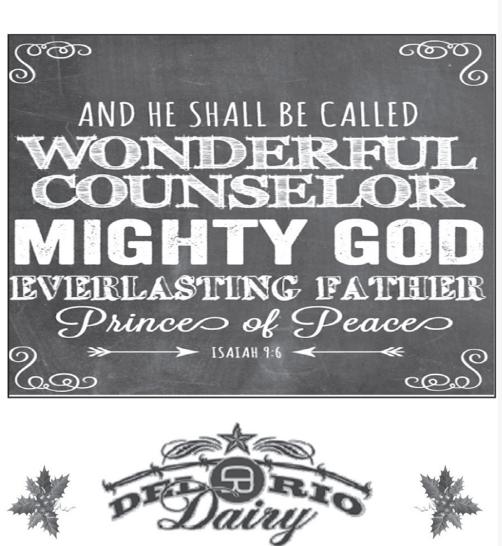
Roman

How are you? I am so good, how are the reindeers and how is Mrs. Clause she is so kind. I have not been that good but this time I am going to be good. I want a white small dog or a rabbit that is small. Because the dog and rabbit are so cute, that's what I want for Christmas. Love Skyla.

Dear Santa,

I want A ps5 and A toy car and A fake elf, a nintendo and A cat and A football and A donut. Thank you, Yahdriel







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American Legion delivers gifts to veterans

On Saturday, December 10, 2022, Parmer County American Legion and Auxiliary Post 206 delivered Christmas gifts to our veterans at the Prairie Acres Nursing Home and Farwell Convalescent

Center. The gifts were donated by the PCAL Post 206 Annual Christmas Drive in recognition of our Parmer County veterans.

Friona pictures of PCAL Post 206 members Richard Villarreal and Joe Mann with Friona veterans taken by Elida Villarreal & Sharon White. Farwell pictures of PCAL Post 206 member Billy Smith with Farwell veterans taken by Stan Miller.





Christine Mann / Friona



Donald Phelps and his wife Jo / Friona



Joe Bob Mann and his wife Christine / Friona



Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like to get a bike that is the color lilac and with a little basket. Then I would like new bedding sheets the color black and white. Aswell as LED lights. A champion sweater. A stranger things mug and Stranger things sweater and one last thing two dog toys the exact same and a hot dog. From, Teresa

Dear Santa,I like Christmas and I like Saint nick. All I want a computer,a playstation and I want to goto the North Pole. Bye. From Vander

Querid Santa, ola santa yo quiero un juguete de comida Y una muñeca y una peluche de gato y un Peluche de perrito y un cachorro y una Cachorrita gracias santa Wendy

Dear Santa,

Hi!! I want to help at the North Pole. I want to make toys and help with the Naughty or Nice list. I want to be head Elf and I want to help with candy canes. Please bring me a Nintendo switch, electric scooter, a sword and a drum and an electric guitar. Have a fun on Christmas.

Love, Tristan

Dear Santa,

For Christmas, I want a basketball goal for otside and Some lamelo ball shoes, a bike for my mom's house and a flooded diamond chain. And by the way, I have some milk and cookies for you . How is Ms. Clause doing? How do you get all the presents around the world for morning? How is Rudolph and the other reindeer doing? How many elfs do you have? I was good this year. Love wylie,

Dear Santa, what I want for christmas is I want my brother to come over and spend time with me before he leaves again, then anything like gifts will be okay. Love, Yulaney

Dear Santa, I would like a nerf gun for Christmas and I would like for my family to be together for Christmas. I might not be able to get everything that I want but I just want a nerf gun. So that is the one thing i want for Christmas and how do you not get cold in the north pole and how? Do you make the reindeers fly? If I see a reindeer I'm gonna try to ride it and make it fly like you do.

Zaqueo

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am so excited about Christmas! Christmas is my favorite holiday. I want to let you know that I have been good. I have good grades. I've been helping my mom to clean. Santa for Christmas. I need a bike. My mom does not have time to go to the store and buy me one. I really want a hoverboard. Thank you for the gifts. Be careful, and stay warm!

Thank you, Zitlaly

`Dear Santa. L want a dress. Zonia

Dear Santa,

I have been good at home and I have not missed school, I only missed two days. I want a Nintendo for Christmas because my old one broke. I dropped on the floor. Thank you for the gifts that I need and want Merry Christmas Santa. I have Chocolate milk and cookies for you.

Love, Tomas

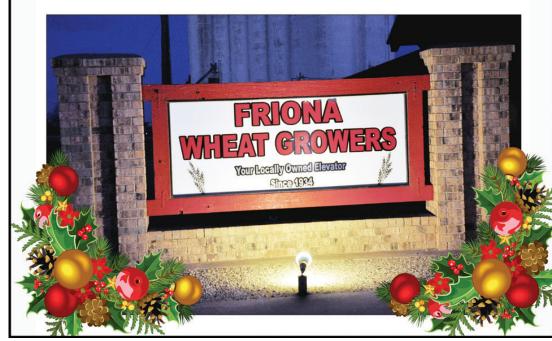












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