



## Keep Friona Clean Roll-off box to open up for waste items

The City will open up the roll-off box this Saturday, December 7, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Please come by to dump those items that don't belong in your dumpster and do your part to help Keep Friona Clean!



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

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



Miss Friona Carly Drake, Mr. & Mrs. Claus, and Little Miss Friona Ellie Jo Weatherly welcomed visitors at their "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas Party" last Monday at the Depot. See more photos on the back page.



Friona Squaw district volleyball award winners are: (back row l-r) Lizbeth Rojas, Kambree Kimbrough, Carly Drake, Jodi Denton and (front row l-r) Anahi Gonzales, Maddie Sharrock, Kayli Stone. See page 2 for photos and awards.

## Santa strikes again!!

Just when you thought it was safe in bah-humbugville here comes Santa Claus and his accomplices Mrs. Claus, Miss Friona Carly Drake, Little Miss Friona Ellie Jo Weatherly, and eight elves to chase all the grinchers away and bring joy to the world.

Santa and his entourage arrived at the winter wonderland depot Monday afternoon to take pre-orders from the tiny tots of Friona. Don't

worry kids if you missed Santa, you can still write to him and when Santa Claus gets your letter he will know just what you want.

While Santa and Company were rocking around the Christmas tree with the younger crowd, the Friona High School choir sang carols and vendors sold cookies, tamales, and drinks in the not so silent night.

When it came upon a mid-

night clear, Main Street was lit up by the Christmas Parade of Lights. The lighted caravan made its way south down Main, made a couple of laps around the park and headed west out of town. Santa will not be home for Christmas because as he was leaving town he turned around and said, "I'll be back." So you better watch out, don't cry or pout, because...Santa Claus is coming to town!

## A new world order in higher education

### The Nifty Fifty/Fifty

Enrollments at universities around the United States are shrinking—down 1.7 and 1.8 percent this year and last. Master's and comprehensive universities, private liberal arts colleges, rural universities and a multitude of others that are not state flagships, land-grant institutions or prestigious private universities are challenged. The endgame? Regional uni-

versities, if they are to sustain themselves, will need to change their way of doing business. Efforts to emulate major research universities and elite private universities have failed over the last five decades. They will continue to fail.

Declining birthrates are at the lowest recorded levels, and college readiness of high school graduates is

dwindling. "Big" universities will weather this storm. The scholarship-granting power of large endowments, the magnetism of big-time college sports and the "brand power" of major universities, both public and private, will increasingly attract the qualified traditional college-goers.

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Saying goodbye to a magical season. Chieftains fight, never die!



Eduardo Chavez runs out of real estate as two Antelopes drive him out of bounds just short of the end zone.

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

Friona Weather December 5-11	T  64   30 W 25-35	F  54   35 NW 5-10	S  62   46 SW 15-25	S  64   40 W 20-30	M  53   26 NNW 15-25	T  53   29 WSW 10-20	W  55   32 SW 15-25	Precipitation December 0.00 Year 20.50	Burn Ban: <b>No</b>
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**Community Calendar**

Send Calendar information to:  
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call (806) 250-2211 or fax (806) 250-5127

**December 5**

- Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Los Arcos
- Snack Pak 4 Kids Friona United Methodist Church 4:30 p.m. Double pack day.
- Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

**December 6**

- Caregivers Coffee Break 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Donuts and Meeting at Senior Citizens Center

**December 9**

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

**December 11**

- Christmas Tea at Friona InterBank from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**December 12**

- Snack Pak 4 Kids Friona United Methodist Church 4:30 p.m. Double pack day.
- Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

**December 14**

- Prenatal Classes at Parmer Medical Center 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Call 806-729-7352 for information (Rocio Carrasco)

**December 18**

- Christmas Open House at Parmer County Farm Bureau from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Christmas Tea at Friona Banking Center from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**December 19**

- Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Los Arcos
- Snack Pak 4 Kids Friona United Methodist Church 4:30 p.m. Double pack day.
- Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

**December 23**

- Friona Star office closed week of December 23

**December 25**

- Christmas

**January 1**

- New Year's Day

**District 1-AAA Volleyball Awards**



**Carly Drake, Sr.**  
All District  
Co-Outstanding Blocker



**Jodi Denton, Jr.**  
All District



**Maddie Sharrock, Sr.**  
All District



**Lizbeth Rojas, Sr.**  
Honorable Mention  
All District



**Kayli Stone, Jr.**  
Honorable Mention  
All District



**Kambree Kimbrough, Jr.**  
Honorable Mention  
All District



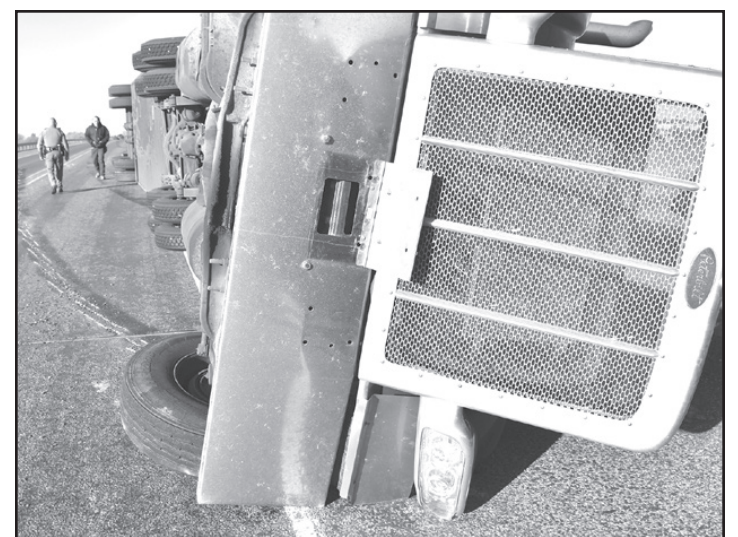
**Anahi Gonzales, So.**  
Honorable Mention  
All District

**Bomb Cyclone — Part 2**

Last Tuesday another "high wind" event caused a semi-truck to overturn on the Highway 214 overpass heading south

out of Friona. The empty cattle truck came to rest against the east guardrail. The driver, thought to be from Cactus, Texas, was

unharmed. The highway was closed until Terry Stanberry from K3 Towing arrived to drag the truck off the bridge.



**ACROSS**

- 1 TXism: "a sitting \_\_\_" (vulnerable)
- 5 "hit me like \_\_\_ of bricks"
- 6 undercover spy
- 7 TX Charley Pride's "Where Do \_\_\_ Her Memory" (1979)
- 8 TXism: "I \_\_\_ to" (intend)
- 9 a \_\_\_ measures 194 x 92 x 57 mm
- 16 arrests
- 18 San Marcos River is \_\_\_
- 21 Longhorn univer.
- 22 TXism: "does a \_\_\_ office business" (bustling)
- 23 TXism: "\_\_\_ nag" (bad horse)
- 34 dir. to Plainview from Friona
- 35 TXism: "\_\_\_ nag" (bad horse)
- 36 "\_\_\_ as a pin"
- 37 "it'll \_\_\_ pretty penny" (expensive)
- 39 a person who works with serpents (2 wds.)
- 43 Indian pole
- 44 Taylor County seat
- 45 sodium symbol
- 46 British knights

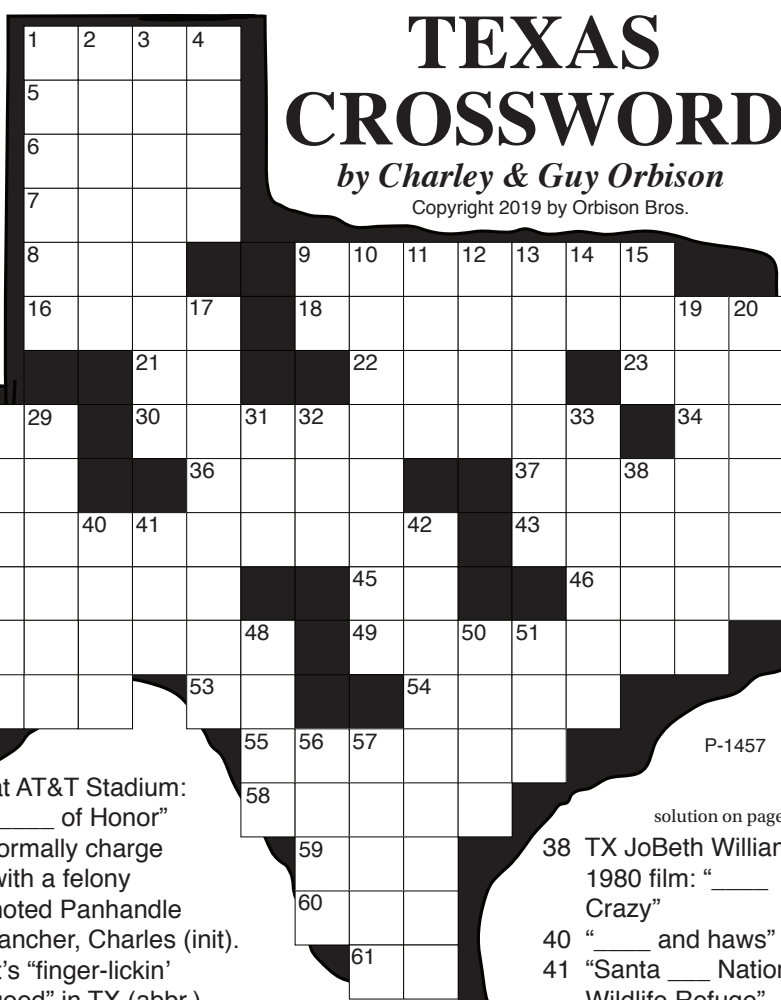
47 make a Disney film?

- 49 perceive
- 52 TX oil and \_\_\_ corporation: ExxonMobil
- 53 fanfare: \_\_\_-dah!
- 54 this Gonzalez played for the Astros, but had best years with Arizona
- 55 TXism: "\_\_\_ little cane" (celebrate)
- 58 attacks with a knife
- 59 nat'l grp. for TX docs

- 60 network where TX Kelly is now a coach on "The Voice"
- 61 once a Spur, this Kerr now coaches the Warriors (init.)

**DOWN**

- 1 this Lillard was unanimous NBA Rookie of the Year in 2013
- 2 TXism: "hog heaven"
- 3 home of newspaper "The Banner Press"
- 4 Palestine AM radio
- 9 Mineola is on \_\_\_ Highway 69
- 10 Cowboy or Texan receiver position (2 wds.)
- 11 source of dietary fiber



**TEXAS CROSSWORD**  
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- 12 at AT&T Stadium: "\_\_\_ of Honor"
- 13 formally charge with a felony
- 14 noted Panhandle rancher, Charles (init.)
- 15 it's "finger-lickin' good" in TX (abbr.)
- 17 seat of Hutchinson County
- 19 Louisiana is on TX's \_\_\_ border
- 20 TX Roy Orbison tune: "In \_\_\_"
- 24 TXism: "chompin' the bit" (impatient)
- 25 U.S. weather agcy.
- 26 actress Drake of "Down Laredo Way"

- 27 Ethiopian capital: Addis \_\_\_
- 28 96-mile "Lone Star \_\_\_ Trail"
- 29 "\_\_\_ Aerospace" makes plane seats
- 31 Jim \_\_\_ Creek
- 32 TXism for "girl"
- 33 neckwear for cattle rustlers in early TX

- 38 TX JoBeth Williams 1980 film: "\_\_\_ Crazy"
- 40 "\_\_\_ and haws"
- 41 "Santa \_\_\_ National Wildlife Refuge"
- 42 TX Steve who was Charles Manson in TV miniseries "Helter Skelter"
- 48 TXism: "still wet behind the \_\_\_"
- 50 takes to court
- 51 U.S. spy agcy.
- 56 South Padre Island acquisition (2 wds.)
- 57 poetic metrical feet

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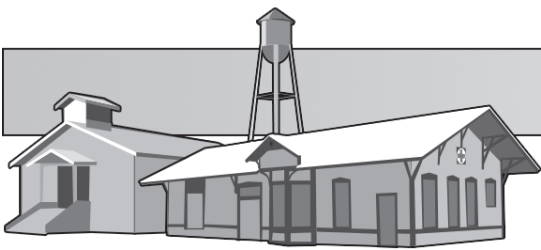
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# TOWN TALK

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The Quality of Life Church and THUG Life Ministries is conducting its 19th annual "Good Shepherd Toy Giveaway" this year. They are accepting new toy donations through Friday, December 20th at 301 Grand Avenue in Friona, Texas. Call (806) 471-4111 for more information.

★★★

Connie Neelley said that the Project Christmas Card Project this year is raising money to buy a Pulse Oximeter and Spirometer for Parmer Medical Center. See more info on page 11.

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Friona Interbank is holding its annual Christmas Tea on Wednesday, December 11th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at 1105 N. Cleveland in Friona.

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Congratulations to Friona Squaw volleyball players Lizabeth Rojas, Kambree Kimbrough, Carly Drake, Jodi Denton, Anahi Gonzales, Maddie Sharrock, and Kayli Stone for winning district awards. See page 2.

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Congratulations to the Friona Chieftain football team for an outstanding year. This team made history and broke a few records. Did not see any "dormant bermuda grass" the last four games of the

year. Friona played at Lowery Field in 1996 and 2019 and there was a heavy fog at both games. What are the odds? More info later about the Chiefs when the district awards are announced. Go Big Red!!!

★★★

Don't forget that the roll-off box is open this week. Good time to clear out a lot of junk and make room for new junk after Christmas. It is open from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at East 8th and Jack-

son Ave. It is free, so take advantage of the opportunity.

★★★

Another truck turned over on the overpass last Tuesday when the "Bomb Cyclone Part 2" hit Friona. We may have to install a "Wind Speed Limit" sign for the overpass.

★★★

Congratulations to the Friona Volunteer Fire Dept., Rico Aviation, and Cargill of Friona for winning the Parade of Lights awards courtesy of Leal's, Ivy Cottage, and

the Chamber of Commerce. See photos on back page.

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**National Days**  
December 5 — International Ninja Day  
December 6 — Microwave Oven Day  
December 7 — Pearl Harbor Day  
December 8 — Brownie Day  
December 9 — Pastry Day  
December 10 — Human Rights Day  
December 11 — App Day

The Friona Junior High and High School Choirs will host a Christmas Chili Lunch at the High School Cafeteria from Noon until 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 8. Cost is \$8.00. Pay at the door.

Their respective Christmas Concerts will follow at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium.



## INVITATION TO BID

The City of Friona is accepting competitive bids from qualified contractors for 2 projects:

- Heating & Air /Replacement Project
- Roof Repair/Replacement Project

for Friona Community Center located at 601 W 15TH Street, Friona, Texas 79035. Sealed bids will be accepted by Leander Davila, City Manager, until 10:00 a.m., December 20, 2019. Bids received after 10:00am, December 20, 2019 WILL NOT be opened or accepted. All accepted bids will be opened and read aloud on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. at Friona City Council Chambers, 619 Main Street, Friona, Texas 79035. Individual bids for each project can be submitted or you can choose to submit 1 combined bid for both projects.

Bid proposals will be considered at the January 13, 2020 Friona City Council Meeting. Criteria for selection/acceptance of bids will include the following: experience, cost, reliability, project timeline and references. For specifications on the scope of work, please contact City of Friona Public Works Director Salvador Garcia during regular business hours at (806) 346-2673 or email: pwdirector@frionatx.us.

Bids may be delivered as follows:  
Hand Delivered, Mailed, Express Delivery  
**ACCEPTED until 10:00 AM - DECEMBER 20, 2019**

**City of Friona**  
623 Main Street  
Friona, Texas 79035  
Attention: Leander Davila

The Friona Community Center will be open to contractors to view from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on December 10th, 11th, and 12th. All other visits to the Friona Community Center can be scheduled by calling Friona City Hall at (806) 250-2761.

City of Friona reserves the right to waive any formalities or to reject any or all bids. No bid proposals may be withdrawn until the expiration of 60 days from the date bid proposals are opened and read.

**Ivy Cottage**  
Bridal Registry

Ramiro Vega & Thania Garcia

Malia Marion & Brian Blackburn

Christian Haile & Maggie Parsons

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## SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

11-27-19 — Manuel Mireles, 44, of Friona was arrested by the Friona PD on a Neuces County Warrant, pending transport.

11-30-19 — Travis Williams, 23, of Georgetown was arrested by the Farwell PD on a charge of unauthorized use of motor vehicle, pending Grand Jury.

## State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$3.2 Billion in November

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said this week that state sales tax revenue totaled \$3.18 billion in November, 6.2 percent more than in November 2018.

"November state sales tax growth was led by collections from the wholesale trade, construction and restaurant sectors, while collections from the oil and gas mining sector declined since last year," Hegar said. "Texas realized an increase in the state's sales tax revenue collections from remote sellers and on-line marketplace providers, pursuant to new collection requirements resulting from the implementation of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision, Wayfair v. South Dakota, and passage of House Bill 1525 during the 86th Texas Legislature."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in November 2019 was up 4.8 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 57 percent of all tax collections.

In November 2019, Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes: (1) motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$422.3 million, up 4.2 percent from November 2018; (2) motor fuel taxes — \$327.3 million, up 5.1 percent from November 2018; (3) natural gas production taxes — \$119.6 million, down 33.1 percent from November 2018; and (4) oil production taxes — \$344.4 million, down 1.8 percent from November 2018.

# Jodey Arrington Announces 2020 Re-election Bid For Texas' 19th Congressional District

On November 23rd, Congressman Jodey Arrington officially announced that he is running for re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives. Arrington was first elected to serve Texas' 19th Congressional District in 2016 and has since served on the House Agriculture Committee, House Budget Committee, House Veterans' Affairs Committee, the Joint Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations Reform, and is currently serving on the powerful House Committee on Ways and Means.

"I am deeply honored to represent the people and values of West Texas in our nation's capital and - if re-elected - I will continue my commitment to reining in Washington, restoring our freedoms, and returning power back to We The People," said Arrington.

Congressman Arrington describes himself as a strong fiscal conservative with a commitment to the Constitution, limiting the role of the federal government, and changing the broken culture of Washington. He will continue to fight for West Texas values in his third term.

Arrington served on the



Rep. Arrington officially files for a place on the March 3rd, 2020 Republican Primary ballot in Texas' 19th Congressional District.

bicameral Conference Committee that successfully passed the 2018 Farm Bill,

which included two amendments Congressman Arrington authored to strength-

en West Texas agriculture producers, cotton farmers, rural hospitals, and Texas Tech University. He also led legislative efforts to promote Life, defend our fundamental Second Amendment freedoms, and protect our religious liberties.

Arrington continued, "West Texans want and deserve real solutions, and I am confident that I will continue to have their support as we work to strengthen trade deals for our producers, put patients - not government - back at the center of our health care system, remove burdensome regulations for our energy producers, and promote freedom and prosperity for the next generation of West Texans and Americans."

As a result of his leadership and conservative track record, Arrington has earned a 100% lifetime score from the Faith & Freedom Coalition, an endorsement from the Family Research Council, as well as endorsements from numerous colleagues, including former presidential candidate and United States Senator Ted Cruz and fellow West Texas Congressman Mike Conaway (TX-11).

**Puzzle Solution**

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

- 1.) Go to [frionaonline.com](http://frionaonline.com)
- 2.) Click on the "newspaper archives" link
- 3.) Search

**Friona Farmer's Co-op Gin Bale Count**

**8,985 ginned bales**

**183 modules on the yard**

**194 modules in the field**

## Texas Weekly Fuel Update and Outlook

Texas gas prices are unchanged in the past week, averaging \$2.24 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 1 cent per gallon lower than a month ago, but stand 8.9 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$1.98 while the most expensive is \$3.49 per gallon. The cheapest price in the entire country stands at \$1.71 while the most expensive is \$4.99 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has fallen 1.6 cents in the last week, averaging \$2.58 per gallon. The national average is down 1.6 cents per gallon from a month ago, yet stands 14.7 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

"The nation's average gasoline price on Thanksgiving was slightly higher than expected at \$2.58 per gallon, with a close to even split with roughly half the nation's states seeing average prices decline in the last week while the other saw upward moves on con-

tinued speculation on a possible U.S./China trade deal," said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "Moving into December, aside from a possible trade deal that has been elusive for nearly 16 months, gas prices typically trend lower during the month as refiners continue to increase throughput after maintenance season and as overall weather curbs gasoline demand, easing prices. While prices are now notably higher than a year ago, I'd place much of the 'blame' on a strong U.S. economy and continued optimism that some sort of U.S. and China trade tie-up will be wrapped up."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data is accessible at <http://FuelInsights.com>. GasBuddy.com.

[www.frionaonline.com](http://www.frionaonline.com)

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**Happy Birthday Friona Folks!**

<b>Dec. 5</b> Teena Hughes Charles Wilkins Allison Johnston	<b>Dec. 8</b> Mike Beauchamp Kandace (Frye) Burke David Lopez Felissa Dominguez
<b>Dec. 6</b> Roy Dominguez Roy Don Smith Allison Jones Tim Mercer Alisia Rando	<b>Dec. 9</b> Bill White Bella Flores Heather (Griffin) Rodriguez
<b>Dec. 7</b> Carla Sue Scott Sherri Alger Darlena Burnett Karlee Osborn Audry Rowell	<b>Dec. 10</b> Jason Berend Connie King Michael Johnston Katy (Baize) Ellison Brent Hall Connie (Amezcuca) Jiminez
<b>Dec. 11</b> M'Lynda Jarecki Jeff Chaney Lindsey (Neill) Beyers Leigh (Neeley) Boatman Darby Drummond Chloe Sifford	

To have your birthdays listed in the newspaper, email them to [frionastar@wtrt.net](mailto:frionastar@wtrt.net) or call @806.250.2211

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# A new world order in higher education

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According to Forbes, salvation for the hundreds of smaller comprehensive universities that educate the majority of people will be an intentional focus on a diverse range of audiences, gleaming students not harvested by traditional universities.

A growing cadre of students work, then study rather than study, then work. Linear processes are changing. Many work and study simultaneously. Increasingly, rural students, working parents, those helping a family survive, veterans, individuals who want to study at their own pace, community college transfers or returning students with a significant complement of university courses or with a trade or vocational experience seeking something in addition to those skills are niche audiences that merit attention. The new world order is simply that not everyone is eighteen and fresh out of high school; in fact, those are a minority.

WT 125: From the Panhandle to the World helps define a future for West Texas A&M University and proactively addresses focused audiences. Simultaneously, our university endeavors to serve traditional students in the beautiful college community of Canyon, Texas, associated with the truly Texas city of Amarillo. This hybridized approach will define success-

ful regional universities in the future.

Half of our students should be on-campus and the other half at a distance—Nifty Fifty/Fifty. This approach requires a number of academically excellent niche programs. First and foremost is the traditional on-campus student niche with access to academically excellent courses of study. Extracurricular activities, intercollegiate athletics, Greek life and other important aspects of a traditional university education that are out of reach, or of no interest, for an increasing number of students should be augmented with alternative means of building community.

A niche market, as defined by Susan Ward, is a focused and tangible portion of a larger market. An organization intending to address the niche market may not be able to change the market but must change its responses to varied markets. It is about service to individuals rather than shrinking stereotypes. Universities are a special kind of service organization serving students first.

Strong focus is required to tailor and tune various curricular delivery approaches that work for highly specified, nontraditional student groups. Over time, developed expertise creates appeal. The MBA programs at West Texas A&M University are one ex-

ample, and the RN to BSN program is another. Focusing material and human resources on specific groups allow for stronger relationships to meet student aspirations rather than institutional preconceptions.

What does this mean for WTAMU? Our student population will grow to 15,000, while the current on-campus population remains constant at 7,500. Moreover, our undergraduate population will become a smaller part of our total population and, increasingly, the strongest students from our region will be recruited to WT. The campus experience must be stunning and uniquely West Texas. Our graduate enrollment will grow, predominately with

new hybrid masters' and doctoral programs offered online. The new doctorate in education is a clear example. Majors that present challenges for online study provide the greatest innovation opportunity.

Regional universities, particularly an aspiring regional research university like WT, should address the growing diversity of students as if every student mattered. Not with lip service, but through action that changes the institution and allows students to be students no matter their "niche."

Walter V. Wendler is President of West Texas A&M University. His weekly columns are available at <http://walterwendler.com/>.

## Panhandle Parables

### Home for the Holidays

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

Unless you have been hiding under a rock you would be hard pressed not to know that we are in the midst of another holiday season. That time from Thanksgiving to Christmas, where every radio station is playing some version of Christmas music, Hallmark movies about the same are in full swing and since in the bid to get ahead in the commercialized business industry we have been dealing with Christmas decorations and sales since October, there is no escaping the season. What is sometimes missed in all that hustle and bustle is what it means to gather as a family.

Movies aspire to tell the tales, it is a heartwarming scene when deployed military make it home for the holidays. Yet, regardless of the circumstance there is something special when people can come together this time of year.

This time of year brings blessing in the reacquainting of individuals to their families. It also brings heartache as for many there is an empty seat at the table this year. A loved one may have been called home to be with the Lord and now a family enters

this celebratory season with some pause at the loss. Other seats are empty for a host of reasons including abandonment or discord with other family members and it too is heartbreaking as the seat remains empty due to pride not death.

I say all of this to say, as you move through this season for which there should be good tidings and cheer, be mindful of those who face these days with great difficulty. Be open to the opportunity to serve others and to love them as Jesus does. It has often been said, "Everyone is battling something" and as true as that may be it is also true that there is room for Christians to grow in their capacity to love those who cannot make it home for the holidays or who have no home to go to for this season.

Be an inspiration to someone. There is ample opportunity and who knows God may use you to bless someone this season or in the New Year to come. So be thankful and seize the opportunity to be home for the holidays, but also be mindful and a source of comfort and strength for those who may need it.

# Focus on Jesus

By Teena Hughs

I just looked at my den. I have Christmas decorations spread out that need to be put in their appropriate place; I have other decorations that need to be taken down and put in the storage room. Right now, it really is a mess, and as I look at the things I have planned for this week, I wonder when everything is going to get done.

I used to get really upset over things not being exactly like I want them to be, when I want them to be done during the Christmas season. I don't know if I have gotten lazy and just don't care or if I have grown up and become more realistic about life, but my messed up den just doesn't bother me.

I believe in enjoying the Christmas season to the max!!! If that means being a little behind on getting the Christmas decorations up or the Christmas gifts bought and wrapped or the Christmas cards in the mail, it is just fine. Things eventually get done.

True joy comes during the Christmas season when we get to see and visit with

family and friends; when we get to do something for someone who never expects it; perhaps when we buy the perfect gift for a loved one and we see their face light up when they open it; when we get to sing and hear beautiful carols. The list goes on and on, but above all, true joy is when we choose to remember the One we celebrate this time of year; the One who was born to be our example of how to live our lives; the One who is our best friend; the One who forgives us and redeems us; the One who died for us.

When you stop to think about the reason for the Christmas season, everything else pales in comparison. I hope everyone enjoys this Advent season, and I hope above all else that your focus on Him leads you into a deeper relationship with, and a greater appreciation for, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

PS For some thought-provoking reading about Christmas, I suggest you read Lauren's thoughts at [simpleishdesigns.com](http://simpleishdesigns.com).

## Book Review

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

9 Common Lies Christians Believe, and Why God's Truth is Infinitely Better by evangelist Shane Pruitt is a simple and profound book that will benefit Christians of all ages and walks. The focus of this book is to look at various sayings that people believe and assume are part of scripture, but in reality they are not. Culture and tradition may be at play in many of these lies, but when weighed against biblical truth, they are lacking. The lies that are confronted in this book are:

- God won't give me more than I can handle
- God gained another angel
- God just wants me to be happy
- I could never forgive that person
- Follow your heart
- God doesn't really care
- Well, \_\_\_\_\_ could never change
- I don't think God likes me
- Believe in yourself

These nine lies are taken a chapter at a time and investigated in regard to the biblical evidence. The author's treatment of these concepts proves to be easy to read, humorous at times, piercing to the soul and purifying to one's faith. At just over 200 pages, it lends itself to Bible study groups or individual study, or even stocking stuffers. The point of the book derives from 2 Corinthians 3:17, "The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

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## State Capital Highlights

By Ed Sterling



### Hegar transfers excess revenue into rainy day, highway funds

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Nov. 25 announced the transfer of \$3.33 billion into the State Highway Fund and into the Economic Stabilization Fund, commonly known as the Rainy Day Fund.

Each fund received more than \$1.66 billion, or 50% of the total transfer. The transfer amounts are based on crude oil and natural gas production tax revenues in excess of 1987 collections. If either tax generates more revenue than the 1987 threshold, an amount equal to 75% of the excess is transferred, according to an agency news release.

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

### Patrick appoints committee

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick on Nov. 26 announced his appointment of a committee to review the history and procedures for the placement of art and other decor in the historic Texas Senate Chamber.

Sen. Bryan Hughes, R-Mineola, will serve as chairman of the committee. Members appointed include Sens. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston; Donna Campbell, R-New Braunfels; Borris Miles, D-Houston; Beverly Powell, D-Burleson; Charles Schwertner, R-Georgetown; and Kirk Watson, D-Austin.

According to the State Preservation Board, the chamber's two brass chandeliers have been in place since 1890 and 15 historical Texas paintings were hung in the room before 1915. Also, a portrait of Stephen F. Austin by an unknown artist behind the lieutenant governor's desk dates from circa 1836, making it one of the oldest pieces in the Capitol.

In the announcement, Patrick mentioned that in 2015, he resumed the annual practice of placing a Christmas tree in the historic chamber after many years with no tree.

### Disaster funds: Plan set

Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush on Nov. 21 announced the release of the state's action plan detailing the distribution and eligible uses of some \$4.3 billion in Community Development Block Grant Mitigation funds.

The funds, coming from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, are to be used to assist Texas communities with mitigation projects, addressing risks within the areas impacted Hurricane Harvey and floods in 2015 and 2016.

"Hurricane Harvey was a storm of historic proportions with more than \$100 billion in property damage and immeasurable disruption to the lives of Texans," Bush said. "Many communities in Texas have faced repeated flooding...With this action plan, the General Land Office will prioritize large-scale projects to maximize available infrastructure funding to improve the resiliency of Texas homes, businesses and infrastructure from future storms."

### Grant to enhance Lifeline

Dr. Courtney N. Phillips, Texas Health and Human Services executive commissioner, on Nov. 26 announced the agency is receiving a two-year grant of more than \$3 million from the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline's State Capacity Building Initiative.

The goal is to increase the state's capacity to provide free, confidential emotional support and services to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress. Grant funds will be used to assist Texas call centers in answering more calls from residents, reducing wait times and connecting them to local treatment facilities, support and nearby crisis or emergency service centers, Phillips said.

Health and Human Services plans to contract with four local mental health authorities to implement the grant in March 2020: The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD, Integral Care (Travis County), MHMR of Tarrant County and Emergence Health Network in El Paso County.

### Antitrust claims resolved

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Nov. 25 announced that his office has reached a settlement with T-Mobile resolving the state's antitrust claims against the proposed merger of mobile wireless telecommunications service providers Sprint and T-Mobile.

According to an agency news release, the agreement is designed to prevent the New T-Mobile from increasing prices for wireless services on Texans for five years after the merger is complete.

Also, it commits the New T-Mobile to: —Give all Texas customers access to T-Mobile limited data rate plans at a cost far below what is currently offered in the industry;

—Commit to provide 5G wireless broadband coverage to areas where most Texans live, including most Texans living in rural portions of the state within the next three years and to expand that 5G coverage dramatically within the next six years; and

—Offer Texas residents that are currently employed by Sprint and T-Mobile substantially similar employment with the New T-Mobile.

## Social Security Expands Public Hours at Offices Nationwide

*Wednesdays to Return to Full Public Service Hours; Agency to Hire 1,100 Direct Service Employees*

Starting on January 8, 2020, Social Security offices nationwide will be open to the public on Wednesday afternoons, Andrew Saul, Commissioner of Social Security, announced. This change restores Wednesday public service hours that were last in place in late 2012. "I don't want someone to come to our office at 2:30 on a Wednesday only to find our doors closed," Commissioner Saul said.

In another move to improve service to the public, Commissioner Saul announced in his Open Letter to the Public at [www.ssa.gov/agency/coss-message.html](http://www.ssa.gov/agency/coss-message.html) that the agency is hiring 1,100 front line employees to provide service on the agency's National 800 Number and in its processing centers. The agency is currently bringing onboard 100 new processing center employees and approximately 500 new tele-service representatives for the 800 Number. An additional 500 hires for the 800 Number will occur later in 2020.

"Improving service is my top priority. Increasing

full public service hours at our nationwide network of more than 1,200 field offices is the right thing to do and will provide additional access," Commissioner Saul said. "The hiring of a thousand new employees to provide service through our National 800 Number and an additional 100 hires to process people's Social Security benefits at our processing centers around the country are steps in the right direction in our mission to greatly improve the service we provide."

Currently, a field office is generally open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to Noon on Wednesdays. **Beginning on January 8, 2020, offices will remain open until 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, with typical field office hours from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.**

While the agency continues to improve both the access to and the experience with its services, it is important to note that most Social Security services do not require the public to take time to visit an office. **People may create a my Social Security account, a personalized online service, at [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount).**

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my Social Security account, people can check personal information and conduct business with Social Security. If they already receive Social Security benefits, they can start or change direct deposit online, and if they need proof of their benefits, they can print or download a current Benefit Verification Letter from their account.

People not yet receiving benefits can use their online account to get a personalized Social Security Statement, which provides earnings history information as well as estimates of future benefits. Currently, residents in 40 states and the District of Columbia may request a replacement Social Security card online if they meet certain requirements. The portal also includes a retirement calculator and links to information about other online services, such as applications for retirement, disability, and Medicare benefits.

Many Social Security services are also conveniently available by dialing toll-free, **1-800-772-1213**. People who are deaf or hard of hearing may call Social Security's TTY number, **1-800-325-0778**.



## Small Town Cookin'

By Jeri Lynn White

### Walnuts

If you have ever read the children's book, *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*, you will understand how this week's topic came into being. A few weeks back at a small gathering, Martha Rodriguez served a chocolate chip walnut pie made famous at the Sugar Shack many years ago. This brought up the subject of walnuts, and Tonia Abarca told us how she had just planted a black walnut tree. This led to the discussion about the difference between regular walnuts and black walnuts. It was soon agreed that I should do some research and share some walnut recipes with my readers. And there you have it—this week's article topic.

Although there are many varieties of walnuts, the most well known are English walnuts and Black walnuts. The most commonly produced for commercial sale are English walnuts. In fact, walnuts are the most widely consumed nut in the world. These tree nuts have been grown and eaten as far back as 7,000 B.C. They originated in ancient Persia and were said to have grown in the Hanging Gardens of Babylon. The Greeks developed the walnut into the size and taste that we know today. Walnuts were traded along the Silk Road between Asia and the Middle East. Soon English merchant marines transported the walnuts to

ports around the world. The nuts were called English walnuts because of the English traders. England has never actually commercially produced walnuts. Then in the 18th century, Franciscan monks around Alta, California began to grow walnut trees. These same English walnuts became known as Mission nuts or California walnuts. Because California walnuts have a milder taste and thinner shell that is easier to crack, these walnuts are grown in orchards in many areas in California and the United States and sold commercially.

Black walnuts, on the other hand, are not grown in orchards. Rather they are found wild and are native to 32 states. The black walnut tree is the official tree nut of Missouri and many black walnuts are harvested in this state annually. Black walnuts are the only all-wild tree nut in the U.S. They are harvested by hand and then taken to a shelling facility. Interestingly, Black walnuts were a common food staple of native Americans. The main difference between the Black walnut and the English walnut is the rich, bold and distinctive flavor of the Black walnut. Also, the black walnut is difficult to harvest because of its very thick and difficult to crack shell. Be aware the shell will stain your hands and clothing.

The Black Walnut tree has many uses. Not only do we eat the walnuts, the wood is used for crafting furniture and gun stocks, and the husks are used to make dyes. The shells are used in a wide range of industrial applications such as filler for dynamite and cleaning navy ships and submarines. Black walnut shells were even used in the cleaning of the Statue of Liberty. The oil of the Black walnut can be used much like olive oil in cooking and on salads. It is important to note that the oil has a low smoke point and will make your food taste burnt if it gets too hot.

Walnuts are the healthiest nuts. One cup only has 200 calories. They are also high in heart healthy fat and have 5 grams of protein and 2 grams of fiber. Walnuts are also high in antioxidants and polyphenols. They are a good source of copper, manganese, iron, magnesium, phosphorus, as well as vitamin B6 and E. The best way to store walnuts long term is in the freezer, although shelled walnuts will stay fresh in an air-tight container in the fridge for about six months.

For more recipes and information, you can look online at [www.walnuts.org](http://www.walnuts.org), [www.seriousseats.com](http://www.seriousseats.com), and [www.black-walnuts.com](http://www.black-walnuts.com). For a step by step explanation of harvesting black walnuts, go to [www.thespruceeats.com](http://www.thespruceeats.com).

### Black Walnut Crusted Tilapia

[black-walnuts.com](http://black-walnuts.com)

#### Ingredients

4 pieces tilapia or other whitefish  
1 cup Black Walnuts, finely chopped or pulsed  
Flour for dredging (to make recipe gluten free, use rice flour)  
Choice of favorite seasonings (Cajun, etc.)  
1 egg, beaten  
Olive oil  
Lemon

#### Directions

Set up an assembly line for the fish. Place Black Walnuts on one plate and sprinkle flour seasoned with salt and pepper on another. Liberally sprinkle your favorite seasonings over the fish. Dip fish in flour mixture, then egg mixture and then coat in Hammons Black Walnuts. Set aside and repeat with remaining fish. Heat a teaspoon of oil in a large skillet over medium high heat. Add fish and cook until brown on each side; about 3 minutes. Watch carefully so the Black Walnuts don't burn. Squeeze fresh lemon juice over the fish and serve immediately.

### Chocolate Chip Walnut Pie

By: Kenda Atwell Dunnam  
Sugar Shack Cookbook

#### Ingredients:

3 eggs  
½ c. sugar  
1 c. Karo syrup (dark works well)  
¼ tsp. salt  
1 tsp. vanilla  
¼ c. butter, melted  
1 c. walnuts  
½ c. mini chocolate chips

#### Directions:

Mix together all the ingredients. Pour into unbaked pie crust. Bake at 350oF for 40-45 minutes.

### Basil Walnut Spread

By Diana Ratray

#### Ingredients

6 leaves basil  
3 cloves garlic  
1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese (softened)  
1 cup grated Parmesan cheese  
dash of freshly ground black pepper  
1 cup chopped walnuts  
1/2 cup olive oil  
Optional: 4 leaves basil (for garnish)

#### Steps to Make It

Gather the ingredients. In a food processor, combine the basil and garlic. Process until finely chopped. Add cream cheese, Parmesan cheese, walnuts, olive oil, and a few turns of ground black pepper. Process until smooth. Transfer spread mixture to a serving dish and garnish with fresh basil leaves. Serve with assorted crackers or baguette rounds. Enjoy!







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Rushing Stats				
	Carries	Yards	TDs	Avg
1 Jacob Bautista	17	60	0	3.5
11 Rogelio Palacios	1	1	1	1.0
22 Eduardo Chavez	4	18	0	4.5
16 Bryan Chavira	3	21	0	7.0
4 Mario Bautista	3	19	0	6.3
<b>Rushing Totals:</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4.3</b>

Receiving Stats				
	Receptions	Yards	TDs	Avg
1 Jacob Bautista	1	0	0	0.0
3 Elian Mendoza	3	43	0	14.3
15 Josiah Rejino	5	37	1	7.4
20 Jonathan Barrios	1	4	0	4.0
<b>Receiving Totals:</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8.4</b>

Passing Stats					
	Comp	Att	Yards	TDs	INTs
7 Jose Grado	10	20	84	1	2
<b>Passing Totals</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

Kicking Stats			
	Extra Pt	Att	Field Goal
2 Tim Ally	2	2	0
16 Bryan Chavira	0	1	0

Defensive Stats								
	Un	Ast.	Tot.	TFL	FR	FC	Int.	Sack
Isaias Olmos #5	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-
Salinas, Juan #8	6	4	10	-	-	-	-	-
Rodriguez, Jose #10	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
Palacios, Rodger #11	3	1	5	1	-	-	-	-
Carranza, Angel #12	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Chavez, Eduardo #22	3	2	5	-	-	-	-	-
Hernandez, Xavier #30	1	4	6	1	-	-	-	-
Trejo, Juan #34	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
Arguelles, Alberth #40	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Lopez, Miguel #48	1	2	4	1	-	-	-	-
Jake Padilla #50/59	-	3	4	1	-	-	-	-
Lara, Juan #51	-	2	3	1	-	-	-	-
Aaron Salinas #65	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
Andrew Husted #70	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Martinez, David #76	5	3	9	1	1	-	-	-

## Chiefs fall to Abernathy, special season ends

The Friona Chieftains lost to a veteran Abernathy team 62-16 in last week's regional semifinal playoff game held at Lowery Field in Lubbock, Texas. A couple of early turnovers led to the Chiefs being down 21-0 before the offense even got on the field. The Chiefs did score on a 1 yard run by Rogelio Palacios to make it 21-7 but that was as close as it would get. The other Friona touchdown came on a short pass from Jose Grado to Josiah Rejino in the fourth quarter.

Offense players of the game for Friona were Jacob Bautista who had 60 rushing yards on 17 carries and Elian Mendoza who had 43 receiving yards on 3 receptions. On defense, Juan Diego Salinas was the player of the game with 10 total tackles. Friona ended the season with a record of 10-3. The Friona Star will have complete coverage of the 2019 season statistics and district awards when they are announced.

NOTE: Abernathy's quarterback, Bryson Daily, is a 4-year starter and has played in over ten playoff games over the past 4 seasons. He is signed to play for Army next year. Even though it appears that he is basically a one-man show, the Antelopes also have a large number of seniors who have all seen a lot of playoff action during the past four seasons. Their playoff game against Canadian this Friday night at Buffalo Stadium is a rematch of last year's regional final game.

**Total Yards Allowed: 451, Rushing: 356, Passing 95**



Our class collected coats, hats... ...and mittens to donate to a shelter. Kids: color stuff in!

# Newspaper Fun!

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## Days of Caring and Sharing!

December is a month with many holidays. People may celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas or Kwanzaa. New Year's Eve, the very last night of the year, may be celebrated by everyone! This is a good time of year to show good will toward other people. It is a time when people reach out to help someone or to greet others with "Happy Holidays!"

December 21st is the first day of winter, the coldest season for many. Some families must stretch their budgets to pay for heating, food, health appointments and, often, holiday gifts. Read the clues to find out ways that people are helping others in their communities. Fill in the crossword puzzles.

### A. Fight Hunger

- cook for a \_\_\_\_\_
- help at a soup \_\_\_\_\_
- collect cans for the food \_\_\_\_\_
- donate produce that you buy from your local \_\_\_\_\_ market

### C. Bring Joy to Children

- \_\_\_\_\_ a toy to put in a "new toy drop box"
- \_\_\_\_\_ away used toys to charity
- \_\_\_\_\_ a child's toy or jewelry to donate
- \_\_\_\_\_ new toys to bring to a Children's Home

### B. Beat the Cold

- collect \_\_\_\_\_ and sweaters
- start a \_\_\_\_\_ tree
- donate \_\_\_\_\_ and quilts
- donate \_\_\_\_\_ to a fuel fund

### D. Care for Animals

- donate to an animal \_\_\_\_\_ center
- visit the \_\_\_\_\_ after the holidays
- give pet \_\_\_\_\_ to a shelter
- donate pet \_\_\_\_\_ and blankets

### E. Help with Good Health

- start a jogging/biking \_\_\_\_\_
- donate \_\_\_\_\_ to the Red Cross
- \_\_\_\_\_ someone to an appointment
- \_\_\_\_\_ a free exercise or dance class

## A Dozen Ways to Show You Care!

Almost every town has a special collection for gifts to spread good cheer to others who don't have much, live alone, or have few relatives with whom to celebrate the season. It doesn't have to cost a lot to give to others. Read these ideas to see if there is something your family would like to do. Find and circle the 25 words in bold print in the gift box.

- Find "new" items around your house that you think you will never use and combine them to make gift sets.
- Package some sporting equipment (eg., bat, ball, glove).
- Gather teas, coffees and cookies on a tray.
- Put a few paperbacks in a box: Westerns, kids', cookbooks.
- Arrange fancy soaps and a nice small towel in a basket.
- Place 2 decks of cards, a notebook and pencils in a bag.
- Stuff cocoa packets and candy canes into a mug.
- Fill a jar with wrapped candy and nuts.
- File some scrapbooking materials inside an album.
- Collect some fun magazines and puzzle books in a tote bag.
- Insert a fun picture, calendar artwork or poster into a frame.
- Group colored pens or pencils, stationery in a case.

Oooo... I wonder what's in the box!

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C	O	L	L	E	C	T	E	A	Q	T	O	I	C	E	E	W	E
P	L	A	C	E	Q	X	V	A	B	E	Q	O	L	P	U	T	N
H	R	C	O	S	F	G	H	S	M	B	E	P	E	L	M	M	T
H	N	E	V	N	B	K	R	M	U	A	J	M	F	I	L	E	K
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## The holidays are

Use the alphabet key to fill in the blanks to see the secret message.

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A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26		

## Basketball Scoreboard

**Varsity Girls**  
 Friona 37 Hartley 27  
 Friona 8 Littlefield 71  
 Friona 23 Boys Ranch 49

**Varsity Boys**  
 Friona 16 Littlefield 61  
 Friona 27 Boys Ranch 62  
 Friona 27 Sunray 56





# OBITUARIES



## Elizabeth Toledo Zavala

Elizabeth Toledo Zavala, 42 of Friona passed away November 30, 2019 in Friona. Rosary Services were held 10:00 A.M. Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona with Mass of Christian Burial Services held at 12:00 P.M. with Father Gregory Bunyan as Celebrant. Burial will be held at a later date in Quiriceo, Guanajuato, Mexico. Arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Elizabeth was born November 8, 1977 in Juarez, Mexico to Juan and Ramona Zavala Toledo. She has previously been employed by Cargill and Caviness Companies.

Elizabeth was a member of the Catholic Church, and loved spending time with her family and working in her garden.

Those to carry on her legacy include her husband Pilar Grado, 4 daughters-Esmeralda Alvarez Toledo, Lisbeth Grado



Toledo, Fatima Grado Toledo, Salette Grado Toledo, and 1 son-Favian Grado Toledo, all of Friona, 2 brothers Dolores Toledo Zavala and Oscar Toledo Zavala of Charlotte, and 1 sister-Rosa Toledo Zavala, all of Charlotte, North Carolina.



## Juanita S. Hernandez

Juanita S. Hernandez, 75 of Friona passed away November 30, 2019 in Friona. Viewing was held 4:00 P.M. to 8 P.M. Wednesday, December 4, 2019 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home with Celebration of Life Services beginning at 6:00 P.M. in the chapel. Cremation and arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Juanita was born April 5, 1944 in Laredo, Texas to Nestor and Micaela Briones Sanchez. She later married Nestor Hernandez November 11, 1961 in Bovina.

She was an active member of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society and Jehovah's Witnesses. She loved to baby sit children, was very giving and enjoyed, and encouraged helping other people.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, and



2 sisters.

Those to carry on her legacy include 1 brother-Nestor Sanchez Jr. of Houston, 1 sister Celia Carrizales and husband Javier of San Antonio and many nieces and nephews.



## Ila Daniel

Ila Daniel, 94 of Dumas, passed away on Thursday, November 28, 2019. A Funeral Service is scheduled for 2 o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at Morrison Memorial Chapel with Vaughn Tatum, officiating. Interment will follow at Northlawn Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are entrusted to Morrison Funeral Directors.

Ila was born on January 10, 1925 in Hollis, OK to Rual and Cora (Rollings) Srader. She was united in marriage to Paul Daniel on November 15, 1941 in Quannah, TX; he preceded her in death in 2016. Ila was a member of the First Baptist Church and was very involved in her church, WMU and helped in the kitchen for funeral meals. She also taught Sunday school for many years and helped with bible school. Ila was also very involved in her community where she helped with the voting service at election time. Hospitality was her gift and her home was always open to anyone. She was a devoted Christian all her life and loved Jesus with all her heart. She also made



it a priority to teach her family about the Lord and instill in them a love for Jesus. Ila leaves a tremendous legacy to her family and will be greatly missed by them.

In addition to her husband Paul she is preceded in death by a grandson: Andy Daniel and nine brothers and sisters.

Ila is survived by her sons: Dr. Gerald Daniel and wife Joan of Southlake, TX and Bobby Daniel and wife Shirley of Friona, TX; daughter: Janell Miller of Keller, TX; brother: Gene Srader of Dumas, TX; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchildren.

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*A Dozen Ways to Show You Care!*

**The holidays are a season of caring and sharing!**

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# Friona School Calendar for December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 -Christmas in the Park 4:00-6:30pm -HS Picture Retakes -JH Girls Basketball @ Dimmitt 5:00p.m. -JH Boys Basketball vs. Dimmitt 5:00p.m.	3 -JH All Region Band Tryouts in Pampa -HS Basketball @ Sunray 4:00pm	4 -Prim/Elem/ Jr. High Picture Retakes	5 -3rd Grade Music Program 2:30 & 6:30pm -JH G/B Tournament @ Bovina -JV Friona Basketball Tournament -VG/VB Basketball Tournament @ Adrian	6 -JH Caroling -JV Friona Basketball Tournament -VG/VB Basketball Tournament @ Adrian -Amarillo High Speech Tournament	7 -JH G/B Tournament @ Bovina -JV Friona Basketball Tournament -VG/VB Basketball Tournament @ Adrian -Amarillo High Speech Tournament
8 -Choir Christmas Concert 2:00p.m.	9 -Band All Region Tryouts @ Panhandle -JH Girls @ Tulia 5:00p.m. -JH Boys vs. Tulia 5:00p.m.	10 -VG/VB Basketball vs. Adrian 6:30-8:00p.m.	11	12 -HS Basketball Tournament @ Farwell	13 -HS Choir Caroling Around Friona JH Fall Dance 5:30-8:00p.m. -HS Basketball Tournament @ Farwell	14 -HS Basketball Tournament @ Farwell
15 -JH Girls vs. Muleshoe 5:00p.m. -JH Boys @ Muleshoe 5:00p.m. -FISD Board Meeting 7:00pm	16	17 -JVB/VG/VB Basketball vs. Springlake-Earth 5:00pm -Band Christmas Concert 7:00p.m.	18 -Elementary Science Fair	19 *Early Release for Students -JH Teachers Talent Show in JH Auditorium 10:00a.m.	20 *Early Release for Everyone -JVG/VG Basketball vs. Bushland 5:00p.m. -JVB/VB Basketball @ Claude 5:00p.m.	21
22	23	24	25 Christmas Break	26	27	28
29	30	31	January 2020 1 Christmas Break	2 -HS Basketball vs. Canadian 5:00p.m.	3	4 -HS Basketball @ River Road 5:00p.m.



# Texas Crop and Weather Report

By Adam Russell

## Pecan quality and quantities are exceeding early expectations

Larry Stein, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension horticulturist, Uvalde, said the early pecan crop estimate was for a below-average year. But timely late-season rains and plenty of sunshine helped kernel production.

"Pecans were originally predicted to be off somewhat, but they've been better than expected with regard to yields and especially quality," he said. "It was a stressful summer in Southwest Texas, but as long as growers had plenty of irrigation water, it looks like quality has been superior to last year."

Stein said kernel quality was much better than last year when late-season rains and cloudy skies hurt pecans as they were filling.

This year, an early freeze at the end of October caused some concerns because pecans froze with shucks still unopened in late-maturing varieties like Choctaws and Kiowas, Stein said. Once unopened pecans freeze, they must be opened physi-

cally, which translates into more harvest labor.

"I think most of those pecans were mature enough to be OK," he said. "I haven't heard about any major problems with the kernels associated with freeze damage."

Stein said freezing temperatures "caught the trees off guard" because temperatures swung from warm to cold so quickly. The combination of dewy mornings and extreme foliage drops were causing some issues with harvesting nuts on the ground.

The early leaf drops could also affect the 2020 crop, he said. Typically, trees shed leaves around Thanksgiving, which provides trees several weeks to store energy and food before going dormant.

"It's not uncommon to have freezes at Halloween, but I think this year trees weren't acclimated to the cold," he said. "Luckily we haven't heard of any major issues with this year's crop. Now, what it means for next year, who knows? But typi-

cally, we see a drop in production when trees get less recovery time to store up food and energy for next year."

Despite good quality, pecan prices have been mediocre this season, "not bad, but not good either," Stein said.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture reported retail and holiday gift markets were steady and pecan demand was strong. The commercial/domestic market softened, and some domestic buyers were waiting to see if the price will continue to decline before committing to purchase pecans.

The American Pecan Board reported stable pecan prices and that growers had weathered the ongoing trade war with China relatively well as global demand continues to grow.

"The tariff situation with China is still not resolved, and that hurts U.S. exports and ultimately prices for producers," Stein said. "Growing demand from the Chinese market had been a game-changer for pecan producers over the last decade."

## Restrictions on tomato imports could mean volatile prices at grocery stores

Tomato prices could rise on the heels of an import restriction to scrutinize produce for a disease that could pose a threat to Texas crops, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts.

All tomato imports from Mexico, Israel, the Netherlands and Canada will be inspected for signs of tomato brown rugose fruit virus, according to a U.S. Department of Agriculture order.

The USDA ordered import restrictions on tomato and pepper hosts of the disease to prevent its introduction into the U.S., effective Nov. 22. Inspections and restrictions will be enforced by USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, or APHIS.

The disease has been reported in China, Mexico, Italy, Jordan, Turkey, Greece, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands. It was also reported in Germany, where it was then eradicated.

Luis Ribera, Ph.D. AgriLife Extension economist, College Station, said he and Kevin Ong, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension plant pathologist and director of the Texas Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory in College Station, are working with APHIS and other agencies to determine the economic impact of the import restrictions, especially along the Texas-Mexico bor-

der.

U.S. ports receive 74,000 truckloads of tomatoes, or 2.96 billion pounds from Mexico annually, Ribera said. Around 52.3% of those tomatoes enter through Texas before they hit cold storage and eventually are shipped around the state and country.

Ribera said restrictions placed on tomatoes are causing delays for all produce entering through Mexico. Around 41% of those tomatoes enter through the port of entry in Pharr, while another 11 percent enter through Laredo. Pharr receives 30% of all Mexican agriculture imports into Texas.

"For some perspective, Pharr receives 12,500 trucks of produce per month," he said. "That's avocados and onions, leafy greens, peppers, tomatoes and others. The large majority is tomatoes, so we have

trucks that are under higher scrutiny as APHIS inspects for disease, which delays the flow of trucks."

Time literally equals money when it comes to fresh produce, Ribera said.

"Every day produce is delayed the value goes down by 10%," he said. "So, you want those trucks through as quickly as possible."

Ribera said the delays could be a big problem but doesn't expect tomato shortages. Texas would pay a much heavier price if the disease were to become a problem for domestic producers.

"We are used to having good, quality tomatoes in season year-round and at good prices," he said. "The lion's share of imported tomatoes in the U.S. originate in Mexico. These delays could mean higher prices but also volatile prices that could fluctuate."

### Texas Weather

PANHANDLE: Pastures and rangelands were in fair condition in central areas and in poor condition in northern areas. Subsoil and topsoil were adequate. Soybeans were harvested. Cotton harvest was complete. Temperatures dropped and most of the district received a wintery mix of moisture. Winter wheat emerged throughout the district and was in fair condition in southern parts of the district and in good condition in central parts.

## Dairy MAX Revitalizes Digital Presence With Launch of Updated Websites

Regional dairy council strengthens stakeholder and consumer connection to dairy with interactive sites

Leading regional dairy council Dairy MAX recently launched its two redesigned websites, **DairyMAX.org** and **DairyDiscoveryZone.com**, to invigorate target audiences' knowledge of dairy and support dairy sales. With the utmost focus on user experience and impact, Dairy MAX designed the sites to inspire, educate and engage visitors - from stakeholders to dairy advocates and everyone in between.

"Now, more than ever, is the time to share the dairy story with our audiences," said Elizabeth Hurst, director of corporate communications. "Our new websites will help us more effectively connect with stakeholders and consumers by providing dairy information tailored to their needs and content that resonates with their lifestyles."

On **DairyDiscoveryZone.com**, visitors will find a wealth of information on all things dairy - from mouth-watering recipes and eye-opening research to heart-warming farm stories. The site aims to engage consumers, particularly parents age 22-44, by answering questions about everything from nutrition to sustainability and animal care. To cater to Dairy MAX's stakeholder audiences - including dairy farmers and dairy industry professionals, business partners, health and wellness professionals and school leaders - **DairyMAX.org** provides a variety of resources and information about opportunities to partner with Dairy MAX via its many community initiatives.

Both websites are crucial tools in advancing Dairy MAX's mission to connect the role of the dairy farmer to

American tables and drive an increase in dairy consumption. As the organization grows and the dairy industry continues to evolve, these robust digital touchpoints will serve the organization and its partners for years to come.

"Dairy farmers are passionate about their work - the animals they care for, the land they tend to and the products they make," said Hurst. "We simply have the joy of being part of telling their amazing stories in a new and exciting way. It's something we are very proud to do."

To learn more about Dairy MAX and its programs, find nutrition and farming resources and connect with its team of experts, visit **DairyMAX.org**. To learn more about dairy farming, find delicious recipes and nutrition information, and read about the dairy farm families who work hard each day to put food on Americans' tables, visit **DairyDiscoveryZone.com**.

*About Dairy MAX Founded more than 40 years ago, Dairy MAX is one of the leading regional dairy councils in America - representing more than 900 dairy farmers and serving communities in eight states: Colorado, southwest Kansas, Louisiana, Montana, New Mexico, western Oklahoma, Texas and Wyoming. A nonprofit organization, Dairy MAX is part of a nationwide effort to promote American agriculture, support dairy farming and drive impact for every dairy farmer. The organization operates five audience outreach programs: business development, consumer marketing, health and wellness, industry image and relations and school marketing. For more information about Dairy MAX and its team of experts, visit DairyMAX.org. Dairy resources and delicious recipes are available at DairyDiscoveryZone.com*

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# Opportunities to give

## 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 Frona InterBank or given to project co-chairs Holly Campbell or Jyl Grimsley.

## Project Christmas Card

The Parmer County Hospital Auxiliary is accepting donations for its 2019 Project Christmas Card. Proceeds from this annual fundraiser will be used by the Auxiliary to purchase a Pulse Oximeter and Spirometer for Parmer Medical Center. Project Christmas Card began years ago by encouraging people to donate the money they would usually spend on Christmas cards to the hospital fund instead. That idea continues today by asking citizens to set aside a percentage of their Christmas budget for Project Christmas Card. Project baskets and canisters have been placed around town in various businesses for the collection of donations. The names of donors will be included in a special Christmas Greeting in the December 19th edition of the Frona Star. Please make sure you put your name with all (even cash) donations. The deadline for donations is Saturday, December 14th. You can contact Connie Neelley at (806) 250-2542 for more information.

## Adopt a Resident for Christmas

The "Prairie Acres" Adopt a Resident for Christmas\* Program is underway. The list is ready, so please contact Elizabeth or Yvette at 806-250-3922. The residents really appreciate the kindness our community shows them. The staff at Prairie Acres would like to say thanks in advance for your support. The Christmas party is December 10.

## Ho! Ho! Home for the Holidays

The Frona Chamber of Commerce is once again hosting Ho! Ho! Home for the Holidays! All you have to do is shop locally and sign up to win \$25 in Frona Bucks at local businesses. The event ends on Thursday, December 19th and there will be a drawing for winners at each participating business. There will also be a grand prize of \$100 in Frona Bucks.

Participating businesses include A-1 Service Center, Bi-Wize Pharmacy, Blackburn Hardware, Creative Chaos, H&R Block, Hunan's Restaurant, Ivy Cottage, Kendrick Oil/Farm Store, Joe's Restaurant, Lowes Supermarket, Malouf's Fabrics, Milk House Market, The Nutrition Spot, and Veterinary Industries.



## How Do Vaccines Prevent Us from Getting Sick?

**The bottom line:** Vaccines work to prevent people from catching infectious diseases. Here's how: They introduce a dead or weakened version of the virus or bacteria to train our natural defenses to kick in. If our body faces a real threat from the live germ later, the immune system is armed to block it from harming us.

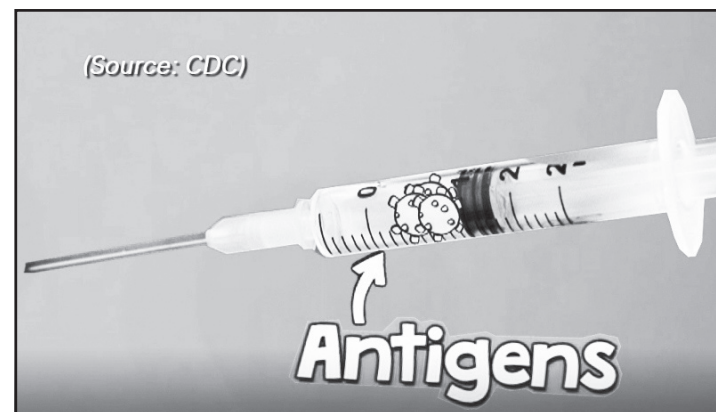
Most people accept the fact that vaccines protect them from diseases. But many still wonder: how do they work?

Most everyone's immune system works effectively to help them fight off illnesses. A vaccine is like a trainer for that system, reports December's Texas Medical Association (TMA) Texas Medicine magazine. When a physician or other health care worker gives someone a shot, that patient's body thinks the vaccine is an invading disease. So the body creates a defense against it. The shot triggers a person's natural defenses to build up against what it perceives to be an infectious attacker. If the real disease ever does attack, the body is ready for it. Those defenses kick in, and thwart the attack.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention describes it this way: "Vaccines contain a small number of weakened or dead antigens, the parts of germs that cause [someone's] immune system to go to work. After [the person] receives a vaccine, their immune system - or antibodies in the system - will remember that antigen and attack it if it ever enters the body again."

Because scientists make vaccines from a weakened or dead version of a germ, they almost always are too weak to make a person sick. The person's immune system recognizes the antigen as a threat and responds, building up immunity to the disease.

"Vaccines have been a huge advance we've seen in the last century that have made an enormous impact on the health not only of Texans and the United States, but of the entire world," said Jennifer Shuford, MD, in a TMA video. Dr. Shuford is the infectious disease medical officer for the Texas Department of State Health Services, and



consultant to TMA's Committee on Infectious Diseases.

Historians say the concept of vaccinating originated in Asia and Africa before the 18th century, as a practice called variolation. The process involved exposing a healthy person to matter from an infected person's smallpox blisters, either through an opening in the skin or by inhaling up the nose. Variolation was successful in protecting many people from smallpox, but others became severely ill and died.

Edward Jenner, who studied science and medicine in England, heard that dairy maids who contracted cowpox virus from infected cattle would get a mild illness and would then be immune to the deadly, highly contagious smallpox virus. He applied a technique similar to variolation in the late 1700s to an 8-year-old boy, James Phipps, by inoculating the boy with matter from a cowpox blister. He later introduced smallpox to the boy, who did not get sick. This practice, which was safer than variolation, became more widespread thereafter.

The Latin word for cow is vacca, so Mr. Jenner chose to call this new procedure vaccination. Physicians today understand how vaccinating works, and want patients to understand it, too.

"Talk to your physician about this issue," Dr. Shuford

recommends. "They have a lot of experience looking at the scientific research as well as experience dealing with vaccine-preventable diseases. They want to hear your concerns and they want to be sure to address every concern you have as a parent and as a patient."

TMA continues to highlight contagious diseases that childhood and adult vaccinations can prevent, including measles, chickenpox and shingles, pertussis (whooping cough), and many others. TMA also addressed the autism myth. TMA has worked to raise immunization awareness and fight back against false claims that hamper immunizations.

TMA is the largest state medical society in the nation, representing nearly 53,000 physician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 110 component county medical societies around the state. TMA's key objective since 1853 is to improve the health of all Texans.

Be Wise - Immunize<sup>SM</sup> is a joint initiative led by TMA physicians and medical students, and the TMA Alliance. It is funded in 2019 by the TMA Foundation thanks to H-E-B, TMF Health Quality Institute, Pfizer Inc., and gifts from physicians and their families.

Be Wise - Immunize is a service mark of the Texas Medical Association.



Third graders at Frona Elementary School practiced being good citizens by collecting money and donating it to the Parmer County Cancer Coalition.

## FC Amarillo Bombers to kick off new season

Amarillo, TX, November 2019 - The FC Amarillo Bombers, a member of the US Arena Pro Soccer League, has been busy since the day they announced their arrival in the community.

The FC Amarillo Bombers are announcing their jump to the M2 league associated with the Major Arena Soccer League. The M2 league went as far as asking the Bombers to host an extra game featuring a team from Mexico and our rivals from Wichita Falls, the Falls Town Flyers, on Sunday, January 5th. This gives our local soccer fans an opportunity to catch up to 8 professional soccer games. Season tickets are already available, and opportunities to be involved as a business community partner has commenced.

With this opportunity to join the MASL/M2 in league play, the USAPSL which was started and owned locally with teams here in Amarillo, as well as, Wichita Falls, Lubbock, and Odessa will dissolve as a league, but the league ownership was given the rights to host spring and summer tournament play throughout the Midwest states. The tournaments will be an exciting way to get even more fans and players involved. Starting as soon as April, tournaments featuring youth, women, amateur, and professionals will be announced. There has been interest from across the nation and internationally to play in these tournaments that will be hosted in not only Amarillo but other markets such as Albuquerque, Wichita Falls, Wichita, and some expansion mar-

kets for the M2 for the 2021 season.

Co-Founder of the USAPSL Stephanie Tucker states, "We are truly excited about the opportunity to join a higher level of soccer for our teams in the former USAPSL. We created the league because during the times the M2 played we were not able to get dates. With our new partnership with the area youth facilities, we are going to be able to host games and join the M2. We are very excited about the opportunity to focus our efforts for the spring and summer to a championship tournament series of some type. This will allow us to bring in soccer players from all over to participate in something that has not yet been done. We are especially excited about the youth and women series."

The Bombers are a locally owned professional sports team that focuses not only the professional side of the sport, but working with the area youth. With that said, we have partnered with two of the well-recognized youth programs and facilities to continue to offer soccer on a professional level and encourage the youth programs throughout the Texas Panhandle such as Kids Inc and the Netplex. With that said, the Bombers will open their inaugural season in MASL / M2 in Hereford, TX at the Caviness Sportsplex on Sunday, December 15th against the Falls Town Flyers at 4pm. The Bombers will host the Savage from Mexico in a back-to-back series on Saturday, 21st and Sunday 22nd. Bombers will host the

Inferno at a YEAR END BASH on Sunday, December 29th at the Sportplex. Starting off the new year, the Bombers will start in a new location that is new to soccer. The Netplex is known throughout the Texas Panhandle for volleyball and basketball. The Bombers will introduce soccer to the facility not only on a professional level, but help promote to all levels starting with the youth. The Netplex will transform into indoor soccer arena with hockey style walls with glass and fans space from bleacher seating to private party zones that will create an intimate atmosphere for 1,600 fans. The Netplex will be created into more of an event including a kids' area including bouncers and fun, vendor space for local businesses, food trucks, and much more. This is an undertaking but we hope by the first of the year, we will start play on Sunday, January 5th when we host the Savage from Mexico and our rivals from Wichita Falls. We will host the Austin Power team on Sunday, January 19th and then finish the regular season home games on a back to back series on February 29th against the famous Wichita Wings and Sunday, March 1st against the Colorado Rumble.

For the full schedule, be sure to like and follow the Bombers on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for event announcements, giveaways, game night promotions, and more! For further information regarding FC Amarillo Bombers please visit our website at www.prosocceramarillo.com.

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