



### Project Christmas Card

The Parmer County Hospital Auxiliary is accepting donations for its 2020 Project Christmas Card. Proceeds from this annual fundraiser help purchase needed medical equipment. 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 Card in the Friona Star newspaper. Please make sure you put your name with ALL donations. The deadline for donations is Saturday, December 19th.

### Empty Stocking Fund

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



Those attending the final home inspection were (l-r): Josh & Kristen McDonald, Owners; Salvador Garcia, Public Work Director, Andy Alexander, FEDC VP; Lee Davila, City Manager; Alan Monroe, Alderman; Ricky White, Mayor; Elaine Cain, InterBank Sr. VP; and Dan Brooks, Contractor.

## New housing returns to Friona

After a near 30-year absence, new housing has returned to Friona. Phase 1 of the new residential development project at Ashland Avenue and 7th Street is completed and is ready for tenants. The Friona Economic Development Corporation and

the City of Friona awarded the contract to Sea Scrolls, LLC earlier in the year.

Sea Scrolls owner Josh McDonald said, "Phase 1 was completed on time, on budget, and with no construction related injuries." The last time new

homes were built in Friona was in the early 1990s on Springfield Avenue west of Reeve Lake. McDonald continued, "Financing was provided by Friona Interbank and local subcontractors and vendors were utilized as much as possible."

Phase 1 features one (1) triplex residential property and one (1) quadplex residential property. Each unit in the triplex will feature approximately 908 square feet of living space which will include 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, laundry, kitchen, dining room, living room, garage, yard, and potentially a patio. Each unit in the quadplex will feature approximately 631 square feet of living space which includes bedroom, bathroom, laundry, kitchen, dining room, living room, garage, yard, and potentially a patio. Preliminary work has already begun on Phase 2.



Trevino Welding & Millwright employees Raul Licerio (above) and Pedro Gomez (below) are shown installing banners and lighting on Main Street last week. TW&M LLC donated the manpower, time, and equipment for the annual holiday installation.



FHS students Adrian Legaretta (senior) and his younger sister Yvonne (freshman) traveled to Round Rock to compete at the State Cross Country Meet on Monday. See results in the Sports Section on page 11.

### Commissioners approve extension of lease

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, November 23rd, 2020 at 10 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 public comments. Minutes from the November 9th meeting were read and approved. Commissioners approved the payment of the accounts payables as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May. The Treasurer's Report was also approved.

Commissioners approved a 1 (one) year extension to the Permanent School Fund lease with Mason Oil & Gas Company. The 13,000+ acre

property is located in Gaines & Andrews counties in Texas. Mason Oil & Gas requested the extension in order to complete a seismic mapping of the property. Results of the mapping will be available only to Mason Oil & Gas and Parmer County. Under the lease extension agreement, the information cannot be sold to a third party. There is also a continuous exploration clause that allows the lease agreement to be automatically extended in 6 (six) month increments if new wells are added to the property. The lease agreement pays \$150 per acre.

A resolution passed unanimously to authorize the execution of an agreement to contribute funds, and to designate TXDOT as the agency responsible for the develop-

ment of US Highway 60 and appropriation of funds.

Commissioners approved a request from Farwell ISD for \$90,113.07 from their portion of the Permanent School Fund. Approval was also given to the request by Bovina ISD for \$110,114.38 from their portion of the same fund.

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, December 14th.

All meetings are open to the public. The Commissioner's Court reserves the right to go into Executive Session at any time. The agenda may be found on the Parmer County website. Information in this article is only a summary. Any questions concerning specific actions should be directed to the Commissioners Court.

### Parmer County COVID-19 stats as of November 23



Active Cases  
**58**

Total Cases  
**674**

Recoveries  
**594**

Fatalities  
**22**



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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 Nov-Dec 26-2	T 64   28 WNW 15-25	F 50   29 NE 15-25	S 53   31 NW 5-10	S 50   23 N 20-30	M 52   29 W 10-20	T 55   25 W 10-20	W 45   23 N 10-20	Precipitation November 0.05 Year 9.23	Burn Ban: <b>Yes</b>
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Obituaries



**Community Calendar**

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

**November 26**  
• Thanksgiving

**December 1**  
• Open House at new Friona EMS building at 11:30 a.m.  
• Open House at Parmer Paws at noon  
• Snack Pak 4 Kids at 3:00 p.m. north entrance of Friona United Methodist Church

**December 7**  
• Friona Noon Lions Club Meeting at The Farmwife Kitchen  
• Christmas in the Park has been cancelled

**December 15**  
• Snack Pak 4 Kids at 3:00 p.m. north entrance of Friona United Methodist Church

**December 21**  
• Friona Noon Lions Club Meeting at The Farmwife Kitchen

**December 25**  
• Christmas

**January 1**  
• New Year's Day

**Wash your hands**  
**Stay 6 feet away**  
**Wear your mask**  
**Stay at home if sick**

**COVID-19 News**  
**Coronavirus cases confirmed**  
As of November 18, 2020

<b>Texas:</b> 1,180,000 cases 21,114 deaths	<b>Worldwide:</b> 59,400,000 cases 1,400,000 deaths 38,000,000 recoveries
<b>United States:</b> 12,500,000 cases 258,000 deaths	

**Milk House Market**  
*Wedding Registry*  
Josh Barnett & Rachel Box  
Macey Thurman & Justin Brown

*Hours:*  
Thursday 11-5  
Friday 11-5  
Saturday: 10-3

*Call:*  
602-739-0813

Farmhouse to Your House

**Joe Luis Santellana**

Joe Luis Santellana, 66 of Friona passed away November 21, 2020 in Lubbock. Viewing was held Tuesday, November 24, 2020 from 9:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY with Rosary Services set for 6:00 P.M. Mass of Christian Burial Services were held 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona with Father Gregory Bunyan as Celebrant. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Joe was born in San Angelo, Texas to Jose and Francis Jaso Santillana. He later married Diana Caballero, 1978 in Friona.

Joe was a very valued, 45 year employee of Hi-Pro Feeds in Friona. He was the first Latino member of the Friona Independent School District Board, a past member of the Federal Credit Union of Friona Board of Directors, past member of the Parish Council of St. Teresa's Catholic Church, and a 14 year volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House of Amarillo, a longtime Friona Little League coach.

He was a very selfless man always taking time for others. That trait was a part of his



life and was instilled in him through his daily morning Bible reading.

Joe is preceded in death by his parents and 1 grandson Isaiah Luis Santellana.

Those to carry on his legacy include his wife of 42 years, Diana Santellana of Friona, 2 daughters-Christina Contreras and husband Cameron, and Monica Santellana, all of San Antonio, 2 brothers-Robert Santellana and wife Minerva, and Abel Santellana and wife Lenora, all of San Marcos, 2 sisters-Delmira Gonzales and husband Mickey of Bovina, Tiofila Santillana of Midland, 2 grandchildren Jonah Paul Contreras, and Emilia Grace Contreras.

*Hansard Family*  
Funeral Home

**Katherine Jean Petty**

Katherine Jean Petty, 75, passed away on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 in Plainview. A private graveside service will be held at Plainview Memorial Park at a later date. Cremation arrangements are under the care of Kornerstone Funeral Directors of Plainview.



Katherine was born on January 5, 1945 to Raymond Joe and Evelyn Estelle (McCartie) Hartley in Plainview, Texas. She married Alvin Petty on October 18, 1967 in Plainview. Katherine taught school for a number of years, including teaching on the Navajo reservation in Arizona. She put her teaching career on hold to raise her two children. A loving wife and mother, she

served as a pastor's wife for 41 years. She enjoyed reading, writing and artwork.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Alvin Petty of Plainview; her daughter, Rachel Petty of Floydada; her son, Jonathan Petty of Plainview; her brother, Dennis Ray Hartley of Lubbock; two granddaughters, Karissa Petty and Katie Garcia.

**DPS Increases Enforcement for Thanksgiving Holiday**

DPS offers the following safety tips for the Thanksgiving holiday:

- **Don't drink and drive.** Make alternate plans if you are consuming alcohol.
- **Move Over or Slow Down for police, fire, EMS, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) vehicles and tow trucks stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated.**
- **Buckle up everyone in the vehicle** — it's the law.
- **Slow down, especially in bad weather, heavy traffic, unfamiliar areas or construction zones.**
- **Eliminate distractions while driving, including the use of mobile devices.** Texas law prohibits the use of portable wireless devices to read, write or send an electronic message unless the vehicle is stopped. Also, if you're using a navigation device or app, have a passenger operate it, so you can keep your eyes on the road.

- **Drive defensively**, as holiday travel can present additional challenges.
- **Don't drive fatigued** — allow plenty of time to reach your destination.
- **On multi-lane roadways, use the left lane for passing only.** Not only is it courteous driving and avoids impeding traffic, Texas law requires slower traffic to keep to the right and to use the left lane for passing only (when posted).
- **If you can Steer It, Clear It:** If you are involved in a non-injury crash and your vehicle can be moved, clear the traffic lanes to minimize traffic impact.
- **Check your vehicle to make sure it is properly maintained and always ensure your cargo is secure.**
- **Report road hazards or anything suspicious to the nearest law enforcement agency.**
- **Monitor weather and road conditions wherever you are traveling.**

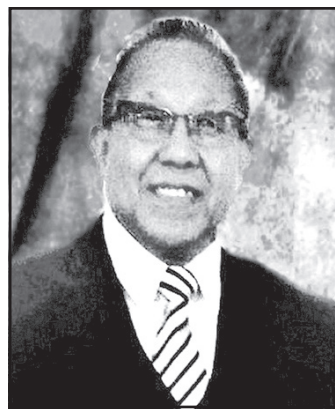
**Pastor Ruben Rivera**

Pastor Ruben Rivera, 67 of Friona passed away November 20, 2020 in Amarillo. Celebration of Life Services will be held 2:00 P.M. Friday, November 27, 2020 at the First Baptist Church of Friona with Pastor David Vela of Crosbyton and Rev. Brett Hoyle, pastor, officiating. Arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Ruben was born June 27, 1953 in Paint Rock, Texas to Marselo and Sophia Terrazas Rivera. He later married Margie Raymond July 1, 1974 in Friona. Ruben was a pastor in Friona for 35 years. Ruben was a very humble man that loved his family and his church family, but most of all, he loved his Lord. His deepest desire was to walk with God like Enoch.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and 1 sister-Liz Horner.

Those to carry on his legacy include his wife Margie of Friona, 2 sons-Aaron Rivera and



wife Holly of Lubbock, and Joshua Rivera an wife Carrie of McKinney, 1 brother-Benjamin Rivera of Phoenix, AZ., 3 sisters-Martha Ancira of Albuquerque, Lydia Smith and husband Joe of Texico, Rachel Roy and husband Richard of Clovis, 4 grandchildren-Emma, Caedmon, Easton, and Katie, many church family members and friends.

THERE WILL BE NO VIEWING

*Hansard Family*  
Funeral Home

**Ivy Cottage**  
*Bridal Registry*  
**Marc & Kelsey Haile**  
**Josh Barnett & Rachel Box**  
**Anna Murphree & Jeff Chambliss**  
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**ACROSS**

- TX Buddy Holly's "Not \_\_\_ Away"
- Ripley's "Believe \_\_\_ Not"
- seat of Oldham County
- Marshall is in \_\_\_ Texas
- TXism: "happy \_\_\_"
- TX Ivory Joe Hunter's "Since I \_\_\_ You Baby"
- ceremony crowning Luling Watermelon Thump Queen
- first Texan space walker, White
- "six" south of border
- Marina Oswald was Russian \_\_\_
- TX pronunciation of "cigar"
- TX singer & sausage maker, Jimmy
- TXism: "two \_\_\_ in a pod"
- this Whitman fired from UT tower (init.)
- TXism: "baby kisser"
- TX George H.'s second AG, William
- first Houston Aeros was a \_\_\_ team
- not a country group: "Two \_\_\_"
- TXism: "it's good for what \_\_\_ you"
- precedes "berry" or "apple"
- WWII book "\_\_\_ War"
- nobleman (2 wds.)
- Glenn Ford film: "The \_\_\_ From the Alamo"
- TXism: "it's root hog \_\_\_" (on your own)
- exotic antelope raised in TX
- naval rank of "Pulver" in TX Hagman film (abbr.)
- targets of "Don't Mess With Texas" campaign
- ex-Astro pitcher Jim
- French "head"
- county of Paris, TX
- elevator man or singer Redding
- TXism: "bought a \_\_\_ in a poke"
- areas of Valley orange trees
- product words: "\_\_\_ improved"
- San Antonio marine theme park
- VCR speed
- first president of Rice, Lovett (init.)
- got off the horse
- TXism: "\_\_\_ the bacon without the sizzle" (be brief)
- J. Frank Dobie's "\_\_\_ in England"
- San \_\_\_, TX
- \_\_\_ Pinto, TX
- two-term governor Stevenson (init.)
- TXism: "don't \_\_\_ that feeds you"
- TXism: "barking up the \_\_\_ tree" (mistaken)
- "\_\_\_ now" (currently)
- TX-born Autry wrote "Here Comes Santa \_\_\_"
- San Antonio street: \_\_\_ Adams
- word that ends with "it," meaning "even though"
- a Great Lake
- in pandemic, many Texans do not \_\_\_ restaurant"

**DOWN**

- TX band that sang "Western Union"
- TXism: "mad as \_\_\_ snake"
- TXism: "sells like corny \_\_\_ the State Fair"
- Dublin's county
- Old \_\_\_, TX
- TXism: "a \_\_\_ Jesse" (active)
- TXism: "exciting as a fire at the \_\_\_ office"
- TX Nolan Ryan specialty: \_\_\_-hitter
- curls the lip

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**ON YOUR PAYROLL**  
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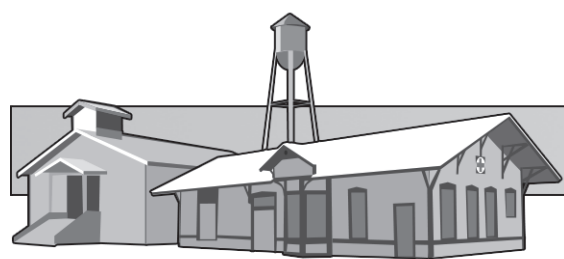
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# TOWN TALK

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Christmas in the Park has been cancelled due to health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Friona EMS will host an Open House at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 1st at its new building located at Highway 60 and Virginia Avenue.

Parmer Paws Animal Outreach Center will host its Open House at noon on Tuesday, December 1st at its new location at Highway 60 and Euclid Avenue.

Congratulations to Adrian and Yvonne Legarreta for the outstanding year they had in Cross Country. The brother/sister duo both won first in district and both qualified for the state meet.

Maize Day, on the day after Thanksgiving, recognizes the importance of a plant common across the Americas. The day is set aside for all Americans, regardless of heritage, to celebrate corn's traditional role on the North American continent. While other plant life was transplanted and imported, corn was common across the Americas. It was a central food source used by all the nations and an essential part of their everyday diet. The day also celebrates the traditional crops and foods of Native Americans. Depending on the kind of maize, it may make delicious corn tortillas. Others are best roasted and eaten on the cob. And of course, some kinds of maize make perfect popping corn.

Monday is Mason Jar Day. While food preservation has existed for centuries, John Landis Mason from New Jersey made home canning safe. The young tinsmith's patent #22186 for an "Improvement in screwneck bottles" issued a revolutionary design. Simply by opening a jar of fruit preserves or spicy salsa, we enjoy the flavors of summer in the midst of winter. For those who love to pickle, the Mason jar rescues fruits and veggies from the garden. From green beans

to watermelon, we make them sweet or spicy! Mason jars pull double duty as beautiful DIY projects in shabby chic vases or as an artfully painted desk caddy.

The name December comes from the Latin word 'decem' meaning ten. On the Roman Calendar, December was the 10th month. However, Numa Pompilius adjusted the calendar when January and February were added. December became the twelfth month, and the calendar more accurately reflected the length of a year on Earth. During December, the winter solstice tips the Northern hemisphere the furthest distance from the sun. Through most of the month, Northern hemisphere inhabitants lose about 2 minutes of sunlight per

day until the winter solstice. The winter solstice ushers in the astrological mark for winter and the shortest day on the calendar. However, from that day forward, the days will slowly lengthen. They may not be warmer, but the Earth is tilting on its axis back toward the sun.

- National Days
- November 26 Thanksgiving
- November 27 Maize Day
- November 28 French Toast Day
- November 29 Electronic Greeting Day
- November 30 Mason Jar Day
- December 1 Eat a Red Apple Day
- December 2 Special Education Day

## FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



**COTTON HARVEST...Cotton trailers began stacking up at Friona Farmers Cop Gin this week, as the cotton harvest reached its peak. Blessed by excellent harvest weather, harvest passed the halfway mark this week, and gin manager Tom Byars said Friday another 10 days might wind up the harvest, weather permitting. While the yield isn't quite up to expectations, the turnout and grade has been good, and cotton prices are much better than they have been in several years. (Friona Star, Sunday, December 2, 1973)**

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(11/22/20) Arturo C. Martinez, 25, of Hereford was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of DWI, pending County Court.

## COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from November 12, 2020 to November 19, 2020

(11/12/20) Doug Harrison, Lisa Harrison, Lisa Kay Harrison, Douglas Harrison — H2 Land LLC — The N/2 of Sec 2 less 20 Ac being the S 20 Ac of the NE/4 of Sec 2 and the NE/4 of Sec 3 all in the Blk E Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in League Nos 498 & 499 and all of the W/2 of Sec 2 Township 5 S R 4 E of Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County

(11/16/20) Triple G Farms LLC — Othomil Salvador Boyzo, Socorro Boyzo — All of L 18, 19, and 20 of Blk 51 of the Original Town of Friona in Parmer County

(11/17/20) Refugio Rochel — Miguelangel Rochel Dominguez — All of L 11, 12, 13, and the E part of L 10 Williams Industrial Lots to the Town of Bovina in Parmer County

(11/18/20) Billy P. Williams, Stephanie Williams — Jose Luis Salinas, Guadalupe Salinas — Lot 16 Blk 3 Staley Addition City of Friona in Parmer County

(11/19/20) Raymond R. Delgado, Rebecca Delgado — Federico Solis, Elpidia Solis — Property located at 310 First Street Farwell Texas

We're making gifts for the holidays! I'm making puzzles for everyone. Kids: color stuff in!

# Newspaper Fun!

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## Gifts From The Heart

Wow! I went to the library and stood in front of the "do it and make it yourself" section of books. I had no idea how many books there are, each filled with ideas for making presents. You need some basic skills for some of the ideas, such as knitting, sewing or woodworking. Some gifts require a few small purchases. But, most of these books offer ideas for plenty of gifts that anyone can make with stuff around the house. So...not much money for gifts this holiday season? No excuses anymore - get to work on these gifts from the hands and heart!

Holiday gifts for brothers, sisters and friends are easy and fun to make. Let your imagination soar!

Plan and make your gifts ahead so you won't get crushed in the holiday rush!

**Read the clues to fill in the crossword:**

- write a mystery and create a secret \_\_\_\_\_ to solve it
- design and make a board \_\_\_\_\_
- cut, fold, decorate a set of paper \_\_\_\_\_ to fly
- put together a box or basket with small \_\_\_\_\_ in it: cars, dinosaurs, or farm animals
- cut and draw to make a flip \_\_\_\_\_ of "moving images"
- start a \_\_\_\_\_: baseball cards, miniatures, badges
- make a \_\_\_\_\_ box: a small magnifying glass, items to study - yarn, leaf, a dust ball, a rock, a flower
- draw and cut out a paper \_\_\_\_\_, make clothes with tabs to fit
- use a ruler or computer to create a simple \_\_\_\_\_ that can be folded, made into a toy
- turn milk cartons into paddle \_\_\_\_\_ that really float
- make a \_\_\_\_\_ - be a sport and put a few coins in it
- gather buttons, old jewelry, ribbons, colored string, etc., to put in a " \_\_\_\_\_ to make stuff"

## Gifts For Family and Friends

Match the activities in each set to the gifts that will be made.

- printing, painting, coloring
- measuring, mixing, baking
- tying ribbons, gluing beads
- covering with paper, foil separating sections inside
- making your own pieces to play with on the board

A. tic-tac-toe, checkers  
B. decorative hangers  
C. wrapping paper  
D. box to hold change, keys, watches  
E. favorite cookies, candy

- rubber stamping, inking, gluing glitter
- painting, personalizing, gluing felt to the bottom
- writing, promising, helping
- melting, coloring, scenting wax, dipping string
- drawing 12 seasonal pictures of times with your family, dates, days

A. brick book ends  
B. candles  
C. calendar  
D. pop-up cards, writing paper  
E. book with coupons that can be "turned in" to get extra help with chores

## With a Little Paint!

You can make most of these gifts yourself. But, a few require adult supervision... so ask first!

It's always fun to paint something. There are so many things that you can decorate! Fill in the list of items below with letters from the paint palette:

- b \_ rdh \_ ue
- fo \_ ts \_ ool
- lu \_ ch ba \_ s
- gi \_ tw \_ ap
- s \_ ir \_ s
- \_ \_ ts
- \_ ode \_ s
- \_ nea \_ ers
- s \_ o \_ es
- to \_ e ba \_ s
- a \_ ro \_ s
- s \_ hool bo \_ es

## Toys For Others

Forest and Glade went through their closets and found toys that are in very good shape, but that they do not often play with anymore. They want to donate the toys to a shelter. Can you help Glade deliver their toys?

Toy Drop-Off: Ring Bell

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Bilingual Family Assistant Berenice Salinas Zapata is now available to assist you with pre-arranged funeral and memorial monument planning. We do accept pre-arranged funeral contracts from other funeral firms. Call today to set up an assistance conference with Bilingual Family Assistant Berenice Salinas Zapata at 806-247-2729 or email Berenice at hansardfamily@wtrt.net

**Hansard Family**  
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## Puzzle Solution

S-1507



# State Capital Highlights

By Chris Cobler



## Readers share many tales of internet woe

Rural Texans have a lot to say about the lack of broadband service in their communities. Since we covered the topic earlier this month, many readers have emailed to share their stories and pleas for help.

An example is the email from reader Kathryn Steuart of Freestone County, who reads the column in the Fairfield Recorder. In her east central Texas county of 20,000, she reports that cell phones don't even work well. She and her husband pay for internet via a high-priced satellite service, which isn't sufficient to allow her to work from home.

An IBM AIX and Linux system administrator, Steuart said she has explored a variety of solutions, but found nothing.

"We were willing/desperate to pay to have wire strung and present ourselves as a business to get decent speed internet," she wrote. "The rural phone companies are not incentivised to provide this service and quit answering calls. They go broke too often, as well."

She said she has some hope for Elon Musk's Starlink company, which is launching thousands of satellites promising accessible and affordable high-speed internet. Initial pricing is \$99 a month with an upfront hardware purchase of \$500. However, this project is in a testing phase dubbed "Better Than Nothing Beta," and the company warns customers of varying connectivity speeds and occasional outages during the startup period.

Most employers won't hire remote workers with only satellite connections, Steuart said.

For more on the subject, watch a replay of the panel discussion "Broadband is a Lifeline" at Texas-Tribune.org. "Capital Highlights" will monitor how state lawmakers

address the issue when they convene in January. For resources on advocating for solutions, contact Connected Nation Texas.

## COVID battle rages on

Gov. Greg Abbott touted some good news in Texas' fight against COVID-19.

"Medicines are delivered this week - and every week going forward - to heal those who get COVID," the governor tweeted. "Vaccines to prevent COVID are expected soon. Medical teams are being surged to areas that need it most."

Earlier in the day, Abbott visited Lubbock, which is confronting a surge in cases. There, he provided an update on the distribution of bamlanivimab, an antibody therapy for COVID-19. The state is sending first shipments of the drug to hospitals in regions with the highest number of new case counts, new COVID-19 hospital admissions and total COVID-19 hospital patients.

Abbott emphasized he would not be ordering any new statewide business restrictions and encouraged people to follow the same health practices, including wearing a mask and socially distancing, that helped during the state's spike in cases in July.

Texas has reported over 20,000 COVID deaths since the pandemic began, the Texas Tribune reported, based on data from the Texas Department of State Health Services.

## A Thanksgiving gift

Texas A&M Chancellor John Sharp is encouraging all students to get a COVID-19 test before leaving campus for the Thanksgiving break.

Sharp has asked the Texas Division of Emergency Management, which is part of the Texas A&M System, to help the system get testing vans and tents to all campuses be-

fore the holiday.

"The greatest gift a student can give his or her family - including parents and grandparents - during this holiday season is the gift of a negative COVID test," Chancellor Sharp said. "Let's do all we can to stop this pandemic and get back to life as we knew it. Thanks to everyone who chooses to take a test before heading home."

## Thankful and careful

The safest way to celebrate Thanksgiving this year is with only those already living in your household, the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services advises.

If you're planning to celebrate with others, the agency suggests that you take steps to make your celebration safer by following guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. They include:

Wear a mask that fits securely over your mouth and nose and around your face.

Stay at least 6 feet away from those who don't live in your household.

If inviting others over, have a small outdoor gathering rather than an inside meal.

The CDC also encourages people to consider other activities rather than a traditional meal with people outside their household. The agency's suggestions include:

- Safely prepare traditional dishes and deliver them to family and neighbors in a way that does not involve contact with others. For example, leave them on the porch.

- Participate in a gratitude activity, like writing down things you are grateful for and sharing with your friends and family.

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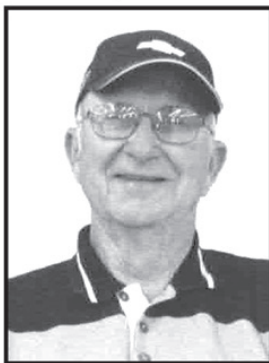
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# Happy Thanksgiving

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Thanksgiving is about thanking and honoring God! Psalm 9:1 says, "I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds." This thanksgiving I pray that you will be overflowing with thanksgiving to God. We are so blessed, as were the early settlers who lived centuries ago. This following Thanksgiving proclamation by Governor Bradford of Massachusetts, was made three years after the Pilgrims settled at Plymouth, and will undoubtedly spur you on toward

thanksgiving. His call was a call to intentional thanksgiving to the Lord God Almighty.

*Inasmuch as the great Father has given us this year an abundant harvest of Indian corn, wheat, peas, beans, squashes, and garden vegetables, and has made the forests to abound with game and the sea with fish and clams, and inasmuch as He has protected us from the ravages of the savages, has spared us from pestilence and disease, has granted us freedom to worship God*

*according to the dictates of our own conscience.*

*Now I, your magistrate, do proclaim that all ye Pilgrims, with your wives and ye little ones, do gather at ye meeting house, on ye hill, between the hours of 9 and 12 in the day time, on Thursday, November 29th, of the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty-three and the third year since ye Pilgrims landed on ye Pilgrim Rock, there to listen to ye pastor and render thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all His blessings.*

## Express Your Faith in Love

By Teena Hughs

I continue to read through the Bible this year; something that has been a big positive for my life in 2020!!! I was reading Galatians 5, and I was struck by verse 6: "For when we place our faith in Christ Jesus, it makes no difference to God whether we are circumcised or not circumcised. What is important is faith expressing itself in love."

We go on down a little further and read this from verses 13 - 15: "For you have been called to live in freedom--not freedom to satisfy your sinful nature, but freedom to serve one another in love. For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' But if instead of showing love among yourselves you are always biting and devouring one another, watch out! Beware of destroying one another."

Before the election, certain stores boarded up in fear of what was going to happen after the election results were announced. While there continues to be trouble in some of the cities, it is in the same cities where trouble was tak-

ing place before the election. But, because the media has declared Joe Biden the winner (and that means absolutely nothing), the country has been relatively calm.

What is going to happen if fraud and cheating are proven, and the election is overturned and President Trump is determined to have a second term? It will NOT be good for some cities and store owners!

In today's world, we are seeing so much "biting and devouring one another." There isn't much room for discussion about opinions because if you don't agree with one side, you are wrong, end of story.

So, how do you deal with people who are so determined that they are right, and they refuse to accept any thought that they could be wrong? God tells us we are to love our neighbor as we love ourselves, and Galatians 6:1b tells us, "you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the

same temptation yourself."

As Christians, we are to be an example. We are to live out our faith by expressing God's love. When we know someone is wrong, we cannot argue with them; arguing will not change anyone's mind. But, gently and humbly showing people love gets their attention. They are expecting a fight, and when you calmly show them God's love instead, they will take notice and wonder what you are up to. They will eventually calm down, and that is when you can gently and humbly talk to them.

Will you always be successful in your attempts to "educate" someone, probably not. But, you will have been the example God needs you to be, and you will have given the person something to think about! Do only what God directs you to, and remember that somewhere along the line, love always wins over hate; good always wins over evil! Please pray for the enemies of our country; they are in desperate need of Jesus!!! And, for some really good reading, I encourage you to read Galatians 5 and 6.

## Governor Abbott, DSHS Announce COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan

Governor Greg Abbott and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) announced the guiding principles for Texas' COVID-19 vaccine allocation process, which will serve as a foundation for the state's initial distribution for COVID-19 vaccines expected as early as next month. These principles have been established by the Expert Vaccine Allocation Panel (EVAP), created by DSHS to make recommendations on vaccine allocation decisions, including identifying groups that should be vaccinated first to provide the most protection to vulnerable populations and critical state resources.

"These guiding principles established by the Expert Vaccine Allocation Panel will ensure that the State of Texas swiftly distributes the COVID-19 vaccine to Texans who voluntarily choose to be immunized," said Governor Abbott. "This foundation for the allocation process will help us mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our communities, protect the most vulnerable Texans, and safeguard crucial state resources."

Texas will initially allocate COVID-19 vaccines based on the following criteria:

- Protecting health care workers who fill a critical role in caring for and preserving the lives of COVID-19 patients and maintaining the health care infrastructure for all who need it.
- Protecting frontline work-

ers who are at greater risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of their work providing critical services and preserving the economy.

- Protecting vulnerable populations who are at greater risk of severe disease and death if they contract COVID-19.

- Mitigating health inequities due to factors such as demographics, poverty, insurance status and geography.

- Data-driven allocations using the best available scientific evidence and epidemiology at the time, allowing for flexibility for local conditions.

- Geographic diversity through a balanced approach that considers access in urban and rural communities and in affected ZIP codes.

- Transparency through sharing allocations with the public and seeking public feedback.

EVAP has recommended, and the Commissioner of Health John Hellerstedt has approved, health care workers likely to provide direct care for COVID-19 patients and other vulnerable residents to be the first group to receive the vaccine. This includes staff at hospitals and long-term care facilities, emergency medical services and home health care workers. As part of its ongoing work, EVAP will make recommendations on how and when to roll out vaccine to other critical groups.

## Panhandle Parables

### A Grateful Pardon

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

Yes, it is that time of year that most turkey's fear. The traditional pardoning of a turkey goes back some historians claim to Abe Lincoln, others argue a more recent development. You can sort this out for yourself if you are so inclined here is a starting point. (<http://www.whitehousehistory.org/history/white-house-facts-trivia/facts-thanksgiving-turkey-pardoning.html>) Regardless of when it started, for the turkey it matters not who started it as long as it is a continued tradition. I am guessing somewhere out back of the Whitehouse is a large pen with turkeys of various

ages LIVING the life, but most of all enjoying being alive free from the fear of death, if a turkey thinks of such things?

I must say, the idea of being free from the fear of death is a powerful thought, and the pardon? Well, I didn't deserve it because I did the very thing I am accused, I am a sinner, destined to die, not just physically, but eternally. Yet, Jesus stepped in took the punishment I deserved and offered me a pardon, and for that I am truly grateful. On any given Sunday you will find a group of believers, who sing praises to God for this glorious gift, listen to a sermon that

reminds us to keep the faith, a pause to remember this great sacrifice on a cruel cross and offer prayer of thanksgiving for all the blessings, but especially the gift of being free from the fear of death because my sins are covered by His blood, for eternity.

The turkey in our little story is randomly chosen, but you are specifically in mind when Jesus invites you to His banquet table. So as you eat your turkey this Thanksgiving, remember there is one lucky bird out there spared, and this once lost sinner deeply grateful for the Pardon.

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### President George Washington's Thanksgiving Proclamation from October 3, 1789

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### President Abraham Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation from October 3, 1863

The year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature that they cannot fail to penetrate and even soften the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever-watchful providence of Almighty God.

been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere, except in the theater of military conflict; while that theater has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union.

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in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a Day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens. And I recommend to them that, while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him

the interposition of the Almighty hand to heal the wounds of the nation, and to restore it, as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes, to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility, and union.

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No human counsel hath devised, nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.

for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners, or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore

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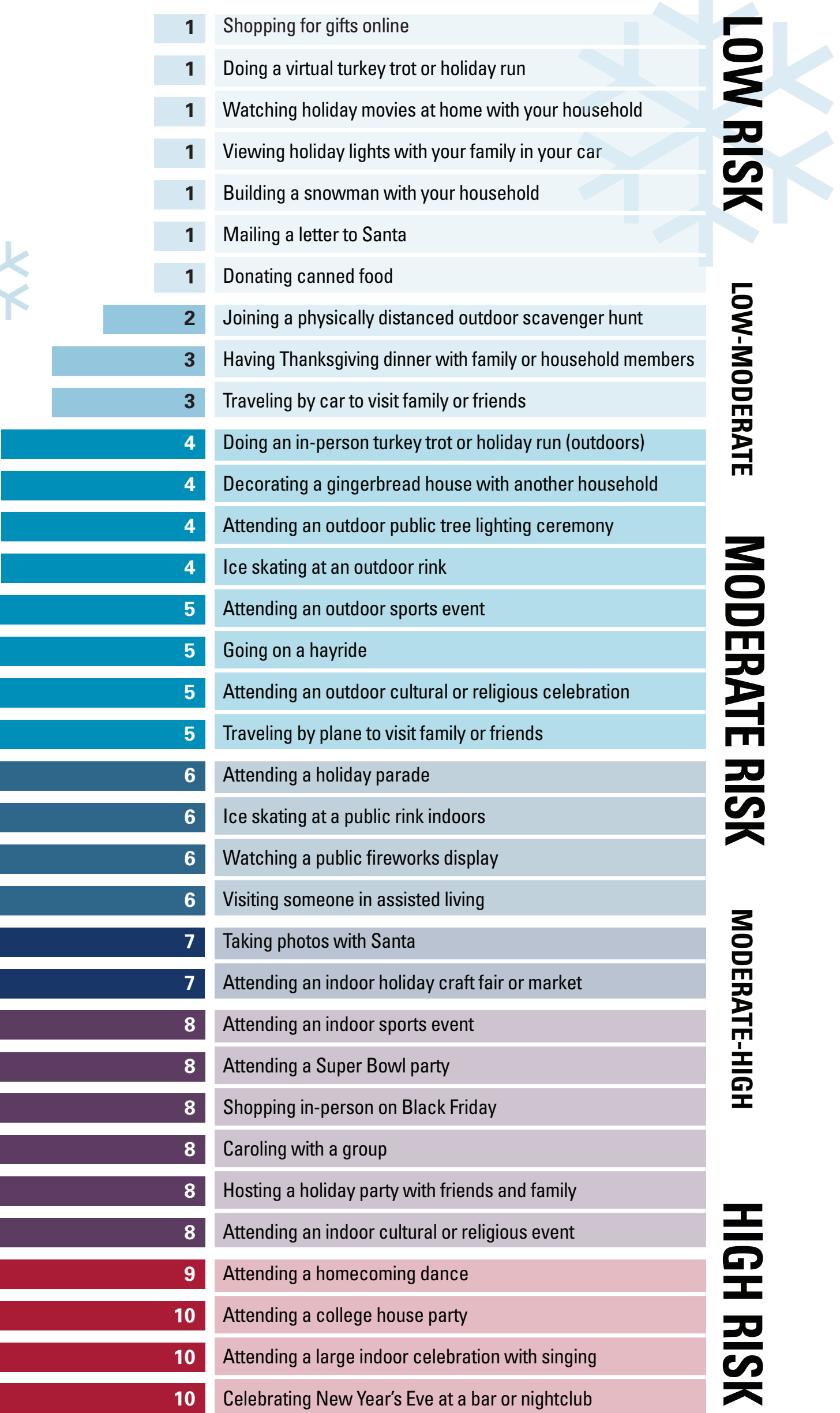
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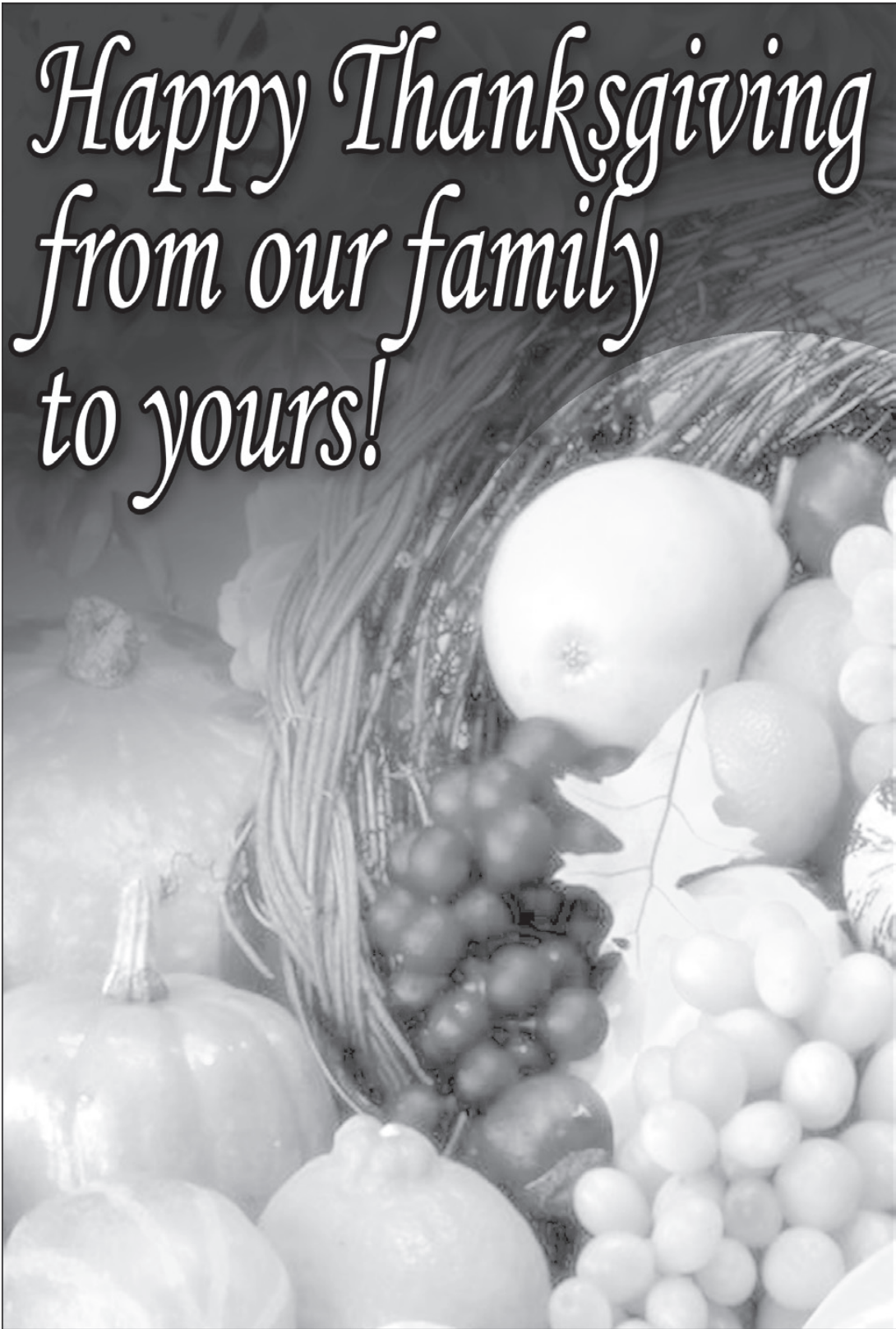
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# Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



*"I need peace."*

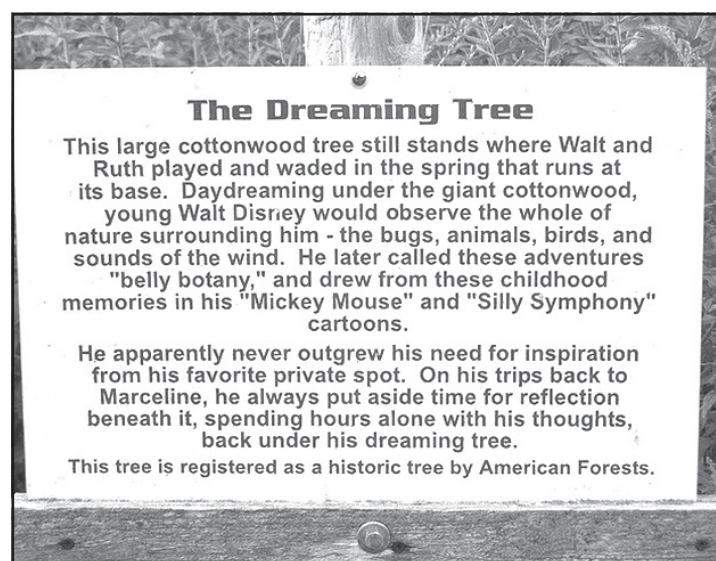
Lillie pulled the shower curtain all the way across and plopped herself into the warm bath for her nightly germ purge. A typical five-year-old's contact with desks, playground equipment, classmate hugs, and wrestling on the floor with her sister cause such a time as this.

Those three words were spoken as a matter of fact but were highly irregular for my older granddaughter. Usually, this is our evening time to have some animated silly talk of bubbles and slime or our traditional questions game. She likes to be interrogated about her favorite things, such as ask me what my favorite slime color is.

But tonight, she firmly stated (more than once) that she wanted some quiet time in the tub. Her little sister was banned when she tried to sneak a peek. I was allowed to stay but was shushed when I attempted to begin a conversation. Lillie meant what she said. She genuinely wanted to be left alone to just.....be.

Maybe we forget that children and adults benefit from such quiet. Most little ones are used to the disciplinary time outs to consider the error of their ways. But the circumstances surrounding the "sit in the corner" or "go to your room" are more conducive to pouting than pondering peace.

How do we interest our children in such stillness when their environments have overloads of energy? Competitive athletics starting at young



ages, usual homework, animal projects, meetings, and constant social interaction on phones make up most of their days. Carving out time each day for daydreaming, meditation, or reflection is just as vital. It may sound all New Age-ish, but Walt Disney is a perfect example of a child who dedicated time to mindfulness.

On a road trip in 2013 through northern Missouri, I stopped in Disney's hometown of Marceline. On the family farm was an old cottonwood tree where a young Walt said he first learned to draw, write, and dream. It became known as The Dreaming Tree. Because of his daily routine, the rest of us have been beneficiaries of his Magical Kingdoms and Disney classics.

Lillie remained quiet for a good three to four minutes, a lifetime for a young child. Her mother often enjoys the ritual for 30 minutes every night, her own quiet time af-

ter a busy day of teaching First Graders and coming home to cook and do what young mothers do. All of us can model this activity. Your stillness may come on a morning commute. Your peace might be found while plowing the fields on a tractor or riding horseback. A walk around the track provides an opportunity to pray or sing. If working, use that short coffee break before the lunch rush to step outside and be alone. Try just sitting on the porch in the evenings. Encourage students to appreciate the sounds of silence with visualization strategies. By whatever means, carve out a piece of the day to breathe deeply and soak in the quiet—or, like Lillie, literally soak in the bubbles.

Last week, speaking words of wisdom, my granddaughter was reminding me to let it be. Lennon/McCartney would be pleased.

*"Peace out, homie."*

Lillie says that, too, and now it makes perfect sense.

## USDA offers Thanksgiving food safety tips

### Wash Your Hands

Handwashing is highly recommended to control the spread of germs, especially before, during and after preparing food (especially after touching raw meat or poultry).

### Thawing the Turkey

Frozen turkeys should never be thawed on the counter or in hot water and must not be left at room temperature for more than two hours. The best method to thaw the turkey is in the refrigerator since this allows slow, safe thawing. When thawing turkey in the refrigerator, allow about 24 hours for every five pounds of turkey. Once thawed, it can remain safe in the fridge for one to two days.

### Avoid Cross-Contamination

In a recent study, USDA found 60 percent of kitchen sinks were contaminated with germs after participants washed or rinsed poultry. To avoid this cross-contamination risk, do not wash your turkey. But if you do wash your turkey or put your turkey in the sink, you need to fully clean and sanitize your sink. Cleaning and sanitizing is a two-step process. To clean, rub down surfaces — including the sink, cutting boards, and countertops — with soap and hot water, and then sanitize them with a cleaning solution to remove any residual germs you cannot see. You can use a homemade solution of one tablespoon of unscented, liquid chlorine bleach in one gallon of water. Let air dry.

### Do Not Stuff the Turkey

Although many choose to stuff the turkey, USDA does not recommend doing so for optimal safety. Instead, cook stuffing outside of the turkey cavity to reduce

cross-contamination risk. This will also allow your turkey to cook more quickly.

### Cooking to the Safe Temperature

A whole turkey is safe when cooked to a minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit as measured by a food thermometer in three parts: the thickest part of the breast, the innermost part of the wing, and the innermost part of the thigh. If you are planning to cook a turkey breast instead of a whole turkey, check the temperature with the food thermometer (165 degrees Fahrenheit) at the thickest part of the breast. All previously cooked side dishes should be reheated to 165 degrees Fahrenheit as measured by a food thermometer as well.

### The Two-Hour Rule

To make sure food stays safe to eat through the weekend, all perishable items should be refrigerated within two hours of when they finished cooking. After two hours, perishable food will be in the Danger Zone (40 to 140 degrees Fahrenheit) too long, which is when bacteria can multiply quickly and cause the food to become unsafe. If foods have been left out for more than two hours they should be discarded.

### Store and Reheat Leftovers

Store leftovers in small, shallow containers in the refrigerator until the Monday after Thanksgiving Day or in the freezer for later use. Shallow containers help cool leftovers more quickly than storing them in large containers. Reheat leftovers to an internal temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit. Check the internal temperature of the food in several places with a food thermometer after allowing a resting time.

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### TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



### NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY LAND APPLICATION PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER

RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0010089001

**APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION.** City of Friona, 623 Main Street, Friona, Texas 79035, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of TCEQ Permit No. WQ0010089001 which authorizes the disposal of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 321,000 gallons per day via surface irrigation of 186 acres of non-public access agricultural land. This permit will not authorize a discharge of pollutants into water in the state. TCEQ received this application on June 24, 2020.

The wastewater treatment facility and disposal site are located approximately 1,100 feet south of the intersection of County Road 20 and U.S. Highway 60, in Parmer County, Texas 79035. The wastewater treatment facility and disposal site are located in the drainage basin of Upper Prairie Dog Town Fork Red River in Segment No. 0229 of the Red River Basin. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.  
<https://tceq.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=db5bac44afbc468bddd360f8168250f&marker=-102.693055%2C34.641944&level=12>

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Friona City Hall, 623 Main Street, Friona, Texas.

**PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING.** You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

**TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST:** your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." **If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.**

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION.** The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

**MAILING LIST.** If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

**All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at [www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/](http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/) within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.**

**INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE.** For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at [www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid). Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

**AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION.** Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at [www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/](http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/), or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Any personal information you submit to the TCEQ will become part of the agency's record; this includes email addresses. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at [www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep). Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Friona at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Leander Davila, City Manager, at 806-250-2761.

Issuance Date: November 18, 2020

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# SPORTS



## The Legarreta Legacy



Adrian, Jacqueline, Yvonne, and Angel

### 2020

#### Adrian Legarreta

District - 1st (17:19.24) 3 miles  
Regional - 3rd (17:33.20) 3 miles  
State - 13th (16:20.92) 5,000 meters

#### Yvonne Legarreta

District - 1st (13:12.14) 2 miles  
Regional - 5th (13:02.7) 2 miles  
State - 8th (12:19.90) 3,200 meters

### 2019

#### Adrian Legarreta

District - n/a  
Regional - 2nd (16:13.30) 3 miles  
State - 9th (16:06.93) 5,000 meters

### 2018

#### Adrian Legarreta

District - 5th (19:14.62) 5,000 meters  
Regional - 44th (17:59.5) 3 miles

### 2017

#### Jacqueline Legarreta

District - 5th (12:48.71) 2 miles  
Regional - 13th (12:35.9) 2 miles  
State - 31st (12:37.6) 3,200 meters

### 2016

#### Jacqueline Legarreta

District - 2nd (14:05.18) 2 miles  
Regional - 11th (13:22.14) 2 miles  
State - 45th (12:38.17) 3,200 meters



**Congratulations to Adrian and Yvonne**  
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Jaime Rejino, Adrian, Yvonne, and Adilene Adame

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Cross Country  
Monday, November 23, 2020  
Old Settlers Park  
Round Rock, Texas

### Women

#### 3,200 Meters 3A

1. Tierra Flemings Cameron Yoe ..... 11:48.49
2. Finley Hunting San Antonio Cole ..... 11:52.97
3. Braylen Rusby Spearman ..... 12:01.49
4. Hannah Spears Holliday ..... 12:07.65
5. Addison Sykora Lorena ..... 12:14.86
6. Makayla Pavelka West ..... 12:18.01
7. Sydney Hornbuckle Redwater ..... 12:18.81
8. Yvonne Legarreta Friona ..... 12:19.90
9. They Lang Callisburg ..... 12:20.25
10. Aly Wray Lago Vista ..... 12:20.84

### Men

#### 5,000 Meters 3A

1. William Boyce Onalaska ..... 15:38.72
2. Marco Rey Presidio ..... 15:51.78
3. Wyatt Hoover Poth ..... 15:52.40
4. Cooper Bryant Keene Smith ..... 15:55.80
5. Emilio Rios Presidio ..... 16:04.92
6. Angel Torres Tornillo ..... 16:06.03
7. Crawford Kiser River Road ..... 16:06.14
8. Osvaldo Melchor Whitesboro ..... 16:06.21
9. Eddie Dominguez McGregor ..... 16:10.41
10. Hayden Moussa Ponder ..... 16:11.57
11. Trenton Porte Eustace ..... 16:18.14
12. Obi Landeros Valley View ..... 16:20.88
13. Adrian Legarreta Friona ..... 16:20.92



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## French Toast

Most people are focused on Thanksgiving, so you might not notice that November 28th is National

French Toast Day. Below are a couple of recipes that will help you celebrate such a delicious

day. And if you still have any family around, they will appreciate these recipes as well.

### CRANBERRY CREAM CHEESE STUFFED FRENCH TOAST

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#### INGREDIENTS

- 3 oz cream cheese
- ¼ cup cranberry sauce
- 2 large eggs
- ½ cup whole milk
- ¼ tsp cinnamon
- 4 slices French bread
- Butter, for cooking
- Confectioners' sugar and maple syrup, for serving

#### DIRECTIONS

Mix cream cheese and cranberry sauce in a bowl, then spread a thick layer on one side of the bread. Top with another bread slice to form a sandwich. In a shallow bowl, whisk together eggs, milk, and cinnamon. Dip both sides of the sandwiches in the egg mixture. Melt butter in a griddle over medium heat and cook until golden brown on both sides. Serve warm with a dusting of confectioners' sugar and maple syrup.

### French Toast

By Alton Brown

www.foodnetwork.com

#### Ingredients

- 1 cup half-and-half
- 3 large eggs
- 2 tablespoons honey, warmed in microwave for 20 seconds
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 3 (1/2-inch) slices day-old or stale country loaf, brioche or challah bread
- 4 tablespoons butter

#### Directions

In medium size mixing bowl, whisk together the half-and-half, eggs, honey, and salt. You may do this the night before. When ready to

cook, pour custard mixture into a pie pan and set aside. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Dip bread into mixture, allow to soak for 30 seconds on each side, and then remove to a cooling rack that is sitting in a sheet pan, and allow to sit for 1 to 2 minutes. Over medium-low heat, melt 1 tablespoon of butter in a 10-inch nonstick sauté pan. Place 2 slices of bread at a time into the pan and cook until golden brown, approximately 2 to 3 minutes per side. Remove from pan and place on rack in oven for 5 minutes. Repeat with all 8 slices. Serve immediately with maple syrup, whipped cream, or fruit.

# Gas prices down again

By GasBuddy

Texas gas prices have fallen 1.1 cents in the past week, averaging \$1.78 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 6.4 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 46.1 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$1.44 while the most expensive is \$2.69 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has fallen 1.5 cents in the last week, averaging \$2.10 per gallon. The national average is down 5.0 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 49.6 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

"With Thanksgiving nearly upon us and fewer Americans hitting the road, gas prices have seen some downward movement over the last week, even as oil prices hold near recent highs," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "We may

end up seeing the lowest Thanksgiving prices in five years if prices continue to trend lower this week, a sign of how the coronavirus has sapped demand for the majority of the year. Between now and the end of the year, we aren't likely to see many fireworks at the pump as demand continues to remain well below prior years, but as a vaccine is set to be released in the months ahead, prices will likely aim for higher ground, so motorists take heed that today's prices may not hold for much longer."

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.GasBuddy.com>.

The City Council of the City of Friona, Texas (the "City") is soliciting sealed bid proposals for the lease of TRACT ONE: A 139.57 acre tract and TRACT TWO: A 144.16 acre tract owned by the City (the "Property") described in further detail in Exhibit A:

#### Bid Specifications

1. Lease payment due before December 31, 2020.
2. Initial term from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, with an automatic extension of 6 months with an additional one half of bid price until December 31, 2022.
3. After the initial term, the lease shall continue in effect from year-to-year (January 1-December 31) thereafter until written notice of termination is given by either party at least three (3) months before the then-existing lease term expires.

The City is seeking a combination of the best lease price for the Property as well as the best long-term benefit to the City and the citizens of Friona.

Bid opening will take place at City Hall at 1:00 p.m. on December 9, 2020.

Bid will be awarded at the City Council Meeting on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at 619 Main in Friona.

Bidders are expected to inspect the property and to inform themselves of all local conditions. Additional information may be obtained at Friona City Hall, 623 Main Street, Friona, Texas 79035 or by calling Public Works Director Salvador Garcia at (806) 250-2761.

Bids (with name of bidder, address, phone number and the dollar amount bid per acre) shall be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to, "City of Friona, Tract A and B Real Property" in the lower left-hand corner, and must be received before the above-stated time. Failure to comply with any bid requirement can result in the bid being considered void by the City, although the City has the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids received, and to accept the bid that best serves the interest of Friona, Texas.

Bids may be withdrawn at any time prior to the official opening. Alterations made prior to the opening time must be initiated by the Bidder to guarantee authenticity. After the official opening, bids may not be amended, altered or withdrawn without the approval of the Friona City Council.

CITY OF FRIONA, TEXAS

By: Leander Davila  
City Manager

**Publish Two (2) Times – Affidavit of Publication is Required Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

EXHIBIT A

#### TRACT ONE:

A 139.57 acre tract out of a part of a tract known as the North 160 acres of the East 269.6 acres lying South of the railroad in Section 5, Township 4 South, Range 4 East of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision in Parmer County, Texas as shown by the plat thereof of record in Volume 3, Page 558, Deed Records of Parmer County, Texas, said 139.57 acre tract being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Commencing at a 1/2" iron pipe found for the Northwest corner of Section 4, Township 4 South, Range 4 East, whence the original 1-1/2" iron pipe found for the Southeast corner of said Section bears South 5248.15 feet;

Thence South (Base bearing), along the East line of said Section 5, a distance of 392.22 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "RPLS 1848" found for the POINT OF BEGINNING of this tract;

THENCE South along the East line of said Section 5, a distance of 2721.39 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for the Northeast corner of a tract known as the South 109.6 acres of the East 269.9 acres lying South of the railroad in said Section 5;

THENCE South 88 degrees 58 minutes 54 seconds West, a distance of 2232.30 feet to a 3/8" iron rod with cap marked "HBD" set for corner in the East line of a tract known as the West 320 acres lying South of the railroad in said Section 5;

THENCE North 00 degrees 02 minutes 31 seconds West, along the East line of the tract known as 320 acres, a distance of 2723.98 feet to a point in a 4" steel fence post found for the Southwest corner of a tract known as 7 acres;

THENCE North 89 degrees 03 minutes 02 seconds East, along the South line of the tract known as 7 acres, a distance of 850.00 feet to a 3/8" iron rod with cap marked "HBD" set for the Southeast corner of the tract known as 7 acres, same being the Southwest corner of a tract known as 12.435 acres;

THENCE North 89 degrees 02 minutes 52 seconds East, along the South line of the tract known as 12.435 acres, a distance of 1384.25 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of this tract;

Said tract contains a computed area of 139.57 acres of land.

#### TRACT TWO:

A 144.16 acre tract out of a part of a tract known as the West 1/2 of the North 318.2 acres of Section 4, Township 4 South, Range 4 East of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision in Parmer County, Texas, said 144.16 acre tract being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a 1/2" iron pipe found for the Northwest corner of Section 4, Township 4 South, Range 4 East, whence the original 1-1/2" found for the Northeast corner of said Section bears North 88 degrees 58 minutes 53 seconds East, 5288.38 feet and the original 1-1/2" iron pipe found for the Southwest corner of said Section bears South 5248.15 feet;

THENCE North 88 degrees 58 minutes 53 seconds East, along the North line of said Section, 28.70 feet to a 3/8" iron rod with cap marked "HBD" found for the Northwest corner of a tract known as 15 acres;

THENCE South 00 degrees 01 minute 07seconds East, a distance of 994.44 feet to a 3/8" iron rod with cap marked "HBD" set for the Southwest corner of the tract known as 15 acres;

THENCE North 88 degrees 58 minutes 53 seconds East, a distance of 657.06 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "RPLS 1848" found for the Southeast corner of the tract known as 15 acres;

THENCE North 00 degrees 01 minute 07 seconds West, a distance of 994.44 feet to a 3/8" iron rod with cap marked "HBD" set in the North line of Section 4 for the Northeast corner of the tract known as 15 acres;

THENCE North 88 degrees 58 minutes 53 seconds East, along the North line of Section 4, a distance of 1958.43 feet to point in a 4" steel fence post for the Northwest corner of a tract known as the East 159.1 acres of the North 318.2 acres of said Section 4;

THENCE South 00 degrees 02 minutes 10 seconds West, a distance of 2623.06 feet to a 3/8" iron rod with cap marked "HBD" set for the Southwest corner of the tract known as the East 159.1 acres of the North 318.2 acres of said Section 4;

THENCE South 88 degrees 58 minutes 36 seconds West, a distance of 2642.54 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found in the West line of said Section 4 for the Northwest corner of a tract known as the West 159.1 acres of the South 318.4 acres of said Section 4;

THENCE North (Base bearing) along the West line of said Section 4, a distance of 2623.25 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of this tract;

Said tract contains a computed area of 144.16 acres of land.

The City Council of the City of Friona, Texas (the "City") is soliciting sealed bid proposals for the lease of S/2 of Section 29, Township 1 North, Range 4 East owned by the City (the "Property") described in further detail in Exhibit A:

#### Bid Specifications

1. Lease payment due before December 31, 2020.
2. Initial term from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, with an automatic extension of 6 months with an additional one half of bid price until December 31, 2022.
3. After the initial term, the lease shall continue in effect from year-to-year (January 1-December 31) thereafter until written notice of termination is given by either party at least three (3) months before the then-existing lease term expires.
4. The new lessee will allow the current lessee time to harvest the current crop of the property.

The City is seeking a combination of the best lease price for the Property as well as the best long-term benefit to the City and the citizens of Friona.

Bid opening will take place at City Hall at 1:00 p.m. on December 9, 2020.

Bid will be awarded at the City Council Meeting on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at 619 Main in Friona.

Bidders are expected to inspect the property and to inform themselves of all local conditions. Additional information may be obtained at Friona City Hall, 623 Main Street, Friona, Texas 79035 or by calling Public Works Director Salvador Garcia at (806) 250-2761.

Bids (with name of bidder, address, phone number and the dollar amount bid per acre) shall be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to, "City of Friona, Former Hamilton Lease Property" in the lower left-hand corner, and must be received before the above-stated time. Failure to comply with any bid requirement can result in the bid being considered void by the City, although the City has the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids received, and to accept the bid that best serves the interest of Friona, Texas.

Bids may be withdrawn at any time prior to the official opening. Alterations made prior to the opening time must be initiated by the Bidder to guarantee authenticity. After the official opening, bids may not be amended, altered or withdrawn without the approval of the Friona City Council.

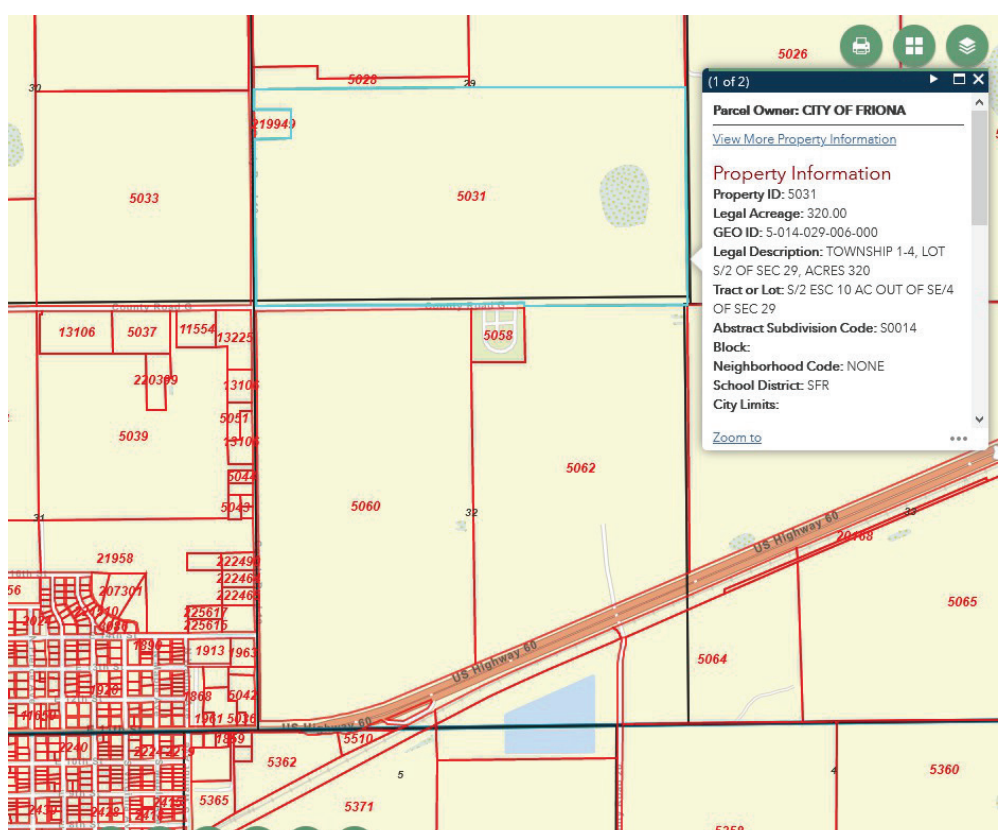
CITY OF FRIONA, TEXAS

By: Leander Davila  
City Manager

**Publish Two (2) Times – Affidavit of Publication is Required Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

EXHIBIT A

S/2 of Section 29, Township 1 North, Range 4 East owned by the City (the "Property") and bounds as follows in the illustration below:





### The following people should not attend in-person holiday gatherings

#### People with or exposed to COVID-19

Do not host or participate in any in-person gatherings if you or anyone in your household:

- Has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and has not met the criteria for when it is safe to be around others
- Has symptoms of COVID-19
- Is waiting for COVID-19 viral test results
- May have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- Is at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19

Do not host or attend gatherings with anyone who has COVID-19 or has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days.

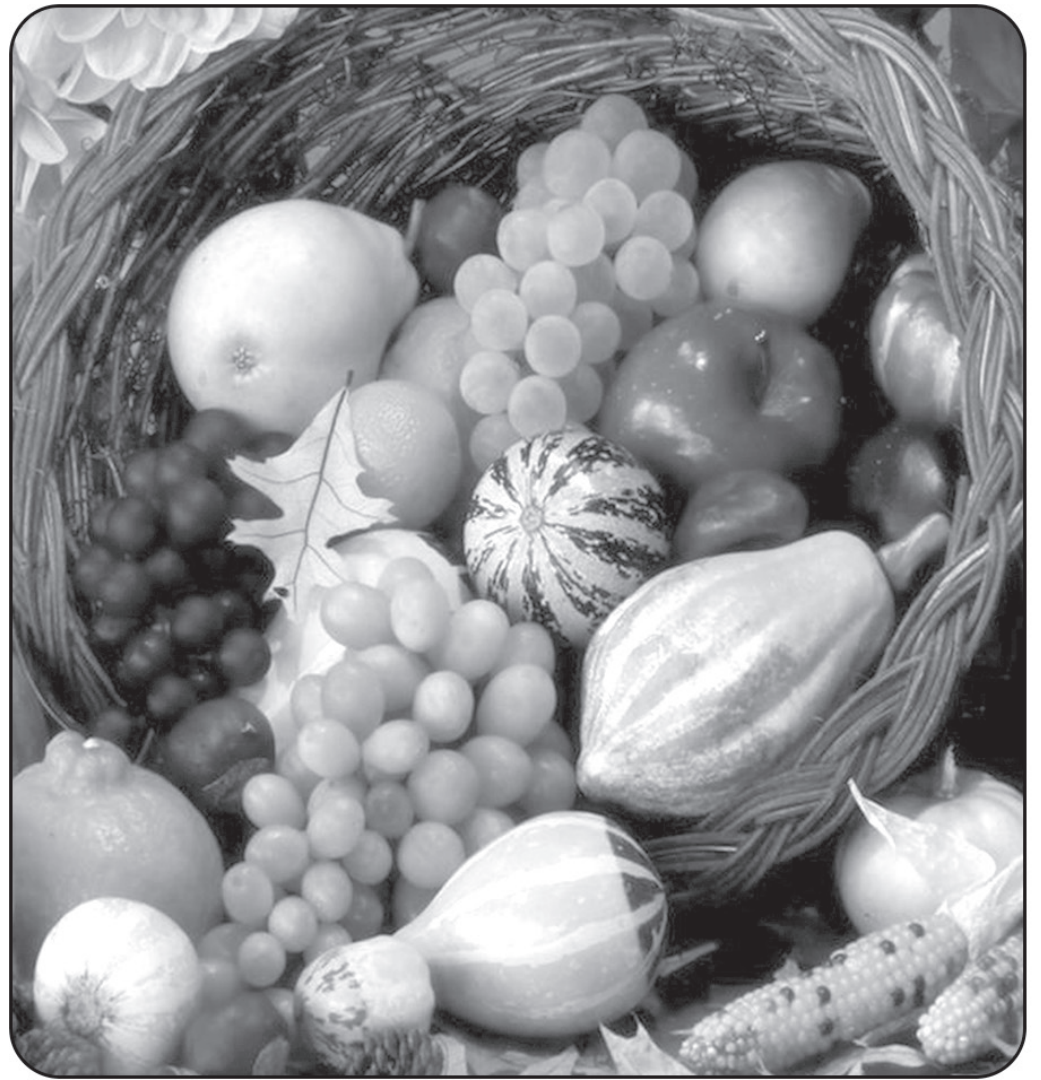
#### People at increased risk for severe illness

If you are an older adult or person with certain medical conditions who is at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19, or live or work with someone at increased risk of severe illness, you should avoid in-person gatherings with people who do not live in your household.

Treat pets as you would other human family members - do not let pets interact with people outside the household.

If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19, a public health worker may contact you to check on your health and ask you who you have been in contact with and where you've spent time in order to identify and provide support to people (contacts) who may have been infected. Your information will be confidential.

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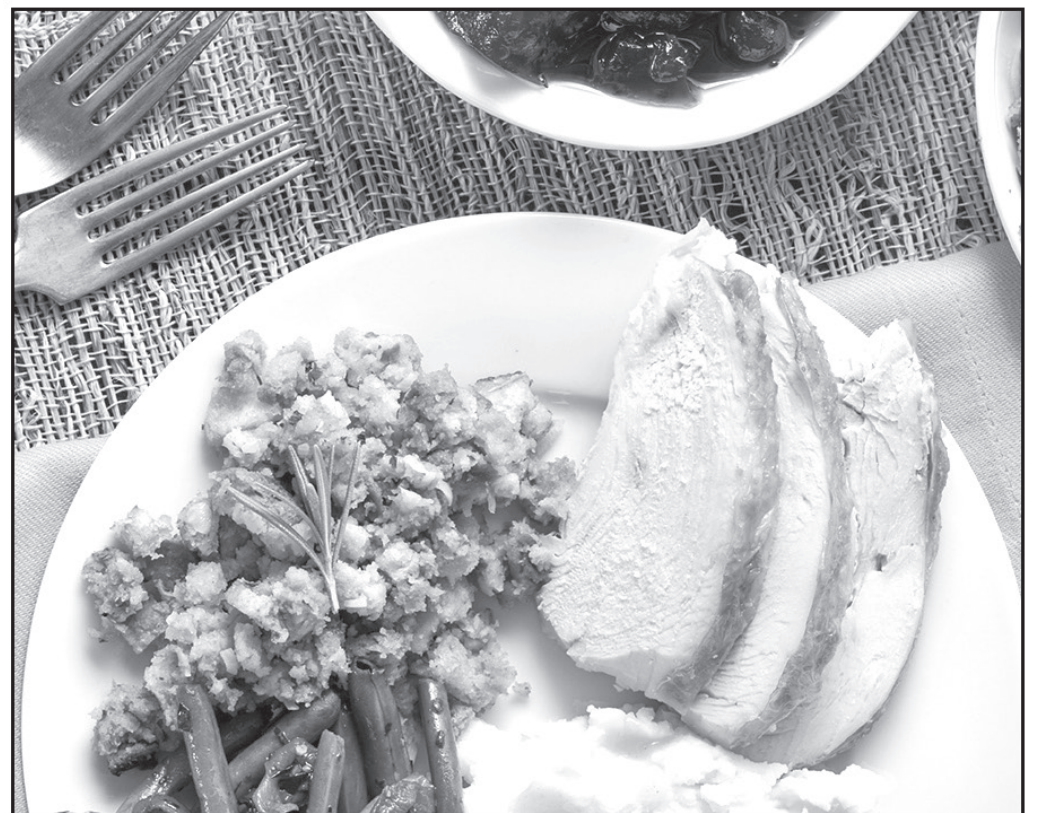
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*Give Thanks to the Lord, for he is **GOOD**; his love endures forever.* PS 107:1



*Happy Thanksgiving From A-Tex Dairy & the Alger Family*



## GasBuddy Study Finds 45% Fewer Travelers on the Road This Thanksgiving, Gas Prices Projected to Be Lowest Since 2016

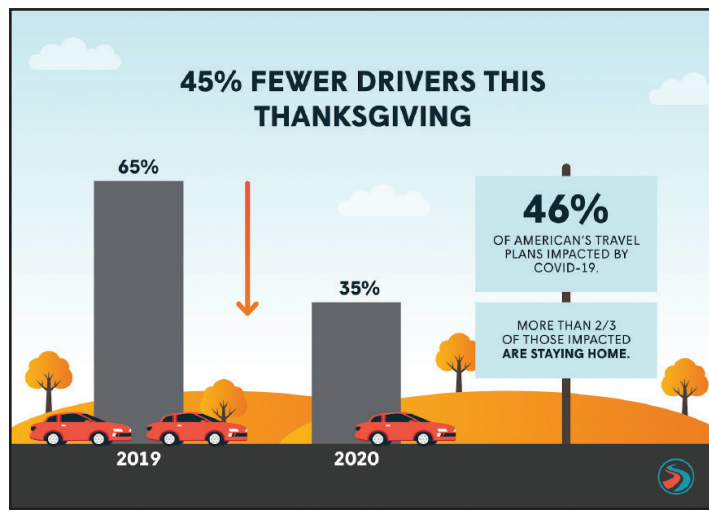
Gas prices play a bigger role in travel plans this year compared to previous; double the amount of respondents want to take advantage of low prices

The Thanksgiving travel season will be notably different this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. GasBuddy, the travel and navigation app used by more North American drivers to save money on gas, has released its 2020 Annual Thanksgiving Travel Survey, finding that only 35% of Americans will be taking to the roads this year, a decrease from 65% from last year, amidst some of the lowest Thanksgiving gas prices the country has seen in years.

The national average gas price is projected to be \$2.17 per gallon, lower this year as oil prices plunged from year ago levels amidst depressed demand for gasoline due to the coronavirus keeping Americans closer to home and away from their normal driving routines. "Gasoline demand has continued to struggle as the coronavirus has kept Americans in their homes and keys out of their cars, working and e-learning from home. But with posi-

tive outcomes from two vaccine trials, we're beginning to see optimism return, leading prices to rise slightly just in time for Thanksgiving," says Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "However, survey results show continued anxiety from motorists even with the lowest Thanksgiving gas prices in years, highlighting the challenges we're facing in this pandemic."

Nearly half (46 percent) of respondents in GasBuddy's Annual Thanksgiving Travel Survey said that their travel plans are impacted by the coronavirus. When asked in what ways they were impacted, 71% said they are staying home instead of traveling this year. Five percent said they are not celebrating Thanksgiving this year due to the coronavirus. The remainder are either celebrating Thanksgiving at a different location this year (20%), or driving instead of taking other forms of transportation



to their Thanksgiving destination (11%).

Yet low gas prices are luring people to travel more than ever before. Fifteen percent of those who said they are planning to travel said they are doing so to take advantage of gas prices, a significant jump compared to 6% of people saying the same last year and 2% in 2018. Seventy-nine percent of people said that gas prices are not impacting their

travel plans. "Typically during the holidays, it's all about traditions and less about the cost, even when gas prices were over \$3, plenty of Americans didn't hesitate to travel for Thanksgiving," said DeHaan. "With Americans still concerned about traveling by plane, many families will take advantage of low prices and make a road trip when they otherwise wouldn't."

Those who are traveling

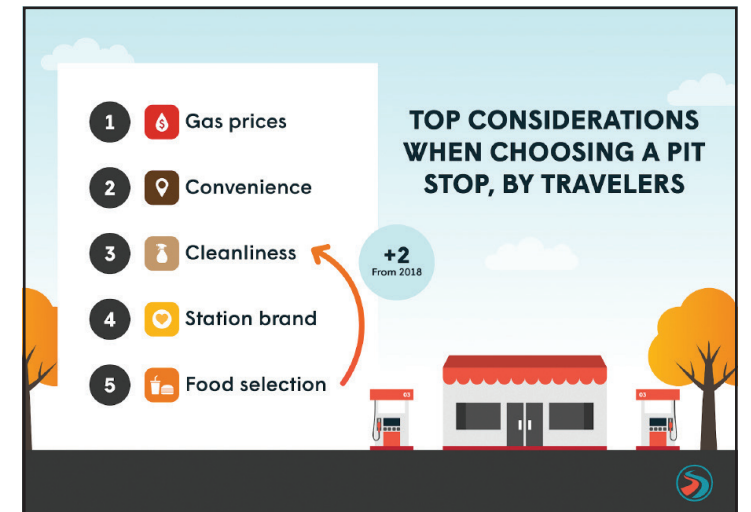
are taking shorter trips than in years past, with survey results seeing a 75% increase in those who are traveling less than one hour to their Thanksgiving destination compared to 2019. Cleanliness is a bigger concern for travelers this year when choosing a pitstop. Finding clean facilities has jumped to the third most important consideration when choosing a gas station compared to the fourth most important consideration in 2019, and the last spot in 2018. The top considerations for travelers when choosing a pitstop this year are gas prices (1), convenience (2), cleanliness (3), brand (4) and food options (5).

The top three reasons for making pit stops this travel season are needing to use the restroom (1), filling up

the gas tank (2), needing to stretch the legs (3). GasBuddy offers these travel tips for those who are traveling for Thanksgiving:

- Watch for price differences between state lines: Gas prices can vary as much as \$20 per tank in some areas of the country between state lines. Using a gas discount card like Pay with GasBuddy® can lower your gas bill by as much as 25 cents per gallon.
- Use the GasBuddy app to find cheap gas and clean restrooms: GasBuddy's free app allows drivers to search for gas stations with the lowest-priced fuel as well as the cleanest restrooms along their route.

Methodology : GasBuddy analyzed 1860 responses to their 2020 Thanksgiving Travel Survey from October 25 - 28, 2020.



## Simply Christmas goes virtual

Simply Christmas is going virtual this year!! Bailey, Castro, Lamb, and Parmer County will be hosting this online event. The cost is \$20 and you will receive a kit to make 2 crafts and 1 snack. You will also receive a cookbook and a link to our online program that will guide you through the steps for completing the 3 projects. The best part is that you can join live the day of the event, December 11th, or you can view the presentation anytime after the 11th whenever it is the most convenient for you.

If you would like to participate in this event, please contact the host office nearest you and reserve your kit. You will need to be close enough to that office to pick up your kit in person. Kits will be available for pick up beginning Monday, December 7th through the morning of the event.

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**VIRTUAL SIMPLY CHRISTMAS**

Have a holly jolly time with our FCH team!

**ONLINE**  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2020  
12:00PM - 1:00PM

\$20 to join: 2 Crafts and 1 Food Demonstration  
Each participant will be provided a kit and cookbook.

RSVP with your county by December 1st  
When you RSVP, you will be given details on how to pick up your kit and the link for joining.

Kathy Carr, Bailey County	806-272-4583
Felice Acker, Castro County	806-647-4115
Kendra Callahan & Courtney Lowe, Lamb County	806-485-0085
Wendy Case, Parmer County	806-251-5120

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## Overwhelmed by those Medicare Advantage Ads, Calls and Cable TV Shows?

As you try to make sense out of all this information, please **be aware:**

- No matter what the Plan or website is called, **Medicare Advantage is NOT TRADITIONAL MEDICARE**
- Local doctors, hospitals and area specialists may not be in-network for the Plan, resulting in **INCREASED OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS.**
- Medicare Advantage Members may have to get **PLAN AUTHORIZATION** to get covered care.
- Unlike Traditional Medicare, **SERVICES MAY BE DENIED** by the Plan, leaving you financially responsible.
- **BE CAREFUL** when changing your prescription drug program to make sure you have not switched to a Medicare Advantage Plan by mistake.



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

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

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



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