



City hosts back-to-back Grand Openings



Friona EMS hosted a ribbon cutting/open house on Tuesday at its new location at 604 East 11th Street in Friona.

Friona EMS provides emergency medical services to all of Parmer County during times of crisis and transports

individuals to and from local hospitals. The new facility will house all three ambulances, provide more sleeping quarters and more common space for employees to work. These employees are generally part-time employees who have other employment commitments outside of their work at Friona EMS. Friona EMS functions in partnership with the Parmer Medical Center and the Panhandle Regional Advisory Council. Friona EMS has become an even more vital cornerstone of the county since the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak.

The Parmer Paws Animal Outreach Center also hosted a ribbon cutting/open house Tuesday at its new location at 115 West 11th Street in Friona.



Parmer Paws is a non-profit organization created in May 2018 whose mission is to help relocate neglected or homeless pets in Parmer County. The new facility will serve as a transition hub as animals leave local pounds to rescue facilities and is equipped with nine (9) indoor/outdoor dog kennels with two large grass areas. Also included are two (2) cat rooms with patios or "catios" where they can play outside safely.

Town Talk NewsChannel 10 correspondent Taylor Mitchell was in town to produce a report on the two ribbon cutting ceremonies and open houses. Her story featured the new EMS building and Parmer Paws facility and included interviews with

EMS Director Nik Baucom, Parmer Paws Board Member Pam Kendrick, and City Manager Lee Davila. The segment

aired during the 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. newscasts with Walt Howard. See more photos on page 10



EMS Director Nik Baucom discusses the features of the new EMS building.



Parmer Paws Board Member Pam Kendrick explains how the city, county, and animals will all benefit from the new outreach center.

Project Christmas Card

The Parmer County Hospital Auxiliary is accepting donations for its 2020 Project Christmas Card. This year, proceeds will be used to enhance and upgrade the "COVID-19 Wing" at the hospital. 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 Inter-Bank or given to project co-chairs Holly Campbell and Jyl Grimsley.



READY, SET SHOW...Stock show season is right around the corner. M'Kenzie Hurst, at left, won Reserve Champion Swine at the Friona Local Stock Show in 2018. Photo by Donna Schueler. The 2020 Friona Show is scheduled for Saturday, December 19th.

Friona Rainfall Data

2020

January	0.57
February	0.67
March	2.10
April	0.53
May	0.14
June	0.72
July	3.10
August	0.62
September	0.30
October	1.05
November	0.23

Water Weekly

For the week of 11/30/20

Water conditions

The latest drought map for conditions as of November 24 shows continued worsening of drought conditions. The area of the state impacted by drought increased 9 percentage points from the previous week and is now 84 percent, its largest value since September 2013.

Drought conditions

- 84% now
- 75% a week ago
- 57% three months ago
- 32% a year ago

Intensity

- D0 abnormally dry
- D1 drought - moderate
- D2 drought - severe
- D3 drought - extreme
- D4 drought - exceptional

Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor

Parmer County COVID-19 stats

as of December 1

Active Cases	67
Total Cases	710
Recoveries	619
Fatalities	24

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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 3-9	T 42 22 N 15-25	F 54 30 NNW 10-20	S 56 27 N 10-20	S 57 28 NNW 10-15	M 55 28 NNW 10-15	T 57 32 NW 10-15	W 62 35 W 10-20	Precipitation November 0.23 Year 9.41	Burn Ban: Yes
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Community Calendar

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

- December 7**
- Friona Noon Lions Club Meeting at The Farmwife Kitchen
 - Christmas in the Park has been cancelled
 - In-person instruction resumes at Friona schools.
- December 15**
- Snack Pak 4 Kids at 3:00 p.m. north entrance of Friona United Methodist Church
- December 19**
- Friona Local Livestock Show
- December 21**
- Friona Noon Lions Club Meeting at The Farmwife Kitchen
- December 25**
- Christmas
- January 1**
- New Year's Day

COVID-19 News

Coronavirus cases confirmed

As of December 2, 2020

Texas:	Worldwide:
1,280,000 cases	64,100,000 cases
22,204 deaths	1,480,000 deaths
	41,200,000 recoveries
United States:	
13,800,000 cases	
271,000 deaths	



Jill & Chris Timms



(l-r) Michael Clawson, District 2 Extension Administrator, Jill Timms, and Angie Martin, Board Member of Texas 4-H Foundation.

Jill Timms was honored as a Distinguished Leader at the 63rd Annual 4-H Gold Star Banquet that was held on Monday, November 23rd, in Lubbock. The event consisted of a combination of virtual and in-person formats and featured County Gold Star Winners from the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension South Plains District.

Ivy Cottage
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Anna Murphree & Jeff Chambliss

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Josh Barnett & Rachel Box
Macey Thurman & Justin Brown

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Saturday 10-3

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Farmhouse to Your House



The new Primary School building is beginning to take shape. Construction is pretty well on schedule considering the COVID-19 pandemic. Estimated completion date is July 2021.

ACROSS

- 1 Amarillo TV station
- 5 Baldwin of "Aviator" about TX Hughes
- 6 in Starr County on U.S. 83
- 7 TXism: "shaking like ___ dog"
- 8 Texas State Fair icon: "Big ___"
- 9 oil leakage results in the ground?
- 16 this Estrada starred with TX Fairchild in TV's "Honeyboy"
- 18 TAAS replaced "Texas Assessment ___ Skills"
- 21 state of Rangers foe Angels (abbr.)
- 22 TX Roger Miller tune: "___ Me"
- 23 TXism: "___ it or lose it"
- 24 "Ma's" secretary of state, Emma G.
- 30 with 47-across, Texas Ranger motto (2 wds.)
- 34 he was "Mingo" when TX Fess was "Daniel" (init.)
- 35 old Mason County feud: "___ War"
- 36 TX Borden of milk condensing fame
- 37 TX cafeteria
- 39 once a big Dallas hotel (2 wds.)
- 43 TXism: "___ and his money are soon parted"
- 44 TX soda namesake: Charles ___
- 45 Astros or Rangers leag.
- 46 fireplace tube
- 47 start of 30-across (2 wds.)
- 49 early Texans
- 52 former Astro GM Smith
- 53 Emmy ___ Harris has recorded with TX Lovett
- 54 primp
- 55 Breckenridge's county
- 58 de-twist a rope on a boat
- 59 San Angelo was named for a ___
- 60 once a giant communications co. (abbr.)
- 61 distress signal

DOWN

- 1 martial art by TX rancher Norris
- 2 bluebonnet is the Texas state ___
- 3 "Golfo ___" (the Gulf)
- 4 TXism: "does ___ have a climbing gear?" (yes)
- 9 TX Linda Ellerbee book: "And ___ It Goes"
- 10 in the Metroplex: University ___
- 11 TXism: "he's ___ to walk the river with" (reliable)
- 12 famous TX ranch
- 13 name of blank in 59-across
- 14 TX Gale Storm film: "___ Honeymoon"
- 15 flightless bird that some raise in TX
- 17 "Killeen ___" (high school mascot)
- 19 TXism: "___ head for something besides a hat rack" (think)
- 20 spotted childhood disease
- 24 late Ranger sports-caster Holtz (init.)
- 25 Rice's first president, Lovett (init.)
- 26 TXism: "___ owl"
- 27 TXism: "hot as ___ stove"
- 28 in Runnels County on U.S. 67
- 29 TXism: "it's the ___ truth"
- 31 TXism: "had to ___ my words" (retract statement)
- 32 ___ Grande
- 33 chip brand by TX-based Frito-Lay
- 38 former Fort Worth mayor Bob
- 40 birth mo. of TX-born Carol Burnett
- 41 a brother of TX George W.
- 42 trunked mammals ballerina skirt
- 48 poker three card
- 51 XIT Ranch once encompassed ___ counties
- 56 in Ellis County on I-45
- 57 Disney dog

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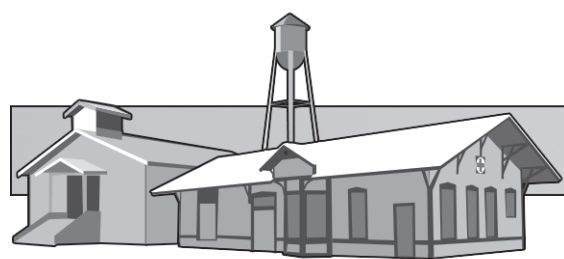
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Hospital Administrator Gayla Quillin announced that Parmer Medical Center has been designated by the State of Texas as a COVID-19 vaccine provider for Parmer County. PMC was notified of the designation on Wednesday, November 25th.

Vaccines will be administered at the hospital, health clinic, and nursing homes. All vaccine decisions concerning who, when, where, and why will be made by State of Texas officials.

Go by The Farmwife Kitchen this week and pick up an "Angel Tree" which will guide you in the purchase of a gift for a resident at Prairie Acres. Return the gift and "Angel" to the restaurant or to Prairie Acres by Friday, December 11th.

The Friona Local Livestock Show is scheduled for Saturday, December 19th. The Parmer County Junior Livestock Show is set for January 12th-14th with the sale on Saturday, January 16th. Both events will be conducted at the Friona Community Events Center.

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

National Days
December 3: Roof Over Your Head Day
December 4: Cookie Day

December 5: Bathub Party Day
December 6: Microwave Oven Day
December 7: Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
December 8: Brownie Day
December 9: Pastry Day

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



DRIVE PROGRESSES.... Bryan Johnston, co-chairman of Friona's 1985 United Way campaign, adjusts the pointer on the United Way "barometer" in front of Friona State Bank. As of Thursday, the campaign had raised roughly 67 percent of its goal. (Friona Star, Sunday, November 24, 1985)

The Friona Vocational Agriculture Association is selling fully-cooked choice briskets (14-16 lbs.) as a Christmas fundraiser to be delivered December 12th-13th. The cost is \$100 and the proceeds benefit local 4-H and FFA students. To order, go to www.frionavoag.com, click "FVAA Info" in the top right, then click on "Ham/Brisket order"

The Canadian Wildcats will play the Childress Bobcats this week in the Region 1 Championship Game (State Quarterfinals). Both teams are in the same district as Friona and Spearman who were the other two playoff qualifiers from District 3. Tough district!

The Bushland Lady Falcons defeated Goliad 3-0 (25-21, 25-10, 25-10) last Saturday in Garland to earn the title of Class 3A State Volleyball Champions. Bushland and Friona had been in the same district for many years until realignment last year sent Friona south to District 3.

TMA COVID-19 Experts Urge Testing for Schoolchildren

Texas physicians recommend schools use rapid antigen testing along with other on-campus safety measures to detect early signs of coronavirus infection among students and staff. The recommendation comes from the Texas Medical Association (TMA) School Reopening Workgroup, which includes physician members of the TMA COVID-19 Task Force, Committee on Infectious Diseases, and Committee on Child and Adolescent Health, and local health authorities from throughout the state.

Rapid antigen testing is a COVID-19 nasal or throat swab test that can produce results in minutes. The physicians say when used appropriately, rapid antigen testing in a comprehensive screening program could help schools quickly isolate children and adults who are infected with SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), regardless of whether the person has symptoms. This could prevent campus outbreaks and therefore create safer school environments.

"It is important to give school personnel (administrators and school nurses) guidance in developing - and more importantly understanding - the advantages of a comprehensive COVID-19 screening program in public schools," said Charles Lerner, MD, a San Antonio epidemiologist and infectious disease specialist and member of the TMA COVID-19 Task Force. "Testing along with the isolation of infectious students

and school staff will reduce everybody's anxiety level," said the School Reopening Workgroup member.

A positive rapid antigen test can confirm the presence of infection, but a negative test does not rule out the possibility that the person has COVID-19. The School Reopening Workgroup says the goal is to increase in-school screening and to transition any positive or symptomatic students who are tested into a physician's care to diagnose the cause of the symptoms.

"Because of the level of false negatives and the occasional false positives, we need to be aware that this kind of screening program is not a panacea and does not replace diagnostic testing which is used by physicians to confirm the cause of symptoms," Dr. Lerner said. "But a comprehensive school infection plan represents a very small step forward in getting children back to school."

The School Reopening Workgroup recommends comprehensive testing in addition to school safety measures including social distancing, wearing a mask, staying home when sick, and frequent handwashing and disinfecting.

TMA is the largest state medical society in the nation, representing more than 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.

December is packed with holidays! Share your customs with friends on video chats! Kids: color stuff in!

Newspaper Fun!

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December Days

December is one of our favorite months. It is a month with many holidays, special anniversaries and birthdays. Our friends celebrate our holidays with us and we celebrate our friends' holidays too. It is a good way to learn about other families' cultures and traditions. The puzzle below is about the special days of December. When you fill in this puzzle, the last day of December will appear!

- St. _____ Day - celebration of Bishop of Myra of the 4th century, known for his charity, gift-giving
- First _____ Transplant - (1967) Dr. Christiaan Barnard performed the first successful transplantation at Cape Town, South Africa
- _____ - a celebration of family and community, heritage and roots in Africa
- Boston Tea _____ - people angry about taxes boarded a British ship in Boston Harbor to dump tea chests overboard
- _____ Harbor Day - in 1941 the Japanese attacked U.S. naval forces in Hawaii, drawing the U.S. into WWII
- _____ - Jewish Festival of Lights - eight-day celebration of the ancient Jews' victory over the Syrians and the return of their Holy Temple
- _____ Day - a Christian holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus of Nazareth
- Las _____ - nine-day celebration in Mexico; processions of people knock on doors, asking for shelter the way Mary and Joseph did in Bethlehem
- Wright _____ Day - in honor of Orville and Wilbur Wright, who achieved the first controlled, heavier-than-air flight
- Pilgrim Landing _____ - in Governor William Bradford's writings, the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth, Massachusetts on Dec. 21, 1620
- _____ Amendment - added to the U.S. Constitution, outlawing slavery in the U.S.

The last day of December is:

HEART THIRTEENTH PARTY HANUKKAH
PEARL NICHOLAS BROTHERS
KWANZAA POSADAS ANNIVERSARY CHRISTMAS

December

This mini calendar is just for you! Decorate it with your special days.

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

December Birthdays!

I'm flying to Rockefeller Center in New York City to check out the giant Christmas tree.

Do you know anyone who has a December birthday? Can you match up these famous people born in December to their descriptions?

- Thomas Gallaudet
- Steven Spielberg
- Clara Barton
- "Ty" Cobb
- Sir Isaac Newton
- Taylor Swift

- nurse, founder of American Red Cross
- film director: E.T., Jaws, Jurassic Park
- singer, songwriter
- English mathematician, scientist
- began first school for the deaf in the U.S.
- U.S. baseball player - set 90 records

- Margaret Mead
- Ludwig van Beethoven
- LeBron James
- Tyra Banks
- Clarence Birdseye
- Bingo

- basketball superstar
- greatest composer of all time
- ha, ha - this is not a person, but a very popular game begun in 1929
- developed ways to deep-freeze food
- model, actress, businesswoman
- anthropologist - studied cultures

The Month of December:

Pop Quiz! I am "popping" this quiz about the month of December on you. Read each clue then circle "T" if it is true or circle "F" if it is false.

Stop being crabby and finish the quiz, already!

- has 22 days T F
- "decem" means "10" T F
- is the last month of the year T F
- has the "shortest" day of the year T F
- marks the end of summer T F
- begins season of winter T F
- sun signs are Sagittarius the Archer, and Capricorn the Goat T F
- flower is the rose T F
- birthstone is the diamond T F
- has many fun celebrations T F

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(11/25/20) Atilano Garcia, 46, of Farwell was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a MTR (forgery), pending District Court.

Love Fund

A Love Fund has been set up at the First National Bank, Friona Banking Center, P.O. Box 727, Friona, Texas 79035, for the Heath Husted family. Heath, Pam, and the boys have lived in Friona for the past 4 years. Heath was active in starting the Friona Youth Sports League and had been very active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes organization in both New Mexico and Texas. Pam has taught and coached in Friona for 4 years. The three boys, Andrew, William, and Grayson, attend Friona Schools.

Puzzle Solution

S-1508

State sales tax revenue totaled nearly \$3 billion in November

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today announced that state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.98 billion in November, 6.3 percent less than in November 2019. The majority of November sales tax revenue is based on sales made in October and remitted to the agency in November.

"November state sales tax collections continued the trends of recent months, with receipts down from a year ago in all major economic sectors other than retail trade," Hegar said. "Increased collections from retail trade reflected continued heightened spending for home improvements in response to the pandemic.

"The steepest declines were again in oil- and gas-related sectors because well drilling and well completion remain depressed. Receipts from the information sector were also notably down due to the

federal ban on sales taxation of internet access service.

"With sales tax collection responsibility for online marketplaces and remote sellers now in place for more than a year, increased collections from online vendors reflected the pandemic-accelerated market share shift from in-store to online shopping. Receipts from restaurants remained down from last year, but significantly higher than in the early days of the pandemic, as restrictions have eased on in-person dining and consumers continue to embrace pick-up and delivery restaurant service."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in November 2020 was down 5.3 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 59 percent of all

tax collections. While the effects of the COVID-related economic slowdown are less prominent than they were earlier this year, they continued to be evident in some sources of revenue in November 2020.

Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes: (1) motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$414 million, down 1.9 percent from November 2019; (2) motor fuel taxes — \$325 million, down 0.6 percent from November 2019; (3) oil production tax — \$199 million, down 42.2 percent from November 2019; (4) natural gas production tax — \$76 million, down 36.3 percent from November 2019; (5) hotel occupancy tax — \$33 million, down 46.1 percent from November 2019; and (6) alcoholic beverage taxes — \$96 million, down 19.1 percent from November 2019.

Texas producers recognized in National Wheat Yield Contest

Ben Scholz of Lavon and Blaise Wilde of Wall, Texas, were announced as first place state winners in the National Wheat Yield Contest on November 23, 2020.

The National Wheat Yield Contest is held by the National Wheat Foundation, a non-profit organization managed by the National Association of Wheat Growers that serves as the center for wheat research, education and outreach. The contest offers wheat growers the opportunity to compete on a national level and improve their production practices through new and innovative techniques.

There are winners in two primary categories: winter wheat and spring wheat; as well as two subcategories: dryland and irrigated. All submitted samples are analyzed for quality, with only the highest grade wheat samples eligible to place in the contest. Submissions are also tested on other quality factors like protein and test weight.

Scholz received first

place in the dryland winter wheat category with a final yield of 72.81 bushels per acre. The Collin County average is approximately 38 bushels per acre. He planted AGS 2055, a soft red winter wheat variety from the University of Arkansas.

"I planted early because in recent years, our area has had an exceptionally wet fall. I worked with input suppliers on updating fertility programs and incorporating micronutrients. This variety has performed very well in our regional variety trials," said Scholz. "I encourage other producers to question the norm and consider different management strategies than you've tried in the past."

Scholz farms two primary crops, wheat and corn, on 1,500 acres. He has been notably involved in local, state and national organizations, including the Texas Wheat Producers Association. Scholz celebrated his fiftieth year of farming last year. He was recognized as

a second-place state winner in the 2018 National Wheat Yield Contest.

Wilde received first place in the irrigated winter wheat category with a final yield of 106.21 bushels per acre. The Tom Green county average is approximately 25 bushels per acre. Wilde planted the OK Genetics variety Showdown.

"We were lucky enough to get two inches of rain after planting, which helped the crop take off, and that was followed by warm weather, which really helped root development. It is a great variety and doesn't require much input. My advice is to keep your fields clean and prepped, don't overplant and use necessary treatments. You get out of it what you put in," said Wilde. "I want to thank my family and the people of Oklahoma Foundation Seed Stocks."

Wilde produces wheat only, with approximately 85% of his operation in dryland and 15% irrigated. He follows the same man-

agement practice year after year, which includes plowing twice before planting and applying fungicides with added nitrogen in the early spring. This is Wilde's second time to be recognized as a first-place state winner in the National Wheat Yield Contest.

"The Texas Wheat Producers Association would like to congratulate Ben and Blaise on their outstanding yields and demonstration of excellent crop management," said TWPA President Jody Bellah.

The full list of state winners, as well as contest rules and entry, are available on the National Wheat Foundation website.

The Texas Wheat Producers Association is a voluntary membership organization of wheat producers in Texas. The association provides growers a concentrated, organized voice in political matters affecting the production and marketing of their crops. For more information, visit <http://www.texaswheat.org>.

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Happy Birthday Friona Folks!

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

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

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

Dec. 4
Erin Barnett
Brock Field
Deniss Field
Myrna Barraza

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

Dec. 5
Teena Hughes
Charles Wilkins
Allison Johnston

Dec. 9
Bill White
Bella Flores
Heather (Griffin)
Rodriguez



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

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- Medicare Advantage Members may have to get insurance company **APPROVAL** to get covered care.
- Unlike Original Medicare, **SERVICES MAY BE DENIED** by the Plan, leaving you financially responsible.



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

- **BE CAREFUL** when changing your prescription drug program to make sure you have not switched to a Medicare Advantage Plan by mistake.

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

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



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Christmas Book Blessings

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Christmas will be here soon, whether you are ready or not. As you prepare to celebrate Christmas this year and navigate the challenges the virus may be bringing into your family's traditional plans, don't make the costly mistake of leaving out Jesus. The holiday is about him after all, and you will do well to give him the honor due

him during this time. One of the greatest ways to draw near to the Lord is to simmer in the Christmas story from Matthew 1-2 and Luke 1-2 in scripture. Read these passages regularly, diligently, and make it a point to read together as a family.

In addition to reading from the Bible, John MacArthur's book, *God in the Man-*

ger, *The Miraculous Birth of Christ* is a fantastic, insightful and inspiring read diving into the Biblical account of the Christmas story. The 200 page work unfolds the glory of God in the Christmas story, unpacking the events, characters, prophecies and promise of salvation. Matthew 1:21 says "She will bear a son and you shall call

his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins," and MacArthur's work will inform and inspire the reader to more fully understand this reality, and trust and love God even more for it. This book is between \$10-15 and is well worth the money, time and reading to be in awe of our God in the Manger.

Let All-Knowing God Help You

By Teena Hughs

In my prayer time last week, I was praising God for being all-knowing. Then, I wondered what it would be like if we didn't have Someone who was all-knowing.

I used to think I was all-knowing, and that I could handle all of my problems. After all, God gave me a good brain and some common sense; and, since He had much bigger problems and issues than mine, I could handle my own problems just fine! Talk about crazy thinking and immaturity in Christ!!!

I think back to rearing Will and Lauren, and how I thought I knew everything about discipline, manners, and in general, raising them. But, there were those times I just didn't know what to do. I believe God allows us to

have those times just to show us how much we need Him.

So, if we know God is all-knowing, why don't we turn to Him more often; why don't we depend on Him to guide us through perilous times; why don't we pray, tell Him what we want, and then turn things over to Him?

At first, it was my pride and that feeling I had to do things by myself. Secondly, when I did start depending on Jesus more often, I didn't make it a practice and part of my daily life. God would help me through something, and then I would go back to my old ways of depending on myself.

We have to be conscious of God all the time. We have to include Him in all of our decision-making processes. We

have to include Him in our 24-7 lives, just not part of it. We have to trust Jesus and depend on Him!

I am thankful God is all-knowing. When I find myself in a situation with someone, I may think I understand what is going on with the other person, but I don't; however, God does. He knows everything about them, and He knows everything about me and the situation. The best thing is He knows what is best to take care of the situation. That is why it is important to pray and turn things over to Him. He wants us to call on Him, and He wants to help us. Let us not deny Him, or us, the opportunity to see what happens when we turn everything over to our all-knowing God!!!

Gas prices edge up

By GasBuddy

Texas gas prices have risen 0.8 cents in the past week, averaging \$1.80 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 2.9 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 44.6 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$1.45 while the most expensive is \$2.69 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has risen 1.8 cents in the last week, averaging \$2.11 per gallon. The national average is unchanged from a month ago and stands 47.6 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

"As the nation saw subdued traffic for Thanksgiving, gas prices have been mostly stable in the last week as gasoline demand plummeted to the lowest since spring as Americans stayed closer to home," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "With oil holding near a pandemic high around \$45 per barrel, we may see additional upward pressure in the weeks ahead, but it's unlikely to be earth shattering. We're likely to remain in somewhat of a limbo until early 2021 or vaccines begin to see widespread distribution and Americans slowly start venturing back to their normal lifestyle- if they ever do."

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>.

Secretary Hughs commends Texas voters

On Monday, Texas Secretary of State Ruth R. Hughs released the following statement commending Texas voters on the November 3rd general election.

"Despite the challenges presented by COVID-19, this election was a resounding success, and turnout among registered voters was the highest in 28 years as Texans exercised their right to vote.

We owe our election officials and workers a debt of gratitude—it's because of their continued commitment to ensuring safe, free and fair elections that we were able

to successfully operate thousands of County polling locations across our state on Election Day. Thank you for your service and dedication.

I also thank Governor Greg Abbott for his leadership in helping to make available the necessary resources for Counties to run their elections.

Finally, Texas voters deserve praise for their doing their part to make their voices heard and helping to shape the future of the Lone Star State.

On behalf of the State of Texas—thank you."

Panhandle Parables

Solid Ground

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

This truly has been a year for the history books and to be honest, I am ready for a few things about this year to be history. It has been a year where much that seemed sure was not and things uncertain became certain. Yet as I write I am reminded that God remains on His throne and upon the Rock we stand sure of this. One day it will all be made as it should be. We have struggled with balance

between rights and security, masks or not, politics on steroids and all of it has left many on shaky ground. We have had friends' breeze through 14 days of Covid quarantine and friends who died from the same virus. I have seen a country divided on so many fronts that it is hard to imagine, but one thing remains. Jesus still is the Christ and victory through Him is sure, solid, and secure.

My prayer is simple for peace to prevail. Cooler heads and common sense to return. My favorite verse is found in the book of John chapter 16 verse 33. Jesus says, "I have told you these things that in me you might have peace. In this world you will have trouble but take heart I have overcome the world." He was describing to His apostles in a time of uncertainty that He could be counted on. As we

move through this time of uncertainty let us find self-control and hope that we may be able to share with others that not only does Jesus live, He Reigns! And it is with this that we anchor our souls for His return.

Please pray for those who have lost much this year. May they find comfort in the Lord of Lords and King of Kings as we journey towards our heavenly home. God bless.

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Obituaries

Heath Andrew Husted

Heath Andrew Husted, passed away on the 25th of November surrounded by his family. To respect the restrictions Covid guidelines, there will be no viewing and only a graveside service at the Elida Cemetery, on December 5th at 11 am with Vernon Baker, Todd Salzwedel and Bill Case officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be Darrel Chenault, Chris Mullins, Rusty Husted, Travis Husted, Garry Morris, Mario Trujillo, Jon Kuncel, Daniel Hutchins and Brad Bryant as well as all the special people who he had touched their lives and affected their journey.



In lieu of flowers, those wishing to make memorial contributions will be able to send donations to the First National Bank of Friona for a scholarship fund that will be set up in Heath's name.

All arrangements will be made by Wheeler Mortuary in Portales, NM.

Heath was born in Portales, NM to Andrew and Cora Husted on August 2, 1970. Heath grew up in Elida, NM, where he helped on the family dairy and was active in community activities like little league and 4H. When Heath was a freshman in high school, the family moved to Santa Rosa, NM where his father, Andy, had taken a pastor position with the United Methodist Church. Heath quickly got involved with the sports program at Santa Rosa. He played football, basketball, baseball and ran track for the Lions. Heath graduated in 1988 with many sports and academic honors.

Heath spent time at McMurray, ENMU and Brewer School of Theology. Heath started to help his father with a youth group at Peralta UMC in 1989, where he made the life decision to be a youth worker. Heath spent the next twenty years working at various United Methodist Churches around the New Mexico Annual Conference. During this time he made several life-long friendships and had many opportunities to plan, dean and speak at youth events at Sacramento Methodist Assembly. During his time as a youth director he met his wife Pam, and they were married on April 27 2003 at the Sacramento Assembly. Heath and Pam worked together at First UMC in Roswell, NM and then moved to Alamogordo, NM, where he worked as the Youth Director at Grace UMC. In 2010, Heath had the opportunity to serve the San Jon UMC as a Certified Lay Pastor, and he pastored that church until 2016. During his time in San Jon, Heath helped with little Dribblers, and Little League Baseball and helped with the San Jon 6 man Football Team. Heath also become involved

with Fellowship of Christian Athletes as a huddle leader for San Jon Schools. In 2016, he joined the Fellowship of Christian Athletes as the Eastern New Mexico Regional director. Heath took his passion for youth minister and his love for all things sports and worked with coaches and athletes on the Eastern Plains with on-campus huddles, camps and mentoring coaches. In 2017, the Husted's moved to Friona, TX, where Heath helped to organize and establish a youth sports league. Heath also had the opportunity to serve the Grady UMC, where he was blessed to work with the church as a pastor and the school through FCA. He coached little league basketball and helped with Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken baseball teams. Heath loved all things sports and if he could have an opportunity to discuss his love for Christ with a coach or a team, it was the ultimate reward to him. Heath's love for sports and Christ was shared daily with his three boys. Heath's time was spent going to games, attending church and meeting with coaches.

Heath is preceded in death by his Grandfathers Finis Cannon and Don Husted, Grandmothers Grace Cannon and Grace Husted, his father Andrew Husted, his best friend Adam Anthony and various aunts, uncles and cousins.

Heath is survived by wife Pamela Husted of Friona, TX; his sons, Andrew, William and Grayson Husted of the home; his brothers Travis Husted of Elida, NM and Rusty Husted (Jessica) of Fairview, OK; his sister Heather Husted of Springfield, OH; his mother Cora Eileen Husted of Elida; his Aunts Glenda (Wayne) Harris, Patsy Graham, and Debby Cannon, and uncles Tony (Doris) Husted, and Benjamin (Judy) Husted.

The family would like to express their deepest appreciation for the wonderful staff of Parmer County Medical Center, nurses, medical tech and physicians, the Friona EMS services, Air Methods staff and the countless nurses, techs and physicians at Pampa Regional Medical and Covenant Hospital in Lubbock, who helped our family during this time.

Ricardo DeLaPaz

Ricardo DeLaPaz, 54 of Friona passed away November 24, 2020. Viewing was held Tuesday, December 1, 2020 from 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY with Rosary Services at 6:00 P.M. that evening. Mass of Christian Burial was held 10:00 A.M. Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona with Father Gregory Bunyan as Celebrant. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



Ricardo was born January 26, 1966 in San Diego, Texas to Timoteo and Maria Luisa Guzman DeLaPaz. He later married Frances Ramos October 19, 1991.

Ricardo worked for CHS, Inc. of Friona for 30 years. He loved his family and his moto was family first. He was a great handyman and carpenter that loved bbq and anything Ford.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a step-father-Manuel Calanche.

Those to carry on his legacy include his wife Frances of Friona, 1 son-Tony DeLaPaz and wife Roxanna of Amarillo, 2 daughters-Josie Vera and

husband Jorge of Odessa, and Ana DeLapaz and L.J. Lopez of Hereford, 1 brother-Timoteo DeLaPaz Jr. of Carlsbad, 5 sisters-Gloria Tanguma and husband Marin, Sylvia Berterton and Elva Amesquita and husband Ricardo, all of Midland, Maria Elena Fuentes and husband Frank of Carlsbad, and Noelia DeLaPaz of San Antonio, 8 grandchildren-Stephanie Vera, Joshua Vera, Daniel Vera, Illyana Salinas, Isaac Salinas, Xavier Lopez, Zachariah Lopez and Zahidy Lopez.



Delia Nabor

Delia Nabor, 60 of Friona passed away November 20, 2020 in Lubbock. Viewing was held from 9:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. Saturday, November 28, 2020 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY with Celebration of Life Services beginning at 11:00 A.M. on the same day. Cremation and Arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



Delia was born December 28, 1959 in Harlingen, Texas to Simon and Rafaela Madrigal Torrez. She later married Jorge Nabor. Delia loved to make people laugh and never met a stranger. She was a selfless person that loved others, especially her family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, 1 brother-Felix Torrez, 2 granddaughters Hope and Jasmine Garcia.

Those to carry on her legacy include her husband Jorge of Friona, 2 daughters, Claudia Ortiz and husband Jeremy and Rafaela Mireles and husband Paul, all of Amarillo, 2 sons-Fernando Garcia Jr. and Erika Castillo of Friona, and Ricardo Garcia of Ama-

arillo, 4 brothers-Rafael Torrez and wife Maggie, and Julio Torrez and wife Hilda, all of Amarillo, Gilbert Torrez and wife Nena of Baytown, and Simon Torrez and wife Minga of Progresso, 3 sisters Irma Balli and husband Obbie of Friona, Rachel Martinez and husband Ruben of Hereford, and Sylvia Sosa and husband Enrique of Tyler, 11 grandchildren- Jessica, Mya, Ava, Paul Jr., Jeremy, Promise, Jacobs, Jaden, Jeremiah Fernando III, and Jaylen.



Elida Perez

Elida Perez, 57 of Friona passed away November 29, 2020 in Albuquerque, N.M. Viewing will be held from 9:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. Thursday, December 3, 2020 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY with Celebration of Life Services beginning at 2:00 P.M. with Jesus Mendoza, officiating. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



Elida was born October 9, 1963 in El Porvenir, Chihuahua, Mexico to Sylvester and Elibertha Villa Perez. She worked in housekeeping for Prairie Acres Nursing Home for many years, loved to watch TV, and listen to music. She is preceded in death by her parents.

Those that will miss Elida include 2 sisters-Bertha Mendoza and husband Jesus, Angelica Perez, and 1 brother-Joe Luis Perez, all of Friona.



Laverne Thatcher

Laverne Thatcher, 79 of Bovina passed away November 24, 2020 in Clovis. Viewing was from 1:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Sunday, November 29, 2020 at HANSARD FAMILY with Celebration of Life Graveside Services scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Monday, November 30, 2020 in the Bovina Cemetery with Rev. Larry Mitchell, officiating. Burial following by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



Laverne was born December 7, 1940 in Oklahoma City to Earl Bearl and Stella Clema Scot Riley. She later married Eldon Thatcher June 23, 1959 in Farwell.

She was a homemaker and former bank teller. She loved music and dancing and won many dancing contests in the years past. She loved dressing up and looking pretty and had a large collection of jewelry and purses.

She is preceded in death by her parents, 2 brothers-R. B. and Larry Riley, 1 sister-

Lottie Bandy, and 1 granddaughter-Christy Thatcher.

Those to carry on her legacy include her husband of 61 years-Eldon Thatcher of Bovina, 1 son- Wayne Thatcher of Edgewood, N.M., 1 brother-Earl Gene Riley also of Edgewood, 1 sister-Linda Riley of Tucumcari, and 1 granddaughter-Jenna Heard of Muleshoe.



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

The City will open up the roll-off box this Saturday, December 5, 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.

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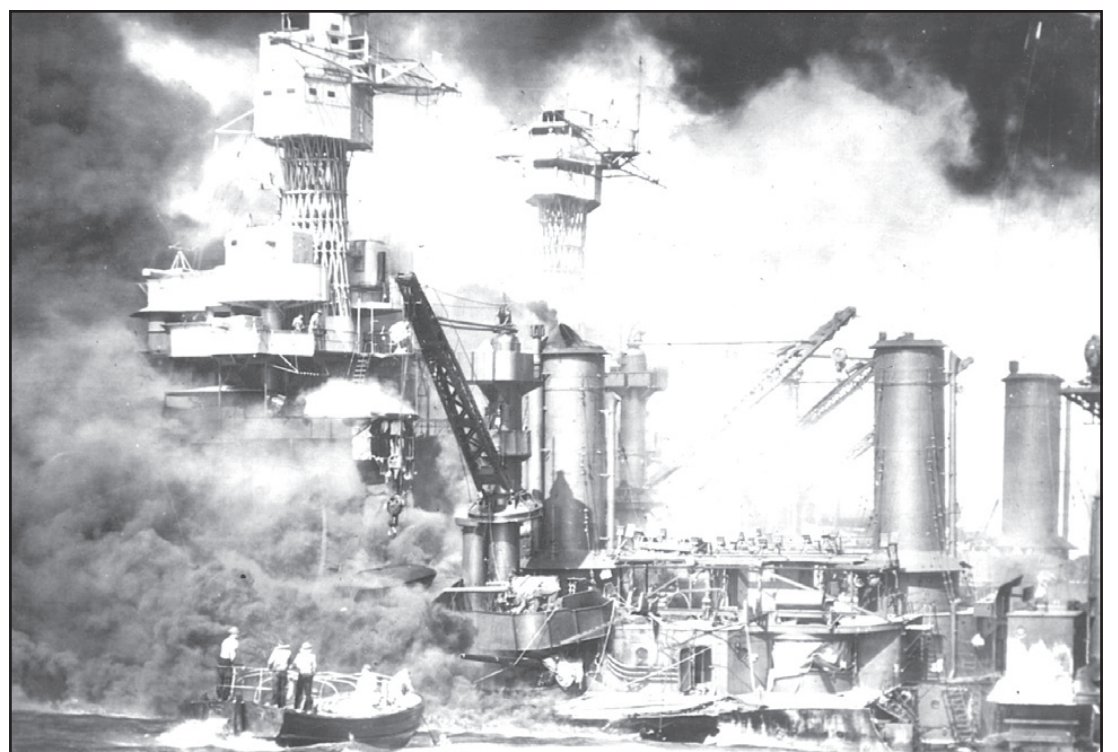
A copy of the bid specifications is on file at the County Judge's Office.

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

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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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Small Town Cookin'

By Clint Mears

From the Miller-Roysden Cookbook
 By Rhonda Hortness Miller

Potato Refrigerator Rolls

- 1 pkg. dry yeast
- 1-1/2 cups warm water
- 1 cup unseasoned mashed potatoes (may use instant potatoes)
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 2/3 cup shortening
- 2 eggs
- 1-1/2 tsp. salt
- 6-7 cups flour

Dissolve yeast and sugar in the warm water. Combine the rest of the ingredients with 3 cups of the flour. Beat until smooth. Mix in enough remaining flour to make dough easy to handle. Knead until smooth (about 10 minutes).

Option 1:

At this point either let dough rise once (until

doubled), punch down, let rise and then make rolls. Place on greased pans and let rise again.

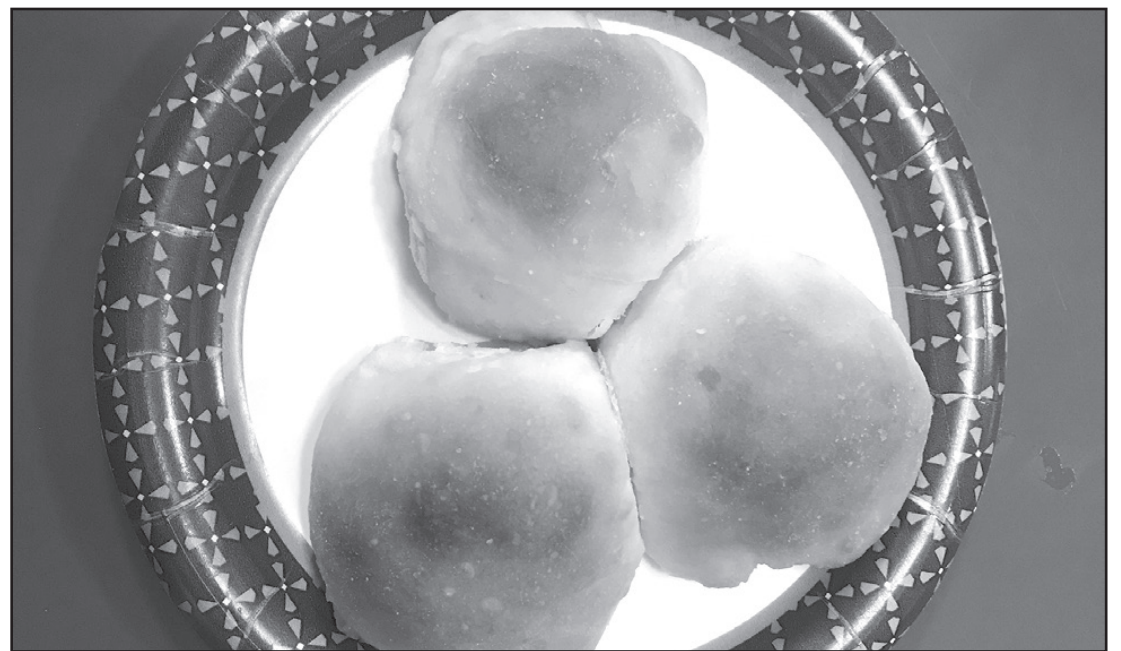
Option 2:

Or cover tightly in container and refrigerate (for up to 5 days). Remove from refrigerator and make rolls.

For cheese rolls:

Cut 1/2 inch cubes of cheddar cheese and place in the middle of a flattened roll then pull the dough up around it and seal it by squeezing the dough together and place the roll with the sealed part on bottom. Leave a little space around each roll.

Bake at 400° for 10 to 15 minutes on middle rack in oven until golden brown.



Brownies

in honor of National Brownie Day December 8th

Melt together:

- 3 sq. unsweetened chocolate (3 oz.)
- 1 sq. German's Sweet Chocolate (1 oz.)
- 2/3 cup shortening

Mix in mixer bowl:

- 2 cups sugar
- 4 eggs

Slowly add the chocolate/shortening mixture to the sugar/egg mixture.

Add:

- 1-1/2 cups flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt

Optional:

Add 1 cup chopped nuts

Pour into a greased 9" x 13" pan. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

Remove from oven and cover until cool. Enjoy.

Friona School Calendar for December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 -Students/ Staff Return to Campus -Picture Retakes for all Campuses	8 -HS Basketball @ Adrian VG/VB 6:00	9	10	11 -HS Basketball vs. Dimmitt JVG/VG 5:00/6:30 -HS Basketball vs. Ralls JVB/VB 5:00/8:00	12
13	14 -JH Basketball @ 5:00 Girls (H) Boys @ Denver City -FISD Board Meeting 7:00	15 -JH Band Christmas Concert 7:00	16	17 -Early Release	18 -Early Release -HS Basketball @ Brownfield 5/6:30/8:00	19 -Friona Stock Show
20	21 -HS Basketball @ Denver City 5/6:30/8:00	22	23 Christmas Break	24	25	26
27	28 -HS Basketball vs. San Angelo TLCA @ Ralls 10/11/12/2:00	29	30 Christmas Break	31		

Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



A loose estimate of the number of sermons/Bible lessons I have heard while parked on a pew or sitting quietly in class: at least 5,000.

Work with me on the math. In almost 65 years, I have lived 3,380 Sundays. Double this because the Sullivans/Mayes attended Sunday morning and Sunday night. Adding Wednesday nights into the mix is another 3,380. So, 3,380 x 3 = 10,140.

Considering sickness, pretending to be sick, travel (although we sometimes attended church while on the road), fatigue, the dark years, and a unilateral decision to worship at home, I would think my attendance would stand somewhere around .500. It may sound unimpressive but think of it as a batting average, and then it's almost saintly.

No doubt, I have heard numerous well-prepared and delivered sermons/lessons. For whatever reason, the following are most vivid.

In a Sunday morning auditorium Bible class, Jim Williamson talked about those three guys tossed into the fiery furnace for not worshipping an idol on command. Jim read the story from Daniel, which we had heard and knew well. But Jim re-read the verse where Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego acknowledge that God might not answer their prayer. The fact that they might burn, they said to Neb (nickname), was of no consequence because they were going to do the right thing. In other words, their prayer was sincerely uttered and sincerely realistic. After all, anyone thrown into a fiery furnace was going to get scorched. In my Bible class, the emphasis

was on the miracle of their rescue. In the adult class, the point of Jim's lesson was on the mindset of our hearts and our faith when we pray.

In a Sunday morning sermon from the pulpit, Tom Holcomb spoke of the command to Abraham to sacrifice his young son. Hearing this Biblical story years earlier when I was a child was horrifying. I was a bit taken aback that God would ask someone to kill his child. Then, the teacher would wrap it up with a happy ending and share that Isaac was spared because of God's eternal plan. Fast forward to my young adult self, listening to Tom's more profound message from this event. God tested Abraham, noted Tom, not because God wanted to see how strong Abraham's faith was. God knew. He tested Abraham so that Abraham would see how strong his faith was. I took to heart Tom's point that often we face trials that expose our dormant strengths. I still wish God would have used Abraham's favorite pet goat instead of Isaac to make his point.

--From a host of beautiful ladies who taught our Sunday morning or Wednesday night Bible classes, the lessons of the Good Samaritan, the trusting friendship between David and Jonathan, and the devotion between Naomi and Ruth were positive influences. Each time I heard these stories, my little heart grew. By the time we got to Jesus's life, my favorite Old Testament stories all made sense. His life embodied helping those in need no matter their background, being there for friends and sharing what we have, and

respecting the sanctity of family relations.

--Finally, not long ago I sermon-ed myself by re-reading the Old Testament Book of Esther. Her story made for a great sort of "fairy tale" of a beautiful Queen who saved her people from a government grifter named Haman. However, the reason Esther rose to her status was due in large part to Vashti, who as the previous Queen, refused to appear before the King during a somewhat intoxicated party. A woman standing up to the King, refusing to be brought out and displayed simply for my beauty? Vashti's defiance set in motion repercussions, which were typical of the day (Vashti was banished, a decree was sent out to all women to remember their place, and a new harem was brought in for the King's approval). He chose Esther, and when the time came for her to put her life on the line, Esther was mindful of Vashti's dignity. Without Vashti, Esther might just have been another pretty face. Esther patiently and carefully waited to see the King, exposed the malice, and saved the Jews from the gallows. Haman was left hanging, literally. Perhaps Vashti, exiled in some Persian tent, enjoyed a hot cup of wassail upon receiving the news.

I always wanted to teach the Bible as literature. It is filled with story after story of intrigue, murder, mystery, jealousy, poetry, song, instruction, and love letters. It would be mischievously fun to re-write some from a woman's perspective, still inspired but with a feminine touch. I'll talk to God and see what she says.

State Capital Highlights

By Chris Cobler



Researcher spotlights 'invisible incentives'

The Texas Enterprise Fund took a hit for lack of transparency in a new research paper from the National Freedom of Information Coalition.

The paper by journalist Steve Miller is titled "Invisible Incentives: How Secrecy Impedes Evaluation and Accountability of Economic Development Subsidies." Part of the paper spotlights the Texas Enterprise Fund, which the Legislature created in 2003 to provide taxpayer money to companies in exchange for the promise of jobs.

"But in numerous cases, the money has been paid and the companies left shortly after the deal was completed, taking the jobs with them," the paper's author writes. "The public rarely hears of it, and the money spent is rarely recouped, although because of the opacity surrounding the TEF, it's difficult to discern if any financial recovery by the state is achieved."

The problem is the same across most states, according to the paper, which concludes with this recommendation: "Opening the records, fully, is the best start to handing the decision to the public."

Renae Eze, Gov. Greg Abbott's spokesperson, responded in a statement to the researcher's assertions.

"When he first entered office in 2015, Gov. Abbott established procedures to ensure the protection of taxpayer money and transparency in the spending process, including changing the Texas Enterprise Fund requirements to be performance-based, meaning these companies must first meet their contracted job requirements before any state money is paid out," she stated. "Companies must also remain and maintain those jobs for an extra year on the contract period. If a company falls short, it will be held accountable to the hardworking people of Texas through provisions that enable us to clawback our grant."

Plans for first vaccinations

Texas is preparing to distribute the COVID-19 vaccination to medical staff and other first responders later this month.

"Texas is ready to distribute these vaccines in the coming days," Gov. Greg Abbott tweeted Sunday, sharing a Wall Street Journal news story about United Airlines operating charter flights to position doses of Pfizer Inc.'s COVID-19 vaccine for quick distribution if the shots are approved by regulators.

Earlier, Abbott and the State Department of Health Services announced their guiding principles of vaccine distribution. Texas will initially allocate vaccines based on the following criteria:

- Protecting health care workers.
- Protecting frontline workers.
- Protecting vulnerable populations who are at greater risk.
- Mitigating health inequities.
- Data-driven allocations using the best available scientific evidence and epidemiology.

- Geographic diversity that considers access in urban and rural communities.
- Transparency with the public.

\$1 billion less

Two key Texas funds received about \$1 billion less this year because of the economic downturn, state Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced.

The State Highway Fund and the Rainy Day Fund each received more than \$1.1 billion in the annual transfer of severance tax money, Hegar said. That's about \$500 million less for each fund than a year ago.

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 percent of the excess is transferred. In November 2014, voters approved a constitutional amendment allocating at least half of the 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.

The economic contraction associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and recent volatility in oil prices contributed to the transfer amounts being lower than the \$1.66 billion each fund received in fiscal 2020, Hegar said.

"The Rainy Day Fund and the State Highway Fund are critical pieces to ensure Texas' continued economic strength," Hegar said. "The State Highway Fund is a key funding source for the transportation infrastructure that is fundamental to our economy, and the importance of maintaining a healthy Rainy Day Fund to help weather unforeseen economic downturns has never been more clear than it has been in recent months."

With this most recent transfer, the new balance of severance taxes will be about \$10.7 billion.

Billion-dollar breakthrough?

Texas A&M researchers announced a breakthrough in fighting agricultural plant diseases.

Kranthi Mandadi, a Texas A&M AgriLife Research scientist and associate professor in Texas A&M's Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology, has been working on developing new biological technologies. Mandadi and his team are based at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Weslaco.

The diseases cause billions of dollars of damage each year. The U.S. citrus industry alone would save \$3 billion a year through control of just one of these diseases — citrus greening. Additionally, the pathogen that causes Pierce's disease in grapes is the No.1 threat to the \$1 billion wine industry in Texas.

The new technologies allow scientists to better study the pathogens and combat them.

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IRS urges data protection for holidays and upcoming filing season

With the approach of the holidays and the upcoming tax filing season, the Internal Revenue Service, state tax agencies and the nation's tax industry are promoting the 5th annual National Tax Security Awareness Week from Nov. 30 through Dec. 4 with tips on basic safeguards everyone should take.

The week-long initiative highlights simple steps taxpayers can do such as using anti-virus software and strong passwords and points out common tactics used by identity thieves to target taxpayers, businesses and tax professionals. It will also focus on specific threats to businesses and to tax professionals, both of whom are increasingly plagued by criminals.

Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman, said one of the most common ways cyber crooks steal your personal or work information is by simply asking for it. "They may appear to be a trusted company—possibly posing as your bank or your favorite online retailer," Sanford warned. "Be sure to examine emails carefully, and if you get these types of 'phishing' emails on your phones or computers, don't open links or attachments."

Since forming the Security Summit partnership in 2015,

the IRS, state tax agencies and the tax industry have made significant inroads into tax-related identity theft. While the Summit partners continue to improve their internal defenses, more help is needed from taxpayers, businesses and tax professionals to better protect the data that identity thieves need to file fraudulent tax returns.

Increasing public awareness about people's role in protecting their own data is a critical part of the Security Summit efforts. Here are a few basic steps everyone should remember during the holidays and as the 2021 tax season approaches:

- Don't forget to use security software for computers and mobile phones - and keep it updated.
- Make sure purchased anti-virus software has a feature to stop malware, and there is a firewall that can prevent intrusions.
- Phishing scams - like imposter emails, calls and texts -- are the No. 1 way thieves steal personal data. Don't open links or attachments on suspicious emails. This year, fraud scams related to COVID-19 and the Economic Impact Payment are common.
- Use strong and unique passwords for online accounts.

Use a phrase or series of words that can be easily remembered or use a password manager.

- Use multi-factor authentication whenever possible. Many email providers and social media sites offer this feature. It helps prevent thieves from easily hacking accounts.

- Shop at sites where the web address begins with "https" - the "s" is for secure communications over the computer network. Also, look for the "padlock" icon in the browser window.

- Don't shop on unsecured public Wi-Fi in places like a mall. Remember, thieves can eavesdrop.

- At home, secure home Wi-Fis with a password. With more homes connected to the web, secured systems become more important, from wireless printers, wireless door locks to wireless thermometers. These can be access points for identity thieves.

- Back up files on computers and mobile phones. A cloud service or an external hard drive can be used to copy information from computers or phones - providing an important place to recover financial or tax data.

- Working from home? Consider creating a virtual private network (VPN) to securely connect to your workplace.

Governor Abbott announces Hewlett Packard Enterprise Global Headquarters relocation to Texas

On Tuesday, Governor Greg Abbott announced that Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) will relocate its global headquarters to Spring, Texas from San Jose, California. The headquarters will be located in a new state-of-the-art campus that will open in early 2022, building upon the company's established presence in the state of Texas.

"We are excited that Hewlett Packard Enterprise has chosen to call Texas home, and I thank them for expanding their investment in the Lone Star State by relocating their head-

quarters to the Houston region," said Governor Abbott. "Hewlett Packard Enterprise joins more than 50 Fortune 500 companies headquartered in the Lone Star State, including 22 in the Houston area alone. That is because Texas offers the best business climate in the nation. Our low taxes, high quality of life, top-notch workforce, and tier one universities create an environment where innovative companies like HPE can flourish. We look forward to a successful partnership with HPE, as together we build a more prosperous future for Texas."

December Birthdays!

Do you know anyone who has a December birthday? Did you match up these people born in December to their descriptions?

1. Thomas Gallaudet	A. nurse, founder of American Red Cross
2. Steven Spielberg	B. film director: E.T., Jaws, Jurassic Park
3. Clara Barton	C. singer, songwriter
4. "Ty" Cobb	D. English mathematician, scientist
5. Sir Isaac Newton	E. began first school for the deaf in the U.S.
6. Taylor Swift	F. U.S. baseball player - set 90 records

December Days

December is one of our favorite months. What is the last day of December that appeared below the arrow?

December: Quiz!

1. has 22 days T (F) (31)	6. begins season of winter T (F)
2. "decem" means "10" T (F)	7. sun signs are Sagittarius the Archer, and Capricorn the Goat T (F)
3. is the last month of the year T (F)	8. flower is the rose T (F) (holly)
4. has the "shortest" day of the year T (F)	9. birthstone is the diamond T (F) (turquoise)
5. marks the end of summer T (F) (fall)	10. has many fun celebrations T (F)

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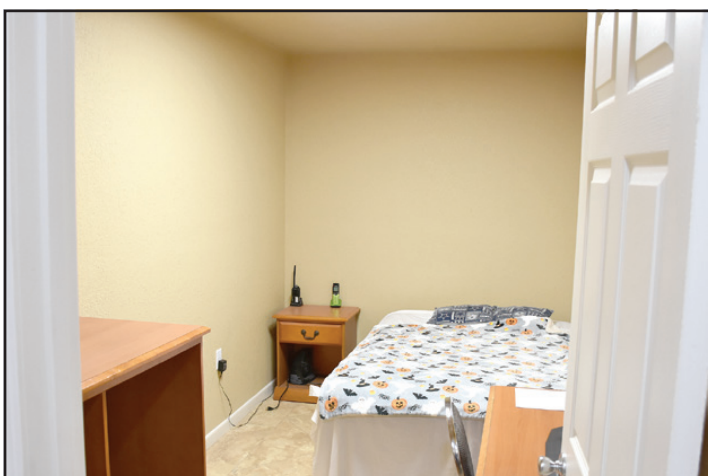
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