



## Texas Retired Teachers Launch Online Tutoring Portal

Endeavor aims to return hope to Texas students learning from home

Texas children are living through a reality that many parents and school administrators never thought possible - learning the basics of reading, writing, arithmetic, and more through videoconferencing. Today, the Texas Retired Teachers Foundation (TRTF) launches a new online tutoring website to help students achieve academic success, whether they are learning in a traditional classroom or from home.

"None of us have ever experienced 'distance learning' in our school system the way today's children are," said Tim Lee, Executive Director of the Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA) and its 501(c)(3) charitable partner organization, TRTF.

"We're already seeing an impact on their academic readiness and success, and we decided to take action. By partnering with peer-tutoring platform Knack, the TRTF Tutor Program aims to be the largest community of retired teacher tutors in Texas and the U.S.," Lee explained.

The Foundation's tutoring service will engage retired Texas public school teachers who have the experience, time, and dependability needed to engage with students of all ages and educational needs. Retired teachers onboard the

platform will be able to earn extra income to support their retirement and general costs of living. The average TRS monthly pension is \$2,000 per month, and most Texas retired teachers do not receive Social Security benefits.

School students using the platform will receive the educational support they need as they adapt to virtual learning environments that have quickly become the primary mode of education for most Texas families; and parents gain access to reduced cost, reliable tutoring services focused on empowering students to succeed.

As part of the program launch, TRTF is currently undertaking an ambitious \$10 million fundraising effort to donate 250,000 hours of tutoring to Texas schools.

"These are unprecedented times. We have a responsibility to think bigger and do more than ever," Lee said. "Just imagine the difference we can make together by connecting thousands of Texas retired teachers with our students and schools. TRTF is also calling on all interested TRS retirees to consider being a tutor on the platform. Our belief is that demand will be very high, and we want to rise up and meet the challenge," concluded Lee.

To learn more and sign-up for the program visit [www.trtf.org](http://www.trtf.org).



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to everyone at Parmer Medical Center and Friona Rural Health Clinic. Our town, and surrounding area, are fortunate to have such outstanding facilities along with a superior team of tireless healthcare workers. The COVID-19 pandemic has made 2020 a very difficult year for everyone, but your dedication has been an inspiration and comfort to many.

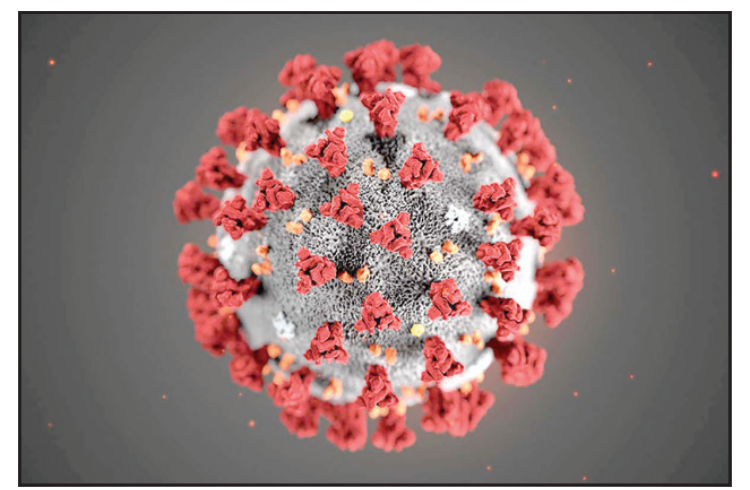
## COVID-19 Rapid Testing Pilot Program launched

On Monday, Governor Greg Abbott and the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) launched a COVID-19 Rapid Testing Pilot Program for front line workers at Texas small businesses. This program will help small businesses throughout the state conduct rapid tests on employees to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Through this pilot program, TDEM will provide local Chamber of Commerce or-

ganizations with COVID-19 testing supplies that will then allocate the supplies to local small businesses that choose to participate in the program. These small businesses can then administer these tests to employees who choose to participate. This program has been developed using the framework of the COVID-19 Rapid Testing Pilot Program for Texas school systems, implemented by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and TDEM in October, that ensures access to rapid testing for all Texas teachers.

"This rapid testing pilot program will protect the safety of small business owners, their employees, and Texas consumers as we continue to combat COVID-19," said Governor Abbott. "This effective strategy will help us detect and mitigate this virus



while ensuring that Texas remains safely open for business. I thank the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for providing these tests and our participating Chamber of Commerce organizations for partnering with the State of Texas to help protect our communities." **The launch of the pilot**

program will include six participating Chamber of Commerce organizations with plans to significantly ramp up the program across the state. Participating Chamber of Commerce organizations include: Amarillo Chamber of Commerce, Amarillo Economic Development Corporation, Edinburg Chamber of Commerce, El Paso Chamber of Commerce, Laredo Chamber of Commerce, and Lubbock Chamber of Commerce.

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### Project Christmas Card

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### 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.

### Parmer County COVID-19 stats as of December 8



Active Cases

98

Total Cases

776

Recoveries

651

Fatalities

27

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Friona Weather December 10-16	T  68   29 W 10-20	F  46   25 N 5-10	S  48   23 NW 10-15	S  42   23 N 10-20	M  53   27 SW 15-25	T  51   24 NNW 10-20	W  51   29 W 10-20	Precipitation December 0.00 Year 9.41	Burn Ban: <b>Yes</b>
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**Community Calendar**

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

**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

**January 12-14, 16**

• Parmer County Jr. Livestock Show & Sale

**COVID-19 News**

**Coronavirus cases confirmed**

As of December 9, 2020

<b>Texas:</b> 1,370,000 cases 23,439 deaths	<b>Worldwide:</b> 68,500,000 cases 1,560,000 deaths 44,200,000 recoveries
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**HPWD Board Member Mike Beauchamp honored for service**

By Mr. Carmon McCain, HPWD

LUBBOCK, TX (December 4, 2020) -- Outgoing Precinct Three District Director Mike Beauchamp of Friona was honored for his service during a Nov. 24 special meeting of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) Board of Directors.

Mike Beauchamp was first elected to the HPWD Board in 2012, representing Bailey County, the portion of Castro County within the District, and Parmer County. He served as Secretary-Treasurer from 2013 to 2020.

During the special meeting, the HPWD Board adopted a Resolution of Appreciation thanking Beauchamp for his eight years of service on the HPWD Board of Directors.

A portion of the resolution reads as follows: "Mike Beauchamp served as Chairman of the HPWD Research and Demonstration Project Grant Funding Committee from 2014 to 2020. Under his leadership, the committee approved more

than \$690,000 in funding for 50 projects designed to further water conservation research, demonstration, and educational efforts."

HPWD Board President Lynn Tate of Amarillo thanked Beauchamp for consistently providing insightful thought to Board deliberations regarding adoption of tax rates, conservation initiatives, legislative matters, proposed rule revisions, and other ways that HPWD can improve services for the constituents it serves.

"My time as a HPWD Board Member has gone by quickly. It has been an honor to serve the residents of Precinct Three for the past eight years," Beauchamp said.

Beauchamp did not seek re-election on Nov. 3, 2020. His son, Tony, was elected to succeed his father in the position. He will take office in January 2021.

Created in 1951 by local residents and the Texas Legislature, the High Plains Water District works to con-



**Board President Lynn Tate (L) presents a Resolution of Appreciation to Precinct Three District Director Mike Beauchamp at the Nov. 24, 2020 Special HPWD Board of Directors meeting in Lubbock.**

serve, preserve, protect, and prevent the waste of underground water within its 16-county service area. HPWD is the first groundwater conservation district created in Texas.

Be sure to "like" the High Plains Water District Facebook page to receive updates on district activities or follow us on Twitter at @HPUWCD. Visit our website at [www.hpwd.org](http://www.hpwd.org).

**Walkin' on the Sun**



Bruce Fleming has gone solar. In the photo above you can see the new photovoltaic (PV) solar system he had installed on the south roof of his house facing the alley. The system is rated to produce 18,845 Kwh of electricity to offset approximately 90% of his annual household electric use.

This system is 'grid tied' so he is still connected to the electric grid and will get the "balance" of his electricity from Xcel Energy. Any excess electricity that is produced will be "pushed back" into the Xcel Energy power grid.

The solar panels are made by Mission Solar in San Antonio Texas and are touted as being extremely durable with a 25 year guarantee and a 30 year estimated life span. The manufacturer has online videos of the solar panels being hit with a hail cannon, driven on by a car, submersed under water, and blasted with a flame thrower, all without damage.

The system has its own web connection so Bruce can monitor real time and historical production from his smartphone or computer. With a federal tax credit of 26%

of the cost, he has calculated the breakeven point on the system at 10 years. Any future electric rate increases by Xcel Energy would decrease the breakeven point of the solar system. The system will increase your homeowners insurance due to the added value, but a Texas Constitutional amendment exempts home solar systems from property tax.

Bruce is not the only one "catching rays" these days. Apparently there are now 4 solar systems operating inside the Friona city limits.

**ACROSS**

- Rising \_\_\_\_\_, TX
- honorary Texas Ranger: \_\_\_\_\_ Stanley Gardner
- former MLB pitcher from Texas, David
- transport for Dallas-based Greyhound (2 wds.)
- TX-born Steve Martin song: "King \_\_\_\_\_"
- flightless Australian bird
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ of" (lots)
- puzzling things
- "Ma," the first governor of Texas
- "\_\_\_\_\_ up" (getting ready)
- TXism: "she could talk a wagon out of \_\_\_\_\_" (talks a lot)
- Blanca, TX
- dork, dweeb
- gas \_\_\_\_\_ led to a school disaster in New London (1937)
- reveal an art work
- WBAP's business
- TX Janis Joplin album: "I Got \_\_\_\_\_ Kozmic Blues Again Mama" (1969)
- site where Missouri City, TX slaves learned they were free in 1860 (2 wds.)
- TXism: "mean as a \_\_\_\_\_"
- cut into two parts
- airport buildings
- slain
- this Ron was "Tarzan" on NBC (1966-68)
- a church building recess
- more mentally healthy
- TXism: "he's ugly as homemade \_\_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "fits like ugly \_\_\_\_\_ ape"
- "Lexington" at Corpus Christi is an \_\_\_\_\_-class aircraft carrier
- TXism: "worn \_\_\_\_\_ frazzle" (tired)
- hospital trauma rooms (abbr.)
- Tex Ritter sang "\_\_\_\_\_ Whiskey"
- in Ellis County on U.S. 67 & 287
- a Great Lake
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ spell" (rest)
- TXism: "tow \_\_\_\_\_" (burlap bag)
- graduate sch. test
- this Holley wrote first English history of Texas (init.)
- "mi casa es \_\_\_\_\_ casa" (neighborly)
- TX Marcus Johnson is a WR in this state
- TXism: "beats anything I \_\_\_\_\_ saw"
- TV controller
- early name: "El Paso \_\_\_\_\_ del Norte"
- it's placed in the Abilene Reporter-News, e.g.
- TXism: "that'll \_\_\_\_\_ nicely" (OK)
- TX Kristofferson is narrator in 2007 film "\_\_\_\_\_ Not There"
- TX Sessions was dir. of this agcy.
- TXism: "he could out \_\_\_\_\_ six-legged bobcat" (fast)
- time goes by
- TX singer English of Lawrence Welk J.R. Ewing's wife: "Sue \_\_\_\_\_"
- at any time
- 17th gov. Roberts (first two init.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ "Too Tall" Jones
- "S" of "ESP"
- Raymondville AM
- \_\_\_\_\_ of use"

**DOWN**

- it's located on the 3rd floor of the TX Capitol (2 wds.)
- "Jackson County Herald-\_\_\_\_\_"
- Alaska's islands
- TX Drew Stubbs played for the Cincinnati \_\_\_\_\_
- Muslim ruler
- Louise and Irlene to Barbara (2 wds.)
- this Ulysses first saw combat at the "Battle of Palo Alto" in TX (init.)
- a TX doc is current pres. of this assn.

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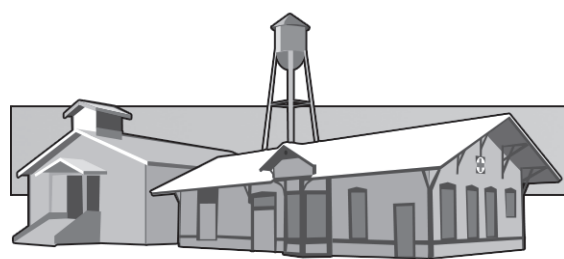
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# TOWN TALK

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Farming, Football, Family. This is the title of a story by Clinton Griffiths about the father/son coaching duo of Don & Colby Cartel. Don came out of "retirement" to fill as "Interim Head Coach" for Stephen F. Austin in their game against Angelo State because Head Coach Colby Cartel was battling COVID-19. Don got the win (#125), but we do

not know if counts on his official scorecard. A win is a win. You can read the full story at [agweb.com/article/farming-football-family](http://agweb.com/article/farming-football-family).

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The cotton harvest for Friona area farmers is complete. Friona Farmers Co-Op Gin reported that they have ginned 13,124 bales so far this year. But they are not finished just yet. Cot-

ton farmers, with local ties, from the Sparmen area are sending six trucks loaded with 10 round bales twice a day to the local gin. This is equivalent to 30 modules per day. The cotton season should be completed near the end of December.

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The Prairie Acres/Friona Heritage Estates "Resident of the Month" is Anna Jo

Blackburn. The "Employee of the Month" is Esther Ruiz. She works in the nursing department and has worked at PA/FHE since October 2019. Congratulations and Merry Christmas to both.

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The Canadian Wildcats defeated the Childress Bobcats 45-14 last week in the Region 1 Championship Game (State Quarterfinals). The #1 ranked Wildcats will face #2 ranked Gunter (Region 2 Champion) in a State Semi-Final matchup. The winner will face the winner of the other State Semi-Final game between Elysian Fields and #6 ranked Franklin.

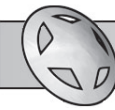
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Organizers of an upcoming Miss Friona Scholarship Pageant, after seeing other pageants cancelled this year, decided the virtual show must go on and will present the event online after three month of workshops and competition. This year's theme is "Friona, You're My Hero" and will help showcase all the local heroes we have in Friona. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the event will have a different format with winners being announced in a virtual platform on Tuesday, February 9th. If you would like to sponsor a contestant please contact the Friona Chamber of Commerce.

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## National Days

- December 10 — Nobel Prize Day
- December 11 — Salesperson Day
- December 12 — Poinsettia Day
- December 13 — Cocoa Day
- December 14 — Monkey Day
- December 15 — Bill of Rights Day
- December 16 — Chocolate-covered Anything Day



## SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(12/2/20) Johnny Garci, 34, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a MTR (Delivery CS PG1 > 4g > 200g), pending District Court.

(12/2/20) Anayeli Trejo, 30, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Assault, pending County Court.

(12/3/20) Luis C. Agunu, 35, of Bovina was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Injury to Child/Disabled, pending District Court.

(12/3/20) Jorge Campos, 34, of Friona was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of Possession CS PG1 < 1g Drug Free Zone, pending District Court.

(12/4/20) Stardo Delas, 24, of Washington, was arrested by the Farwell Police Department on a charge of Possession of Marijuana < 5 lbs > 4 oz., pending Grand Jury



## COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from November 25, 2020 to December 3, 2020

(12/2/20) Ben Rejino Jr, Estela G. Rejino — Rocky Gingg, Elizabeth Gingg — All of W/2 of the N 320 Ac of Sec 29 Township 5 S R 4 E Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County and All of the N/2 of NE/4 of Sec 24 Township 6 S R 3 E Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County

## FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



FFA TEAM AT STATE MEET....Members of the Friona FFA who competed at the state meet in Huntsville are, l-r, Jeremy Bentley, Justin Jeter, Michael Rushing, and Leslie Fangman. (Friona Star, Saturday, December 9, 1995)

## Friona ISD Notice of Public Meeting

A public meeting will be held during the Friona ISD Board Meeting on Monday, December 14, at 7 p.m. The purpose of this part of the board meeting will be to discuss Friona ISD's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

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## Newspaper Fun!

Christmas is coming and we are...  
...decorating, baking, and hiding gifts!  
Kids: color stuff in!

### Christmas is Coming!

Every year, while waiting for Christmas, people around the world place glowing candles in their windows. Lights are hung on houses and trees. Cheerful fires are lighted in fireplaces. Bonfires and Yule logs blaze. Candlelight services are held in churches.

Burning candles and colored lights show our joy and hope. Candles in windows show a welcoming home and hearth. Lights remind some people of stars in the sky. All kinds of light can send a message of warmth and peace to all.

Lighting the Way!  
Follow the dots to see what Pinch put in his windows.

Can you find and circle items below that might fit into a stocking?

book coins doll crayons puzzle DVD

nuts candy cane orange magic tricks gum socks

### Holiday Hustle and Bustle

- Wow! There's so much to do at holiday time. Read the clues to fill in the puzzle and see what families are doing:
- \_\_\_\_\_ and tasting Christmas cookies
  - \_\_\_\_\_ for the perfect gift until your feet hurt
  - \_\_\_\_\_ in long lines to take photos with Santa
  - \_\_\_\_\_ and hanging wreaths and garlands
  - \_\_\_\_\_ through the woods to find and cut down the perfect Christmas tree
  - \_\_\_\_\_ ornaments and stockings
  - \_\_\_\_\_ and hiding gifts
  - \_\_\_\_\_ up outdoor lights and putting Santa and Reindeer in the yard
  - \_\_\_\_\_ a giant ham and baking it
  - \_\_\_\_\_ plane tickets and packing suitcases
  - \_\_\_\_\_ greetings and sending Christmas Cards
  - \_\_\_\_\_ carols and sipping hot chocolate
- writing tromping wrapping singing standing hanging buying

making 2 \_\_\_\_\_ baking

3 \_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_ 11 \_\_\_\_\_

1 \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ glazing

shopping 12 \_\_\_\_\_

On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...  
... a \_\_\_\_\_ in a pear tree!

### Symbols of Christmas

There are symbols of Christmas all around us, but what do they mean or stand for? Use the letters in the word "Christmas" to fill in the blanks in the words below:

- \_\_ andle \_\_ = light, joy, peace
- c \_\_ rol \_\_ = music, cheer, friendliness
- S \_\_ nta Cl \_\_ us = gifts, generosity, magic
- sto \_\_ k \_\_ ngs = tradition, wonder, surprises
- b \_\_ ll \_\_ = church, Santa's sleigh, merriment
- w \_\_ ea \_\_ hs = neverending circle of life, growth,
- mis \_\_ l \_\_ to \_\_ = love, fun, decoration
- re \_\_ nd \_\_ er = Christmas eve, Santa, sleigh
- \_\_ in \_\_ el = excitement, shining, Christmas tree
- ang \_\_ l \_\_ = joy, messages, peace
- \_\_ ard \_\_ = friends, greetings, photos
- t \_\_ ee \_\_ = evergreen, end of winter, pine scent

# The CARES Act in the Coming Spring

By Walter V. Wendler, WTAMU President



The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was instituted to provide assistance to individuals and families suffering through the economic trials of COVID-19. I will not rehearse the details of the act here, but rather address the impact for students at West Texas A&M University. These opportunities and benefits are similar at nearly all universities.

CARES Act funding available for WT students in the 2020-2021 academic year is \$2,882,384. The Data Lab reports these funds are being allocated by the federal government as part of the COVID-19 economic stimulus package that totaled \$3.5 trillion. As of November 11, 5,173 WT students received grants in the amount of \$1,698,930. The average award was \$330. Grants for the fall semester have ended, which leaves approximately \$1.2 million for grants to be awarded spring 2021.

With ever increasing costs of higher education, people struggling to pay bills, and my persistent reminder to be wary of excessive education debt, someone might assume all eligible students applied. Someone is wrong.

In the past spring, a total 5,208 students were eligible for CARES funding at WT, yet only 2,505 students—48% of those eligible—applied for grants. During the summer semesters an additional 1,811 students were eligible, and only 320 students, or 17%, took advantage of the benefit. These results track national trends.

In the current fall semester, 5,707 WT students were eligible, yet only 2,348 students, or 40%, received a grant. This is disconcerting: Students and families

should seek every means available to reduce the cost of college and enhance the lifetime economic benefit of earning a degree.

The process to apply for a CARES grant is not burdensome. The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, must be making satisfactory academic progress, must not be in default on a federal loan, and must have a current Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form on file. In addition, males must be registered with the selective service, and graduate students cannot be enrolled in a 100% on-line program.

By comparison, 13,000,000 students received \$150 billion in federal aid last year. The Pell Grant program, in existence for 50 years, allocated \$30 billion according to Statista. Nerd Wallet claims \$2.6 billion was left on the table. Over a third of high school seniors did not complete a FAFSA application. The participation rates are low in Texas, too. In response, Governor Abbott, through House Bill 3, requires all high school seniors to fill out FAFSA applications in 2021 as a means to increase college affordability for all Texans.

While the FAFSA form requires some work, the information requested is the same information required for nearly all grants, scholarships, and financial support for students. Gathered and recorded once, the data can be used repeatedly.

I encourage students working toward a degree to continue in the spring of 2021, knowing that current circumstances are challenging for all and nearly insurmountable for some. WT will award full-time undergraduates, those enrolled for 12 or more student credit hours, ap-

proximately \$500 to \$600. Those enrolled part-time, taking less than 12 student credit hours will likely receive between \$250 and \$300. Admittedly, these awards are modest compared to the total cost of college. Leaving them on the table, though, is not modest, it's foolish and contradicts the notion that college costs too much.

I encourage WT students to apply for CARES Act grants soon. Don't wait too long. Use some time over the holiday break to fill out the paperwork before the start of the New Year. If it takes three hours and \$300 is awarded, that's one hundred bucks an hour, but it shouldn't take three hours. Students will receive the award if they meet the stipulations above. It is possible that additional CARES Act funding may become available in spring 2021. If the FAFSA form has been filled out, students may be eligible to receive additional CARES Act funding. Additionally, CARES Act funding is not taxable.

The spring 2021 grant application process at West Texas A&M University will open the week of December 14 and will remain open until the \$1.2 million in CARES Act funding is completely disbursed. Our goal is to award every penny of this funding to assist students in reducing the costs of higher education.

To help expedite the process, WT has a web page set up for the CARES Act grant program. Go to <https://apps.wtamu.edu/cares-act.php> and click on the link: Click here to apply for the CARES Act grant.

Don't be foolish. Apply on December 14, 2020, or as soon as possible. When the funds run out, they run out.

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# FCC Auction Allocates Over \$362 Million to Close the Digital Divide in Texas

WASHINGTON, December 7, 2020—The Federal Communications Commission today announced that an estimated 675,000 rural Americans living and working in Texas will gain access to high-speed broadband through the Commission's Rural Digital Opportunity

Fund Phase I auction, according to auction results released today.

In Texas, the auction allocated \$362,662,934.10 in support to expand broadband to 310,962 unserved homes and businesses over the next 10 years. Nearly all locations in Texas that

were eligible for the auction will be receiving access to broadband with gigabit speed broadband. The auction unleashed robust price competition that resulted in more locations being awarded at less cost to Americans who pay into the Universal Service Fund.

"This historic auction is great news for the residents of so many rural Texas communities, who will get access to high-quality broadband service in areas that for too long have been on the wrong side of the digital divide," said FCC Chairman Ajit Pai. "We structured this innovative and groundbreaking auction to prioritize bids for high-speed, low-latency services to deliver the best results

for rural Americans, and the results show that this strategy worked. This auction was the Commission's single largest step ever taken toward delivering digital opportunity to every American and is another key success in our ongoing commitment to universal service."

The Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Phase I auction is part of a broader effort by the FCC to close the digital

divide in rural America. In October 2020, the Commission adopted rules creating the 5G Fund for Rural America, which will distribute up to \$9 billion over the next decade to bring 5G wireless broadband connectivity to rural America.

Following is a list of winning bidders, number of homes and businesses to be served, and total support for 10 years in Texas, by county:

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Arlin Lee Smith, Deceased, were issued on 5th day of November, in Cause No. 3199, pending in the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to: Steven Smith.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Betsy S. Clark**  
Attorney at Law  
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FRIONA, TX 79035

DATED the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Dec., 2020.

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## Winning Bidders for Friona Area

County	Bidder	Locations	Support
Parmer County	Resound Networks, LLC	81	\$5,864
	W. T. Services, Inc.	171	\$8,541
	<b>Parmer</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>\$14,405</b>
Deaf Smith County	Resound Networks, LLC	248	\$22,421
	W. T. Services, Inc.	6	\$244
	<b>Deaf Smith</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>\$22,665</b>
Bailey County	Resound Networks, LLC	2	\$30,600
	<b>Bailey</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$30,600</b>
Castro County	NexTier Consortium	85	\$14,538
	Resound Networks, LLC	364	\$58,454
	<b>Castro</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>\$72,992</b>
<b>State of Texas</b>		<b>310,962</b>	<b>\$362,662,934</b>

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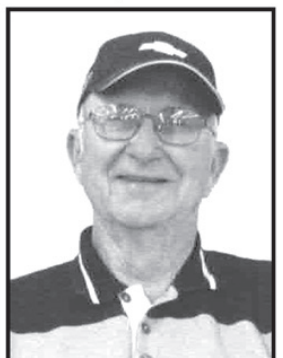
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# Christmas is about More...

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Christmas is about more than what the average Christian makes of it. The icons of Christmas may decorate your home with wreaths, bells, reindeer, santas, nativities and mistletoe, but Christmas is about so much more. Christmas is not about an end, but a beginning, it is the fulfillment, not the finalization of God's rescue plan to save sinners from hell and hopelessness. Christmas is about more than our gatherings and caroling, our gift giving and candle

lighting, because Christmas is not containable to a date or even a season on the calendar. The implications of the Christ-child's coming are enormous every day, not simply on Christmas day.

As you celebrate Christmas this year, will you make it more about Jesus than ever before? This entails more than just a prayer before a meal or a charitable donation to your church, but is about daily walking close to the Lord who humbled himself to a point of not even

being able to walk because he became a babe in a manger. As Matthew 1:23 proclaims, "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel' (which means, God with us)." Jesus is God in the flesh, come down to dwell with us, die for us, and save us from our sins! This Christmas, may you draw near to him by making Christ more about him, and experiencing the fullness of peace, joy and hope in the Holy Spirit.

# Stand Up and Be a Christian

By Teena Hughs

The National Finals Rodeo is going on in Arlington and Fort Worth. Even if you are not a rodeo fan, I encourage you to watch the opening ceremonies from 6:45 - 7:00 each evening on the Cowboy Channel or RFD-TV. Each one is so American!!!

Friends, every once in a while, we need to be reminded of what a wonderful country God has gifted us with. We need to be reminded that God was with the men who wrote the Constitution. Without God, who would have ever thought of the electoral college, or that there might be corruption and cheating in an election, and it might have to go to the House of Representatives to decide our next President?

With what our country is going through right now, many

of our freedoms are close to be taken from us. We need to be reminded of the various groups in our country that work so hard for us so that we can enjoy our freedoms: the military, law enforcement, doctors, nurses, emergency medical people, etc., and that is who the NFR is honoring!

Have you ever wondered why John Wayne movies are still so popular on television? It is because John Wayne was the good guy. He stood up for what was right, and he wasn't afraid to call out wrong! He was a man who did not shirk his responsibilities as a man! He tried to stop the evil and bad in each movie. I don't care what kind of world we live in, people still want someone who will stand up and fight for what is right!!!

We need men and women who are willing to be examples, to be leaders in their homes, their churches, their communities; people who are willing to do what is right, because it is right, not because they can get something from doing something wrong! Please look at some of our top military men who have sold out to the Chinese to pad their pocketbooks for themselves and their families. Where is the loyalty to our country, and how can they violate the oath they took to God, our country, and Constitution?

Look at our conservative friends who try to stand up for what is right in today's world. They are ridiculed and treated terribly by the media, by people who don't even know them or try to get to know

them; and, sometimes they are treated terribly by fellow so-called conservatives. Like Jesus, when you go up against the world and its thinking, you are going to face persecution, and that is why most people don't speak up. Look at what has happened to President Trump!

Be a hero; no, be a Christian and stand up for what is right, and if you don't know what right is, please start reading the Bible, go to a Bible-believing church, get involved in a Bible study. Never forget that Jesus is truth; and, He stood up for right and good and truth; Jesus gave His life for us; let us show Him respect and gratefulness, and be His example to a world that needs good, God-fearing examples of how to live a life Jesus expects us to live!!!!

## Panhandle Parables

# Wonder 1

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

*"Earth is crammed with heaven, and every common bush afire with God. But only he who sees takes off his shoes; the rest sit around and pluck blackberries."*  
Elizabeth Barrett Browning

I wonder how many times in a day, I miss the opportunity to be with God even for just a moment. I wonder what has happened to wonder? Have we invested so much in being able to explain everything that there is no wonder left for us? Have we reduced the majesty of

God down to fit in a travel size shampoo bottle? Are we actually surprised when we get together for the opportunity to praise God with hearts set aflame by the glorious riches of His mercy during the past week and in that time of worship, we think of what others think of our shoes, or so-n-so must have been out late last night because he can't stay awake, or the songs are too (you tell me, fast, slow...?) Preacher too boring, the prayers too long... Come Sunday to worship in wonder and awe for the Creator of the uni-

verse will be among us, but if you choose to only pick the blackberries, there is your reward. My prayer is for you to rediscover wonder, that God is mysterious and not limited to our definitions, may you follow Him into dark places to learn trust, I pray you will put WOW back into your vocabulary when you talk of God, His Son, and His Spirit. I pray that you come to know life more abundantly... that you may love others, pursue others with the same mercy you have received. To Him Forever be the GLORY!

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# Gas prices up again

By GasBuddy

Texas gas prices have risen 3.4 cents in the past week, averaging \$1.84 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 7.7 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 36.0 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 3.5 cents in the last week, averaging \$2.16 per gallon. The national average is up 5.7 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 42.6 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

"With oil's rally to a new COVID-19 high-water mark, gas prices have begun to follow, even as gasoline demand crumbles to some of the lowest levels in months," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "Optimism con-

tinues to propel oil markets higher, led by positive news on a COVID-19 vaccine, but should anything change timing wise, we could a reversal, but for now it remains full steam ahead with markets focused on the promise of oil and gasoline demand rising, or the best potential outcome of the situation. Should the hype be overblown, a correction could happen in the weeks or months ahead. For now, motorists may see more volatility in oil markets than we've seen in months."

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

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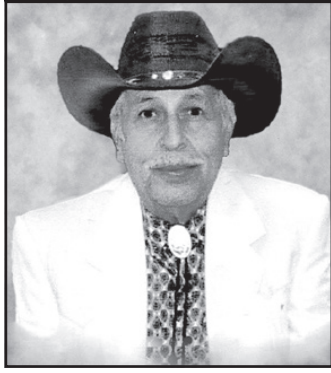
## Obituaries

### Manuel Ortiz Sr.

Manuel Ortiz Sr., 83 of Bovina passed away December 1, 2020 in Lubbock. Visitation will begin at 5:00 P.M. and Rosary Services scheduled for 6:00 P.M. Thursday, December 10, 2020 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY with a family directed Mass of Christian Burial Service set for 11:00 A.M. Friday, December 11, 2020 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina with Father Gregory Bunyan as Celebrant. Cremation arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Manuel was born January 11, 1937 in Durango Santiago, Mexico to Luis and Catalina Vargas Ortiz. He was an Elementary school teacher and transit bus driver in Mexico for a number of years before working for over 40 years for Cargill Meat Solutions in Friona. He was an active member of St. Ann's Catholic Church, a softball coach for several teams, loved carpentry, yard work, and playing his guitar, and he was an avid Dodgers fan who also loved puzzles.

He is preceded in death by his parents, 1 son- Carlos Ortiz, 2 brothers- Othon Ortiz and Jose, 4 sisters-Reyna Ortiz, Maria Ines Ortiz, Socorro Ortiz, and Antonia Ortiz.



Those to carry on his legacy include 4 sons-Manuel Ortiz, Jr. of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Armando Manuel Ortiz of Amarillo, Joel Ortiz of El Paso, Jorge Ortiz and Ulises Ortiz, both of Juarez, Mexico, 2 daughters- Griselda (Sheila) Maher of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Noemi Ortiz Stevenson of Bovina, 1 sister- Celia Ortiz Rushing of El Paso, 3 brothers-Ramon Ortiz of Chicago, Illinois, Rogelio Ortiz of Durango, Mexico, and Pablo Ortiz of Amarillo, 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

You may send condolences to the family and sign the online guest book at: [www.hansardfamily.com](http://www.hansardfamily.com)

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### Glen Salyer

Glen Salyer, age 70, of Friona passed away on November 3, 2020 in Lubbock. Due to illness in the Salyer family the memorial service for Mr. Salyer will be held at a later date at Littlefield Memorial Park. Arrangements under the personal care of Hammons Funeral Home.

Glen Byron Salyer was born in Amherst, Texas, on March 6, 1950, to G.B. and Alta Salyer. He lived in Bula, Texas, where he graduated from high school in 1968. He attended South Plains College and Texas Tech University where he earned a bachelor's degree in Animal Science. He married his high school sweetheart, Sheryl Medlin, on February 15, 1969. He and Sheryl attended school together in Bula since first grade. Glen worked for Hi-Pro Feeds in Friona, Texas, for over 30 years and farmed and raised livestock for most of his life.

He is survived by his wife



of 51 years, Sheryl Salyer, a daughter, Shelly Elam and husband Michael of Amarillo, son Greg Salyer and wife, Vacresia, of Shallowater, and son Gerrod Salyer and wife, Lori, of Canyon. He was the proud Grandpop to 7 grandchildren: Cody & wife, Halie & Casey Elam, Gage, Gene, & Vaughn Salyer, and Bryce & Gentry Salyer. He is also survived by two sisters, Linda Todd and husband Bud, of Cleveland, Texas, and Betty Bowers and husband, Larry of Gordonville, Texas.

## Extension of emergency SNAP benefits announced

Governor Greg Abbott announced that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will provide approximately \$204 million in emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food benefits for the month of December as the state continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The extension of these emergency SNAP benefits ensures that Texans can continue to provide nutritious food for their families during the COVID-19 pandemic," said Governor Abbott. "I thank the USDA for their ongoing partnership as we provide the support and resources that Texas families need during this time."

"These expanded benefits will continue to help feed families during this ongoing pandemic," said Texas HHS Access and Eligibility Services Deputy Executive Com-

missioner Wayne Salter. "We also want to remind recipients to protect their health and safety by wearing masks and keeping socially distant when shopping."

The emergency December allotments are in addition to the almost \$1.7 billion in benefits previously provided to Texans between April and November. HHSC received federal approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to extend the maximum, allowable amount of SNAP benefits to recipients based on family size.

Administered by HHSC, SNAP is a federal program that provides food assistance to approximately 1.7 million eligible low-income families and individuals in Texas.

Texans in need can apply for benefits, including SNAP and Medicaid, at [YourTexasBenefits.com](http://YourTexasBenefits.com) or use the Your Texas Benefits mobile app to manage their benefits.

### Carmen Putman

Carmen Putman, 61 of Friona, passed away December 3, 2020 in Hays, Kansas. A family directed Celebration of Life Memorial Service was held 2:00 P.M. Saturday, December 5, 2020 at Calvary Baptist Church in Friona with Rev. Brett Hoyle, officiating. There will be no viewing. Cremation and arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Carmen was born November 8, 1959 in Silver City, N.M. to Rudolph and Liria Chavez Apadoca. She later married Daniel Putman April 22, 2000 in Las Cruces, N.M.

Carmen loved her medical career as a Family Nurse Practitioner and truly saw it as an extension of not only her family, but her faith in God.

She is preceded in death by her parents, and her beloved husband Daniel, whom she missed dearly since his passing.

Those to carry on her legacy include 1 daughter-Amanda Hamilton of Phoe-



nix, AZ, 1 son-Johnny Ray Baca of Friona, 4 brothers-Danny Halvorsen, Mark Halvorsen and wife Ruthie, all of Las Cruces, N.M., Patrick Halvorsen and wife Kim of Colorado, and Robert Halvorsen and wife Fay of Louisville, Kentucky, 1 sister-Barbara Apadoca of Las Cruces, N.M., and 4 grandchildren.

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### Jose de Jesus Gonzales

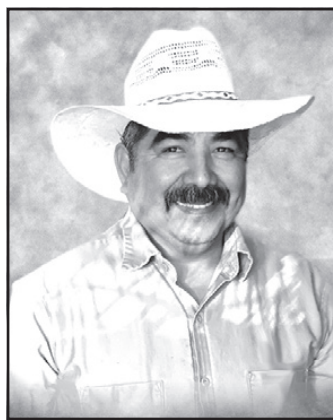
Jose de Jesus Gonzales, 66 of Hereford, passed away December 5, 2020 in Hereford. Viewing was held from 9:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at HANSARD FAMILY in Friona with Rosary Services scheduled for 7:00 P.M.. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 A.M. Thursday, December 10, 2020 at San Jose Catholic Church of Hereford, with Father Jose Ramon Molina as Celebrant. Burial following in West Park Cemetery in Hereford by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Jose was born January 27, 1954 in Santa Maria de Los Angeles Jalisco, Mexico. He later married Irene Escobedo on December 26, 2001.

Jose worked for Caviness Beef Packers for 18 years and Cargill Meat Solutions for 21 years. He was a great mechanic and loved to watch TV.

He is preceded in death by his mother.

Those to carry on his legacy include his wife Irene, 3 sons-Juan Bernardo Escobedo, Jose de Jesus Gonzales, Jr., and Tomas Alejandro Gonzales, all of Hereford, 5



daughters-Beatriz Coffey and husband Jeremy of Phoenix, Arizona, Adriana Gonzales and husband Trini Galan of Lubbock, Laura Vattakanich and husband Peter of Dallas, Isabel Gonzales of Lubbock, and Mariana Gonzales of Hereford, 1 brother-Elpidio Gonzales of El Paso, 3 sisters-Lydia Solis of Houston, Rosario Torres of Friona and Dolores Barrios of Houston, and 4 grandchildren.

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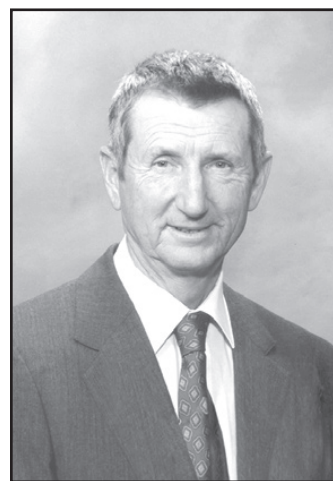


### Joe Boeckman

Funeral Services for Joe Boeckman, 87, a long-time resident of Friona will be private, for family members, only, due to Covid-19 and the safety concerns surrounding its spread. Services were under the personal supervision of Parkside Chapel Funeral Directors of Hereford.

Joseph Lawrence Boeckman was born in Okeene, Oklahoma to Frederick John and Ida (Huhman) Boeckman on October 13, 1933. He attended Okeene Schools graduating in the class of 1952. He worked for Roberts Construction Company, a company that built Grain Elevators and moved to Friona to work on a part of Friona Wheat Growers Elevator. Joe met and fell in love with Thoma Lou Fallwell, and they were married on June 2, 1956 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Hereford. He served on the Board of Directors of Prairie Acres Nursing Home for several years and was a dedicated member of St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona. Joe was a member of Friona Evening Lions Club and he and Tommie were also members of the Merry Mixers Square Dance Club in Hereford.

The legacy Joe leaves are his wife, of sixty four years, Thoma Lou, two sons Timothy Alan Boeckman and wife



Mariann of Amarillo, Randal Lynn Boeckman, DVM, of Hereford, one daughter Kathy Beth Steen and husband Gregory of Albuquerque, New Mexico, one sister Amelia Bingham of Geary, Oklahoma, one brother Sylvester Boeckman and wife Agness of Okeene, Oklahoma and his grandchildren, Erica Boeckman, Amanda Boeckman, Kyle Steen and wife Sydney, Kevin Steen, Katelyn Steen and Kaleb Steen.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers Louis Boeckman, and Albert Boeckman, a sister Alberta Boeckman, and a half brother John Boeckman.

The family suggests memorials in Mr. Boeckman's name be made to a favorite charity and they ask each of you to pray for rain.

### Doris Kent "Deke" Kendrick

Doris Kent "Deke" Kendrick, age 94, of Friona passed away on December 3rd, 2020 in her family home. Viewing was from 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Monday, December 7, 2020 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY with Celebration of Life Graveside Services scheduled for 2:30 P.M. Tuesday, December 8, 2020 in the Friona Cemetery with Rev. Skip Hodges, officiating. Burial will follow in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Deke was born on February 9th of 1926, in Amarillo, Texas to the late Joe and Ethel Shields. Deke graduated from Amarillo High School and attended Cottey College and Arizona State University before marrying Horace "Pudge" Kendrick on October 24th, 1947. Deke and Pudge founded Kendrick Oil Company together in 1951. Deke's devotion to the Lord and her constant quest for knowledge were evident through the life she led in Friona. She taught Sunday School at the First United Methodist Church and also served as a church reader and was a member of the Modern Study Club. She was named Woman of the Year by the Friona Chamber of Commerce. She was a born hostess who used her gifts to make those around her feel welcomed and loved.

She was preceded in death by her husband Pudge Kendrick and her son James Rex Kendrick.

The legacy Deke leaves includes her son Daniel Kendrick, and his wife Pamela, of Friona and her daughter Sally Messenger, and her husband Jay, of Muleshoe and five grandchildren, Andrew



and Casey Kendrick of Lubbock, Matthew and Tara Kendrick of Lubbock, Amanda and Phillip Shelton of Chattanooga, Suzanne and Jeff King of Muleshoe, and Jennifer Kendrick of Lubbock. Her love for her family was most apparent when she was being Gigi to her eight great-grandchildren Mallory, Avery, Jacob, Rylan, Camry, Isla, Reed, and Rex.

The family would like to express their highest gratitude to those who have cared for Deke in her later years including Natalia Costas, Linda Rice, Judy Nightingale, Faustina Carrillo and Angie Gonzalez along with Bluebonnet Hospice and Carol Jackson.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Parmer Paws, PO Box 333, Friona, Texas 79035.

You may send condolences to the family and sign the online guest book at: [www.hansardfamily.com](http://www.hansardfamily.com)

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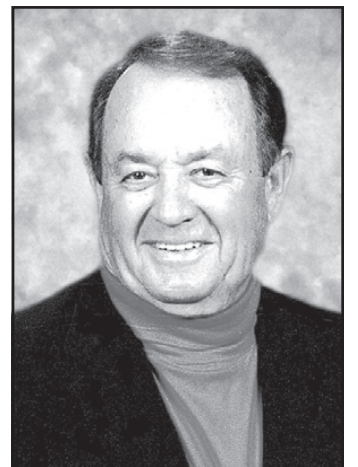


### Jerry Loflin

Jerry Loflin, 83 passed away December 7, 2020 in Amarillo. Viewing will be held from 9:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. with family visitation from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. on Friday, December 11, 2020 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY with Celebration of Life Services scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Saturday, December 12, 2020 at the Friona United Methodist Church with Rev. Skip Hodges, pastor, officiating. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Jerry was born November 11, 1937 in Hub, Texas. Later he served in the United States Army. Most of Jerry's life has been in agriculture in fertilizer sales, farming and ranching, and insurance crop adjusting, but he always found time for family, especially the grandchildren, golfing, hunting and helping others. He had a very caring heart and showed it often in giving away hams to families, serving in his church, Camp New Dawn, the Friona City Council and other organizations.

He is preceded in death by his parents, 1 sister-Norma Randall, 1 step-son-Kelly



Jones, and 1 brother-in-law E. C. Meil.

Those to carry on his legacy include his wife of 30 years, Joyce Loflin, and 1 son-Brent Loflin and wife Annette, all of Friona, 1 daughter-Teresa Nichols and husband Rocky of Lubbock, 1 step-son-Rick Jones and wife Dana of Amarillo, 1 sister-Patsy Meil of Rockwall, 1 brother-Larry Loflin and wife Martha, 1 brother-in-law- Hugh Randall and wife Connie, all of Oklahoma City, 1 step-daughter-in-law- Tricia Jones of Fritch, 4 grandchildren-Jordan Nichols and wife Hannah, Evan Truitt and husband Tanner, Mason Loflin and Logan Loflin, 3 step-grandchildren-Kinley Jones, Sage Jones, and Mallerie Jones, and numerous nieces and nephews.



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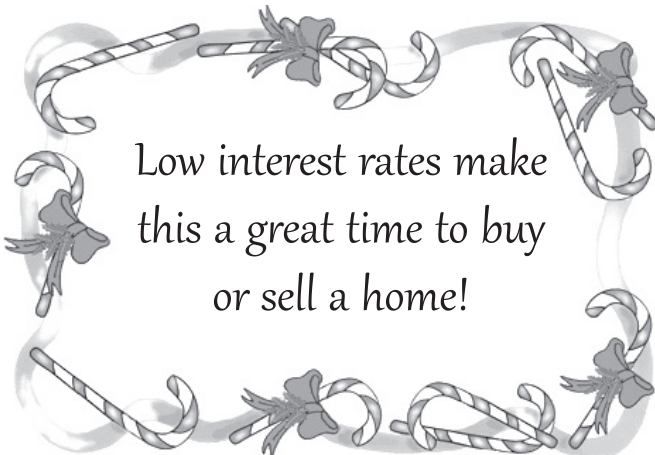
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# Small Town Cookin' *By Jeri Lynn White*

## National Hot Cocoa Day - December 12

### Homemade Hot Chocolate www.foodnetwork.com

- 3 cups cold milk
- ½ cup confectioners' sugar
- ¼ cup unsweetened cocoa
- ½ teaspoon cornstarch
- ¼ teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- Kosher salt

#### Directions

For the base: Whisk together the milk, sugar, cocoa, cornstarch, vanilla, and a pinch of salt in a medium saucepan. Cook over medium-high heat, whisking constantly, until the mixture boils, about 2 minutes. Reduce the heat to medium, and continue whisking until thickened, about 30 seconds more.

### Hot Cocoa Brownies www.foodnetwork.com

- Cooking spray
- 2 sticks (1 cup) unsalted butter, melted and cooled
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- ½ cup hot chocolate or cocoa mix
- 1 teaspoon fine salt
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- One 12-ounce bag semisweet chocolate chips
- 72 mini marshmallows

#### Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Line a 9-by-13-inch baking pan with aluminum foil, and spray with the cooking spray.

Stir together the butter, sugar, eggs, and vanilla in a medium bowl. Add the flour, hot chocolate mix, salt and baking powder and stir until just combined. Stir in half the chocolate chips. Spread the mixture in the prepared baking pan. Bake until the brownies begin to pull away from the edges of the pan and are set in the center, 30 to 35 minutes. Remove from the oven, immediately sprinkle with the remaining chocolate chips, and let stand until they are very soft, about 5 minutes. Spread the melted chips evenly with a spatula and let cool for about 10 minutes. Use the foil to lift the brownies out of the pan and let cool completely on a rack. Cut into 24 squares, and top each with 3 mini marshmallows. Cook's Note: For best results, don't use hot chocolate or cocoa mixes that contain powdered milk or other dairy products, which can change the structure and texture of the brownies.

### Hot Chocolate Marble Pound Cake www.foodnetwork.com

- 2 sticks (16 tablespoons) unsalted butter, at room temperature, plus more for the pan
- 1 ¾ cups all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon fine salt
- 4 large eggs, at room temperature
- 2 tablespoons sour cream
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 ¼ cups sugar
- ½ cup hot chocolate or cocoa mix
- Special equipment: A 9-by-5-inch loaf pan

#### Directions

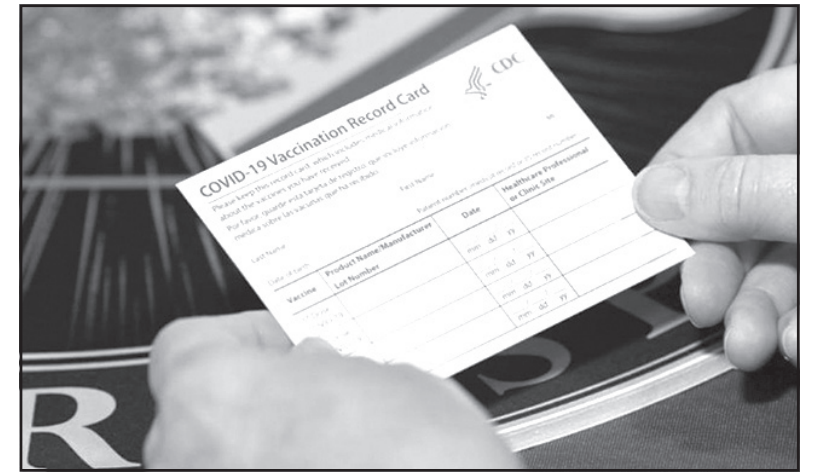
Position a rack in the lower third of the oven and preheat to 325 degrees F. Butter a 9-by-5-inch loaf pan. Sift the flour and salt into a medium bowl. Whisk

together the eggs, sour cream, and vanilla in a small bowl. Beat the butter in a large bowl with an electric mixer on medium-high speed until smooth. Gradually add the sugar, 1/4 cup at a time, to cream and lighten the butter. Continue to beat the butter mixture until light and fluffy, about 5 minutes. Scrape down the bowl as needed. Reduce the mixer speed to low. Beat in the flour, 1/4 cup at a time, then beat the batter for 30 seconds. Gradually beat in the egg mixture. (Take care not to over-mix.) Transfer about 1/3 of the batter to a medium bowl and stir in the hot chocolate mix. Spoon 1/2 the remaining vanilla batter into the prepared loaf pan, and smooth over the top with a

spatula. Using 1/2 the hot chocolate batter, drop spoonfuls on top of the vanilla batter. Repeat with the remaining vanilla and hot chocolate batters. Run a skewer through the loaf pan to help swirl the 2 batters together. Tap the pan on the counter. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean and the top springs back when lightly pressed, 1 hour to 1 hour and 30 minutes. Let the cake cool in the pan for a few minutes, then invert and let cool completely on a rack. Cook's Note: For best results, don't use hot chocolate or cocoa mixes that contain powdered milk or other dairy products, which can change the structure and texture of the cake.

## US government to issue proof of vaccination cards

By Michael Haynes, LifeSiteNews



As COVID-19 vaccines prepare to be rolled out, the Department of Defense has released an image of a wallet-sized vaccination record card, which will be given to everyone who receives a COVID-19 vaccine. The description says that they "will be sent out as part of vaccination kits from Operation Warp Speed." The kit will further include "a card, a needle and syringe, alcohol wipes and a mask."

Reporting on the news of the card, Dr. Kelly Moore, associate director of the Immunization Action Coalition which is involved in distributing the vaccine, said "Everyone will be issued a written card that they can put in their wallet that will tell them what they had and when their next dose is due. Let's do the simple, easy thing first. Everyone's going to get that."

Moore also stated that people would be widely asked to volunteer their cell number, in order to "get a text message telling them when and where their next dose is scheduled to be administered."

In an October article Dr. Michael Yeadon, who "spent over 30 years leading new [allergy and respiratory] medicines research in some of the world's largest pharmaceutical companies," and retired from the COVID-19 vaccine developer, Pfizer, with "the most senior research position in this field," dismissed the need for a COVID-19 vaccine.

Yeadon stated: "There is absolutely no need for vaccines to extinguish the pandemic. I've never heard such nonsense talked about vaccines. You do not vaccinate people who aren't at risk from a disease. You also don't set about planning to vaccinate millions of fit and healthy people with a vaccine that hasn't been extensively tested on human subjects."

The technology involved in administering the vaccine, as used by Pfizer and Moderna, is so novel that it has yet to be approved by the Food and Drug Administration, as admitted by Pfizer itself.

It also avails of "messenger RNA," which directly affects a person's cells, and is "a vaccine technology that's so new, no mRNA vaccines have ever been approved by the Food and Drug Administration."

Doctors from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), advising the CDC, warned that patients needed to be informed about the side-effects of COVID-19 vaccines. According to a report from CNBC, Dr. Sandra Fryhofer of the American Medical Association stressed, "We really need to make patients aware that this is not going to be a walk in the park," she said. "They are going to know they had a vaccine. They are probably not going to feel wonderful. But they've got to come back for that second dose."

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# Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



I write this column for three rural communities. *The Borden Star* connection is from 41 years of living and teaching in Gail. The *Double Mountain Chronicle* relates to the McCleskey family ties in Fisher County. *The Friona Star* represents a connection to some of my favorite humans on this planet, known through association in the speech and debate world.

Two out of three of your publications are going to have to indulge me this week as I write specifically for my hometown folks after the Borden County Coyotes' semi-final loss to Sterling City last weekend. An overtime loss at that between the state's #1 and #2 ranked teams in Division 1 Six-Man Football.

Before you roll your eyes and say, "There's more to life than football," let's just all agree that these words, while accurate, are not especially comforting to teenagers. I get the mentality behind it. Indeed, in these COVID times, I myself have incorporated a similar relative-to-the-moment reminder of "At least I am healthy and not on a ventilator." (I had to channel that this week after unexpected significant vehicle repair costs set me back). My tried-and-true writings about perspective hold tight but go both ways: see the big picture, but respect the narrow lens of life in a particular moment.

When a child or a teenager experiences loss, it helps for them to grieve at that time. A toddler loses a pacifier, and that is a big deal. An eight-year-old's best friend moves away. Tears will flow. That first puppy love will end, and your daughter will close her door for days and not want to talk to you. And your son or daughter will lose a big game on a big stage and will be devastated. Their coaches will share that pain. Let



them hurt.

The best coaches—athletic or academic—are motivated by their competitive spirit, but they acknowledge that the ultimate destination is for the students to experience the highest of highs. Particularly in Texas, a UIL state championship represents this. When coaches see the final down of a season come up short, their disappointment is twofold: for themselves but mostly for their players whom the coaches have guided in daily practice since August.

There is nothing quite like those state-winning pep rallies when the team comes home draped with their medals. It is imperative to acknowledge those who return with bronze medals, too, or even none.

To the Coyotes, especially you Seniors who gave me gray hair aplenty six years ago when you were 11-year-old boys, I applaud your determination and discipline

and drive. To you underclassmen who want to return to this level, follow the lead of Austin, Ky, Mason, Miles, Quentin, Tommy, and Trey.

Society often makes fun of the lowly participation ribbon. I say it's the best thing you'll ever do for yourself. To all you students in Borden, Fisher, and Parmer counties, whether you compete on a field or court or stage, in a rodeo arena or a show barn, in a gym or a classroom, or on a shooting range.....**show up.** Involvement in school activities does make you vulnerable to the sting of losing, but showing up even in defeat gives you access to a lifelong memory bank of invaluable learning experiences.

*(Senior captains' photo by Brenda Webb on December 5, 2020; others by Sue Jane Sullivan taken October 14, 2014, when Trey Edwards, Mason Cole, and Quentin Freeman were in the Sixth Grade). They are 3, 5, and 42 in the senior captains' photo).*



# State Capital Highlights

By Chris Cobler



## Texas to get 1.4 million COVID vaccine doses

Texas is ready to distribute 1.4 million doses as soon as the COVID-19 vaccine receives federal government approval.

Gov. Greg Abbott said the vaccines should be arriving the week of Dec. 14 and would be distributed to qualifying providers. Health care workers are the first in line to receive the medication, which needs to be given in two shots. Also first in line are residents of long-term living care centers, the Texas Department of Health Services announced.

Texas' population is about 29 million, so the line is long. The state agency also announced the list of 109 hospitals in 34 of Texas' 254 counties that will receive the first doses.

"The State of Texas is already prepared for the arrival of a COVID-19 vaccine and will swiftly distribute these vaccines to Texans who voluntarily choose to be immunized," Abbott stated. "As we await the first shipment of these vaccines, we will work with communities to mitigate the spread of COVID-19."

## Electors set to vote

Texas presidential electors will convene Dec. 14 to officially cast their votes.

The ceremony will start at 2 p.m. in the gallery of the House chamber in the State Capitol. The Texas election code calls for electors to meet on the first Monday after the second Wednesday of December.

Texas Secretary of State Ruth Hughes congratulated the governor, election workers and the voters for their efforts with this year's elections.

"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," Hughes stated.

## Workers comp challenges

The COVID-19 pandemic has created new challenges for the Texas workers' compensation system, the state agency said in its biennial report to the Legislature.

During the pandemic, Gov. Abbott waived certain statutory requirements that affected COVID-19 workers' compensation claims. The Legislature is expected to consider whether to extend those exemptions, particularly for first responders and essential workers.

"Some argue that these requirements should be permanently waived in situations involving a public health emergency, while others are concerned about the cost impact to governmental entities if this defense is waived," the report stated.

During the pandemic, some insurance carriers have investigated COVID-19 claims involving firefighters, EMTs and peace of-

icers. Forty-one percent of claims were denied for a variety of reasons, including whether a "statistically positive correlation with work" exists.

## Abbott, Cruz in 2024?

The campaign for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination could start in Texas.

The Republican National Committee has invited about a dozen potential presidential candidates to its January meeting in Amelia Island, Fla. The list includes Gov. Abbott and U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas.

Others on the list include Donald Trump, Mike Pence and South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott.

## The way from San Jose

Another California company is moving its headquarters to Texas.

Hewlett Packard Enterprise will relocate its global headquarters from San Jose, Calif., to Spring. The new headquarters will open in early 2022, the Texas Economic Development Corp. announced.

HP Enterprise already employs 2,600 people in Austin, Plano and Houston. The announcement did not specify how many new jobs would be added with the move of the headquarters.

"Houston is an attractive market to recruit and retain future diverse talent and where we are currently constructing a state-of-the-art new campus," Antonio Neri, CEO of HP Enterprise stated.

## Chicken fertilizer

Chicken litter led to a new business venture and state recognition for a young Texas couple.

The Texas Farm Bureau honored Matt and Jessica Hanslik of Lavaca County as the 2020 outstanding young farmer and rancher. The recognition came during the organization's 87th annual meeting, which was held virtually this year.

The Hansliks grow corn and hay, raise cattle and are part owners of an all-natural fertilizer company, in which they take chicken litter and "upcycle" it for use as farm fertilizer, the farm bureau said in its news release about the award.

"The idea was sparked when Jessica, a manager at a national shell egg company, suggested they begin using chicken litter from local broiler houses to fertilize their fields," the Farm Bureau stated. "Now, in addition to using the all-natural fertilizer to boost yields on their own land, they sell the product to other area farms and ranches."

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

The individual or business selected for this contract must furnish a surety bond in the amount of \$5,000.00.

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By order of the Parmer County Commissioners Court, Trey Ellis, County Judge.

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