



# Vaccines now available

Moderna vaccines are in stock at Parmer Medical Center and are now available to members of the community in an order mandated by the CDC. PMC administrator Gayla Quillin said, "We just received our second batch of 100 vaccines this week. We started the vaccination process last week with front-line hospital staff and Parmer County first responders. Next in line will be those 75 years old and older, then 65 and older, and then other groups." Go to the PMC facebook

page to stay up to date on when more vaccines will become available.

The process is somewhat challenging since you have to thaw out a vial that contains 10 doses. You then have to use all 10 doses at one time because you cannot re-freeze the vial and you sure don't want to throw any vaccine away. This creates the need to plan for 10 people to get vaccinated in one "sitting" or group.

Because you have to give the vaccines in groups of 10, you must coordinate the

timing and stick to a schedule. There are now two phone lines dedicated for people who are interested

in getting on a list to be vaccinated.

**To request a place on a list for a vaccine, please**

**call: 806-240-1562 or 806-240-1761 (Para Espanol llame a este numero de telefono). English speak-**

**ers can call either number.**

When you call, you will need to provide your name, date of birth, and a phone number so you can be notified when you are scheduled. If the line is busy, leave a voicemail message and someone will call you back to confirm your information and answer any questions you might have. The goal is to get everyone vaccinated as quickly as possible.

Please remember, everyone will have to receive a second vaccine exactly 28 days after the first dose in order to gain the full effectiveness of the vaccine.

The staff at Parmer Medical Center thanks you for your patience and support throughout this pandemic.



**PMC nurse Glendora Jordan received her vaccine last week.**



**Prairie Acres Assistant Administrator Jeff Procter received his vaccine on Christmas Eve.**

## County livestock show is next week

The 84th Annual Parmer County Junior Livestock Show is set to begin on Tuesday, January 12th and will run through Thursday, January 14th. Board President Greg O'Brian said there are 343 entries which include 32 steers, 60 goats, 75 lambs, 15 rabbits, and 161 barrows. He invites everyone to come out to the Friona Community Center and support our local and county 4-H and FFA students. Greg said he would

also like to thank all of the volunteers, sponsors, and buyers who make the show such a success and keep it growing.

Judges for the 2021 Show will be; Larime Priest (steers), Leo Sellers (goats and lambs), Emily Turpen (rabbits), and Eddie Smallwood (barrows). There will be a concession stand open during all of the events.

The Premium Sale will start at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 16th and will

sell 140 Head or 40% of each species. Exhibitors will walk through the ring without their animals. Two percent of the selling price of the animals will be retained by the Stock Show Board for repair and improvement of the stock show facilities. Premium on animals will be by the head. Sale order will be Lambs, Steers, Goats, Barrows, and Rabbits. Grand and Reserve Grand of each species will sell in the same order.

### Stock Show Schedule:

**Tuesday, January 12**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
 Steers weighed/classified  
**10:30 a.m.**  
 Steer Show  
**2:00 - 5:00 p.m.**  
 Goats & Lambs weighed/classified

**Wednesday, January 13**  
**8:00 a.m.**  
 Goat Show  
 Lamb Show  
**2:00 - 6:30 p.m.**  
 Barrows weighed/classified  
**5:00 - 6:00 p.m.**  
 Rabbit check in  
**7:00 p.m.**  
 Rabbit Show

**Thursday, January 14**  
**8:00 a.m.**  
 Barrow Show

**Saturday, January 16**  
**1:00 p.m.**  
 Premium Sale

## 2020 Weather Highlights

Warmest high temperature: 107° on July 15th  
 Coolest high temperature: 21° on October 27th

Warmest low temperature: 77° on July 15th  
 Coolest low temperature: 9° on February 6th

Number of 100°+ days: 15  
 Longest streak of 100°+ days: 7 (July 9th-July 15th)

Most rain in a day: 1.24 inches on July 28th  
 Most rain in a month: 3.10 inches in July  
 Most rain days in a month: 8 days in July

Precipitation total for 2020: 10.06 inches  
 Snow total for 2020: 20 inches  
 Most snow in a day: 5 inches on April 14th



## Friona Rainfall Data

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Avg.	2020
January	1.42	0.00	0.18	0.49	0.00	2.06	0.09	1.63	0.00	0.13	0.60	0.57
February	1.94	0.70	0.32	1.03	0.27	0.80	0.17	0.00	0.12	0.42	0.58	0.67
March	0.97	0.25	0.36	0.12	0.18	0.56	0.08	1.61	0.18	1.85	0.62	2.10
April	0.87	0.03	0.16	0.05	0.33	0.82	1.19	2.36	0.70	1.63	0.81	0.53
May	2.12	0.07	2.22	1.35	3.52	7.43	2.01	1.54	1.24	3.15	2.46	0.14
June	2.17	0.71	1.88	2.64	2.31	4.03	2.73	1.97	1.18	2.35	2.20	0.72
July	4.30	0.08	0.46	4.04	4.32	4.30	1.34	3.48	4.30	1.38	2.80	3.10
August	4.40	0.30	1.19	1.14	1.36	2.73	3.50	11.70	2.87	0.82	3.00	0.62
September	0.60	2.16	1.44	1.14	3.47	2.85	3.58	3.05	1.63	2.03	2.19	0.30
October	0.81	1.12	0.54	0.04	0.29	7.15	0.00	3.27	4.83	5.71	2.38	1.05
November	0.46	0.17	0.04	0.80	0.00	0.89	1.05	0.00	0.54	1.03	0.50	0.23
December	0.09	1.62	0.67	0.45	0.12	2.14	0.26	0.00	0.39	0.84	0.66	0.03
<b>Total</b>	<b>20.15</b>	<b>7.21</b>	<b>9.46</b>	<b>13.29</b>	<b>16.17</b>	<b>35.76</b>	<b>16.00</b>	<b>30.61</b>	<b>17.98</b>	<b>21.34</b>	<b>18.80</b>	<b>10.06</b>

## Parmer County COVID-19 stats as of January 5



Confirmed Cases  
**787**

Probable Cases  
**294**

Fatalities  
**32**

Active Cases  
**60**

Recoveries  
**989**



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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	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	Precipitation	Burn Ban:
January 7-13	55   18 SSW 5-10	50   23 ENE 5-10	50   24 SE 10-20	40   17 NNE 10-15	44   23 SW 10-15	49   23 WSW 10-15	53   25 NNW 10-15	January 0.00 Year 0.00	Yes

**Community Calendar**

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

**January 4**  
• Friona Noon Lions Club at The Farmwife Kitchen

**January 12-14, 16**  
• Parmer County Jr. Livestock Show & Sale

**January 18**  
• Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
• Friona Noon Lions Club at The Farmwife Kitchen

**January 21**  
• Friona Community Blood Drive at Calvary Baptist Fellowship Hall

**February 2**  
• Groundhog Day

**COVID-19 News**

**Coronavirus cases confirmed**

As of January 6, 2020

<b>Texas:</b> 1,860,000 cases 28,949 deaths	<b>Worldwide:</b> 86,800,000 cases 1,880,000 deaths 48,600,000 recoveries
<b>United States:</b> 21,100,000 cases 357,000 deaths	



**Ivy Cottage**  
Bridal Registry

**Marc & Kelsey Haile**  
**Josh Barnett & Rachel Box**  
**Anna Murphree & Jeff Chambliss**

Ivy Cottage • 250-8073

**Milk House Market**  
Wedding Registry

Josh Barnett & Rachel Box  
Macey Thurman & Justin Brown

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

**Call: 602-739-0813**

Farmhouse to Your House

**In Memory**

**December 2019**

Carlos Rosalio Olvera  
Patricia "Pat" Sue Waller

**January**

Reba Buske  
Sarah Berniece Cooper  
Kevin N. Patton  
Marie Ellen Perkins  
Billie "Ruth" Tucker  
Ana Cecilia Zetino

**February**

Timothy "Tim" Duane Brown  
Jesse "Dean" Eichenauer  
Peggy Snider Gikas  
Wayne Houlette  
Clarence Martin  
Greg Martin  
T. E. Parson  
James Monroe Procter (Pop)  
Karon Zachary

**March**

Steven Ray Clark  
Kenneth JeDon Gallman  
Jimmy T. Norwood  
David Jerome Smiser

**April**

Doris Jane Barnett  
Robert Don Collier  
Nickie Ray Hand  
Norman Estes Killough  
Eva Lou Jones Rector  
Wilma Louise King Shadix  
Nemesio Martinez Velasco

**May**

Judith Beck  
Emilio Degollado  
Tommy Lou Goetz  
Dale Earl Houlette  
Jerry Rankin  
Teddy Lee White  
Jerry Lee Zachary

**June**

German Rey Acosta  
Raul Medina Chavez  
Anita Flores  
Mac Glasscock  
Margie Roberts Herring  
Troy L. Kirby  
Leon Milton Langford  
Jose Isable Marrufo  
Robert Henry "Bob" Naylor  
Margaret Parsons  
Eric V. Rushing  
Frances Saiz  
Joe R. Saiz  
Jackie Lee Smith  
Lucy Mae Stokes  
Gaspar Jimon Tipaz  
Larry Trider  
Charles Edward "C.E." Trimble II  
Norma Charlene Russell Whitten  
Shirley Jean Coleman Wise



**July**

Gary Brooks  
Fabian Flores  
Catalina Garcia  
Helen Gerner  
Guadalupe Ibarra Moreno  
Virginia Ann Parson  
Thomas Rhodes  
Frances Saiz  
Bonnie Scaff  
James Weldon Weatherly

**August**

Thomas Fred "Butch" Barker  
Danny Ray Bentley  
Maria Chacon Guerrero

**September**

James Clayton  
Clifford Claud Daniel  
Judith Ann (Judy) Dennis  
Margaret Duggins  
Shirley Jean Gore  
Robert Lang Gowing  
Annie Sue Inman  
Bette Ann (Bass) Jones  
Irene Perez  
Sue Procter  
Natividad Gutierrez Saldana

**October**

W. L. "Dub" Cleveland  
Mary Sue Fowler  
Mary Alice Schilling Gustin  
Michael Leal  
Charlotte Neece  
Agustin Perez  
Eduardo Perez  
James Ray Stevick  
Adriel Vazquez

**November**

Ricardo DeLaPaz  
Heath Andrew Husted  
Hop Lewis  
Vicente Loe Jr.  
Charles Love  
Delia Nabor  
Elida Perez  
Katherine Jean Petty  
Jimmy D. Putman  
Pedro Ramos Sr.  
Connie Dee Ray  
Pastor Ruben Rivera  
Glen Salyer  
Joe Luis Santellana  
Willie Clyde Shadix  
Laverne Thatcher  
Mike Wieland  
Rita Villarreal

**December**

Myrna Adams  
John Allen Jr.  
Joe Boeckman  
Jennifer Gonzales  
Jose de Jesus Gonzales  
Doris Kent "Deke" Kendrick  
Jerry Loflin  
Robert Neelley  
Manuel Ortiz Sr.  
Carmen Putman  
Daniel Soltero  
Davis Madison "Dave, DM" Thompson II

**ACROSS**

- TXism: "\_\_\_ it under your hat"
- Goldsmith country FM station
- a suitable radio station?
- \_\_\_ Cola
- TXism: "he was around when the Dead \_\_\_ was only sick" (very old)
- TX-based "\_\_\_ Restaurants"
- offering a bilingual Texas educa.
- broadcast at the same time on FM and AM stations in Hidalgo County on U.S. 83
- strange, frightening
- TXism: "as much chance as a steer in \_\_\_ 'plant'"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ dance to that tune" (agree)
- TX Rip Torn 1987 comedy film
- a cowboy will \_\_\_ hat to a lady
- archival
- James Click to the Astros (abbr.)
- artwork on the wall
- in Hidalgo County on highway 107
- Grand \_\_\_ Opry
- with beef, USDA \_\_\_ based on marbling
- disintegrated?
- "neither's" sidekick
- "turn of a \_\_\_"
- TXism: "enjoyed about all \_\_\_ I can stand"
- Exxon \_\_\_ station
- "\_\_\_ fortune"
- James Bond, et al.
- fastening together
- TXism: "up \_\_\_ 'em juice" (coffee)
- 2,000 pounds
- TX Stuart Hamblen wrote "This \_\_\_ House"
- advertising messages
- disfavored white supremacist grp.
- arrival guess at Hobby (abbr.)
- with 12 down, a Texas newspaper
- TXism: "that's the \_\_\_ kettle black"
- TXism: "children should be \_\_\_ and not heard"
- Johnson County event: "\_\_\_ Settlers Reunion"
- morning time
- Plutonium symbol
- "nice" city in Atascosa County
- hit an unreturnable tennis serve
- garment worn in India by women
- Texas tornadoes
- dishonest scheme
- TX resident Andy Roddick was a world no. 1 tennis player in 2003
- was full of
- 17-down played for the "Austin \_\_\_" in 2015
- TXism: "chompin' \_\_\_ the bit" (eager)
- domino spot
- score of 5 on the longest golf hole (2 wds.)
- TX-born Claire Chennault was an adviser to \_\_\_ Kai-shek
- TXism: "he's \_\_\_ rattle" (mean)
- Latin for "unless"
- TX "Pecos Bill" sweetheart was "\_\_\_-Foot Sue"
- TXism: "the brand \_\_\_ still smoking" (rare steak)
- sips of liquor
- this Thorpe helped the Rockets win 1994 championship
- TXism: "happy as \_\_\_ in mud"
- country singer McEntire
- a horse is \_\_\_ donkey
- large short-haired dogs: "Great \_\_\_"
- TXism: "I got the hang of \_\_\_"

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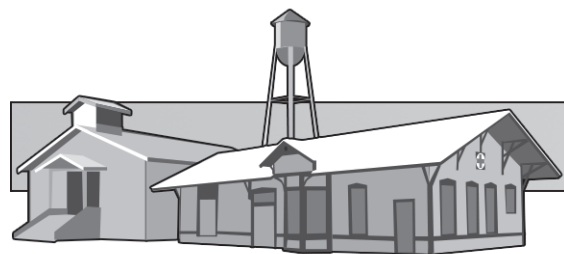
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# TOWN TALK

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Friona Farmers Co-Op Gin wrapped up the 2020 cotton harvest on Sunday. Gin manager Jeff Watkins said they processed a total of 19,448 bales this year which included a much appreciated contingent of round bales from the Spearman area.

Christmas Day featured an early morning car chase through Parmer County. Sheriff Randy Gerles made first contact with the elusive driver just east of Friona. The speed demon travelled through Friona on three tires at 80+ mph. Local law enforcement officials (LEOs

for you crime buffs) finally ended the chase just east of Bovina. The car ended up like chestnuts roasting on an open fire. Even though there was a census taken this year, there was no sign of a manger and only a jail cell for a crib. The three wise men had no comment.

The Prairie Acres "Resident of Month" for January is Lonnie Woodruff. The January "Employee of the Month" is Yvette Garcia. Yvette works in the activity department and has worked at Prairie Acres since June of 2006. Congratulations to both!

dennisslagle@hotmail.com. You can download Zoom at <https://zoom.us/>

January 9 — Law Enforcement Appreciation Day  
January 10 — Sunday Supper Day  
January 11 — Milk Day  
January 12 — Pharmacist Day  
January 13 — Sticker Day

## FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



**NEW DISPATCHER...Jack Buster, 21, is the new night dispatcher for the Friona Police Department. A native of Garland, Buster has been employed since before the first of the year. (Friona Star, Thursday, January 9, 1964)**

Our local postal workers also had to go into work on Christmas Day. Due to the sheer volume of mail this year because of the pandemic, packages had to be processed on Christmas Day.

Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel will have a Zoom meeting with hospital officials at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12th. If you are interested, but not a member of PCRTSP, please send your email address to Connie Slagle at

### BALLOT DEADLINE APPROACHING

Parmer County Hospital District has announced that the deadline to file a place on the ballot for the May 1, 2021 election is Friday, February 12, 2021. Applications may be filed in person beginning January 1, 2020 between the hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday or mailed to Parmer Medical Center, 1307 Cleveland, Friona, TX 79035. Contact Erika Carrillo at 806 250-2754 for more details.

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

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

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(12/21/20) Karst Tijmes, 50, of Hereford was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of DWLI w/previous, pending County Court.

(12/21/20) Jose Perez, 69, of Bovina was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's office on a charge of Harassment, pending County Court.

(12/21/20) Aliyas, 18, of Muleshoe was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Possession CS PG 2 > 4g < 400g, pending Grand Jury.

(12/25/20) Concepcion Davila, 19, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Evading Arrest, pending County Court.

(12/25/20) Andrew Garza, 36, of Surprise, Arizona was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on charges of Unauthorized Use of Vehicle and Evading Arrest with Vehicle, pending Grand Jury.

(12/31/20) Joel Beyer, 22, of Canyon was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of Possession of Marijuana < 2 oz., pending County Court.

(1/1/21) Robyn Kincaid, 34, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on charges of Possession of Marijuana < 2 oz., pending Country Court and DWLL, pending County Court.

(1/1/21) Santos Juarez, 23, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of DWI, pending County Court.

(1/1/21) Monica Hailey, 35, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of Possession of Marijuana < 2 oz., pending County Court.

(1/3/21) Ovaldo Hernandez, Jr., 43, of Moore, Oklahoma was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on charges of Possession of CS PG 2 > 1g < 4g, pending Grand Jury, and Possession of Marijuana < 2 oz., pending County Court.

## COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from December 17, 2020 to December 31, 2020

(12/17/20) Charles M. Pope, Britny D. Pope — Lindsley Pitsch, Shawn Pitsch — Lot 57 Blk 2 Western Addition City of Friona in Parmer County

(12/22/20) Keith Lynn Blackburn, Patricia Blackburn — David M. Carthel, Kathleen Carthel, David Carthel, Kathleen Wales Carthel — All of N 240 Ac of W 1/2 of Sec 17 Township 4 1/2 S R 5 E of Capitol Syndicate Subdiv of Capitol Reservation Leagues Num 487 and 493 in Parmer County

(12/22/20) Luisa Cruz Lopez, Jose L. M. Lopez — Jose Luis Rosillo Jr, Genevieve Martinez — Lot 2 Blk 80 Original Town of Bovina in Parmer County

(12/29/20) Martha Hamilton, Linda Diane Hamilton — Diane Hamilton — Undivided 1/8th Interest being 1/4th of 1/2 Interest in Sec 17 Township 1 N R 4 E in Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County

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(12/29/20) Vicente E. Terrones Jr, Juana Irma Terrones — Zachary David Schilling, Wendy NE Cole Schilling — 164.43 Ac out of a Capitol League No 506 in Parmer County 164.43 Ac of Sec 8 Blk E of a Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County and a 16.12 Ac out of Capitol League 506 particularly being 1.04 Ac out of Sec 5 and 15.08 Ac out of Sec 8 both in Blk E of a Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County

(12/29/20) Lorena R. Turner, Lorena R. Norma — Raymond E. Turner — Lots 26-28 Blk 43 Original Town of Farwell in Parmer County

(12/30/20) Tim Herring — Will Herring Cattle Inc. — All of S 1/2 of Sec 29 T2R3 also all of the North 33.10 LL of S 286.9 Ac North 1/2 of Section 32 All North 20 Ac of SW 1/4 of Sec 32 T2R3 All of the North 1/2 Sec 29 T2N R3E containing 306.9 Ac

We like to shred, chop and slice our... *...own ingredients to make a great pizza!* Kids: color stuff in!

# Newspaper Fun!

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## Cooking and Baking Fun!

I enjoy cooking and baking. I like putting foods together to make new, hopefully delicious, combinations. One of my favorite hobbies is to take an old recipe that everyone loves, like cheese and macaroni, and "lighten" it to make it a healthier dish that's just as tasty.

I'm crazy for crossword puzzles as you can see!

Can you read the clues to fill in my puzzles about cooking?

**Pots and Pans**

1. bowl-shaped pan used to cook Chinese food
2. comes in many shapes and sizes, usually metal
3. very deep with handles and lids
4. flat piece of metal for laying out pieces of dough
5. bowl heated from below - keeps cheese and chocolate melted for dipping
6. mixed foods cooked in a large, deep, usually uncovered dish in the oven
7. round, doughnut-shaped baking pan
8. shallow, round, glass or metal dish used to bake one of America's favorite desserts
9. round, flat, with low sides; may be made of iron, may have a non-stick surface, handle
10. has several, tiny cups for batter; a cupcake pan or a
11. square or rectangular "frying pan," may be flat or have ridges, drains off extra grease
12. rectangular pan that is deep, used for breads and a favorite meat dinner
13. large, round, flat metal pan, sometimes deeper for "deep dish"

**How We Cook It**

1. cook in oven using dry heat
2. heat liquid until it starts to bubble and steam
3. cook over an open fire
4. cook in a pan or griddle, usually in very hot oil
5. cook food just below its boiling point
6. heat using water in the form of wisps of \_\_\_\_\_
7. cook meat in oven, uncovered in a shallow pan without adding liquid
8. cook at high temperature using direct heat from the top of the oven
9. turn something into liquid over heat
10. cook in a pan with a little bit of oil or butter

**Getting It Together**

1. pour liquid or food into a filter that catches any solid bits
2. blend milk, butter, or sugar until smooth
3. swirl different types of batter for an interesting look
4. put ingredients together
5. make ingredients fluffy by adding air, beating quickly
6. mix smoothly together
7. blend food into a liquid until it disappears (like sugar in water)
8. stir very fast so ingredients mix or fluff up
9. work on dough by pressing and stretching
10. mix a salad until everything is coated with dressing

**Running the Kitchen Smoothly**

I'm helping Chatter in the kitchen today. I am her "sous chef," which means I am the second in command! I make sure everything is ready and the kitchen is running smoothly, and I help to cook the food.

**Getting food ready and keeping the kitchen running smoothly:**

1. cut into thin strips with a knife
2. cut food into small square pieces
3. crush food in blender or other machine
4. press to remove lumps
5. cut food into squares smaller than 1/2 inch, using a knife
6. stir ingredients together with a whisk or spoon
7. chop into tiny pieces
8. cut ingredients into pieces using a knife or food processor
9. cut into long, thin pieces (may use round holes on grater)
10. pull off or cut off the skin or rind of fruit or vegetable

**Kitchen Helpers**

We are helpers in the kitchen. Read the clues to find out how we help. Then, fill in the puzzle!

1. small rag used for washing plates, pots, and pans
2. books filled with recipes
3. rough, sponge-like tool for removing food from pots and pans
4. sets of instructions for making or preparing something
5. special piece of clothing that covers the front to keep clothes clean
6. cups with markings on the side
7. thick cloths that protect hands and table from hot pots and pans
8. larger cloths for drying off your washed plates, pots, and pans

## Puzzle Solution

S-1514

### Basketball Scoreboard

#### Varsity Girls

(Season 0-5, District 0-4)  
 Friona 24 Dimmitt 40  
 Friona 23 Bovina 61  
 Friona 17 #11 Brownfield 101  
 Friona 26 Denver City 64  
 Friona 22 Muleshoe 55

#### Varsity Boys

(Season 1-6, District 0-3)  
 Friona 57 Adrian 47  
 Rejino 22, Rivera 14, Chavira 11  
 Friona 25 Ralls 51  
 Chavira 9, Jeter 5  
 Friona 38 Bovina 48  
 Rejino 15, Rivera 11, Chavira 10  
 Friona 37 Brownfield 80  
 Rejino 20, Chavira 7  
 Friona 34 Denver City 56  
 Rejino 13, Jeter 11  
 Friona 39 TLCA 76  
 Saucedo 9, Jeter 8  
 Friona 42 Muleshoe 49



# CRP general signup is underway

The USDA announced on Monday that agricultural producers and private landowners interested in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) can sign up for the popular program beginning January 4, 2021 and ending on February 12, 2021. The competitive program, administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), provides annual rental payments for land devoted to conservation purposes. Through CRP, farmers and ranchers establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees, to control soil erosion, improve water quality and enhance wildlife habitat on cropland. Farmers and ranchers who participate in CRP help provide numerous benefits to their local region and the nation's environment and

economy. CRP general sign-up is held annually and is competitive; general signup includes increased opportunities for wildlife habitat enrollment through the State Acres For Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) initiative. New cropland offered in the program must have been planted for four out of six crop years from 2012 to 2017. Additionally, producers with land already enrolled but expiring on September 30, 2021, can re-enroll this year. The acreage offered by producers and landowners is evaluated competitively; accepted offers will begin October 1, 2021. Signed into law in 1985, CRP is one of the largest private-lands conservation programs in the United States. The program marked its 35-year anniversary in December 2020. Program successes

include:

- Preventing more than 9 billion tons of soil from eroding, which is enough soil to fill 600 million dump trucks.
- Reducing nitrogen and phosphorous runoff relative to annually tilled cropland by 95% and 85%, respectively.
- Sequestering an annual average of 49 million tons of greenhouse gases, equal to taking 9 million cars off the road.
- Creating more than 3 million acres of restored wetlands while protecting more than 175,000 stream miles with riparian forest and grass buffers, which is enough to go around the world seven times.
- Benefiting bees and other pollinators and increasing populations

of ducks, pheasants, turkey, bobwhite quail, prairie chickens, grasshopper sparrows, and many other birds. All USDA Service Centers are open for business, including those that restrict in-person visits or require appointments. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service or any other Service Center agency should call ahead and schedule an appointment. Service Centers that are open for appointments will pre-screen visitors based on health concerns or recent travel, and visitors must adhere to social distancing guidelines. Visitors are also required to wear a face covering during their appointment. Our program delivery staff will continue to work with our producers by phone, email, and using online tools. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

### Happy Birthday Friona Folks!

**Jan. 7**  
 Mike Lamb  
 Belinda Anthony  
 Jeff Hamilton  
 Laquita Dodson  
 Kahlie (Ingram) Callison  
 Oran London



**Jan. 8**  
 Dave Buske  
 Jan Thompson

**Jan. 9**  
 Mitchell Wiseman  
 Cindy Weatherly  
 Joe Bill Jones  
 Anthony Nunley,  
 Rocky Gingg  
 Ava Lee Daigle

**Jan. 10**  
 Chris Houlette  
 Ben Neelley  
 Jeff Moser  
 Roscoe Parr  
 Natali Godinez  
 Joanna Rascon  
 Laci Reeve  
 Bryanna LeRoy

**Jan. 11**  
 Arlisa Denton  
 Juan Hernandez  
 Timothy Gee  
 Vana Stanberry  
 Blayke Mills

**Jan. 12**  
 Loren Martin  
 V'Lynda (Wilcox) Barnett  
 Gary Schueler  
 John Harmon  
 Robin Kelley

**Jan. 13**  
 Morgan Baize  
 Logan Baize  
 Michael Silva  
 Fred Bailey  
 Kathy Rector  
 Traci Beauchamp  
 Sheri Rector

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

#### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals addressed to the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Bovina and the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Friona for the sealcoating of approximately 59,600 square yards of streets entitled:

SEALCOAT – 2021

will be received at the office of the City Manager of Friona at City Hall, 623 Main Street, Friona, Texas 79035 until:

2:00 P.M.  
 January 28, 2021

A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the Owners in an amount equal to not less than five percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen days after receipt of Contract Documents, enter into a contract with the Owners and will execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents. Any bid received after the time and date listed above will be returned unopened and will not be considered.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Contract Documents are on file and may be examined in the office of the City Manager, City of Bovina, 205 North Street, Bovina, Texas 79009, phone (806) 251-1116, and the office of the City Manager, City of Friona, 623 Main Street, Friona, Texas 79035, phone (806) 250-2761, and the office of Brandt Engineers, Consulting Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, telephone (806) 353-7233

Plans and Specifications may be obtained from the Engineers, Brandt Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, phone (806) 353-7233 in the following manner:

Cost: Seventy five dollars (\$75.00), non-refundable, for each set of paper plans and specifications or fifty dollars (\$50.00), non-refundable, for each set of digital plans and specifications on CD.

Performance and Payment bonds shall be set forth in the Contract documents.

The Owners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness, the Owners reserve the right to adopt such interpretations as may be most advantageous or to reject the bid as informal. No bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of 60 days from the bid opening date.

CITY OF BOVINA  
 CITY OF FRIONA

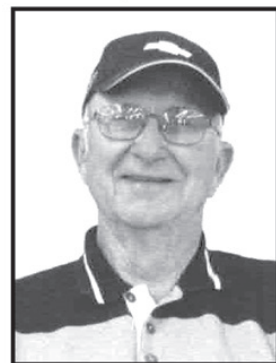
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# Book Blessings

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Biographies of Christians who suffered greatly and made an impact for the kingdom of God are a source of encouragement for those following Christ. "Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy," by Eric Metaxas is a five hundred page biography on the life of German Pastor, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Bonhoeffer's legacy leaves a huge wake in calling believers to follow Christ in full faith and obedience by orienting one's life to know and do the will of God. Following God's will is not a sloppy, rash mindset, but Bonhoeffer saw following God's will as requiring a clear discernment of what

God's word says, how it applies to a situation, and also what God wants one to do. Bonhoeffer was obedient to the Lord in one of the darkest times of Germany's history in the 1930s and 1940s. He was outspoken regarding the direction of the nation under Nazi rule, prophetic in calling churches to resist the evil Nazi regime, and faithful to stand against wickedness. In fact, Bonhoeffer was in on the planning and implementing of plots to kill Adolf Hitler, which is eventually why he was arrested by the Nazi's. After spending a year and a half in Nazi prison and prison camps, he was even-

tually executed just weeks before the Allies liberated Germany. His faithfulness to the Lord's kingdom, resistance against evil and ministry to the end resonate the Words of Jesus in Matthew 10:28, "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell." Not only will this book encourage believers to be faithful to the Lord, speak out against injustice, but also awaken Americans to the importance of resisting the drift of governments to gain total control in a nation.

# Gas prices back down

By GasBuddy

Texas gas prices have fallen 0.5 cents in the past week, averaging \$1.93 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 8.6 cents per gallon higher than a month ago but are still 34.6 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$1.59 while the most expensive is \$2.79 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has fallen 1.3 cents in the last week, averaging \$2.24 per gallon. The national average is up 8.0 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 34.4 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

"After several weeks seeing the national average make healthy gains, last week saw a significant slowdown and most states saw prices change little as we head into the New Year," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "I'm

hopeful 2021's theme will be recovery in the COVID-19 pandemic, which is unfortunately likely to drive gas prices higher. How much higher? GasBuddy will be revealing its 2021 Fuel Price Outlook soon to answer that question, giving motorists some insight into the trends expected in the coming 365 days. Short-term, expect prices to see overall less fluctuation in the week ahead as they saw to end 2020, with prices more likely to see small gains or stability than decreases."

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>.

# Expectations

By Teena Hughs

Sometimes my expectations for myself, others, and things are way too high, and when those expectations aren't met, I am disappointed. I think I was the case on December 21st and the Star of Bethlehem, or Christmas Star. For some reason, I expected the star to be like the pictures I have seen of this big, bright star, and the way I pictured it in my mind when Jesus was born. No one said it would be like that, so why did my expectations about the star disappoint on December 21st?

My expectations were based on what I wanted to happen. They weren't real-

istic expectations based on research, facts, etc. I was so desperate to see something from God that was just out-of-this-world amazing. And, while it was an amazing feat, I was disappointed that it wasn't more!

So, we are now in 2021, and as with the beginning of every new year, many of us set up expectations for ourselves: losing weight, reading our Bible more, praying more, spending more time with our families, etc. I just encourage you (and me) to be realistic in setting expectations for yourself. Do not set yourself up for failure from the beginning. Set small goals and once those goals are met, increase

your goals.

For me, I am working only on two goals right now, something that is totally opposite of my usually long list: I am reading more, because I discovered in 2020 that I had gotten away from knowing what is going on with Christian literature; and, I am working on cleaning up my language. Some of the words I use are very acceptable in today's language, but they are words I grew up being told by my parents that you don't say. For example, I heard a man say something on television that I totally disagreed with, and the first comment out of my mouth was, "Screw you!" It is lazy to use language

like that, and as I continue to try to "clean up" my mouth, I realize it is something I shouldn't ever think or say about anyone, because it is something Jesus wouldn't say or think!

So, in 2021, I am not making a long list of expectations. I am starting out small, spending my time concentrating on just one or two goals. Total success with one or two things is better than failing at many. As you conquer one thing, it becomes easier to conquer other things that will make your life better.

I hope your 2021 is great and blessed! And, I hope you meet all of your realistic expectations!!!

# Panhandle Parables

## Resolutions for 2021 or Not?

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

What if at the beginning of each year you received in the mail resolutions designated for you to accomplish this year? I guess it would depend on the list. If the letter said, "Jeff, we need you to spend a little time on the beach during the months of January and February. PS Trip is all expenses paid and bring your family." I think I could resolve to accomplish that resolution. But what is the nature of resolving to do anything. What if the letter said, "Jeff, we need you to spend a little time clipping toe nails for folks

who can no longer reach their toes." Now I know what you're thinking, "Jeff has gone from preaching to meddling." Yet I ask again, what is the nature of resolving to do anything? Why choose one over the other?

I can state a resolution for the New Year, but in reality it is about ME, it is up to me to see that it gets done or not. It is my resolution. Obviously, most would like to make up resolutions for others to do, but that would only be fun until I got my list, however the reality is the same, I

still get to choose whether I do it or not. Why would I or why would I not?

I want to encourage a bit beyond resolutions about personal health or fitness. Yes, I could lose a few pounds, I could exercise more, I need to... but what if you and I resolved to focus on others as well? Maybe grab the toenail clippers vs. the beach towel? Just maybe there is something meaningful about this year, and just maybe that it is not about me, but Him. Make a resolution or two. Then DO IT! Welcome to 2021.

## Thank You

Dearest Family and Friends,

The family of Joe Luis Santellana would like to express a debt of our deep gratitude for all of the thoughts and prayers brought forth during our time of great sorrow. We deeply appreciate the overwhelming generosity and display of concern from the Friona community. Your invaluable gifts of thoughts, prayer, flowers, food, and phone calls have been an enormous source of support for us all. The abundance of love and support by family and friends will undoubtedly spill over into our next steps as we grieve. These well wishes will sustain us and hold us during the trials that follow our bittersweet and blessed time with our beloved husband and father.

Thank You,  
Diana Santellana  
Christina Contreras  
Monica Santellana

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Pastor Brett Hoyle  
Email-[firstbc@wtrt.net](mailto:firstbc@wtrt.net)  
Website-[www.fbcfriona.com](http://www.fbcfriona.com)

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8<sup>th</sup> & Pierce • 806-250-3045  
Rev. Skip Hodges  
Email-[frionoam@wtrt.net](mailto:frionoam@wtrt.net)  
Website-[www.frionoamc.com](http://www.frionoamc.com)

**GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
North end of Congregational Church  
1601 Euclid

**IGLESIA EVANGELICA NUEVA JERUSALEN**  
701 E. 11th • P.O. Box 655 • 806-346-9725  
Pastor Benito Mejia  
[benitomejia@live.com](mailto:benitomejia@live.com)

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Pastors Mark & Mary Goff

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Jeff Procter, Minister

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Pastor Gregory Bunyan

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Pastor Roy Dominguez

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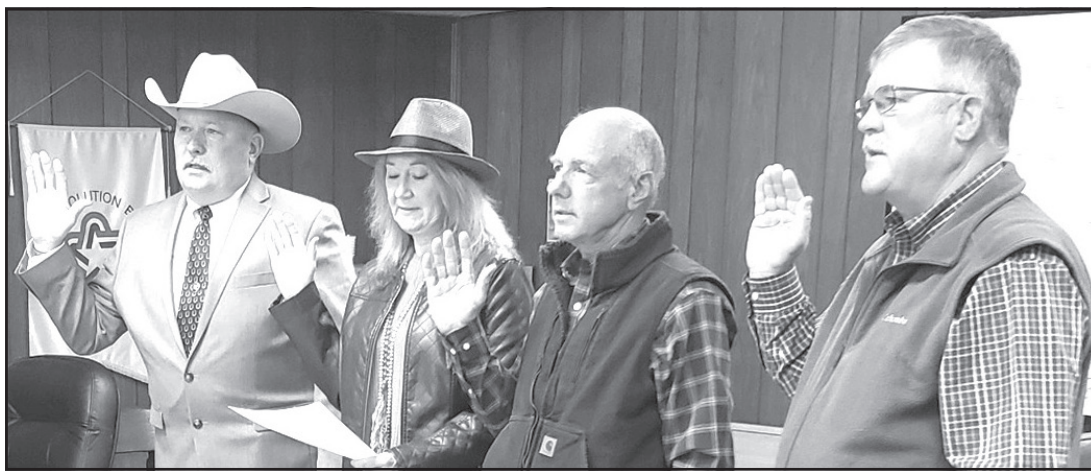
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**Sheriff Randy Geries, Tax Assessor/Collector Awyna Sanchez, Precinct 3 Commissioner Kenny White, and Precinct 1 Commissioner Kirk Frye were sworn in on Friday, January 1st. All four incumbents won re-election in last November's election.**

## State sales tax revenue totaled \$2.9 billion in December

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.86 billion in December, 5 percent less than in December 2019. The majority of December sales tax revenue is based on sales made in November and remitted to the agency in December.

"December sales tax collections continued recent trends, with receipts from most major economic sectors significantly down from a year ago," Hegar said. "Retail trade was the principal exception, with the strongest gains coming from online general merchandisers, building materials and home improvement stores, warehouse clubs and supercenters and sporting goods and hobby stores.

"Collections from discount retailers also were up, while collections from department stores, clothing stores and other specialty retailers generally were down. Receipts from the wholesale trade sector also were slightly up, due to strength in sales by building materials vendors. Historically low interest rates and pandemic-motivated behavior changes continue to spur a boom in single-family housing starts and home renovations.

"Receipts from restaurants, entertainment

venues and personal service and tourism-related businesses continue to be depressed. Receipts from oil- and gas-related sectors also were lower year over year as drilling activity remained subdued."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in December 2020 was down 5 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. The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic continued to be evident in some sources of revenue in December 2020.

Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes: (1) motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$439 million, up 2.7 percent from December 2019; (2) motor fuel taxes — \$278 million, down 10.6 percent from December 2019; (3) oil production tax — \$197 million, down 45.5 percent from December 2019; (4) natural gas production tax — \$86 million, down 25 percent from December 2019; (5) hotel occupancy tax — \$26 million, down 48.5 percent from December 2019; and (5) alcoholic beverage taxes — \$84 million, down 28.5 percent from December 2019.

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You likely will not need to pay anything out of pocket to get the vaccine during this public health emergency.

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tribution site or health care payer, like a private insurance company will call you asking for your Social Security number or your credit card or bank account information to sign you up to get the vaccine.

Beware of providers offering other products, treatments, or medicine to prevent the virus. Check with your health care provider

before paying for or receiving any COVID 19 related treatments.

If you get a call, text, email – or even someone knocking on your door – claiming they can get you early access to the vaccine, STOP. That's a scam.

CONTACT THE TEXAS SENIOR MEDICARE PATROL (SMP) FOR HELP AT 1-888-341-6187.

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

### Bid Specifications

1. Lease payment due before February 26, 2021.
2. Initial term from March 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, with an automatic extension of 6 months with an additional one half of bid price until December 31, 2022. Initial term will also depend on current lessee finishing out crop.
3. After the initial term, the lease shall continue in effect from year-to-year (January 1-December 31) thereafter until written notice of termination is given by either party at least three (3) months before the then-existing lease term expires.

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

Bid opening will take place at City Hall at 1:00 p.m. on February 3, 2021.

Bid will be awarded at the City Council Meeting on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at 619 Main in Friona.

Bidders are expected to inspect the property and to inform themselves of all local conditions. Additional information may be obtained at Friona City Hall, 623 Main Street, Friona, Texas 79035 or by calling Public Works Director Salvador Garcia at (806) 250-2761 or work cell 806-346-2673.

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

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

### CITY OF FRIONA, TEXAS

By: Leander Davila  
City Manager

### EXHIBIT A

#### TRACT ONE:

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

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

Thence South (Base bearing), along the East line of said Section 5, a distance of 392.22 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "RPLS 1848" found for the POINT OF BEGINNING of this tract; THENCE South along the East line of said Section 5, a distance of 2721.39 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for the Northeast corner of a tract known as the South 109.6 acres of the East 269.9 acres lying South of the railroad in said Section 5;

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

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

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

THENCE North 89 degrees 02 minutes 52 seconds East, along the South line of the tract known as 12.435 acres, a distance of 1384.25 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of this tract; Said tract contains a computed area of 139.57 acres of land.

#### TRACT TWO:

A 144.16 acre tract out of a part of a tract known as the West 1/2 of the North 318.2 acres of Section 4, Township 4 South, Range 4 East of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision in Parmer County, Texas as shown by the plat thereof of record in Volume 3, Page 558, Deed Records of Parmer County, Texas, said 144.16 acre tract being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THENCE North (Base bearing) along the West line of said Section 4, a distance of 2623.25 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of this tract; Said tract contains a computed area of 144.16 acres of land.

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

### Bid Specifications

1. Lease payment due before February 26, 2021.
2. Initial term from March 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, with an automatic extension of 6 months with an additional one half of bid price until December 31, 2022. Initial term will also depend on current lessee finishing out crop.
3. After the initial term, the lease shall continue in effect from year-to-year (January 1-December 31) thereafter until written notice of termination is given by either party at least three (3) months before the then-existing lease term expires.
4. The new lessee will allow the current lessee time to harvest the current crop of the property.

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

Bid opening will take place at City Hall at 1:00 p.m. on February 3, 2021.

Bid will be awarded at the City Council Meeting on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at 619 Main in Friona.

Bidders are expected to inspect the property and to inform themselves of all local conditions. Additional information may be obtained at Friona City Hall, 623 Main Street, Friona, Texas 79035 or by calling Public Works Director Salvador Garcia at (806) 250-2761 or work cell 806-346-2673.

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

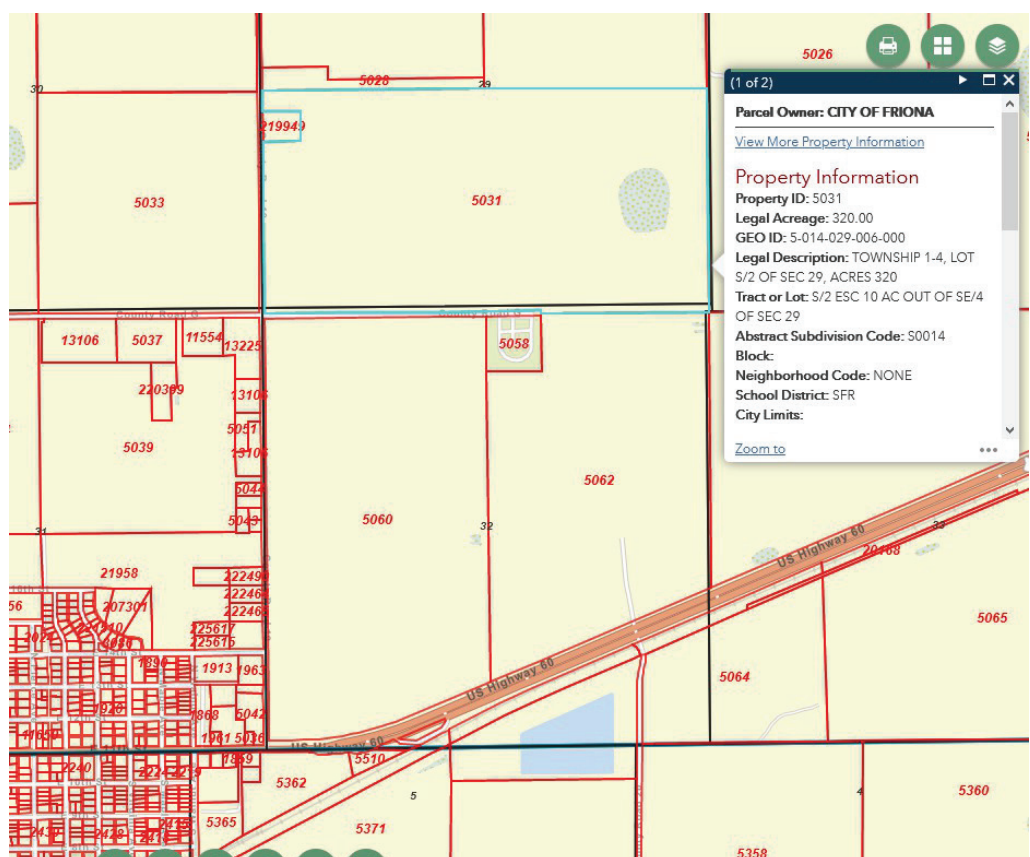
Bids may be withdrawn at any time prior to the official opening. Alterations made prior to the opening time must be initialed by the Bidder to guarantee authenticity. After the official opening, bids may not be amended, altered or withdrawn without the approval of the Friona City Council.

### CITY OF FRIONA, TEXAS

By: Leander Davila  
City Manager

### EXHIBIT A

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



# ★ STAR CLASSIFIEDS

**250-2211**  
Deadline: Tuesday @ 5 p.m.



## HELP WANTED

### NOW HIRING

**Friona ISD is looking for a full time custodian.** Hours are 7 am -6 pm with a 2 hour lunch and a 30 minute break in the morning and afternoon. Interested applicants may call Friona ISD 806-250-2747 or Martha Moreno 806-346-2091.

**Friona ISD está buscando una persona que ayude a limpiar la escuela a tiempo completo.** El horario es de 7 am a 6 pm con un almuerzo de 2 horas y un descanso de 30 minutos por la mañana y por la tarde. Las personas interesadas pueden llamar a Friona ISD 806-250-2747 o Martha Moreno 806-346-2091.

### HELP WANTED

#### Furniture sales person

Drop by store and pick up application.

#### Bi-Wize

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## CHARITY



*A 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention of cruelty to animals, the relief of suffering among animals, and the extension of humane education.*

Volunteer opportunity. You have skills? Parmer Paws needs you. Bring your talents, whatever they may be, and join us. 806-240-2211 or ParmerPaws@yahoo.com

## You CAN do it!

Don't throw away your empty aluminum cans. Please place any cans you have in the trailer located on the north side of the Friona Fire Department building on Main Street. Proceeds from the sale of the cans will go to the FHS Senior Class and help fund the graduation party.

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Fax: (806) 250-3877  
Reservations:  
www.frionainn.com  
frionainn@gmail.com

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Serving Friona  
272-6772  
Cell: 523-2222  
Master License #16066

### Drivers License Office Schedule

Tuesday-Wednesday  
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Located at  
Friona Police  
Department  
Building  
public.txdpsscheduler.com  
By appointment only.

Now you can **SHIP** where you **SHOP!**

Blackburn  
Hardware  
904 West 11th  
**250-2828**  
Hours: 8:00-5:30  
Saturday 8:00-12:00

The City of Friona will accept applications for the Public Works Department:

**UTILITY MAINTENANCE WORKER I (1 position)**  
Full-Time, 40 hours a week  
Salary: starting at \$10/hr.

Candidates will perform construction, repair, and maintenance work on water/sewer lines; operate light equipment and perform extensive manual labor. Candidates may have other duties assigned to them by the Public Works Director. The applicant chosen for this position shall be required to submit to a pre-employment drug test at the cost to the individual.

Job descriptions and application forms may be picked up at the Friona City Hall, 623 Main Street, Friona. If you would like an application emailed to you, please email cityinfo@frionatx.us. Applications will be accepted until job is filled.

### Parmer County Sheriff's Office is taking applications for an Emergency 911 Dispatcher.

You may call (806) 481-3303 or send email to sheriff@parmercounty.net for more information or to obtain an application.

The City of Friona will accept applications for the Library Department at the Friona Public Library:

**CIRCULATION CLERK**  
Full-Time, 40 hours a week  
Salary: starting at \$8/hour  
To begin work on January 25, 2021

Candidates will be responsible for performing clerical work in support of the Library's circulation function, provide general information to the public, and perform other duties as may be required. Candidates may have other duties assigned to them by the Library Director/Assistant Director.

Job descriptions and application forms may be picked up at The Friona Public Library, 109 W 7th or at the Friona City Hall, 623 Main Street, Friona. If you would like an application emailed to you, please email library@frionatx.us. Applications will be accepted until **January 18, 2021.**

## NOTICE

### NOTICE to Parmer County Taxpayers

Monday, February 1, 2021 is the deadline to pay all personal and property taxes in Parmer County.

Checks must be postmarked by Monday, February 1, 2021, or penalty and interest will occur.

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If you turned 65 years old as of January 1, 2021, then you need to sign up for the "65 and older" Homestead Exemption. This is a permanent exemption so if you already have signed up for it, you don't have to re-apply.

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If you have purchased a home since you signed up for the Homestead Exemption, you need to re-apply for this extension.

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Agricultural use exemptions are available for all who have purchased agricultural property. If you purchased ag property during the past year, you need to apply for this exemption.

Vehicle exemption forms for those who qualify are available online at [www.parmercad.org](http://www.parmercad.org) or come by our office to apply.

Call, or drop by our office, for your application(s). they will be mailed to you upon request.

**Jill Timms**  
Chief Appraiser  
Parmer County Appraisal District  
PO Box 56, Bovina, TX 79009  
(806) 251-1405



### Broker/Owner:

**Kevin Cooper**  
806-250-2745



## PROPERTY ASSOCIATES

Realtors  
102 E. 11th Friona  
806-250-2745  
frionarealestate.com

### Sales Associates:

Karla Rector 806-382-7465  
George Rushing 806-265-7037



**3/3/2 w/cent. heat & air, close to H.S., corner lot, fireplace, (2) living areas, fenced backyard, sprinkler system f&b**

### Friona

4/5/3 Brick w/cent. heat & air, basement, fp, close to High School, \$25,000 cash allowance at closing .....\$291,775

3/2 Country Mobile Home 4 acres, fenced back and side yards, new well, cellar, horse stall.....\$125,000

### Sales Agent



**Karla Rector**  
806-382-7465

### Broker



**Holly Campbell**



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Application and Background Check will be required. Text 806-680-2676 for a link to the application. Ready to Move in



## HOMES FOR SALE

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Ben G. Scott - Broker  
Krystal M. Nelson - NM QB  
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**Friona School Calendar for January 2021**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 -Teacher Work Day	5 -Students Return to Campus -HS Basketball vs. Muleshoe 5:00p.m.	6	7 -JH Basketball vs. Muleshoe G(T) B(H) 5:00p.m.	8 -HS Basketball vs. Lamesa 5:00p.m.	9
10	11 -JH Basketball vs. Lamesa 5:00p.m. G(H) B(T)	12 -Parmer County Stock Show -HS Basketball @ Littlefield 5:00p.m.	13 -Parmer County Stock Show -Can Pick Application to File for Place on FISD School Board Ballot	14 -Parmer County Stock Show	15 -All-Region Clinic and Concert -HS Basketball vs. Brownfield 5:00p.m.	16 -All-Region Clinic and Concert -Parmer County Stock Show
17	18 -JH Basketball vs. Dimmitt G(H) B(T) 5:00p.m. -FISD Board Meeting 7:00p.m.	19 -HS Basketball @ Dimmitt 5:00p.m.	20	21	22 -Mighty Writers Rally Jr. High Auditorium 2:00p.m. -HS Basketball vs. Denver City 5:00 p.m.	23
24	25 -JH Basketball vs. Brownfield G(T) B(H) 5:00p.m.	26 -HS Basketball @ Muleshoe 5:00p.m.	27	28	29	30
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14oz



**Get a FREE**  
**Banana**







## Obituaries

### Hop Lewis

Long time resident and barber Hop Lewis passed from this life to his eternal home on November 22, 2020 at the age of 96 in Oklahoma City from Covid-19. Hop was born October 8, 1924 to Emit Lewis and Audie Moore Lewis in Hollis, Oklahoma. The family moved to Friona, Texas in 1937 where Hop attended school. After graduating Hop joined the Navy and served in WWII at Pearl Harbor with a Navy Repair Unit.



Hop had been living in Guthrie, Oklahoma for over 20 years where he had many friends. He was a member and attended the Baptist church in Guthrie.

Hop is survived by one son Randy of Earth, Texas along with numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Emit Lewis and Mother, Audie Lewis brother Dan Lewis sisters Wanita Taylor and Margie McCarty and one nephew George McCarty.

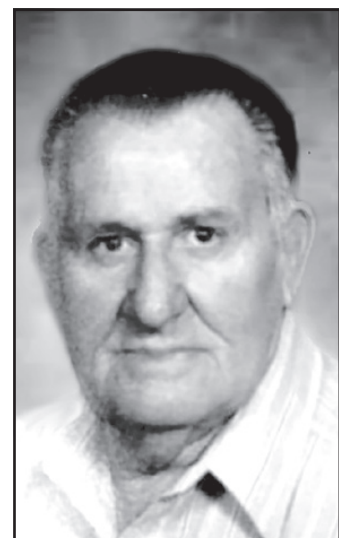
Cremation has taken place and a memorial will be held in the Spring in Oklahoma.

He will be missed by all that knew and loved him.



### John Allen, Jr.

John Allen, Jr., 92 of Lubbock, former long time Friona resident passed away December 22, 2020 in Lockney. Viewing was held from 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Friday, January 1, 2021 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY with Celebration of Life Graveside Services set for 2:00 P.M. Saturday, January 2, 2021 in the Friona Cemetery with Rev. Gary Johnson, officiating. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



John was born January 5, 1928 in Beardon, Oklahoma to John Andrew and Gertrude Marie Petty Allen. He was a proud master electrician for 35 years, a member of the Friona Volunteer Fire Department from 1966 until he retired in 1984, and a collector of rare coins.

Drake.

Those to mourn his passing include 1 son-Johnny Allen and wife Val of Oklahoma, 1 brother-Frankie Allen of Friona, 5 grandsons, 1 granddaughter, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to the Friona Volunteer Fire Department or a favorite charity.

He is preceded in death by his parents, wives- Betty Allen, Elsie Allen, and Loree Myers Allen, 2 brothers-Joe and Bill Allen, 4 sisters-Lillian Parson, Jessie Jackson, Viola Holton, and Francis



### Myrna Mae Adams

Myrna Mae Adams, 77 of Texico, N.M., formerly of Friona passed away December 25, 2020 in Texico. Viewing was held from 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Monday, December 28, 2020 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY with Celebration of Life Graveside Services set for 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, December 29, 2020 in the Friona Cemetery with Lance Teague, officiating. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



Myrna was born October 29, 1943 in Denver, Colorado by Lester Lloyd and Sylvia Priscilla Kirk Roth. She later married Robert Dean Adams April 28, 1962 in Arvada, Colorado.

Myrna was all about family and enjoyed cooking and caring for them. She loved hummingbirds and roses, and playing just about any type of game.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, 1 son-Leslee Adams, and 1 brother-Kenneth Roth.

Those to carry on her legacy includes 1 daughter-Beverly Bentley of Texico, 2 sons-Donnie Adams and wife Cindy of Amarillo, and Tim Adams and wife Michelle of Wheeler, 1 sister-Darline Cole and husband Tom of Yampa, Colorado, 1 brother-Darrel Roth of Ulysses, Kansas, 9 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.



### Daniel Soltero

Daniel Soltero, 46 of Friona passed away December 29, 2020 in Lubbock. Viewing was held from 1:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. with Rosary Services at 6:00 P.M. Sunday, January 3, 2021 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY. Mass of Christian Burial Services were held at 11:00 A.M. Monday, January 4, 2021 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.



Daniel was born in Chihuahua, Mexico to Arnulfo Soltero and Maria de los Angeles Faudoa. He later married Fabiana Gomez February 15, 1993.

He was an employee of Del Rio Dairy, loved his family, especially his grandchildren, horses and horse racing, helping others, cooking, grilling and having fun.

He is preceded in death by a nephew Roque Soltero Jr. Those to carry on his legacy

include his wife Fabiana of Friona, both parents of Mexico, 1 son - Daniel Soltero Jr. and wife Heather of Canyon, 2 daughters - Adriana and Ahtziri Soltero, both of Friona, 5 brothers - Humero and Gumaro Soltero of Chihuahua, Mexico, Roque Soltero of Hart, Rigo Soltero of Dimmitt, 1 sister - Blanca Soltero of Hereford, 3 granddaughters-Zitaly and Aizlynn Cervantes and Charlee Soltero.



### Robert Neelley

Robert Neelley, 79, of Friona, passed away December 30, 2020. Viewing will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 17, 2021 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY with visitation from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Masks are highly urged during the visitation. Celebration of Life Graveside Services will be Monday, January 18, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in Resthaven Memorial Park of Lubbock with Rev. Skip Hodges and Rev. Archie Echols officiating. Burial following by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



Robert was born November 2, 1941 in Amarillo, Texas to Bert and Melba Neelley. He attended schools in Hereford and Friona before graduating from Perryton High School, where he met his future wife Connie LaMaster. They married on June 1st, 1960, and began their life together in Lubbock to attend Texas Tech. After graduating in 1964, he held jobs in Plainview, Friona, and Houston before making Friona his permanent home. He was employed by Friona State Bank from 1971 to 2001. He loved working at the bank and considered his fellow employees his family. He had numerous friends in the agricultural banking community at large. Robert was a friend to many and had an especially soft spot for people in difficult circumstances.

Being active in the Friona community was important and meaningful to him, and he most recently served on the boards of Parmer County Community Hospital and the Friona Economic Development Corporation. He was a follower of Jesus Christ, serving as an active member of the Friona United Methodist Church. He was an avid reader and never stopped his quest for learning. He spent many enjoyable afternoons with friends at the Friona golf course and could always find time when traveling for a round or two! Fishing the beautiful trout rivers of Colorado, New Mexico, Montana, Idaho and Canada was also a love of his, a skill and joy passed down from his parents. His children have fond memories of their winter ski trips and summer vacations. He and Connie enjoyed staying in touch with friends all over Texas, meeting for meals, fellowship, and a chance for a game of bridge or hearts (heart games with his two broth-

ers and dad were special and often involved an outburst of exasperation and laughter). He was a loyal fan to the Red Raiders and attended many games in Lubbock. Robert's most treasured time was traveling with Connie, visiting the mountains, and spending time with his family. He was a loving and devoted grandfather, traveling all over Texas and beyond to cheer on his grandkids and share in their special activities.

Robert is survived by his wife Connie of Friona; one daughter, Leigh Ann Boatman and husband Tony of Cedar Park; two sons, Ben Neelley and wife Amanda of Columbia, Tennessee, and Dan Neelley and wife Shanda of Vega; twelve grandchildren, George Neelley and wife Emily, Paul Neelley, Caroline Neelley, Charlie Boatman, Leslie Boatman, Juliana Neelley, Jackson Neelley, Luke Boatman, Miles Neelley, Wade Neelley, Mason Neelley and Molly Neelley; one great granddaughter, Isabella Neelley; one brother, David Neelley of Austin; one sister-in-law, Sharon Neelley of Amarillo; brother-in-law Joe LaMaster and wife Marva of Perryton, and many nephews and nieces.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Jacob Ben Neelley; his brother Rick Neelley; and sister-in-law Shasta Neelley.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be to the Methodist Children's Home, Wounded Warrior Project, or a favorite charity.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the many healthcare workers at Parmer County Community Hospital, Friona EMS services, EagleMed Medical Transport and University Medical Center, Lubbock.



## Commissioners award cleaning contract

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, December 28, 2020 at 10 a.m. in the County Courtroom of the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, Texas. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Texas Flag.

There were no public comments. Minutes from the December 14th meeting were read and approved. Commissioners approved the payment of the accounts payables as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May. The Treasurer's Report was also approved.

After a lengthy discussion, Fany's Cleaning Service, LLC of Farwell was awarded a one-year contract for cleaning the Courthouse and Law Enforcement Center. The other two ap-

plicants; Adrian & Teresa Ancira, and Alexa Ortiz, submitted lower bids but Fany's was the only one of three bidders that utilizes a cleaning crew.

The payment for Parmer County's tower lease on property owned by the Howard Fleming estate was discussed. The tower space is leased for the operation of the PANCOM system used by the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission to connect its 26 county service area. It was noted that PRPC is paying the lease so action was taken.

In other business, Commissioners approved a bond for County Deputy Clerk Breann Saenz, approved an employee to use vacation hours for maternity leave, and approved continuing education (CE) hours for Parmer County Clerk Susie Spring.

Commissioners denied a "Historic Property" tax exemption for the home of Mac and Bonnie Heald in Farwell even though the home has a historical plaque on it. There was some doubt that the home is officially recognized as a historic property.

A burn ban was reinstated for 90 days. It is set to expire in March 2021.

The next scheduled Commissioners Court meeting is Monday, January 11th.

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

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

The City will open up the roll-off box this Saturday, January 9, 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.

## Don't mess with Texas® Scholarship Contest opens to high school seniors

Applications are now available for the 2021 Don't mess with Texas Scholarship Contest. This contest recognizes Texas high school seniors who are taking an active role in litter prevention in their school or community.

The contest is open to any Texas high school senior currently attending public, private or home school and planning to attend an accredited college or university in the Fall 2021 semester. The contest will award a total of \$9,000 in scholarships to

three winners in May 2021.

"We're looking for students who are developing exciting and creative solutions to keep Texas litter-free," said Becky Ozuna, program administrator for the Don't mess with Texas program. "We aim to shine a spotlight on their innovations in the hope of inspiring other Texans to do their part to keep our state beautiful."

To enter the Don't mess with Texas Scholarship Contest, visit dontmesswithtexas.org. Applications must be

received via online submission by 5:00 p.m. (CST) March 31, 2021. Sponsors for the Don't mess with Texas Scholarship include Buc-ee's and iHeart Media.

Don't mess with Texas has been educating Texans about litter prevention since 1986. The program includes a grassroots partnership with the Keep Texas Beautiful organization, annual "Trash-Off" community outreach events and the Adopt-a-Highway volunteer program.



# 2020 Friena Local Stock Show



December 19, 2020  
Friena Community Center

Photos by: Donna Schueler • Judge: Ty Gillespie

Special thanks to: Janelle Duffey, County Extension Agent; FHS Ag Instructors, Tyler Hatley, Mark Edens, Roque Magdalina



**Grand Champion Goat**  
Mason Schueler



**Grand Champion Lamb**  
Kayl Schueler



**Grand Champion Barrow**  
Caden Bunker



**Reserve Champion Goat**  
Kayson Stanberry



**Reserve Champion Lamb**  
Tristan Schueler



**Reserve Champion Barrow**  
Shelby Lewellen

### Lambs

#### Fine Wool

Breed Champion: Mason Schueler  
Reserve Breed Champion: Stef Ally

#### Cross

Breed Champion: Kayl Schueler  
Reserve Breed Champion: Eric Carrasco

#### Medium Wool

Breed Champion: Kayl Schueler  
Reserve Breed Champion: Tristan Schueler

### Barrows

#### Berkshire

Breed Champion: Kambree Kimbrough  
Reserve Breed Champion: Gabriel Abarca

#### Hampshire

Breed Champion: Caden Bunker  
Reserve Breed Champion: Emma Schueler

#### Duroc

Breed Champion: Caden Bunker  
Reserve Breed Champion: Shelby Lewellen

#### Dark OPB

Breed Champion: Jonathan Gonzales  
Reserve Breed Champion: Brynlee Smith

#### York

Breed Champion: Shelby Lewellen  
Reserve Breed Champion: Brynlee Smith

#### White OPB

Breed Champion: Caden Bunker  
Reserve Breed Champion: Kambree Kimbrough

#### Cross

Breed Champion: Aubree Bunker  
Reserve Breed Champion: Aubree Bunker



**Sr. Showmanship Goat**  
Tristan Schueler

**Jr. Showmanship Lamb**  
Kayl Schueler

**Jr. Showmanship Goat**  
Kayson Stanberry

**Sr. Showmanship Barrow**  
Emma Schueler

**Sr. Showmanship Lamb**  
Quay Schueler

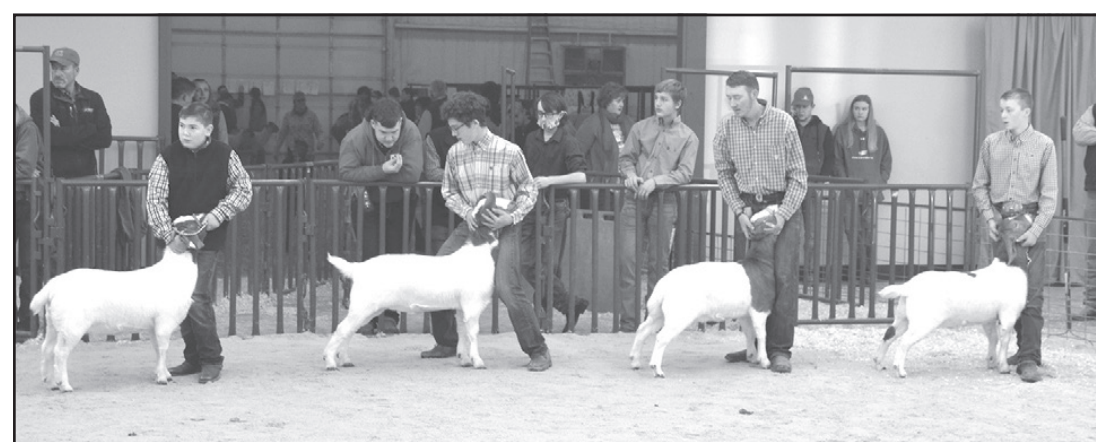
**Jr. Showmanship Barrow**  
Shelby Lewellen



Friena Ag Teacher Tyler Hatley and his wife Lindsey and son Dawson



Friona 4-H and FFA kids who participated in the Friona Local Stock Show with Judge Ty Gillespie and Dawson Hatley



Dawson Hatley and barrow



Avery Schueler and lamb

# Scenes from the Friona Stock Show



PeeWee Goats (l-r) Hannah Hoyle, Sterling Smith, Stetson Smith



PeeWee Barrows (l-r) Stetson Smith, Sterling Smith, Paxton Schueler, and Dawson Hatley



PeeWee Lambs (l-r) Avery and Paxton Schueler

## Padilla earns degree from Sam Houston State

Briana Padilla, of Friona, received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree during the 2020 Fall semester at Sam Houston State University. Briana majored in Marketing and graduated with Honors.

Sam Houston State University is located in Huntsville, Texas and was founded in 1879. It is the third-oldest public college or university in Texas. SHSU is a member



of the Texas State University System and has an enrollment of more than 20,000 students.

## South Plains College announces honors lists

South Plains College congratulates more than 300 students who were named to the Spring 2020 President's List. Students named to the President's Honor List earned a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in at least 12 college credit hours.



South Plains College is a comprehensive, two-year community college that serves a 13-county area that comprises the southern portion of the Texas High Plains. The college's main campus is located in Levelland. SPC also offers educational programs at two locations in Lubbock - the SPC Lubbock Center and the SPC Reese Center - as well as an extension center in Plainview.

### Madysen Vazquez of Friona

South Plains College congratulates more than 700 students who were named to the Fall 2020 Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's Honor List earned at least a 3.25 grade point average with no failing grades while carrying at least 12 credit hours.

### Kayla Alexander of Friona Victoria Gutierrez of Farwell

## Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



*I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow. I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights. I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life. I've learned that making a "living" is not the same thing as making a "life." I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance. I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back. I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision. I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one. I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love a*

*warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back. I've learned that I still have a lot to learn. I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.*

~~ Maya Angelou ~~

Much respect to those who tackle their goals anew and pledge to make better life choices as the calendar page turns. The discipline required to stick to a daily routine to achieve something is admirable.

Reassessing better describes my efforts. The verse from an old hymn includes a phrase that I often pray daily:

*Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
reclothe us in our rightful mind....*

Reclothe. That image says so much about refreshing ourselves from the un-

kempt and ragged.

New Year's night I jotted down some areas to improve. I hope to have a daily lesson plan of activities -- from the mundane such as making my bed to spending more time with spiritual readings from Maya Angelou or John Greenleaf Whittier. I want to write more letters to friends and family. Stretching in the morning and walking in the afternoon after a nap are on tap, too.

Would I like to lose some weight? Of course.

Would I like to shore up the finances? Without a doubt.

The plan is to reclothe daily and remember to give myself credit for what has been done well. I hope to use the wisdom of Ms. Angelou and to give Whittier's poem-turned-hymn a place in my day.

2021—a new year, with plans for a stronger resolve and a better attitude.

## State Capital Highlights

By Chris Cobler



### New year can't yet shake focus from COVID-19

It's a new year, but the news out of the capital continues to focus on COVID-19.

Gov. Greg Abbott tweeted last week that "a significant portion of vaccines distributed across Texas might be sitting on hospital shelves as opposed to being given to vulnerable Texans. The state urges vaccine providers to quickly provide all

shots. We get plenty more each week."

Many health providers and county health department officials responded that they were working as quickly as they could to give shots to front-line health care workers and lacked the doses necessary to move to what Texas calls phase 1B recipients. According to the Texas Department of State Health Services, phase 1B recipients include those 65 and older and those 16 and older with medical conditions that would put them at greater risk from COVID-19.

Various state news outlets reported Texans in phase 1B could not find any vaccine available to them yet. The state health department encouraged the public to check its website weekly for updates on vaccine availability.

In the meantime, people should continue wearing a face mask when in public and follow all social distancing guidelines, health officials said.

### AG blocks Austin

The city of Austin and Travis County tried to impose New Year's weekend restrictions on restaurants, but Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton and Gov. Abbott won the final round of a legal battle.

The local officials' order limited restaurants to drive-thru, curbside pickup, takeout and delivery services between 10:30 p.m. and 6 a.m. from Dec. 31 to Jan. 3. Austin Mayor Steve Adler and Travis County Judge Andy Brown imposed the three-day restriction to limit social gatherings over the holiday weekend after the state reported a record number of hospitalizations and new cases.

"Mayor Adler and Judge Brown do not have the authority to flout Gov. Abbott's execu-

tive orders by shutting down businesses in Travis County and our state's capital city," Attorney General Paxton said in a statement.

District Judge Amy Clark Meachum denied Paxton's motion, saying the state had not shown "imminent and irreparable harm." The AG immediately asked the 3rd Court of Appeals to block the order, but that court rejected his appeal. Paxton then went to the Texas Supreme Court for an emergency stay of the order. The high court granted the injunction late Jan. 1 without comment.

### Food benefits increased

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission will provide \$204 million in emergency SNAP food benefits during January as the state continues its response to the pandemic.

Recipients of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program also will see an additional 15 percent in their total benefits in January because of recently passed federal legislation.

"As we continue through the new year, these benefits offer nutritious food to those who need it most, especially in these trying times" Wayne Salter, of HHS, said in a statement.

The state received federal approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to extend the maximum allowable amount of SNAP benefits to recipients based on family size. The emergency January allotments are in addition to the almost \$2 billion in benefits previously provided to Texans between April and December.

Beginning in January, recipients will receive a 15 percent increase in their total benefits, which will continue monthly

until June 2021. The additional 15 percent increase and the emergency allotment amount should appear in recipients' accounts by Jan. 23. Administered by the state agency, SNAP is a federal program that provides food assistance to 1.7 million eligible low-income families and individuals in Texas.

Texans in need may apply for benefits, including SNAP and Medicaid, at [YourTexasBenefits.com](http://YourTexasBenefits.com).

### 'I know Chuck'

The new year brought another California company's headquarters to Texas.

Financial services firm Charles Schwab recently announced a \$26 billion merger with TD Ameritrade. As part of the merger, the combined company's headquarters officially moved Jan. 1 from San Francisco to Schwab's \$100 million campus in Denton County.

In a press release, Schwab said the Westlake location and facility in Denton were chosen and designed as a more centrally located hub for Schwab's nationwide operations. Before the merger, Schwab had more than 2,500 employees at its Westlake campus, and about 2,000 employees worked at TD Ameritrade's location in Southlake.

Gov. Abbott welcomed Charles Schwab in a tweet last week and reassured Texans that the influx of California companies wouldn't change the Lone Star state.

"I've talked to Chuck, I know Chuck," Abbott tweeted. "He wants to keep Texas, Texas."

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### Notice of Online Comment Opportunity Texas Department of Transportation 2021 - 2024 Rural Transportation Improvement Program Revision Lubbock District

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Lubbock District is conducting outreach to provide the public with an online comment opportunity for the proposed revision to the 2021-2024 Rural Transportation Improvement Program (Rural TIP). An in-person or virtual public meeting is not scheduled; however, the public is encouraged to view project information and submit comments about the revision by Friday, Jan. 22, 2021.

The purpose of the online comment opportunity is to receive comments on the revision to the 2021-2024 Rural Transportation Improvement Program (Rural TIP) for the Lubbock TxDOT District. The project that will be affected by the revision include CSJ 0168-02-032, US 60, Parmer County, construction of a new bridge.

The 2021-2024 Rural TIP meeting(s) was held in the spring pursuant to Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, Section 16.102, which calls for an opportunity for public comment concerning the program. As a continuation of the public involvement effort, the online comment opportunity will offer the public a chance to comment on the revision to the previously presented Rural TIP.

To view the Rural TIP Revision exhibits and comment information, visit [txdot.gov](http://txdot.gov) and keyword search: "Hearings and Meetings Schedule." Once on the schedule page, scroll down to find the appropriate online comment opportunity link. Revision information will also be available for public review Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021, through Friday Jan. 22, 2021 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the TxDOT Lubbock Office at 135 Slaton Hwy, Lubbock, TX 79404-5201. For more information or questions, please contact Kristi Schwartz, Planner, (806) 748-4435 or by [Kristi.Schwartz@txdot.gov](mailto:Kristi.Schwartz@txdot.gov).

The public is encouraged to view this online information and provide input regarding the proposed revision(s). Written comments may be submitted online, emailed, or mailed. If mailed, written comments must be received or postmarked by Friday, Jan. 22, 2021, either in person or by mail to TxDOT, Attn: TPD Rural TIP at 135 Slaton Hwy, Lubbock, TX, 79404-5201. Comments can also be submitted by email to [Kristi.Schwartz@txdot.gov](mailto:Kristi.Schwartz@txdot.gov). TxDOT will be accepting comments about this project until Friday, Jan. 22, 2021.

**Special accommodations:** TxDOT makes every reasonable effort to accommodate the needs of the public. The information will be posted in English. If you have special communication or accommodation needs, or have a need for an interpreter, a request can be made. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can also be made to accommodate most needs. Please call (806) 748-4435 at least one week prior to the comment deadline. Please be aware that advance notice is requested as some accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.



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