



Congratulations to the Friona Chieftains for going undefeated and winning the Smyer Basketball Tourney last week. Team members are (l-r) Jose Saucedo, Johnny Gonzalez, Kaden Jeter, Bryan Chavira, Steph Ally, Jaden Phillips, and Jared Rejino. Not in photo are Jacob Bautista and Andrew Rivera.

## Filing period ends for March Primary Election

The filing period for county, district, and statewide offices ended at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 13th.

County Republican Chairman Bill White announced that the following candidates have submitted applications for the Republican Primary election and have been entered into the Secretary of State system: Will Anderson - County Judge; Randy Geris - County

Judge; Charles Wilkins - County Commissioner, Pct. 2; Gene Schueler - County Commissioner, Pct. 2; Sandra Warren - District Clerk; Sharon May - County Treasurer; Pam Hasseloff, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 3

Previously announced candidates include: Rhonda Wilkins - Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1; Joe Lafuente - Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1; Deana Lucero Leuea - Justice of the

Peace, Pct. 2; Isabel Izzy Carrasco - County Judge. Also, Susan "Susie" Spring - County Clerk; Casey Russell - County Commissioner, Pct. 4; John O'Brian - County Commissioner, Pct. 4.

No candidates for the Democratic Primary have been announced yet.

**Early voting for the March 1, 2022 Primary Elections begins on Monday, February 14th.**

## Council approves purchase of 4-Way Pump

The Friona City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 619 Main in Friona, Texas. The meeting began with roll call, an invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public comments. The Minutes of the November 8, 2021 regular meeting and the November 16, 2021 special meeting were approved.

The Friona City Council voted unanimously to approve a contract of purchase and sale of real property, not to exceed \$450,000, with 4-Way Pump Service, Inc. of Friona. The property is currently outside of the city limits of Friona. Plans are to annex the property into the City after the sale is finalized in April.

In other business, the accounts payable for November 2021 and the financial statement for

November 2021 were approved. Approval was given for an early lease termination request from Grimsley Farms for June 30, 2022. The scheduled expiration of the lease had been set for December 31, 2022. Clint Mears was approved to serve another 2-year term on the board of directors of the Friona Economic Development Corporation (FEDC).

Library Director Anahi Gomez gave the Council a report on activities at the Friona Public Library. She informed the Council that there are currently around 42,000 books in circulation at the library. 1,077 books have been taken out of circulation during the past year and have been donated to the Library Book Store to be sold or given away. Also, some areas inside the library have been repainted and some displays have been rearranged.

Public Works Director Salvador Garcia gave

the Council an update on current activities. He said that the process of changing over to the new water monitoring system is about to begin. Also, a couple of "quick valves" had to be installed during the past month. The City pumped 14 million gallons of water in November of which 10 million gallons were sold and disbursed through over 4,000 hook-ups. He said that the water usage was "average" for this time of year. Peak usage usually occurs in August when the City sometimes pumps up to 1 million gallons per day.

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## Fire Chief named Fire Fighter of the Year

The Friona Volunteer Fire Department held its annual Christmas Party last Friday night at the Friona Senior Citizens Center. The crowd of approximately 75 people included fire fighters, family, friends, and invited guests.

The meal was catered by Pope Boys BBQ and consisted of brisket, pulled pork, sausage, and all the trimmings. Cobbler and ice cream was served for dessert.

Mayor Ricky White addressed the attendees and praised the fire fighters for their professionalism, dedication, and community spirit. He summarized, "We have the best fire department in the world."

Next on the program was awards and special recognitions. Randy Mc-



Stephen Campbell (right) presents the 2021 Fire Fighter of the Year Award to his dad, Danny Campbell.

Casland and Skip Hodges received 5-year service pins. Justin Bridges received a 10-year service pin. Glenn Reeve was recognized for his 65 years of service.

Lieutenant Bryan Harris, who retired in 2021 with 27 years of service, was recognized with a special gift made by brothers Jim and John Taylor.

The Ralph Shirley Award for the 2021 Friona Fire Fighter of the Year was awarded to

current Fire Chief Danny Campbell. Danny received the award from his son, Stephen, who is also a member of the fire department.

A surprise visit by Santa Claus was a big hit with the kids and rounded out the evening's festivities. The Friona Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank everyone for their support during the past year including the gun raffle. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Brothers Jim (left) and John (right) Taylor present retiring fire fighter Lieutenant Bryan Harris with a special hand-made award they crafted in their shop.

## Friona to receive \$72,101.66 sales tax allocation for December

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced last week that he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$936 million in local sales tax allocations for December, 18.4 percent more than in December 2020. These allocations are

based on sales made in October by businesses that report tax monthly.

The City of Friona will receive \$72,101.66 for the month of December. This represents a 66.18% increase over the \$43,385.97 received in December 2020.

So far in 2021, Friona has received

\$619,750.69 in sales tax allocation. This amount represents a 17.30% increase over the \$528,321.21 received in 2020 during the same time period.

The Friona Economic Development Corporation will receive \$18,025.42 of the allocation for its operations.

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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.

<b>Friona Weather</b> December 16-22	T 62   36 SW 10-15	F 60   24 NW 10-15	S 49   25 SE 10-15	S 56   29 SW 15-25	M 60   29 NW 10-20	T 63   41 WSW 10-20	W 70   45 W 15-25	Precipitation December 0.00 Year 15.78	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 16**  
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center  
• Early release for school students

**December 17**  
• Early release for school students

**December 18**  
• Local Stock Show starts at 9:00 a.m. in Friona Community Center

**December 20**  
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center

**December 20 – January 3**  
• No School

**December 25**  
• Christmas

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

**Ivy Cottage Bridal Registry**  
**Regan Anthony & Scott Bednorz**

Join our Bridal Registry Free of Charge!  
Inquire at Ivy Cottage - 1100 N Prospect Ave or call us at 250-8073

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Regan Anthony & Scott Bednorz

Hours: Thursday 11-5  
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Farmhouse to Your House

**Drought conditions expand**

By Adam Russell

Conditions are drying around much of Texas, and forecasts are calling for winter weather to be warmer and drier than average.

Commodity producers in much of the state, including the High Plains, experienced a banner year in 2021 due to high commodity prices and above-average precipitation that started in May and delivered timely moisture throughout the growing season.

But soil moisture levels are declining in parts of the state, and the 2022 growing season could hinge on winter weather replenishing topsoil and subsoils or another round of timely summer rains to save the day.

Jourdan Bell, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agronomist, Amarillo, said drought conditions are expanding throughout the High Plains. The region has not received significant precipitation since September while above-average temperatures were exacerbating soil moisture level declines.

The U.S. Drought Monitor shows most of the High Plains, West Texas and East Texas are in extreme drought to abnormally dry. West Central, Central and Coastal parts of the state are not experiencing drought, according to the monitor.

A strong La Niña weather pattern is expected this winter, which often means less rainfall and warmer temperatures for the Southwest, including much of Texas.

“Soil moisture indexes are drying out and that is definitely a concern moving into winter and spring,” Bell said. “We are continuing to hear weather conditions are expected to be warmer and drier than average,

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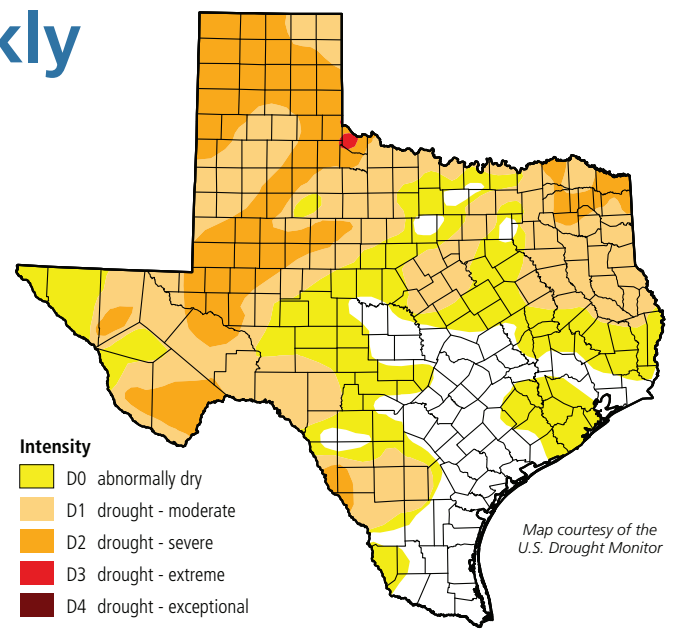
For the week of 12/13/21

**Water conditions**

The latest drought map for conditions as of December 7 shows continued increases in both the areal extent and intensity of drought relative to previous weeks. Extreme drought has developed in Hardeman County, the first time drought of that intensity has impacted the state since late June.

**Drought conditions**

- ◆ 55% now
- ◆ 49% a week ago
- ◆ 0.5% three months ago
- ◆ 79% a year ago



Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor

and so moisture could be a challenge for producers looking to make 2022 cropping decisions.”

**Winter weather typically dry for Texas Plains**

Bell said producers in the High Plains are making serious evaluations of input costs due to high fertilizer prices and pesticide shortages despite strong commodity prices. But much of the planting decisions will be based on precipitation received between now and planting and how well soil moisture indexes might support crops through moderate drought conditions.

But winter is typically a dry period for the High Plains region, Bell said. Much of the restorative rainfall events historically occur during monsoon season in late summer through September.

The region does typically pick up some winter moisture from snowfall, Bell said. While snow represents important moisture and an insulator against extreme cold for soils and winter crops like wheat and oats, it only delivers a fraction of rainfall’s liquid equivalent.

“A few inches of moisture are important when you are in a 16-24-inch rain zone like the High

**Friona Weather Facts**

**Current conditions:** D2 - Severe Drought  
**Last rain:** .25" on October 11th  
**No rain in November:** last happened in 2017  
Only .87" rainfall since September 3rd  
**15.78" yearly total is 3" below last decade's average of 18.80"**

Plains, but we need rainfall to help reduce the deficit and improve the overall topsoil and subsoil moisture index,” she said.

Plan for the worst, hope for the best

Bell said producers should expect to be increasingly dependent on timely rains if local and regional groundwater capacities continue to decline. The ability to meet crop moisture requirements directly impacts yield potential.

Timely in-season rains in the High Plains between May and September helped bridge the soil moisture deficit during the 2021 growing season, Bell said. The region received 10-12 inches of rainfall during the growing season, which effectively supplemented crop moisture requirements for producers with limited irrigation capacity.

The timely rains resulted in better-than-average yields for many regional corn, sorghum and cotton producers, she said.

Better-than-expected yields amid higher prices at market made 2021 a good production year.

But Bell said producers should continue to plan for the worst and hope for the best when it comes to soil moisture availability. Competitive prices for more drought tolerant crops like cotton and sorghum will likely weigh into cropping decisions if moisture doesn’t improve soil moisture indexes.

“Generally, farmers have a positive, hopeful outlook when it comes to planting,” she said. “Last year many producers were reconsidering whether they would plant corn, but then rains came in May, so they planted hoping for more and they got it. Timely in-season rains and moderate temperatures led to very good corn yields. It worked out perfectly, but then there are years where it does not.”

*Adam Russell is a communication specialist for Texas A&M AgriLife.*

**ACROSS**

- 1 Oldham County seat
- 5 Fort Worth’s “\_\_\_ Carter Museum of Western Art”
- 6 TXism: “never sign anything in the glow of a \_\_\_ light”
- 7 TXism: “I’ll \_\_\_ a monkey’s uncle”
- 8 Yuki was LBJ’s favorite \_\_\_ dog
- 9 the “B” of LBJ
- 15 in McLennan County on highway 164
- 16 Mexican general who lost at San Jacinto (2 wds.)
- 19 “the man” south of the border
- 21 group of Boy or Girl Scouts
- 22 TXism: “\_\_\_ any better, the sheriff wouldn’t allow it”
- 27 Slavic person
- 28 “\_\_\_ dust, ashes to ashes”
- 29 TXism: “so green he could \_\_\_ a lettuce patch” (rookie)
- 30 speaker to produce high-pitched sounds
- 32 TX Tanya (init.)
- 33 TXism: “parental plagues”
- 36 actress Drake in “Son of Belle Starr”
- 37 fed. mortgage ins.
- 38 TXism: “numerous as \_\_\_ dead worm”
- 39 Gov. Ann wore a blue one to her inaugural gala (2 wds.)
- 41 a John Wayne line (3 wds.)
- 44 TXism: “\_\_\_ choked full of glee” (happy)
- 45 TXism: “mad as a wet \_\_\_”
- 46 Academy Award statue likely named for a Texan

**DOWN**

- 1 TX \_\_\_ Cliburn
- 2 Tex-Mex prison mafia: “El \_\_\_”
- 3 peanuts
- 4 Dallas’ first elected female mayor
- 8 TXism: “sidekicks”
- 9 TX Isaac Ellwood was known as this (3 wds.)
- 10 TXism: “he’s got the morals of \_\_\_ alley cat”
- 11 TXism: “hightail \_\_\_” (flee)
- 12 Roy Bedichek wrote “Adventures With a Texas \_\_\_”
- 13 TXism: “still wet behind the \_\_\_”
- 14 TXism: “\_\_\_ slinging drunk”
- 15 TXism: “\_\_\_ old range cow”
- 16 TXism: “sticks out like a \_\_\_ thumb”
- 17 “\_\_\_ time” (won’t fool me again)
- 18 TXism: “tater” (2 wds.)
- 20 newspaper Abilene Reporter-\_\_\_
- 22 Gov. Hogg’s daughter (init.)
- 23 TXism: “hissey \_\_\_”
- 24 TXism: “neon light \_\_\_” (inspiration)
- 25 Scarborough Faire recreates six \_\_\_ century England
- 26 few TX lotto players \_\_\_ \_\_\_ jackpot
- 28 this Lottie was a famous TX gambler
- 31 short horn blast
- 34 TXism: “ain’t \_\_\_ a clue”
- 35 a name before ExxonMobil
- 37 toxic vapors, e.g.
- 40 satisfy fully
- 42 Fort Worth univer.
- 43 Sam Houston’s horse
- 49 moving pictures taken with your smart phone
- 50 TXism: “cash \_\_\_ the barrel head”

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## SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(12/6/21) Nick Vasquez, 27, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Criminal Trespass, pending County Court.

(12/7/21) Kenneth Kincaid, 39, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of DWLI w/previous, pending County Court.

(12/8/21) Alfredo Alonzo, 60, of Bovina was arrested by the Bovina Police Department on charges of Criminal Michief and Criminal Trespass, pending County Court.

(12/12/21) Jorge Primero, 38, of Hobbs, New Mexico was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of DWI Open Container, pending County Court.

## COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from December 2, 2021 to December 9, 2021

(12/2/21) Whispering M Farms Inc. — Cross Country Dairy, Pete Degroot Jr., Jean Degroot, Jesse Van Degroot, Kristen Van Waardhuizen — All of Section 1, Block "A" Rhea Brothers Subdivision in Parmer County Texas

(12/2/21) MDL Family Investments LLC — Michael Wayne Palmertree, Melinda Gaye Palmertree — All of Lot 4 and Lot 5 of Block Fifty-Two of the Original Town of Friona Parmer County

(12/3/21) James Bros. Implement Co. — Francis James Landry — Lots 10-14, Block 95, Original Townsite and the West 35 Feet of Sixth Street, City of Farwell Parmer County

(12/3/21) Raquel Degollado — Gabriella Benavides — The West 50' of Lot 14, West Loop Drive Addition, City of Friona Parmer County Texas commonly known as 911 Frio, Friona, Texas; A Tract of Land out of the Northwest Corner of Lot 2, Block Ten, of the Second Installment to Staley Addition No. 3 Dedication thereof of Record in Vol 152 Pg 620, Deed of Records of Parmer County Texas

(12/6/21) Brenda Diane White, Mary Beth Wyly, Myrna Cain Marlatt — Stephen Campbell, Debra Campbell — 6 acres out of South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4, Section 30, Township 1 North, Range 4 East, of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, out of Capitol Leagues 470 and 471, of and in Parmer County

(12/6/21) Blue Sky Farms LLC — Keith Burch, Brenna Burch — All of the Southeast Quarter of Section 32, Block "H" Thomas Kelly's Subdivision in Parmer County Texas

(12/8/21) Johnny Trevino — Iglesia Evangelica Nueva Jerusalem, Domingo Benito Mejia — Original Town Friona, Block 1, Lot 4-6 and Original Town of Friona 1, Lot 1-3

(12/8/21) Rickey Rector — Crownfour LLC — A 7.136 Acre Tract out of a Part of a Tract known as 13.115 out of a Part of a Tract known as 35 acres out of a Part of Section 11, Township 3 South, Range 3 East of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision in Parmer County as shown by the Plat thereof of Record in Volume 3 Pg 558 Deed of Records of Parmer County

(12/8/21) Deanna Curtis — Armando Saucedo, Fidelfa Saucedo — a Lot, Tract or Parcel of Land Lying and Being situated in the County of Parmer State of Texas, Known and Described as a Part of Lots 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 of Block 23 of the Original Town of Bovina Parmer County Texas

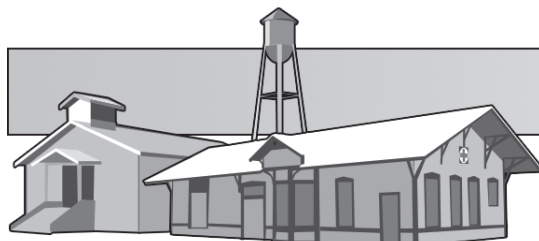
(12/9/21) Osvaldo Almaguer — Dora Alisia Flores — All of Lot Fourteen of Block Three, of the Lake-side Addition, City of Friona Parmer County Texas

### Announcing Rhonda Wilkins as a candidate for



Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 in the March 1st Republican Primary

Pol. Adv. paid for by Rhonda Wilkins



## TOWN TALK

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**Take stock** — Our local stock show will be held in the Friona Community Center beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, December 18th.

★★★

**Take a closer look** — thanks to the Friona Art Department for their holiday window murals all around town. The students did a great job of spreading Christmas Cheer!

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**Forefathers' Day** — this day commemorates the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers in Plymouth, Massachusetts, on December 21, 1620.

The Old Colony Club of Plymouth, Massachusetts, introduced the observance in 1769. The town observes the holiday on December 22nd (unless on Sunday, then on the following Monday).

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**See Santa on Thursday** — Santa Claus and his helpers will visit Created With Purpose of West Texas on Thursday, December 16th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 907 Hwy 86 in Bovina. Come meet Santa and get your picture taken with him. The event is free and cookies will be served.

### National Days

- December 16: Chocolate-covered Anything Day
- December 17: Ugly Christmas Sweater Day
- December 18: Twin Day
- December 19: Oatmeal Muffin Day
- December 20: Go Caroling Day
- December 21: Crossword Puzzle Day
- December 22: Forefathers Day

## Commissioners receive fire reports

Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, December 13, 2021 at 10:00 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. Commissioner Pct. 1 Kirk Frye conducted the meeting.

There were no public comments. Minutes from the December 6th meeting were read and approved. Commissioners approved the payment of the accounts payables as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May. The Treasurer's Payroll Report was also approved.

Commissioners received reports from the fire departments operating in Parmer County. Bovina Fire Department responded to 28 calls;

Farwell Fire Department responded to 31 calls; Friona Fire Department responded to 45 calls; Lazbuddie Fire Department responded to 31 calls; and the Rhea Fire Department responded to 6 calls. All departments, except Rhea, are partially reimbursed by the County on a per call basis.

In other business, approval was given for Commissioners to obtain their mandatory 16 hours of CE (continuing education) via online training conferences made necessary by the Covid pandemic. Three water lines under county roads were also approved. No action was taken on a request to run fiber optic under a supposed county road since it was actually a private road. Requests from 4 county employees for payment on unused vacation

hours was approved.

The Commissioners Court meeting set for Monday, December 27th was rescheduled to Tuesday, December 21st.

Sheriff Randy Gerles reported that he was currently housing 35 inmates in the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center. Of that total, 10 are from Deaf Smith County. Parmer County will be reimbursed for housing those inmates.

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People have used evergreens... ...palms, and fake plastic trees too!

# Newspaper Fun!

www.readingclubfun.com Anmills LLC © 2021 V33 Kids: color stuff in!

**Trees of Christmas**

Evergreens are the favorite trees for Christmas. They stay green all through the harsh winter weather. Their green color, cones and berries remind us of new life and the coming spring. Their size is just right!

When it's hard to find an evergreen tree, people cleverly use other trees, bushes or even ...

**Follow the dots to see what it is!**

1. People in the city might buy their trees from a corner \_\_\_\_\_ or go to a tree farm.

2. Tree farmers \_\_\_\_\_ where trees have been cut.

3. Some people like \_\_\_\_\_ trees (fake), because they travel during the holidays and the trees don't need to be watered.

4. Some people buy trees with their roots bundled so they can plant the trees later in the \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Some go into the woods and \_\_\_\_\_ their own trees.

**What Kind of Tree?**

During the winter holidays, in our country's capital, Washington, D.C, a national Christmas tree is lighted to show hopes of joy and peace for the world. There are many kinds of evergreens from which to choose a tree. We look at the length and softness of the needles, and the shape and height of the tree. Which are your favorite needles? **Read the clues to fill in the name of these greens:**

1

S \_ C \_ I \_ \_ \_  
P \_ N \_ \_

This is a favorite tree. It is bushy and stays green a long time after it is cut. It has blue-green needles about 1 1/2 to 3 inches long.

2

C \_ L \_ \_ \_ D \_ O  
B \_ \_ E \_ S P R \_ \_ \_

Ouch! These short, sharp, thick needles hurt my hands. But their beautiful silver-blue to blue-green colors make this a pretty tree.

3

D \_ O \_ U \_ L \_ S  
F \_ R \_

This tree has short dark-green to yellowish-green needles. They bend easily to the touch. This is easy to decorate and smells so good, too!

Next, find 10 words that have 3 syllables as in the word "ev • er • greens."

**Unscramble the letters to spell it out on the blanks.**

a w r  
t h e

**Topping the Christmas Tree!**

People so love the tradition of setting up a Christmas tree that they sometimes sing this traditional German carol!

O Christmas tree, O \_\_\_\_\_ tree  
How lovely are your branches.  
In summer sun, in \_\_\_\_\_ snow,  
A dress of \_\_\_\_\_ you always show.  
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,  
How lovely are your \_\_\_\_\_.

Can you help Peak find his way to the Christmas tree to put the star on the top?

branches Christmas green winter



# Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

## Christmas Brunch

With Christmas fast approaching, I have found a few recipes that will be delicious to serve all those over night guests that are headed your way.

### Bacon, Egg, and Cheese Crescent Rolls

By Leah Maroney  
www.thespruceeats.com

#### Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 4 extra-large eggs
- Kosher salt, to taste
- Freshly ground pepper, to taste
- 6 slices cooked bacon
- 1 can refrigerated crescent roll dough
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese

#### Steps to Make It

Gather the ingredients. Preheat oven to 350o F. Heat the tablespoon of butter in an omelet pan. In a medium bowl, whisk together the eggs, salt, and pepper. Pour the eggs into the omelet pan and scramble until completely cooked. Set aside. Chop the cooked

bacon finely and set aside. Unroll the crescent dough and separate the triangles. Place a tablespoon of the egg mixture, and a sprinkle of bacon and cheese over the egg. Roll up the triangle as you would a regular crescent roll. Place the roll on an ungreased baking sheet. Repeat with the remaining dough. Bake for 18 to 20 minutes or until golden brown. Serve and enjoy!

Recipe Variations: Stuff the crescent roll dough with sausage instead of bacon and other kinds of cheese instead of cheddar. You also can skip the scrambled eggs if you want to, and just do bacon and cheese. If you like it spicy, you can serve them with a little hot sauce after they are baked. You also can brush the tops of the rolls with melted butter for a little extra but-tery flavor.

### Perfect Home Fries

By Diana Rattray • www.thespruceeats.com

#### Ingredients

- 4 medium red potatoes
- 1 cup chopped onions
- 4 tablespoons butter
- Dash of paprika, to taste
- Dash of salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

#### Steps to Make It

Gather the ingredi-ents. Leave the potatoes unpeeled or peel them,

depending on the con-dition of the skins and your preference. Cut in small dice. You should have about 4 cups of diced potatoes. Put the diced potatoes in a me-dium saucepan and cover with water. Bring the water to a boil and lower the heat to medium-low. Cover and continue boiling for about 4 min-

utes, or until just barely tender. Drain well. Add the chopped onions to the hot drained potatoes and toss gently. Heat the butter over medium heat in a large, heavy skillet; add the diced potatoes and chopped onions. Cook, bringing potatoes up from the bottom of the skillet with a spatula occasionally for even

cooking and browning. Cook until the potatoes and onions are ten-der and golden brown. Taste and season with paprika, salt, and freshly ground black pepper.

### Coffee Cake with Brown Sugar and Cinnamon Streusel Topping

By Diana Rattray • www.thespruceeats.com

#### Ingredients

- For the Topping:
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
  - 1/4 cup sifted all-purpose flour
  - 1/4 cup (4 tablespoons) salted butter, at room temperature
  - 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- For the Cake:
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
  - 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 1 large egg, beaten
  - 3/4 cup granulated sugar
  - 1/3 cup (5 1/3 tablespoons) butter, un-salted or salted, melted
  - 1/2 cup milk
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

purpose flour with the baking powder and salt; blend thoroughly with a whisk or spoon, then set it aside. In a mixing bowl with an electric mixer, beat the egg lightly and then beat in the sugar and the 1/3 cup of melted butter. Add the milk and vanilla and blend well. Stir in the flour and mix the batter on low speed until well-blended. Spread the batter in the prepared baking pan. Sprinkle the brown sugar streusel top-ping evenly over the batter. Bake the cake in the preheated oven for 25 to 30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Partially cool it in the pan on a wire rack.

#### Recipe Variations

Add 1/4 to 1/2 cup of chopped pe-cans or walnuts to the crumb streusel topping.

Sprinkle about 1 cup of fresh blue-berries, raspberries, or chopped fresh pitted cherries onto the batter before you add the streusel topping.

Swirl 1/2 cup to 1 cup of jam into the batter before you top it with the streu-sel mixture.

Add a handful of chocolate chips to the batter.

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We, the undersigned ten or more qualified voters of Frona, Texas  
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in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Texas Election Code, Title 17, hereby submit this our written application for a "Petition for Local Option Election to **Legalize**" to be circulated among the qualified voters of such area for the signatures of those qualified voters in the area who desire that a local option election be called in that area for the purpose of determining the following issue, to wit: *(de acuerdo con los términos y provisiones del Código de Elección de Texas, Título 17, por el presente sometemos nuestra escrita solicitud por para una "Petición para Elección de Opción Local para Legalizar" para que sea circulada entre los votantes capacitados de dicha area, para las firmas de votantes capacitados en la area quien desean se ordene una elección de opción local en esa area con el propósito de determinar el siguiente asunto, a saber:)* **The legal sale of all alcoholic beverages, including mixed beverages.**

(Enter Measure Here)

To Legalize:

It is the hope, purpose and intent of the applicants whose signatures appear hereon to see **legalized** the sale of alcoholic beverages referred to in the issue set out above. *(Es la esperanza, propósito e intención de los solicitantes cuyas firmas aquí aparecen, que esté legalizada la venta de bebidas alcohólicas referido en el asunto arriba presentado.)*

We have attached proof of publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the political subdivision of our intent to apply for said petition. *(Hemos adherido un comprobante de publicación en un periódico de circulación general en la subdivisión política con nuestra intención de aplicar para tal petición mencionada.)*

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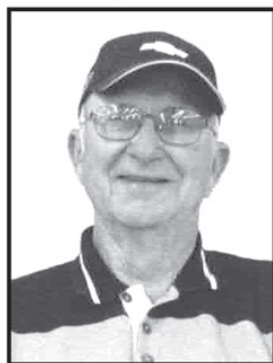


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# Night of Anticipation

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

I have many childhood memories of Christmas. Like many of you, memories flood the mind this time of year. I remember making lists, hinting about this toy or that, leaving pictures watching the calendar as each day peeled off with the speed of December molasses. Until there it was the 24th of December the longest day of the entire year. Preparations were made and then off to bed it was the night of anticipation. Sleeping came with great difficulty, each noise would cause me to quickly look at the clock, 12:07am. I would fade until I thought I heard something else, 12:19am the clock would remind. At some point running on adrenalin would wear me out and then next thing I knew it WAS TIME. Out of bed we would fly and head to the living room

to see what all had happened in our slumber.

Many, many years ago Bethlehem would finally fall to sleep, except in one little stable where there was much activity. I am not sure of the day, but it matters little, there was great anticipation by a man named Joseph and his young bride Mary. All had been foretold and by faith they accepted this gift from above. Angels watched on in wonder as did I suspect a few others who shared their home with this couple for the night. The day had finally come, and the Christ child arrived with little fanfare. There were no gifts, no tree with lights, just swaddling and hay, but there was one gift and He was it. A gift from God to all mankind. Angels would sing, shepherds would be astounded, and Joseph and Mary would

embark on a life like no other had ever known.

Jesus would be the light that would ignite a fire in the darkness. He would be Savior of the world yet die alone that darkness would forever be defeated. He would be buried in a borrowed tomb and rise again. Some 50 days later He would leave the earth with a two-fold promise. He would be with us always and one day He would return to claim His own. So, here we are those who believe live in great anticipation not for just one night a year, but every night believing and knowing one day He will return as He had promised. My encouragement to you this day is to seize it for all its worth, love more deeply, forgive more quickly and always look forward to His return on this night of anticipation.

## Mighty God

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

As a child I was captivated anytime I would see the World's Strongest Man competitions on ESPN. Massive men with legs the size of trees would pull planes, throw tires, press logs, move huge boulders and much more to demonstrate their might and hopefully take home the title, the World's Strongest Man. Such strength still amazes me today, but I am even more amazed at the strength that belongs only to the Lord, because his strength surpasses anything or anyone we might face.

In Isaiah 9:6 it is prophesied of Jesus, "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince

of Peace." Notice that Jesus is "Mighty God," pointing to his mighty power that flows from the reality that he is divine. Jesus is the Son of God sent to died on the cross for our sins, but he is also God the Son, who displayed his divine nature through the countless miracles he performed while on earth. In fact, Jesus' power goes beyond the grave, as he was able to conquer death itself and rise victorious. Jesus truly is Mighty God, which is one huge way he is different than any other person who has ever lived, and why you can trust him to lead you through any trials or temptations that come your way. Whatever you're facing, however hard things are, remember the Lord is still in control, and able to handle whatever you're facing.

## God Cares for Us

By Teena Hughs

One of the saddest parts of the Christmas season is thinking about people who are going through suffering and trials. I don't know how many know, but former Friona residents Jodi and Marty Larner lost their only child, 24-year-old Lariat, in a car wreck in Stillwater a couple of months ago; they are suffering. I just received a friend request from a former student in Weatherford. Her husband passed away in January; they have no children; she is suffering. The families of 13 servicemen killed needlessly in Afghanistan are suffering. States hit by last weekend's tornado won't be having the Christmas you and I will have; they are suffering.

The list goes on and on. We all know people struggling at this time, and we all wish we could do something to make their lives better. We wish we could take away the pain, fear, anxieties, the doubt that things will ever get better. We can't do that, but we have a God who can make it better. 1 Peter 5:7 tells us to cast all of our anxieties on Him, "because He

cares for you."

He does care for us, and He knows our suffering; He knows exactly what we need. Listen to what He promises us in verse 10: "And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you."

For today's Community Bible Study lesson, we had to look up the meaning of restore, confirm, strengthen and establish. Restore means to renew, rebuild, to put or bring back into existence. Confirm means to give new assurance to. Strengthen simply means to make stronger. Establish means to place you on a firm foundation; to make firm or stable; to bring into existence.

While suffering, some people don't want to go on living; they just want life to be back to what it was before their time and reason for suffering. But our gracious Father tells us that after a little while, He is going to renew us, rebuild us and bring us back into the existence He has placed us in, with

assurance that you will be stronger because of the strength He is giving you. And, He is going to put you back on a firm foundation, into a new existence.

Life won't be the same after this season of life; you won't forget what you have been through; you won't be the same; but, you will be better! With God, things are always better, and because He loves and cares for you, your life will be restored; you will be stronger and more assured of God and His love for you, and you will be more stable and firm, living in a new existence.

It surprised me that my Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary defined restore as "bring back into existence" and establish as "bring into existence." When suffering, we have to be brought back from our suffering into something different, something new. When we surrender everything to God, and allow Him to keep His promises, we will be new people in Him, because we will be restored, confirmed, strengthened and established!

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# State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



## Drier, warmer weather in November

Blame it on La Niña. By the end of November, nearly half the state was experiencing drought conditions, up 25 percentage points from the end of October, according to Dr. Mark Wentzel, a hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board. La Niña conditions are "defined as below-average sea surface temperatures in the eastern equatorial Pacific," Wentzel wrote. This results are warmer and drier weather than normal for much of Texas. In the next few months, drought conditions are expected to both expand and intensify throughout the state.

## COVID-19's impact on state workers' comp

The Texas Department of Insurance recently issued a fact sheet outlining the effects COVID-19 has had on the state's workers' compensation system. As of Nov. 7, insurance carriers reported more than 61,000 COVID-19 workers' comp claims and 371 fatalities. Nearly half the claims and fatalities involved first responders and correctional officers. Sixty percent of the claims

involved injured workers who tested positive or were diagnosed with COVID-19. About half of the COVID-19 claims were accepted. Benefits include employees with successful claims continuing to be paid.

## Forensic election audit enters second phase

The Texas Secretary of State's office last week issued an "exhaustive document request" of election material from Collin, Dallas, Harris and Tarrant counties as part of its full forensic audit of the November 2020 general election. The office said the document request covers more election materials than any other election audit in the country to date. "Texas is leading in election integrity. As we embark on Phase 2 of our agency's Full Forensic Audit of the 2020 Election, we want to ensure every single eligible Texas voter knows that ballots in Texas are being properly processed, tabulated, and reported by county election officials in accordance with state and federal law," Secretary John Scott said. Scott was recently appointed to the office by Gov. Greg Abbott. He briefly served as one of former President Don-

ald Trump's attorneys during his attempt to challenge the results of the Pennsylvania election. While Joe Biden won that state, Trump took Texas by more than 600,000 votes.

## Vaccine mandate battle continues in Texas

Following the Biden administration's COVID-19 vaccine mandates for companies with more than 100 employees, the Texas Workforce Commission has issued a reminder to employers that Abbott has banned such mandates. The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals last month temporarily blocked the national vaccine mandate. The mandate would apply to about 84 million workers nationwide and was to go into effect Jan. 4. The case is expected to end up before the U.S. Supreme Court. "Since day one, the state of Texas has taken a stand against the federal government's unconstitutional COVID-19 vaccine mandates in the workplace, three of which have since been deemed illegal by federal courts," Abbott said. He added that he encourages Texans to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

## Texas abortion ban in place while lawsuits continue

The U.S. Supreme Court decided last week to leave the state's new abortion ban in place but will allow legal challenges to the law to continue. The ban was passed during the last legislative session and prohibits abortions once cardiac activity can be detected by ultrasound, generally about six weeks into a pregnancy. The ban relies on citizens to file lawsuits against doctors and clinics suspected of performing abortions on women who are more than six weeks pregnant. As a result, most of the remaining abortion clinics in the state are not performing the procedure until the legal battle is resolved. "While the Court did not put a complete end to our legal challenge, its failure to stop Texas's deliberate nullification of the constitutional right to abortion within its borders makes the court complicit in widespread chaos and harm to Texans," Alexis McGill Johnson, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, told the Texas Tribune.

## COVID-19 cases on rise in state

Though patients infected

with the omicron variant of COVID-19 are popping up across the state, the delta variant is still the driving factor behind the increase in new cases in the past week, with a total of 37,558 reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University, along with 409 deaths. That is an increase of more than 50% in new cases in Texas in the past month, although the number of deaths dropped considerably in the same time period. Lab-confirmed hospitalizations as of Sunday stood at 3,155, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. That's up 9% from the previous week. The number of Texans who are fully vaccinated stood at 16.25 million as of Sunday, according to DSHS. That is 55.7% of the state's total population and 70% of all Texans who are eligible for vaccines. Children under the age of 5 are not eligible. Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com.

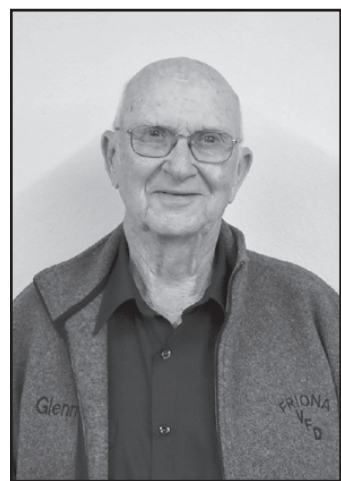
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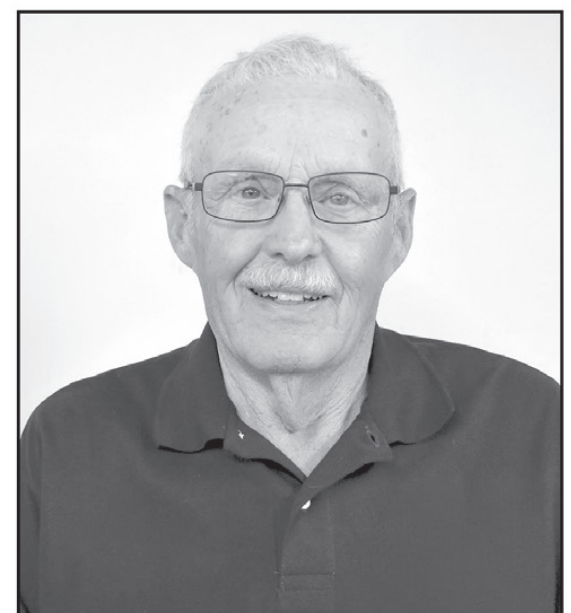
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## Obituaries



### Maria Del Rosario Chavez

Maria Del Rosario Chavez, 64 of Farwell passed away December 8, 2021 in Muleshoe. Viewing was held from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM Saturday, December 11, 2021 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY with a Celebration of Life Prayer Service at 5:00 PM. Cremation followed by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Maria was born February 25, 1957 in Los Fresnos, Texas to Juan Reyna and Maria Francisca Sladana Bautista. She later married the love of her life Joe Nick Chavez on September 7, 1980. Their 44 years together ended unexpectedly with his death on November 24, 2021.

Maria was a caring, people person and loved



her job as homemaker, cooking for her family and friends. She was Mom to everyone. She was blessed with beautiful hair and a love for music and dancing.

She is preceded in death by her mother Maria Bautista, husband Joe Nick Chavez, 1 sister-Gracie Bautista Caballero, and 1 granddaughter-Serenity Chavez.

Those to carry on her legacy include her father Juan Reyna Bautista

Sr of Farwell, 4 sons-Joel Chavez of Farwell, Sergio Chavez, Joe Nick Chavez III, and Juan Bautista, all of Lubbock, 2 daughters-Roxanne Chavez and Nichole Chavez of Tucumcari, 4 brothers-Hilario Bautista of Los Fresnos, Francisco Bautista of Farwell, Juan Bautista Jr. of Farmersville, and Pedro Bautista of Amarillo, 2 sisters-Maria Elena Baustista Chavez of Amarillo, and Anabelia Bautista Trevino of Muleshoe, 14 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

You may send condolences to the family and sign the online guest book at: [hansardfamily@wtrt.net](mailto:hansardfamily@wtrt.net)

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### Emma Lou Stewart

Emma Lou Stewart passed into heaven on Sunday morning, December 12, 2021 in Friona at the age of 93. Viewing will be held 9:00 AM Friday, December 17, 2021 at Calvary Baptist Church in Friona with Celebration of Life Services beginning at 10:00 AM with Rev. Brett Hoyle, Rev. D.J. Lewis and Rev. Gary Johnson, officiating. Burial next to her beloved husband following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Emma Lou was born September 4, 1928 to Willie E. "Bill" Smith and Mary Azlea Smith. She married Charles Allen Stewart on June 1, 1945. They lived for a short time in Amarillo, while Allen attended watchmaker's school, and then moved to Hereford, residing there until their move to Friona in 1948, where they opened Allen's Jewelry Store.

Emma Lou and Allen worked together in the jewelry store on Main Street for 35 years, closing the store and retiring in 1983. For decades, Allen's Jewelry was the Fri-



ona place to go for watch repair, rings, watches, bracelets, necklaces, wedding china, and a multitude of fine gifts. Emma Lou loved interacting with her customers and developed many friendships with Friona residents over the years.

After their retirement, they spent summers in Colorado. With a desire to see more of the USA, they purchased an RV and enjoyed traveling together. Later, they began spending winters in Zapata, TX where they delighted in their friendships and fun activities with other "snow birds" who returned each year to escape cold winter weather. Everywhere they went they loved making new friends.

Emma Lou was a devoted Christian and long-

time member of Calvary Baptist Church in Friona. She loved her Lord Jesus Christ. She liked completing word puzzles based on Bible Scriptures and learning more about the Bible. Her faith was a constant source of comfort.

She enjoyed knitting, crochet, sewing, quilting, and a variety of other crafts. She began a Prayer Quilt ministry, making over 200 lap-size quilts to donate to anyone experiencing a crisis, as an indication of concern and prayer. Many of these quilts were distributed through Calvary Baptist Church. It was a difficult decision for her to hand off the ministry to someone else about two years ago, when she was no longer able to continue it herself.

She moved from her home on Woodland Avenue, where she had lived almost 70 years, into Prairie Acres Nursing Home in September 2021.

Emma Lou was preceded in death by her husband, Allen, by her brother, Clarence Smith, and her sister, Gwen Lazo.

She is survived by her son, Robert "Bob" Stewart and wife Mary of Amarillo; a daughter, Margie Sanders of San Angelo; three granddaughters, Donna Kuchar and husband Rody, Sheryl Stewart, and Bobbie Jo Martin and husband Jimmy; two great-granddaughters, Savannah Kuchar and Britni Dozier, a great grandson, John Allen Martin; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Calvary Baptist Church, PO Box 276, Friona, TX 79035 or to Prairie Acres Nursing Home, 201 E. 15th St., Friona, TX 79035

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### Maria Leticia Salas-Chavez

Maria Leticia Salas-Chavez, 64 of Friona, passed away December 11, 2021 in Friona. Viewing was held from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM with a 6:00 PM Rosary Service Wednesday December 15, 2021 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY with Mass of Christian Burial Services scheduled for 11:00 AM Thursday, December 16, 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.

Maria was born February 24, 1957 in Eagle Pass, Texas to Eugene Sanchez and Maria De Jesus Patiño Moreno. She later married Mario Chavez, and they have been together since 1997. She worked in the dietary department of Prairie Acres Nursing Home for 25 years. Family and giving to others were her high priorities. She loved music, singing and dancing.



Maria is preceded in death by her parents Eugene and Maria Moreno.

Those to carry on her legacy include her husband Mario Chavez of Friona, 1 son-Gregory Salas and wife Luz Maria of Lubbock, 2 daughters-Patricia Reyes of Friona, and Andrea Mares and husband Mario of Ballinger, 4 sisters-Ana Torres and husband Hector of Lubbock, Maria Alejandra and husband Earnest and Rosario Mendoza and husband George, all of Lufkin, and Elvira Mendias and husband Anselmo of Plains, 5 grandchildren-Luz Andrea Shaw, Nathaniel Isiah Salas, Alexa Noemi Reyes, Steven Lawrence Sanchez, and

Marrissa Inez Sanchez, and 1 great-grandchild-Analesse Shaw.

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

### Maria Elena Dominguez de Perez

Maria Elena Dominguez de Perez, 73 of Hobbs, New Mexico, formerly of Friona passed away December 11, 2021 in Hobbs. Viewing will be held Thursday, December 16, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM with Rosary Services at 11:00 AM in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY. Celebration of Life Services will be held at 2:00 PM in the chapel with Pastor Ramiro Ramirez officiating. Burial Following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Maria was born January 5, 1948 in Vicente, Guerrero, Durango, Mexico to Francisco and Martina Macias Dominguez. She later married



Eualio Perez.

She was a member of the Catholic Church, enjoyed spending time with family, knitting, music and dancing.

Maria is preceded in death by her parents and husband and one grandson.

Those to carry on her legacy include 4 daughters-Yolanda Aguilar and husband J.R. of Fort Worth, Araseli Garcia

of Friona, Edelia Villalpando of Arlington, and Evangelina Teran and husband Hector of Saginaw, Texas, 4 brothers-Rojelio Dominguez, Francisco Dominguez Jr. and wife Fabiola of Friona, Joe Dominguez and wife Claire of Amarillo, Roy Dominguez Jr. and wife Cecilia of Friona, 2 sisters Teresa Saucedo and husband Miguel of Dimmitt, and Irma Pantoja of Plainview, 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews.

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## Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



Check Your Mirrors is taking an indefinite leave. Sue Jane has embarked on a research sabbatical to work exclusively on a new book. Tentative plans are for the column to return in the spring. Best wishes and Merry Christmas!

## FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



ALL-AMERICAN...Tony Perea, former super-star for the Friona Chieftains has had another banner year for the University of Texas at El Paso Miners. Tony made first team all conference for the Miners as a middle linebacker, and also was chosen honorable mention on the Associated Press' All-American team that was announced last week. (Friona Star, Thursday, December 9, 1971)

## Fit to a "T"

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

America's "second" Revolution—the Industrial of the 19th and 20th centuries—was pioneered by inventors, engineers, scientists, and—Henry Ford—arguably the most prolific. In 1908, he reset the way in which people traveled with the debut of his Model T, a "simple, sturdy and relatively inexpensive" motor car, according to History.com.

Five years later—on December 1, 1913—Ford transformed his "horseless carriage" into a faster, cheaper machine, and incorporated an assembly line that permitted efficient mass production; up until then half a day was required to build each automobile; now, with the modernized manufacturing methods, only an hour and a half was necessary.

Ford was determined to ensure that "everybody will have one."

"By 1920, there were over eight million registrations. The 1920s saw tremendous growth in automobile ownership, with the number of registered drivers almost tripling to twenty-three million by the end of the decade," observed the U.S. History Website.

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends **Invented the Modern Age: The Rise of Henry Ford** by Richard Snow.

Source: *History Matters: Showing our children that their past is prelude to their future at the grateful-americanbookprize.com website.*



## Legal Notice

Application has been made with Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Private Club Beer and Wine Permit (NB) by Erin Grimsley dba The Farmwife Kitchen LLC, to be located at 403 S. Main St., Friona, Texas, Parmer County, Texas. Officers of the corporation are Erin Grimsley (co-owner) and Cody Grimsley (co-owner).

# Charitable Christmas Opportunities

### Empty Stocking Fund

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

### Project Christmas Card

The Parmer County Hospital Auxiliary is accepting donations for the Project Christmas Card. The proceeds will be used to purchase medical equipment for Parmer Medical Center. Canisters/boxes are placed around town in various businesses for the collection of donations. The names of donors will be included in a special Christmas Greeting Card in the Friona Star newspaper. Please make sure you put your name with ALL donations. You can contact Connie Neeley (250-2542) or Donna Schueler (295-3585) for more information.

### Adopt a Resident for Christmas

The Prairie Acres "Adopt a Resident this Christmas" program is underway. It's an opportunity to bring JOY to a resident at Prairie Acres. Please contact Elizabeth or Yvette at 806-250-3922 to help provide a Merry Christmas to a special member of our community.

### Adopt a Tree

Thirteen more trees are available for adoption. Thirty-six trees were designated for businesses to adopt and donate an entire set of lights for that tree each year during the Christmas season. Differing colors of lights, i.e. blues, greens, reds, yellows and orange, are available. The Chamber of Commerce will put up, take down, and store the lights each year.

### Ho! Ho! Home for the Holiday

The "Shop Friona" promotion began on November 12th. Each customer receives one ticket per visit at participating stores. The promotion ends on December 16th. There will be a drawing at each store from its tickets and that winner will receive \$25 in Friona Bucks to be spent with that Merchant. Tickets from all of the stores will be combined for a final drawing. One lucky winner will receive \$100 in Friona Bucks.

### Give to the United Way

You can bring your donation to Friona Interbank at 1105 N. Cleveland or mail it to Friona Interbank, P.O. Box 549, Friona, Texas 79035.

### PUBLIC NOTICE: PARMER COUNTY 2021 REVISED COUNTY ELECTION PRECINCT PLAN

By order dated December 6, 2021 ("2021 Order"), the Parmer County Commissioners Court ("Commissioners Court"), the governing body of Parmer County, Texas ("County"), approved the 2021 Revised Parmer County Election Precinct Plan ("2021 Revised Plan") pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Texas Election Code and other authority. The 2021 Revised Plan made changes to the County's existing election precinct plan. The 2021 Revised Plan shall take effect on and after January 1, 2022.

The following is a brief, general description of the changes made in the County's existing election precinct boundaries as described in the 2021 Revised Plan, said changes made by the Commissioners Court a result of county commissioner precinct changes made pursuant to the County's 2021 redistricting project, or for the efficiency and convenience in the holding of elections: (1) certain territory in the northwest area was transferred from Election Precinct 303 to Election Precinct 201 in the area of US Highway 60 to Country Road 1 to US Highway 85; (2) certain territory was transferred from Election Precinct 303 in the south area to Election Precinct 201; (3) the territory of Election Precinct 202 was combined with Election Precinct 203; (4) the territory of Election Precinct 301 was combined with Election Precinct 302; (5) Election Precincts 203 and 302 were discontinued since they were combined with other Election Precincts; and (6) Election Precincts 101, 401, and 402 remain unchanged.

Copies of the County's 2021 Order and 2021 Revised Plan may be inspected and copied at the office of the Parmer County Judge at the Parmer County Courthouse, 401 Third Street, Farwell, Texas 79325 (telephone 806-481-3383), or reviewed and downloaded at [www.parmercounty.texas.gov](http://www.parmercounty.texas.gov). Questions regarding these matters should be directed to the office of the Parmer County Judge. Public notice regarding the changes in the County's existing election precincts, as described in the 2021 Revised Plan, is being accomplished by the County as required by law.

## FSA News

### Important Deadlines

Important Deadlines to remember:

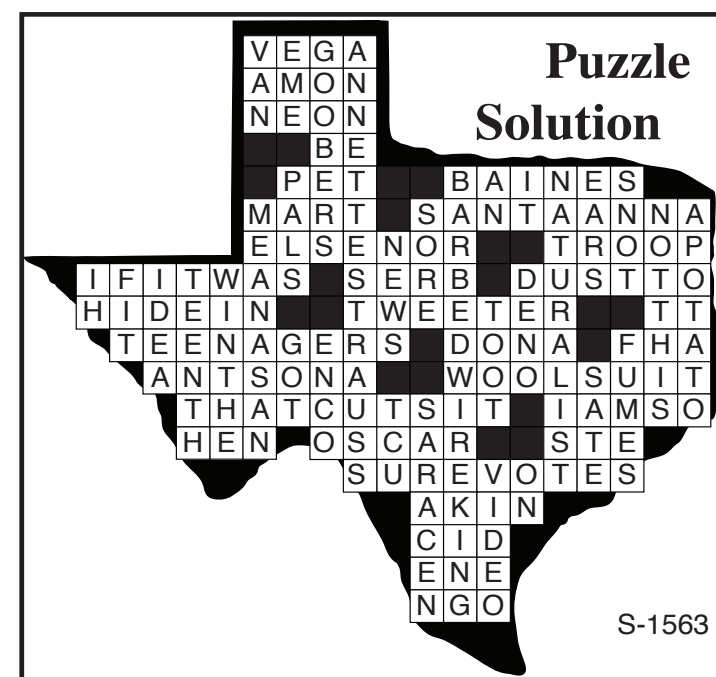
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- **January 30st- Livestock Forage Program deadline for 2021 drought**
- **February 11th- Eqip 2 sign-up deadline!**



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

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