



Local Stock Show caps off busy year for FFA and 4-H



Poll Workers Needed

Susie Spring
Parmer County Clerk

2022 is a busy election year. In addition to the March Primary for County and State offices and a Run-off, sure to follow, the Texas State Legislature announced during their 2021 session, a Special Amendment Election for May this year. The General Election will be held in November as usual.

During the Primary, Parmer County will have 6 Polling Places open. This means poll workers to staff all those polling places are needed. If we do not have enough poll workers, we will be forced to consolidate polling places with fewer open to serve the County.

Many of the workers that have served for many years are choosing to retire, thus the need for new faces in the polling place. Also, the need exists for a least one bilingual speaker in each polling place.

This is not an easy job but it is a rewarding one. You are serving the community and county in a vital role; helping protect our democracy and fair elections. You must be a registered voter of Parmer County to serve. You are paid for all hours worked.

The County Clerk's Office will be holding training in mid-February for poll workers. This involves approximately two hours in Farwell. On the day before election day, it involves about 2 hours of set-up to prepare the polling place. On Election Day it requires 12 hours of voting time plus the time it takes to complete paperwork and pack equipment for transport to the Courthouse in Farwell.

If you have questions or think you would like to serve your County, please contact me. I will be happy to answer any questions and allay any concerns. Contact me via email: Susie.spring@parmercounty.texas.gov or by phone 806-481-3691 or come by the office anytime.

Retired teachers organization to meet January 11th

Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel will meet at Melissa Randolph's home on Tuesday, January 11, at 12:00 noon. The location is 2177 Highway 60, approximately 2 miles east of Friona.

Members and guests will enjoy a cornbread and soup/stew luncheon and hear the latest from Jeff Procter, Prairie Acres administrator. All Parmer County retired educators are invited to attend.



These FFA and 4-H members participated in the Friona Local Stock Show on Saturday, December 18th in the Friona Community Center. Please see pages 10-11 for final results and photos. More photos in next week's paper. The Parmer County Junior Livestock Show is scheduled for January 18-22. More details next week.



Cleavinger Is New Member of American Angus Association

Berkley Cleavinger, of Lazbuddie, is a new junior member of the American Angus Association", reports Mark McCully, CEO of the national organization with headquarters in Saint Joseph, Missouri.

Junior members of the Association are eligible to register cattle in the American Angus Association, participate in programs conducted by the National Junior Angus Association and take part in Association-sponsored shows and other national and regional events.

The American Angus Association is the largest beef breed association in the world, with more than 25,000 active adult and junior mem-

bers. Visit NJAA.info for more information about the National Ju-

nior Angus Association. For more information about Angus cattle

and the American Angus Association, visit www.angus.org.

Gas prices higher after holidays

By GasBuddy

Texas gas prices rose 5.7 cents in the past week, averaging \$2.88 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Gas prices in Texas are 4.4 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 95.3 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$2.43 while the most expen-

sive is \$3.69 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has fallen 0.9 cents in the last week, averaging \$3.27 per gallon. The national average is down 9.0 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.03 per gallon higher than a year ago.

"After a pretty long run of falling gas prices, we've seen things stabilize. Oil prices have started to rise as omicron hasn't been as severe as initially feared, leading to optimism that perhaps oil demand will start to rise in the weeks ahead as cases will eventually plateau," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for

GasBuddy. De Haan continued, "In addition, Great Lakes states were expected to see a price hike last week, but the hike hasn't happened just yet, leading me to believe it will occur in short order this week and send the national average higher. For the rest of the nation, with oil near \$76 per barrel, we will likely see gas price decreases replaced by minor price increases."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. GasBuddy data is accessible at <http://FuelInsights.GasBuddy.com>.

Thursday, January 6, 2021
Friona Blood Drive
Calvary Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall
Noon - 7:00 p.m.

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Community Calendar

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call (806) 250-2211 or fax (806) 250-5127

January 6
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center
• Frona Community Blood Drive from noon to 7:30 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Fellowship Hall

January 10
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

January 13
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

January 17
• Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

January 18
• Snack Pak packing at 3 p.m. at Frona United Methodist Church (north entrance on 9th street)

January 20
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

January 18-22
• Parmer County Junior Livestock Show



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January 2021
Billie Jo Hand
Mario Vega Jr.
Katherine Woodard
Gerardo Torres
Ruben Alfaro Sr.
Hal Ratcliff
Dean McCallum
Hop Lewis
Myrna Mae Adams
Robert Neelley
John Allen, Jr.
Daniel Soltero

February 2021
Kayla Breanne Waggoner Everett
Linda Smith
Philip Burke Hand
Wanda Mae Wilson
Rita Richardson
Evelyn Elaine Dandridge
Rickey Gene Jackson
V. Carl White
Thelma Agnes (Mayo) Watkins
Carol Gilley
Clara E. Trowbridge

March 2021
Roger Roy Menning
Amelia Rodriguez
Ruben Chavira
Jason Lee Vaughn
Hazel Christine Zorns
Randy Lee Richards
Ray Rando

April 2021
Julia Jan Dennis Mims
Wanda Peace
Charlie Ray Burkart
Fern Alene Cooper Bell
Jack Harold Dennis
Maria Jass
Matilde Fernandez
Darrin Gray "Bo" Ivey
Donny Ray Campbell

May 2021
Irenco Eddie Ortiz Jr.
Rumalda M. Ruzicka
Garrett "Garry" Viss
Augustina Lopez
Lidia Prez Hernandez
Betty Fern Chaney
Mary Claire Massey Johnston

June 2021
Wynona Martin
Lucy B. Everett
Charles Sanders

July 2021
John Frank Dixon
Bill Ray Jones
Dickey Lee Garner
Osfaldo B. Mejia

Shirley Jane Phipps Houlette
DeAun LaNoe Kinkler Sisson
Donald Olin Shelton
Denver Ross Riddle

August 2021
Mark Alan Neill
Esperanza Guillen
Berry Dwain Nance
Erma L. Schilling
Karen Sue Strong Knock
Alvis "Dave" Bentley
Pedro Bernabe Viernes
Roberta Klapper
Lucy Beth Hinkle
Isabel Lara Leal
Jeff Moser
Edna Ruth Miller
Edward Samuel White
Andy Sandoval
Douglas Cecil "Boomer" Daniels

September 2021
Melissa Ann Griswold
Juan M. Rodriguez
Gertrude Anne Euler Bigelow "Trudi"
Lino Medrano Contreras
M. Joe James
Neola Reed
Percy McGee Willson
Carl Osborn

October 2021
Nancy Louise Palmer Edelmon
Elaine "Shorty" Tapia
Earlene Jordan McCreary
John H. Gammon, Jr (Johnny)
Kenneth Ray Watkins
William Gromowsky, Jr.
Eddie Mays
Elizabeth Gore
Kathryn Jefferson Gromowsky
Jesus Sergio Campos
Melissa Ann Griswold
Marcella "Sally" Ellis
Jackie Thomas Moser

November 2021
Larry Potts
Betty Thompson
Maria Castro
Esther Sachs

December 2021
JD Aronce
Dora Geneva Bentley
Cruz Rodriguez
James Larry Buckley
Thelma Coffey
Maria Del Rosario Chavez
Maria Leticia Salas-Chavez
Emma Lou Stewart
Maria Elena Dominguez de Perez
Anthony Ramón
Pedro Garcia Prieto
Rhonda Bentley

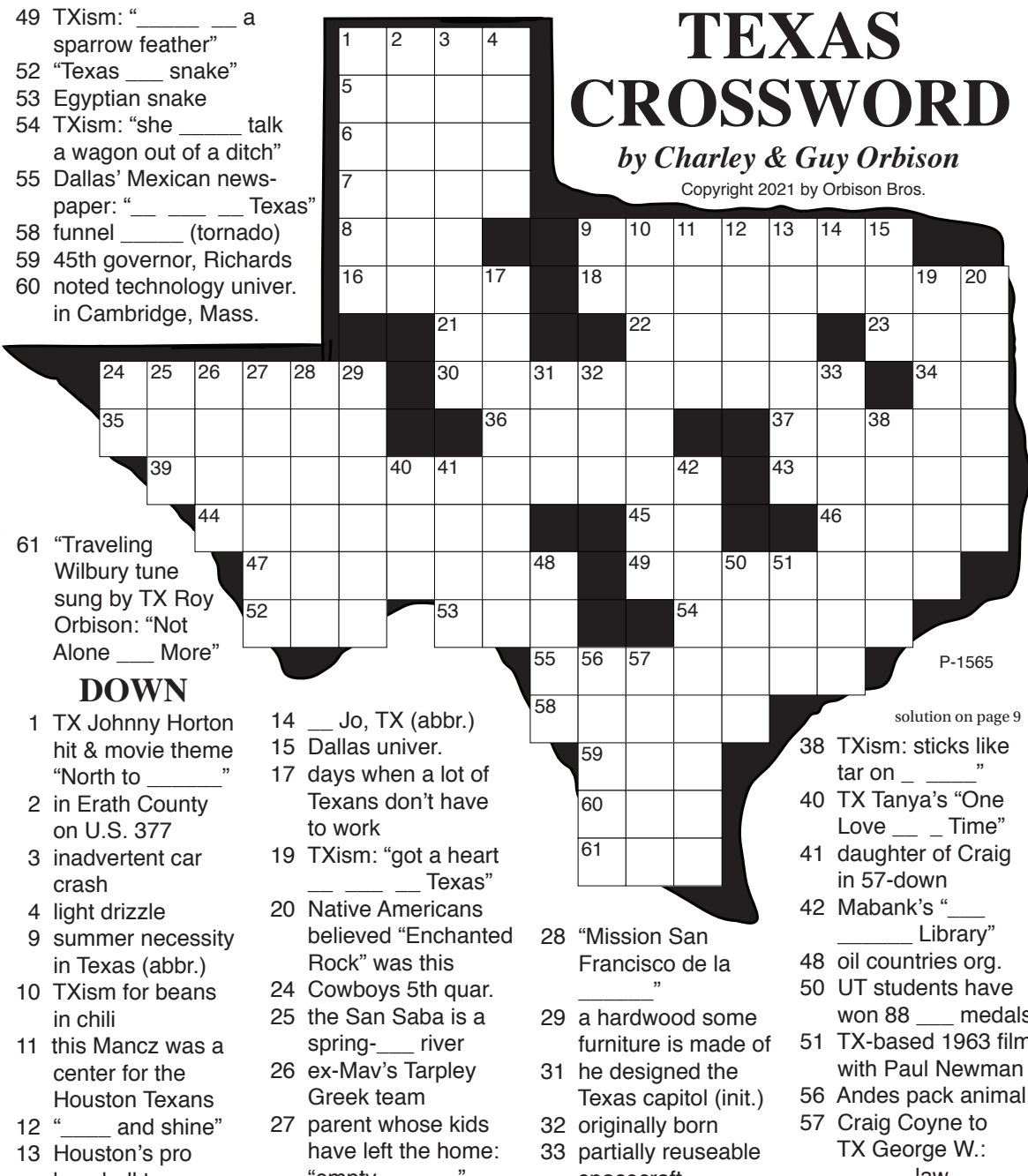
ACROSS

- 1 first man
- 5 a LBJ daughter
- 6 TX Rico Rodriguez was on _____ "Modern Family"
- 7 narrow opening
- 8 TXism: "restless as a _____ in church"
- 9 TXism: "scarce _____ around a hog trough"
- 16 TXism: "quick as _____ York minute"
- 18 TXism: "slow as _____"
- 21 dir. to Comanche from Junction
- 22 "_____ in Peace"
- 23 TX Steve Miller sang "Living in the _____"
- 24 TX B.J. Thomas sang "The Eyes _____ York Woman"
- 30 high schoolers
- 34 42nd and 44th governor, Bill (init.)
- 35 this TX Graves was TV's "Christy Love"
- 36 TXism: "_____ it under your hat"
- 37 TX atheist Madalyn Murray _____
- 39 the forced removal of someone from their home
- 43 the crowd's _____ killed eight people at 2021 Houston Astroworld concert
- 44 Martin County seat
- 45 TXism: "let ' _____ rip!"
- 46 Texas horned _____
- 47 a Mexican name
- 49 TXism: "_____ a sparrow feather"
- 52 "Texas _____ snake"
- 53 Egyptian snake
- 54 TXism: "she _____ talk a wagon out of a ditch"
- 55 Dallas' Mexican newspaper: "_____ Texas"
- 58 funnel _____ (tornado)
- 59 45th governor, Richards noted technology univer. in Cambridge, Mass.
- 61 "Traveling Wilbury tune sung by TX Roy Orbison: "Not Alone _____ More"

DOWN

- 1 TX Johnny Horton hit & movie theme "North to _____"
- 2 in Erath County on U.S. 377
- 3 inadvertent car crash
- 4 light drizzle
- 9 summer necessity in Texas (abbr.)
- 10 TXism for beans in chili
- 11 this Mancz was a center for the Houston Texans
- 12 "_____ and shine"
- 13 Houston's pro baseball team
- 14 _____ Jo, TX (abbr.)
- 15 Dallas univer.
- 17 days when a lot of Texans don't have to work
- 19 TXism: "got a heart _____ Texas"
- 20 Native Americans believed "Enchanted Rock" was this _____
- 24 Cowboys 5th quar.
- 25 the San Saba is a spring-_____ river
- 26 ex-Mav's Tarpley Greek team
- 27 parent whose kids have left the home: "empty _____"
- 28 "Mission San Francisco de la _____"
- 29 a hardwood some furniture is made of
- 31 he designed the Texas capitol (init.)
- 32 originally born
- 33 partially reuseable spacecraft
- 38 TXism: sticks like tar on _____
- 40 TX Tanya's "One Love _____ Time"
- 41 daughter of Craig in 57-down
- 42 Mabank's "_____ Library"
- 48 oil countries org.
- 50 UT students have won 88 _____ medals
- 51 TX-based 1963 film with Paul Newman
- 56 Andes pack animal
- 57 Craig Coyne to TX George W.: _____ -law

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Resolution #1 Resolve To Gain Wait!

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

If you own a television then there is no escaping the marketing blitz from mid-December to February on exercise equipment and fitness guru's DVD's to help you lose all those unwanted pounds. There are even a few products out there that require you to do nothing but strap them on and the pounds will melt away. I have a little fear myself of strapping anything on that may melt any part of me, but I digress. Yet the push is on to lose weight and there are as many ways to do that as there are those to propose them.

My proposal is to resolve to gain wait. Spir-

itual waiting is two-fold in my opinion. There is the part where we learn some patience. I know I said it. We do not like to wait, but wait we must learn. Patience gives us great insight into the nature of God, who patiently waits for us to get it together on any given day. When on some level I can appreciate what God puts up with in me, it gives me an idea of what He expects from me towards others who like me are still figuring it out too! Second, gaining wait requires waiting, as in serving. Like the kind person who takes your order, keeps your glass of tea just right and in a

friendly manner takes care of your needs during a meal. It is an action. It requires of me effort and the reward is that Jesus is the one sitting at the table I serve. So while I am learning to wait on God for answers, I wait on Him with service. If I can learn how to be patient and learn how to serve it is almost guaranteed I will gain wait. Isaiah says it best, "Yet those who wait for the Lord, Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary." Isaiah 40:31 NASV. Happy New Year!

Constant in Prayer

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Romans 12:12 says "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." As believers we have the privilege of 24/7 access to draw near the throne of grace to because of Jesus Christ, our great high priest, has given us an open line to the Father. Prayer is one of the great privileges of the saints to help us battle temptations, resist evil, move the gospel forward among the lost, and glorify God in our lives, but sadly it is also one of the areas many believers neglect with little remorse. This

sad reality is to our detriment as we shun the power and presence of God in our lives, families and ministries because we fail to invoke his intervention in our lives.

As 2022 is dawning, will you commit to be more prayerful. Romans 12:12 calls believers to be "constant in prayer," which involves times of private prayer, seasons of corporate prayer, and a daily attitude of prayer in all things. Will you pray, not to get your will done in heaven, but to get God's will done on

earth, so that the Lord will be glorified in your life, church and community? Prayerful believers are passionate about the Savior, persistent in their obedience and persevering through trials. In Acts the church prayed, and lives were changed, prisoners released and the building shook, because God was at work answering their prayers. Just imagine what would happen in Friona if believers will take serious God's invitation to boldly approach his throne of grace and be constant in prayer.

It's a Boy!

By Teena Hughs

As most of you know, God blessed Feller and me with our first grandchild, Olen Mack, on Christmas Eve! I cry as I write this, because I still can't believe God blessed us with a Christmas baby. He arrived in Pecos, Texas at 4:34 pm, weighing 7.8 and measuring 21.5 inches; he is perfect in every way!!!

Little Olen Mack has changed all of our lives, all for the good. He has brought us all together as a family; he has brought happiness in ways we didn't know existed; and, I can't believe how wild and possessed his dad is about him. Will has always been good with kids, so I never doubted he would be a good father, but I really fear for anyone who ever hurts that child!!!

Yes, Olen Mack is special and perfect in every way to us, and I love his birthdate. No one knows exactly when Jesus was born, but the minister at the

Christmas Eve service we attended in Alpine said some people do believe He was born on Christmas Eve. I really don't care when Jesus was born; I am just so very thankful God sent Him, and He came, to earth as a baby, a truly perfect baby who grew up to be a perfect man; who loves us more than we can ever imagine; who showed us how to live our lives; who forgives us, and teaches us to forgive others; and, He is the One, that if we love Him and ask Him into our hearts, we will spend eternity with.

I love my grandson with all of my heart, mind, soul, and strength; the same way I am told to love Jesus (Luke 10:27). However, as perfect as I think he is, Olen Mack can't do for me what Jesus can do for me. Jesus is God, and while we pretty much bowed down and catered to his every cry and whimper last week, Olen Mack

is not God. But, it was Jesus who created little Olen, in His image, and He did such an awesome job!!!

It doesn't matter if Olen Mack and Jesus have the same birthdate or not. What matters most to me is how Olen Mack will live his life. I pray with all of my heart, mind, soul, and strength that little Olen grows up knowing and loving the One who created him; the One who loves him more than any human can ever possibly love him; the One who will help him through life!!! It is a rough world today, and we all need Jesus to get through it.

I promise to try to keep the Olen Mack columns to a minimum, but I have no doubt that God is going to teach me many things with the help of His little creation. It is going to be fun learning all those things with such a special little boy!!! Take care and have a blessed week!!!

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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Twenty-nine new laws in effect in January

More than 20 new state laws went into effect as Texans rang in the New Year, with another half-dozen to go on the books on Jan. 18, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported. Those laws include a ban on transgender athletes competing on sports teams that reflect their gender identity, and penalties for illegally restraining dogs.

Other new laws:

- Require landlords to disclose to potential renters if a property has ever flooded or is in a flood plain. Texas becomes only the second state in the nation with such a requirement, joining Georgia.

- Allow homeowners to take a homestead exemption in the same year they buy their home, instead of having to wait until the following year, potentially saving on property taxes.

- Require people accused in Texas of a violent crime to post a cash bond. Before, a judge could agree to release the accused on a personal bond that does not require a cash payment.

- Provide a slate of new benefits for Texas veterans and their families, including exempting new veteran-owned businesses from paying the franchise tax.

A full listing of new laws can be found at the Legislative Reference Library's website.

Abbott seeks more testing sites, antibodies

Texas is seeking more federally funded COVID-19 testing locations and additional federal allocations of monoclonal antibodies used to treat the virus in six counties facing increased cases because of the omicron variant: Bexar, Cameron, Dallas, Harris, Hidalgo and Tarrant.

"Testing sites, additional medical staff and continued shipments of therapeutics from the federal government will help us continue to save lives and mitigate the spread of COVID-19," Gov. Greg Abbott said in making the request.

The Texas Department of State Health Services has also requested additional allocations of an antibody therapeutic proven effective in fighting the omicron variant, as well as other treatments used to reduce hospitalizations. DSHS also re-

quested three teams of medical personnel to support urban hospitals that don't have DSHS-contracted health-care staff.

COVID-19 cases double in state from previous week.

The number of new Texas cases of COVID-19 has more than doubled in the past week to 108,719, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. A total of 422 new deaths were recorded, up 58% from the previous week's total of 266.

DSHS reported as of Sunday there were 5,523 COVID-19 patients in Texas hospitals, up nearly 64% from the previous week.

The total number of Texans who are fully vaccinated now stands at 16.45 million, according to DSHS, which is 56.7% of the total population. In addition, 4.678 million of the state's residents have been vaccinated with a booster dose.

First phase of election audit completed

The initial review of the 2020 general election results in four Texas counties showed relatively few discrepancies between electronic and hand counts of ballots. The Dallas Morning News reported that out of the 11.3 million votes cast statewide, Secretary of State John Scott found potentially 509 cases where people may have cast ballots both in Texas and another state, and 67 possible cases of votes cast in the name of dead people.

The audits are being performed in Dallas, Harris, Tarrant and Collin counties. During the next phase, officials will conduct "a comprehensive records review to ensure election procedures were properly followed in 2020."

Former president Donald Trump called for the audit in September, despite having handily won the state. Trump has pressured the governor to add an election audit to a special legislative session, but Abbott thus far has not done so.

It rained fish in Texarkana last week

Instead of cats and dogs, it rained fish in Texarkana last Wednesday. The Texarkana Gazette reported that as strong thunderstorms moved through, residents in at least four lo-

cations reported fish falling from the sky. In a Facebook post, city officials explained the rare phenomenon.

"Animal rain is a phenomenon that occurs when small water animals like frogs, crabs, and small fish are swept up in waterspouts or drafts that occur on the surface of the earth," officials wrote in the post. "They are then rained down at the same time as the rain. While it's uncommon, it happens, as evidenced in several places in Texarkana today."

At a used-car dealership, fish up

to 5 inches long were scattered throughout the parking lot and at a tire shop next door. A Gazette reporter counted several dozen fish in a small section of the dealership's parking lot.

Now that's some fish story.

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State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$3.6 Billion in December

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced on Tuesday that state sales tax revenue totaled \$3.56 billion in December, 24.4 percent more than in December 2020. The majority of December sales tax revenue is based on sales made in November and remitted to the agency in December.

Year-over-year increases for most tax revenues continue to be affected by base effects: year-ago revenue collections to which this year's collections are compared were suppressed by the pandemic. Compared to December 2019, sales tax collections were up 18.1 percent.

"December state sales tax collections continued the exceptional growth of recent months, reaching another new monthly high with receipts from all major economic sectors surging above year-ago levels," Hegar said. "Propelled by vigorous business and consumer spending, receipts from most major sectors were well above pre-pandemic levels.

"Double-digit increases in receipts from sectors fueled by business spending were led by oil and gas mining, manufacturing, wholesale trade and construction,

with receipts from only the oil and gas mining and rental and leasing sectors remaining below pre-pandemic levels.

"With Christmas shopping jumpstarted by the early start of holiday promotional pricing weeks ahead of Black Friday, and despite supply chain clogs and household budgets pressured by rising prices for food and gasoline, consumer spending drove double-digit increases in receipts from retail trade.

"The sharpest increases in retail trade receipts were from electronics and appliance stores and clothing stores, two segments especially hard hit the previous year by the pandemic. But double-digit growth continued in receipts from home improvement and furniture stores, sporting goods and hobby stores, and online general merchandisers, segments boosted a year ago by pandemic spending patterns.

"Receipts from restaurants, another sector depressed a year ago, were also up sharply and well above pre-pandemic levels."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in December 2021 was up 22.9 percent compared to the

same period a year ago and 16.8 percent compared to 2019. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 59 percent of all tax collections.

Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes, most of which were up sharply from a year ago due to base effects: (1) motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$531 million, up 21 percent from December 2020, and up 24 percent from December 2019; (2) motor fuel taxes — \$312 million, up 12 percent from December 2020, and up less than 1 percent from December 2019; (3) oil production tax — \$450 million, up 128 percent from December 2020, and up 24 percent from December 2019; (4) **natural gas production tax — \$384 million, the highest-ever monthly revenue amount, up 349 percent from December 2020, and up 237 percent from December 2019;** (5) hotel occupancy tax — \$40 million, up 57 percent from December 2020, and down 19 percent from December 2019; and (6) alcoholic beverage taxes — \$124 million, up 47 percent from December 2020, and up 5 percent from December 2019.

Turncoat

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

At first, Benedict Arnold was a hero in the Revolutionary War. He participated in the 1775 capture of Fort Ticonderoga; the following year, he was part of the posse that protected New York from a British invasion, and in 1777 he savored the surrender of General Burgoyne in Saratoga.

But the enthusiastic patriot did not feel appreciated. And so, he switched sides, betrayed his brothers in combat, and offered to hand over the Continental Army's most strategic outpost—West Point—in exchange for cash, and an enemy command. His disloyalty was revealed, but not quickly enough to garner an arrest. Arnold escaped behind British lines, catapulted to the rank of Brigadier General, and proved to



his former rivals that he was a terrific turncoat.

According to History.com, Arnold fought well for the British, achieving "his greatest success as a British commander on January 5, 1781" when he seized Richmond, VA.

After the war, Arnold's military accomplishments on behalf of the British did not convey forward. Within ten years, he died in Lon-

don—poor-buried in his Colonial Army garb, and forever remembered as a "traitor."

For more information, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends **The Tragedy of Benedict Arnold** by Joyce Lee Malcolm.

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

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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.

How Old are We?
Little Mouse - 2
Sister - 4
Brother - 8
Grandpa - 70
Grandma - 65
Papa - 40
Mama - 37

What do people do when they blow out the candles on their cake?
They think of a secret:

Party Games

1. Piñata
2. Treasure Hunt
3. Musical Chairs
4. Balloon Stomp
5. Pin the Tail on the Donkey

These words have 3 or more vowels in them: everyone special celebrate continues Saudi Arabia people beliefs religious together receive course balloons countries favorite surprise teachers noodles delicious

Uh-oh... Hey, not on a real donkey!



Keep Friona Clean

Roll-off box to open up for waste items

The City will open up the roll-off box this Saturday, January 8, 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.



The Chieftains played in the Hale Center tournament on December 28th-29th and won Consolation by beating Spur 40-39 on Jose Luis Saucedo's three point shot at the buzzer. In the first 2 games played on the 28th, the Chiefs lost to Hale Center 54-37 and then defeated Highland Park 57-47 to move into the consolation matchup with Spur. On December 31st, the Chiefs opened district play against Denver City and lost 44-31. Their record is 11-7 overall and 0-1 in district.

Friona Chieftain Basketball

11/16/21
Boys Ranch 46, Friona 36
Jared Rejino 20 points,
Kaden Jeter 7 points

12/9/21
Friona 51, Smyer 50
Kaden Jeter 16 points,
Jared Rejino 13 points

11/22/21
Kress 44, Friona 39
Jared Rejino 17 points, Jose
Luis Saucedo 7 points

12/10/21
Friona 54, Hart 29
Jared Rejino 15 points, Kaden Jeter 14
points, Jose Luis Saucedo 13 points

11/23/21
Sanford-Fritch 53, Friona 36
Kaden Jeter 16 points,
Jacob Bautista 6 points

12/11/21
Friona 37, Southcrest Christian 22
Kaden Jeter 10 points, Jose
Luis Saucedo 10 points
Tournament Champions

11/30/21
Friona 55, Highland Park 50
Kaden Jeter 19 points,
Jared Rejino 15 points

12/14/21
Christ the King 42, Friona 33
Bryan Chavira 10 points,
Jared Rejino 7 points

Way Out West Tournament
12/2/21
Whiteface 46, Friona 39
Kaden Jeter 11 points, Jacob Bautista
and Bryan Chavira 8 points each

12/17/21
Friona 45, Meadow 38
Kaden Jeter 17 points, Jacob
Bautista 12 points

12/3/21
Friona 48, Hart 27
Kaden Jeter 16 points, Jacob
Bautista 12 points

Hale Center Tournament
12/28/21
Hale Center 54, Friona 37
Kaden Jeter 20 points,
Jared Rejino 11 points

12/4/21
Friona 52, Cotton Center 35
Jose Luis Saucedo 16 points, Kaden
Jeter 12 points, Jared Rejino 11 points
Consolation Winners

12/28/21
Friona 57, Highland Park 47
Kaden Jeter 24 points, Jose
Luis Saucedo 20 points

12/7/21
Friona 37, Adrian 24
Jared Rejino 15 points, Bryan
Chavira, Andrew Rivera,
Kaden Jeter 6 points each

12/31/21
Friona 40, Spur 39
Kaden Jeter 11 points,
Bryan Chavira 9 points
Consolation Winners

Smyer Tournament
12/9/21
Friona 49, Dawson 11
Kaden Jeter and Jaden
Phillips 10 points each

District 3-AAA
Denver City 44, Friona 31
Kaden Jeter 16 points,
Jared Rejino 11 points

Record is 11-7 overall, 0-1 district

FRIONA POWERLIFTING

2022 Schedule

Date	Event	Location	Day
January 8th	Panhandle Invitational	Panhandle	Saturday
January 15th	Cub Classic	Brownfield	Saturday
January 22nd	Dalhart Invitational (Boys)	Dalhart	Saturday
January 29th	Dimmitt Powerlifting Meet	Dimmitt	Saturday
February 5th	Dumas Powerlifting Meet	Dumas	Saturday
February 19th	Chieftain Powerlifting Championships	Friona	Saturday
March 5th	Girls Regional	TBD	Saturday
March 12th	Boys Regional	Sundown	Saturday
March 17th -19th	Girl's State	Corpus Christi	Friday
March 26th	Boy's State	Abilene	Saturday

Head Coach - Eduardo Rojas

Superintendent - Jimmy Burns

Assistant Coaches - Jaden Oneal, Josh Portillo

Principal - Erika Montana

Athletic Director - Jimmy Arias



Friona School Calendar for January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 -Student Holiday/Staff Workday -JH Basketball vs. Muleshoe G(T) B(H)	4 -HS Basketball @ Muleshoe	5	6	7 -HS Basketball @ Lamesa	8 -Powerlifting @ Panhandle
9	10 -JH Basketball vs. Lamesa G(H) B(T)	11 -HS Basketball vs. Littlefield	12	13 -Friona Basketball Tourney	14 -All Region Clinic & Concert @ WTAMU -Friona JH Basketball Tourney -HS Basketball @ Brownfield	15 -All Region Clinic & Concert @ WTAMU -Friona Basketball Tourney -Powerlifting @ Brownfield
16	17 -Parmer County Stock Show -JH Basketball vs. Dimmitt G(H) B(T) -FISD Board Meeting 7:00p.m.	18 -Parmer County Stock Show -HS Basketball vs. Dimmitt	19 -Parmer County Stock Show -First Day Applications for a Place on the FISD School Board will be available	20 -Parmer County Stock Show	21 -Parmer County Stock Show -HS Basketball @ Denver City	22 -Powerlifting @ Dalhart
23	24 -JH Basketball vs. Brownfield G(T) B(H)	25 -HS Basketball vs. Muleshoe	26	27	28	29 -Powerlifting @ Dimmitt
30	31 -JH Basketball vs. Littlefield G(H) B(T)					



Obituaries



Matta Rose "Mickey" Williams

Matta Rose "Mickey" Williams, 95, of Amarillo, formerly of Kerrville, passed away on Wednesday, December 29, 2021.

Private family graveside services will be held in Rocky, Oklahoma.

Matta was born April 27, 1926 in Poteau, Oklahoma to Tolbert and Mary Palmer Coggins. She graduated from Poteau High School and then moved to Long Beach, California and worked as a secretary. While in California, she met her husband, Kenneth Williams, through her roommate and best friend, Billy. Kenneth was Billy's older brother who was returning from World War II. Matta and Kenneth were married on an ABC Radio Show, "Bride & Groom" and received an all-inclusive honeymoon to Las Vegas in October 1946. They moved to the Texas Panhandle in 1956



and lived in Friona and Stratford, while raising their three children. In 1976, they moved to Cordell, Oklahoma to run a Sears store. Once retired, they enjoyed traveling around the US together in their motorhome before finally settling in Kerrville.

Matta was an avid game player. She especially loved playing Skip-Bo. She enjoyed cooking, traveling, and spending time with her family.

Matta was a strong and faithful Christian, the kind of person that you would call when

you needed prayer.

She was a member of WMU, Eastern Star, her church choir, and the Sunrise Baptist Church of Kerrville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Kenneth, and eight of her nine siblings.

Survivors include her two sons, Ronnie Williams and wife Marian, and David Williams and wife Jennifer; daughter, Terri Wilson, and late husband Eddie; two grandsons, Joe Dan Wilson and Kade Williams; two granddaughters, Elizabeth Williams and Kristen McKinney and husband Andrew; great granddaughter, Kenzie McKinney; and a brother, Bill Coggins.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Salvation Army, www.salvationarmytexas.org.

Arrangements are by Brooks Funeral Directors of Canyon.

Jose Zamudio

Jose Zamudio, 56 of Friona passed away December 30, 2021 in Friona. Viewing was held from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM Monday, January 3, 2022 at Friona Para Cristo Llamados A Conocerle in Friona with Celebration of Life Services at the church beginning at 2:30 PM on January 4, 2022 with Pastor Aurelio Silva, officiating. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



Solutions for several years until health issues forced him to retire.

He loved to make people laugh telling jokes and stories and always put others ahead of himself. He loved being a dad and grandpa.

He is preceded in death by his mother Artemisa Zamudio and 1 sister-Enriqueta Zamudio.

dio.

Those to mourn his passing include his father Juan Zamudio of Mexico, wife-Judith Zamudio, 2 sons Jose and Zeus Zamudio, 1 daughter-Denise Zamudio, all of Friona, 3 brothers Juan, Manuel and Gilardo Zamudio, all of Mexico, 3 sisters- Mireya and Gloria Zamudio of Mexico, and Maribel Zamudio of Fresno, California, and 6 grandchildren.

You may send condolences to the family and sign the online guest book at:

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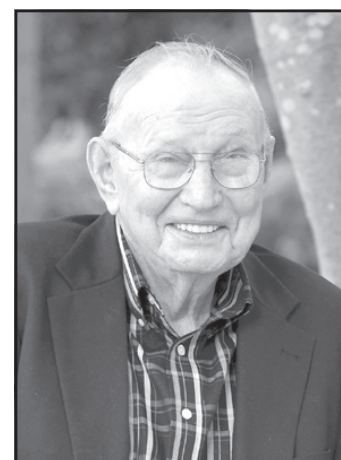


William Gromowsky

William Vincent Gromowsky, 90, died on Sunday, January 2, 2022 in Friona. Celebration of Life Services will be held Friday, January 7th, at 11:00 a.m., at Sixth Street Church of Christ in Friona, with Mike Prather and Jeff Procter officiating. Private family burial in the Bovina Cemetery to follow. Arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

William was born, a first-generation American, in Chicago on October 26, 1931, to Samuel and Alice Gromowsky. He was the eldest of the couple's seven children. Samuel, a Polish immigrant, joined other members of his extended family in Saint Joseph, MO where William and his siblings were surrounded by grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. His father died of tuberculosis when William was 12 years old. He graduated the 8th grade the following spring. As he told it, the next fall he walked into the front door of the high school and right out the back door. William worked in a warehouse to help support his mother and siblings; then, masquerading as a 16-year-old, took a job with a grain elevator construction crew making its way around the Midwest. His mother had also contracted tuberculosis and in 1949 was sent to recuperate at the Missouri State Tuberculosis Sanatorium in Mt. Vernon, MO. William's siblings were sent to live with relatives or placed into orphanages.

By 1950, William's work crew was in Bovina working on construction of the Shirley-Anderson grain elevator. It was here that he met the love of his life, Kathryn Jefferson. They were married in October of 1951, and their young family quickly grew with the birth of Jan, followed by William, Jr. "Widdy", and finally Jyl. They made their home in Bovina, and William worked at Triplett Cattle



Co., where he came to be affectionately known around town as 'Pollock.'

In 1962 William and Kathryn began farming east of Bovina, and in 1963 they moved their family out to the land they farmed near Hub, where they became fixtures in the Hub community.

William and Kathryn were active leaders at the Bovina Church of Christ where William served as a deacon. He was a director of the Federal Land Bank Association of Muleshoe, and he served the remainder of a term as Parmer County Commissioner when his father-in-law, Charles Jefferson, passed away in 1978.

After 42 years of farming, William and Kathryn retired and moved to Friona. They were faithful members of the Sixth Street Church of Christ. William kept an immaculate lawn. In retirement he traded the tasks of irrigating wheat and grazing cattle for irrigating fescue and helping Kathryn keep up their warm and welcoming home. They often opened their doors for dinner parties, hosting both church and community friends.

William kept in constant contact with his siblings, who were all reunited in 1956 when his mother was discharged from tuberculosis treatment. Thousands upon thousands of miles have been travelled between Texas and the Kansas City area over the decades, as William and his brothers and sisters worked to imprint the importance of family onto the generations

that have followed.

He was preceded in death in 1934, by a younger brother, Robert; and later his parents; a grandson, Sterling Jones; a great-granddaughter, Sayge Massie; and this past October both his wife of 70 years, Kathryn; and his son, William, Jr.

He is survived by his daughter Jan Smith and husband Steve of Sudan, daughter Jyl Grimsley and husband Jayson of Friona; daughter-in-law Christy of Amarillo; his siblings: Ann Clark and husband Jim of Kansas City, MO, Sam and wife Mary of Kansas City, MO, Marie Dooley and husband Leroy of Sunrise Beach, MO, Chuck and wife Rita of Overland Park, KS, Ike and wife Judy of Kansas City, MO; and sister-in-law, Sondra Green of Wheatridge, CO. He will be fondly remembered, passing out Werther's Originals and Tootsie Rolls to countless young neighbors and children at church. He was 'Uncle Bill' to dozens of nieces & nephews, and he will forever be 'Pa' to eight grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. Parmer County may someday have another 'Polack' - but there won't be another like this one.

The family would like to say a special thank you to the nurses, staff, and doctors of the Parmer County Medical Center who have so attentively and patiently cared for our family members in recent years and showed grace and love to our Daddy in his final days. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be sent to New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 NM-236 Portales, NM 88130.

You may send condolences to the family and sign the online guest book at:

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Roy Wilton Dunn

Roy Wilton Dunn, 68 of Farwell passed away December 21, 2021 in Farwell. Inurnment Services will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Roy was born February 3, 1953 in Friona, Texas



to Dan Wilton and Carol Dean Carter Dunn. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force serving as an aircraft and engine mechanic. For the past several years, Roy was an area farmer and truck driver. He loved to cook and go camping.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Those that will mourn his passing include 1 daughter-Lisa Trevino and husband Edward of Clovis, 1 son-Abraham

Gomez of Clovis, 1 sister-Donna Cummings and husband Scott of Lubbock, numerous grandchildren, 1 great-granddaughter, and numerous nieces and nephews.

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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. 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.



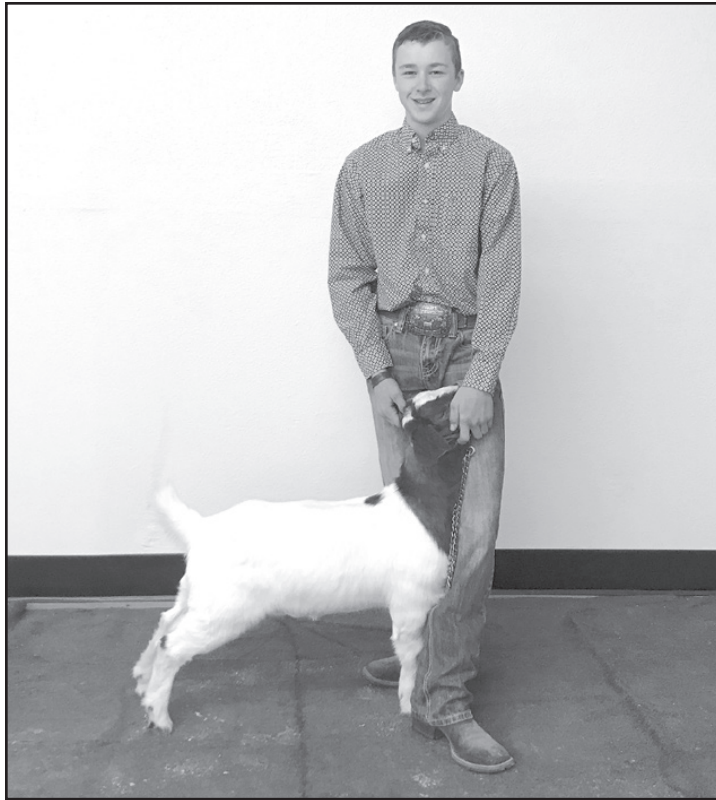
2021 Friona Local Stock Show



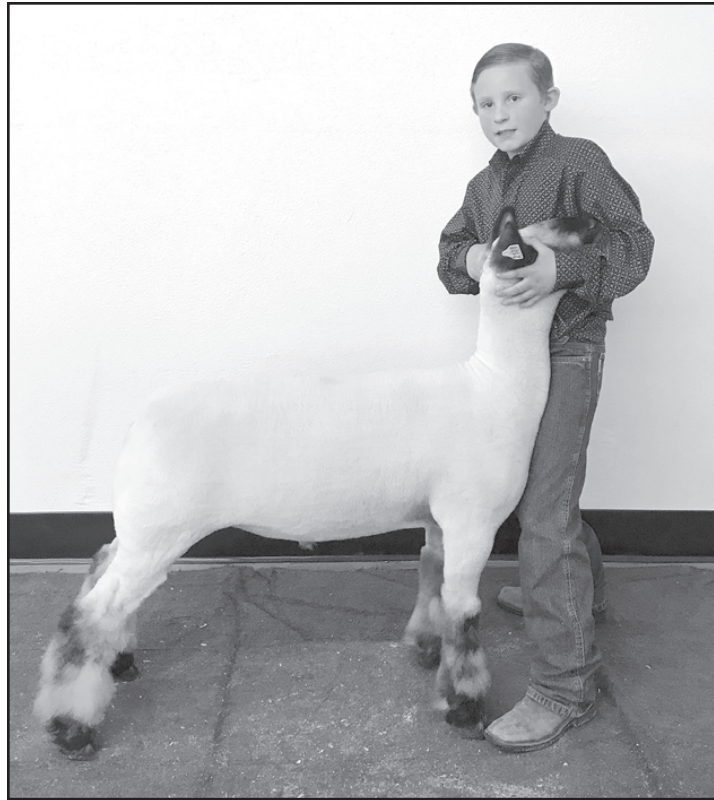
December 18, 2021
Friona Community Center

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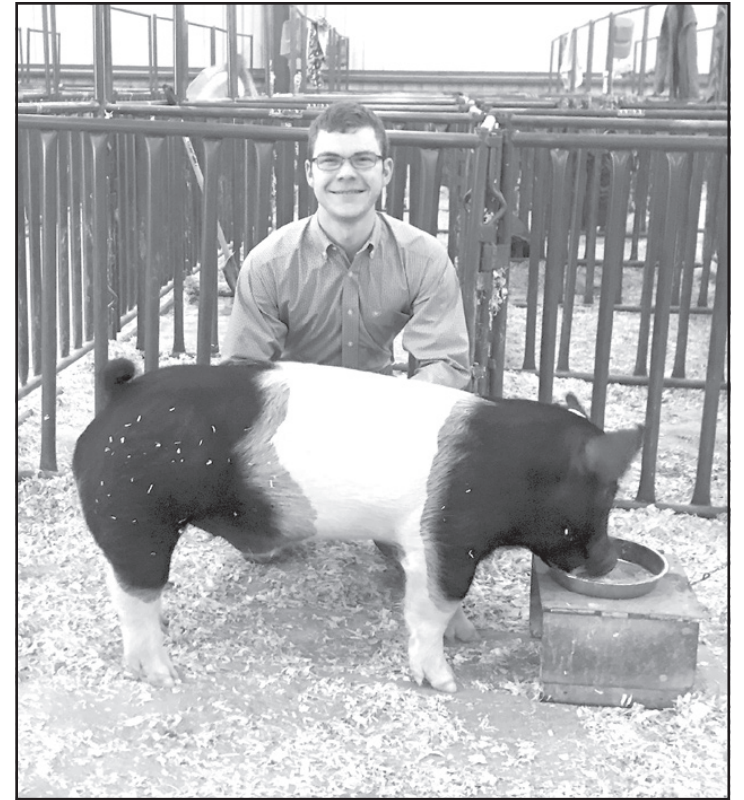
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Grand Champion Goat - Mason Schueler



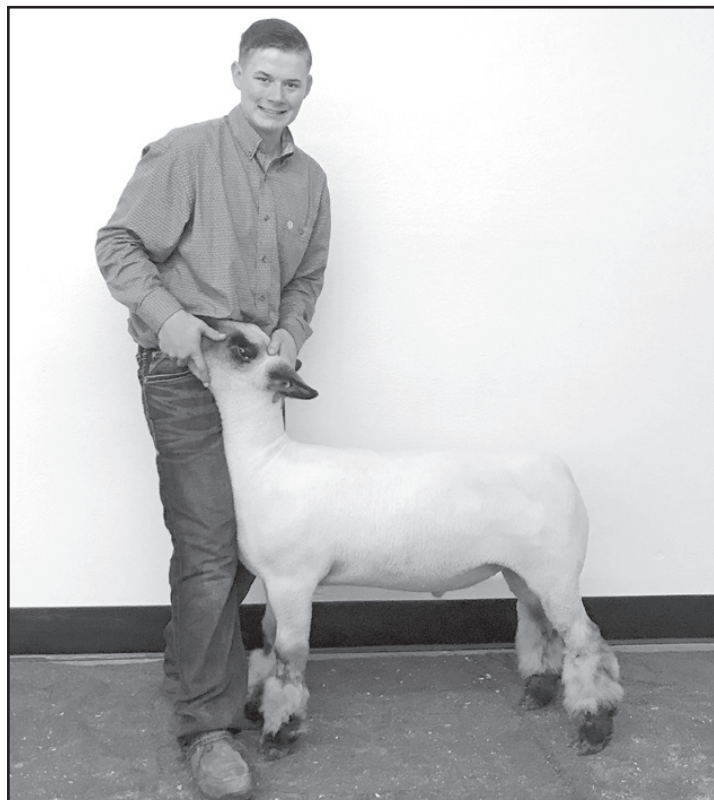
Grand Champion Lamb - Carter Lewellen



Grand Champion Barrow - Caden Bunker



Reserve Champion Goat - Bryer Stanberry



Reserve Champion Lamb - Peyton Schueler



Reserve Champion Barrow - Aubree Bunker



Sr. Showmanship Goat - Tim Ally
Jr. Showmanship Goat - Kayl Schueler



Sr. Showmanship Lamb - Tristan Schueler
Jr. Showmanship Lamb - Kayl Schueler



Sr. Showmanship Barrow - Caden Bunker
Jr. Showmanship Barrow - Aubree Bunker

Lambs

Fine Wool

Breed Champion - Peyton Schueler
Reserve Breed Champion - Xavier Guerra

Cross

Breed Champion - Carter Lewellen
Reserve Breed Champion - Peyton Schueler

South Down/Dorper

Breed Champion - Justen Trevino
Reserve Breed Champion - Elijah Robledo

Medium Wool 1

Breed Champion - Carter Lewellen
Reserve Breed Champion - Peyton Schueler

Barrows

Hampshire

Breed Champion - Aubree Bunker
Reserve Breed Champion - Caden Bunker

Duroc

Breed Champion - Sophie Lewellen
Reserve Breed Champion - Shelby Lewellen

Dark OPB

Breed Champion - Aubree Bunker
Reserve Breed Champion - Caden Bunker

York

Breed Champion - Aubree Bunker
Reserve Breed Champion - Leah Hernandez

White OPB

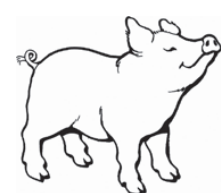
Breed Champion - Caden Bunker
Reserve Champion - Erik Carrasco

Light Cross

Breed Champion - Sophie Lewellen
Reserve Breed Champion - Shelby Lewellen

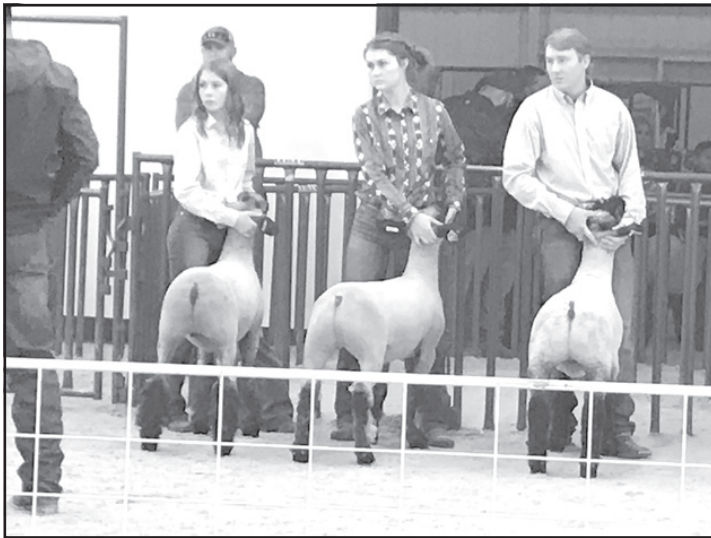
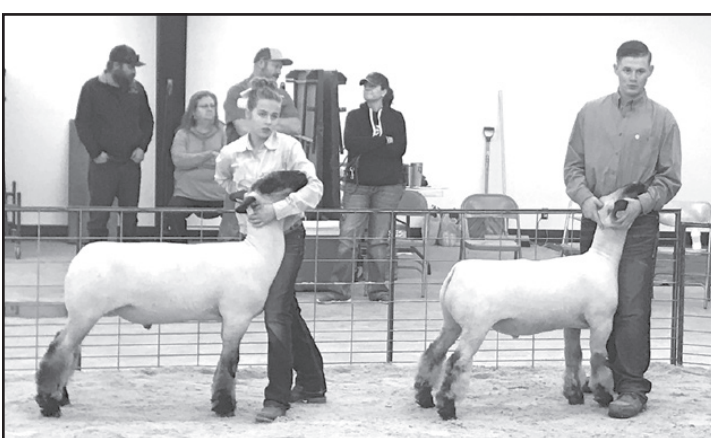
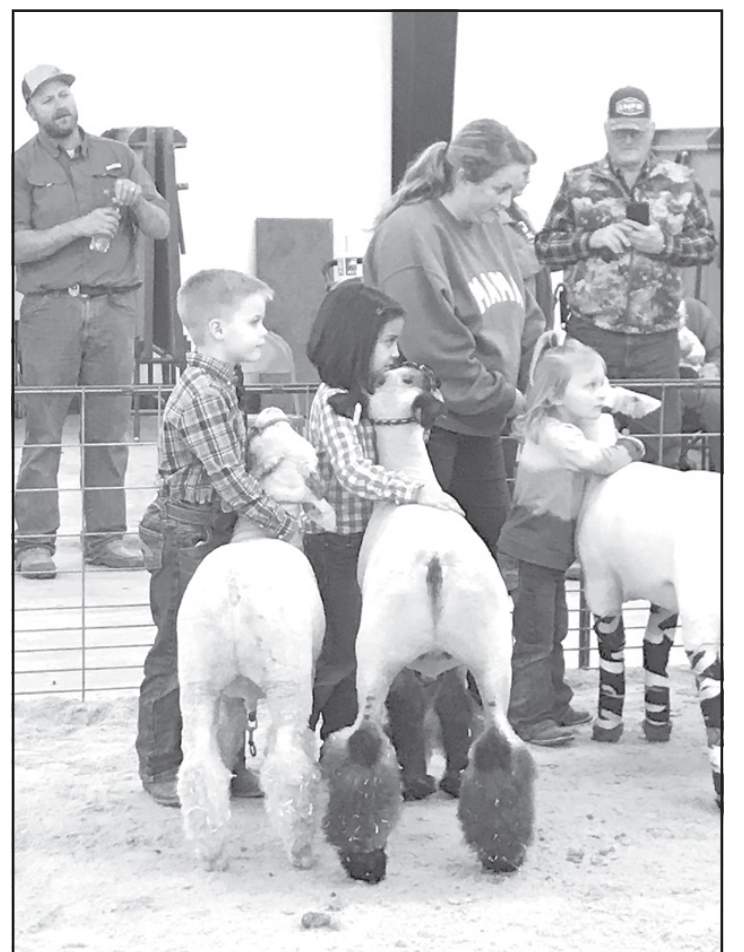
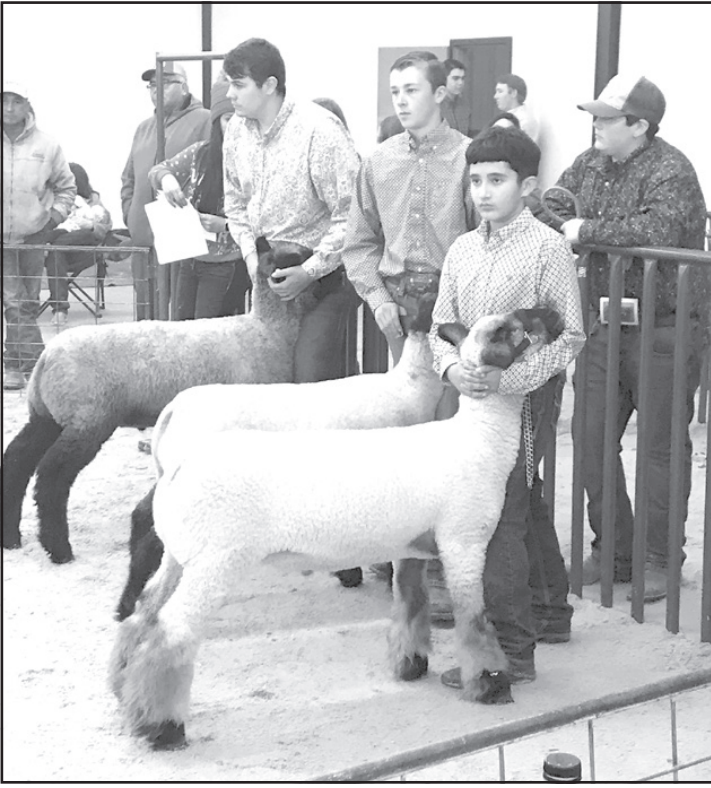
Dark Cross

Breed Champion - Caden Bunker
Reserve Breed Champion - Aubree Bunker



Scenes from the Friona Stock Show

More Photos Next Week



Governor appoints Gurley to 287th Judicial District Court

Governor Greg Abbott has appointed Kathryn Gurley as Judge of the 287th Judicial District Court in Bailey and Parmer Counties for a term set to expire December 31, 2022 or until her successor shall be duly elected and qualified.

the end of the year after serving 23 years in the position. Kathryn Gurley, of Frióna, is currently the District Attorney of the 287th Judicial District in Bailey and Parmer Counties. She is a candidate for Judge of the 287th Judicial District Court in the upcoming Republican primary.

Geris announces retirement

Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geris announced that he is retiring, effective January 24, 2022. Geris was first elected in 2000 and is currently serving his sixth term as sheriff. Geris stated that he is retiring "early" in his final term in order to run for Parmer County Judge in the Republican primary.



The Parmer County Sheriff's Office has seen a lot of changes during Sheriff Geris' 20-year tenure. The most significant was the construction of the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center in 2004. The \$2.5 million dollar project brought state-of-the-art jail facilities to Parmer County. The Law Enforcement Center has maintained compliance with State jail standards since its inception.

people from all over the county and surrounding areas attended the last event. The Sheriff's Office has received many grants over the years in order to purchase the latest technology and updated equipment for the jail.

served on the board of many regional organizations including the Panhandle Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee, a two-term Chairman of the Panhandle 911 Advisory Committee, Board member of Panhandle Community Services, and a Board member of the Texas Sheriff's Association.

The Sheriff's Office has also hosted the annual "National Night Out" which promotes all first responders in Parmer County. Over 1500

In addition to his two decades of service to Parmer County, Sheriff Geris law enforcement background also includes serving as Police Chief for the City of Frióna and working with the Amarillo Special Crimes Unit as a Homicide Investigator.

Geris stated that he has enjoyed his time as Sheriff and would like to thank everyone who has supported him and the Parmer County Sheriff's Office over the past twenty years.

Sheriff Geris has



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Want to learn English? Contact Erin Castañeda at 806-315-1819 if interested!! Erin is an employee for Frióna ISD and has been for 13 years. She teaches Language Academy for the Primary and is looking forward to assisting adults who want learn English in the same manner as she does her littles. Classes will be held on Mondays from 6-8 pm in the Elementary computer lab.

Classes will begin on Monday January 10th



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