



Two teens found dead during traffic stop

According to a press release issued by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office, at approximately 2:42 p.m. on Sunday, January 16, 2022, the Bovina Police Department, with the assistance of the Parmer County Sheriff's Office, initiated a traffic stop on a 1998 brown Chevrolet Suburban in the 500 block of Highway 60 in Parmer County, Texas. The stop was conducted in an attempt to locate a runaway juvenile from Clovis, New Mexico.

While attempting to stop the vehicle, officers observed a weapon being fired inside the vehicle. The vehicle came to a stop in the 100 block of Highway 60 near the Farwell Cemetery. Upon approach of the vehicle, officers discovered both the driver and passenger deceased inside the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was a 19 year old female from Bovina and the passenger was a 16 year old male from Clovis.

Sheriff Eric Geske said the case is currently under investigation by the Texas Rangers and the Parmer County Sheriff's Office.

Voting by Mail under new Texas Laws

Susie Spring
Parmer County Clerk

In the final sessions of the Texas Legislature last year, legislators changed a number of Election Laws. One of which was voting by mail. The forms are different and the rules have changed versus what was in effect in previous years.

You must request an Application to Vote by Mail from my office or find it online at VOTETEXAS.GOV

Each person requesting an application must make it on their own behalf. In other words, you can not call and request one for your spouse. Each person must request their own.

In addition, on the application it asks for your Driver's License number or the last 4 digits of your Social Security number. We must match this number to your voter registration application. If they do not match, we must reject the application. If you don't remember which number you put on your voter registration card, no matter how long ago it was, you may submit both numbers.

Be very careful to read all instructions carefully because any mistake on your application may mean we must reject it. If you get a rejection letter, you may call and request a new application be sent to you so that you can correct the one you have already sent to us.

All Applications must be received in my office by Friday February 18th at 3 p.m.

You must request your application in ample time to have it mailed to you and you to have it returned to my office by that date.

Please do not hesitate to call my office if you have questions. 806-481-3691

Susie Spring
Parmer County Clerk



Kathryn Gurley, center in photo, was sworn in as Judge of the 287th Judicial District Court in a ceremony held last Wednesday. Judge Gurley will finish the term of Judge Gordon H. Green (left in photo). Judge Green retired at the end of December after serving 23 years on the bench. Jackie R. Claborn II (right in photo) was sworn in as the District Attorney for the 287th Judicial Court. The Judge and District Attorney positions are on the ballot for the November 8th election. (courtesy photo)

Filing period is open for May 7 general election

Candidate filing opened on Wednesday, January 19th for positions on the Friona Independent School District Board of Trustees, Friona City Council, and Parmer County Hospital District Board of Directors. The filing period ends on Friday, February 18th at 5:00 p.m.

The general election will be held on Saturday, May 1st from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The Fisd Board of Trustees has two positions up for election this year. The terms of Jeri Lynn White and Darin Gilley are expiring. School board members serve three year terms. Anyone who is interested in filing for the election can contact Claudia Castillo at the Fisd administration office at 909 E, 11th, Friona Texas or call 250-2747.

There are three posi-

tions up for election on the city council. The terms of Mayor Ricky White and council members Brent Loflin and Greg Lewellen are expiring. Council members and the Mayor serve two year terms. Contact Rosa Mendez at City Hall, 623 Main, Friona, Texas or call 250-2761 for information on how to file for the election.

The Parmer County

Hospital District will have three positions open for election. The terms of Dale Schueler, Dennis Anthony, and Bret Whitten are expiring. Board members serve two year terms. Individuals interested in running for the hospital district board can contact Erika Carrillo at Parmer Medical Center, 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas or call 250-2754 for information.

City of Friona to receive \$72,101.66 sales tax allocation for January

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$992.9 million in local sales tax allocations for January. This amount represents a 26.8 per-

cent increase over the amount dispersed in January 2021. These allocations are based on sales made in November by businesses that report tax monthly.

The City of Friona will receive \$68,150.87 for the month of Jan-

uary. This amount is a 66.18% increase over the \$41,074.82 received in January 2021. The Friona Economic Development Corporation will receive \$17,037.72 of the allocation for its operations.



Friona Rainfall Data

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
January	1.42	0.00	0.18	0.49	0.00	2.06	0.09	1.63	0.00	0.13	0.57	0.33
February	1.94	0.70	0.32	1.03	0.27	0.80	0.17	0.00	0.12	0.42	0.67	0.35
March	0.97	0.25	0.36	0.12	0.18	0.56	0.08	1.61	0.18	1.85	2.10	0.72
April	0.87	0.03	0.16	0.05	0.33	0.82	1.19	2.36	0.70	1.63	0.53	0.17
May	2.12	0.07	2.22	1.35	3.52	7.43	2.01	1.54	1.24	3.15	0.14	1.63
June	2.17	0.71	1.88	2.64	2.31	4.03	2.73	1.97	1.18	2.35	0.72	5.11
July	4.30	0.08	0.46	4.04	4.32	4.30	1.34	3.48	4.30	1.38	3.10	3.86
August	4.40	0.30	1.19	1.14	1.36	2.73	3.50	11.70	2.87	0.82	0.62	1.69
September	0.60	2.16	1.44	1.14	3.47	2.85	3.58	3.05	1.63	2.03	0.30	1.19
October	0.81	1.12	0.54	0.04	0.29	7.15	0.00	3.27	4.83	5.71	1.05	0.73
November	0.46	0.17	0.04	0.80	0.00	0.89	1.05	0.00	0.54	1.03	0.23	0.00
December	0.09	1.62	0.67	0.45	0.12	2.14	0.26	0.00	0.39	0.84	0.03	0.00
Total	20.15	7.21	9.46	13.29	16.17	35.76	16.00	30.61	17.98	21.34	10.06	15.78

2021 Weather Highlights

Warmest high temperature: 104° on June 11th
Coolest high temperature: 4° on February 14th

Warmest low temperature: 70° on June 12th
Coolest low temperature: -13° on February 15th

Number of 100°+ days: 6
Longest streak of 100°+ days: 2 (June 10-11 and June 24-25)

Most rain in a day: 1.6 inches on June 27th
Most rain in a month: 5.11 inches in June
Most rain days in a month: 10 days in June

Precipitation total for 2021: 15.78 inches
Snow total for 2021: 9 inches
Most snow in a day: 4 inches on February 14th

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Emergency Siren System: Alternating tone • Firefighters only | Weather Warning: 1 long tone • take cover — 3 short blasts • all clear | Tested 1st & 3rd Thurs. at 7 p.m.

Friona Weather	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	Precipitation	Burn Ban
January 20-26	34 16 NE 5-10	53 20 SSW 15-25	43 18 NE 10-20	54 24 NW 10-15	60 24 W 10-15	47 15 NE 10-20	48 20 WSW 10-15	January 0.00 Year 0.00	Yes

Community Calendar

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

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

January 18-22
• Parmer County Junior Livestock Show

January 24
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

January 27
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

January 31
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

February 1
• Snack Pak packing at 3 p.m. at Friona United Methodist Church (north entrance on 9th street)

February 3
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center



THANK YOU TRUSTEES!!!

Teachers, staff, and students of the Friona Independent School District wish to thank the Board of Trustees for their loyal service to the district and our community.



2021-22 Friona ISD Board of Trustees (l-r): Antonio Rocha, Dustin Thompson, Darrin Gilley, Jamie Lewellen, Jason Rector, Jeri Lynn White, and Wade Schueler.

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Farmhouse to Your House

Crandall to assume artistic direction of TEXAS outdoor musical

A familiar face soon will take the reins of the TEXAS Outdoor Musical. Stephen Crandall, currently head of West Texas A&M University's Department of Art, Theatre, and Dance in the Sybil B. Harrington College of Fine Arts and Humanities, will be the new Artistic Director of the musical.



Stephen Crandall

"I am thrilled to welcome Stephen Crandall as the next Artistic Director of such a storied institution of the Panhandle of Texas," said Dr. Andrew Hay, Executive Director of the Cultural Foundation of the Texas Panhandle (CFTP). "I cannot express enough the enthusiasm with which the Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation board and WT leadership

have received the news of this opportunity," Hay continued. "I am excited by the prospect of working alongside Stephen, and I look forward to the 56th season of TEXAS under his direction."

"I'm incredibly grateful for this opportunity and for the support of TPHF and CFTP leadership, as well as WT," Crandall said. "TEXAS is a part of my and my wife's history; we actually met during our first summer with the show. It is more so an important part of the Texas Panhandle's history, and I look forward to contributing toward enhancing that history further."

Crandall will step down from his department head position at WT but will continue as a professor in the department. He will become the eighth artistic director of TEXAS since its opening performance on July 1, 1966. The 2022 season of TEXAS will open this June.



TEXAS CROSSWORD
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ACROSS

- 1 subdivision map
- 5 TX Don Henley sang the lead on "Life in the Fast ___"
- 6 Ted Cruz assistant
- 7 TXism: "___ dance to that tune" (agree)
- 8 Mexican "siesta"
- 9 TXism: "want ___ I could spit"
- 16 TXism: "a whole ___" (lot of)
- 18 in Texas, drawings and scratch-offs
- 21 TX Linda Ellerbee's "And ___ It Goes"
- 22 welcome rugs
- 23 enjoy barbecue, e.g. cut ___ (divide in equal parts)
- 30 "___ is fair play"
- 34 ___ Fehrenbach book: "Lone Star: A History of Texas and Texans" (1968)
- 35 a false god, e.g. (2 wds.)
- 36 "___ and mean"
- 37 "___ the roof"
- 39 TXism: "trust ___ always cut the cards"
- 43 he starred in "King Creole" with TX-born Carolyn Jones
- 44 receiving for work
- 45 he married TX-born Dale Evans (init.)
- 46 TXism: "___ of breathing room" (spacious)
- 47 many in South Texas are bi ___
- 49 those who accomplish 44-across
- 52 pos. of Dallas Cowboy Dalton Schultz
- 53 assn. for Texas pro golfer Ben Crenshaw
- 54 clamorous meaning of 37-across
- 55 former Cowboy star RB, Tony (1977-87)
- 58 charlatans
- 59 TX Foreman lost the title to this Muhammad in 1974
- 60 this Thornton was a 4-term mayor of Dallas (init.)
- 61 donkey

DOWN

- 1 Cross ____, TX
- 2 nonclerical
- 3 "he is a nuisance ___"
- 4 early TX Roy Orbison band: "___ Kings"
- 9 birth state of Austin resident and actor Chris Klein (abbr.)
- 10 TXism: "sticks like stink ___"
- 11 TXism: "take a ___ at it" (try)
- 12 director Preminger
- 13 Davy Crockett: "___ you're right, then go ahead"
- 14 TX "Cowpokes" artist, Ace (init.)
- 15 TX Tanya Tucker's "Texas When I ___"
- 17 TXism: "___ a maggot" (bad taste)
- 19 black widow spider ___ mate
- 20 anxiety and worry
- 24 state where TX Holly died (abbr.)
- 25 dir. from Crockett to Mount Pleasant
- 26 bees' casa
- 27 one can improve ___ hand in poker
- 28 country singer, Morgan
- 29 star of 1945 film "San Antonio," Errol
- 31 lake "La Sal del ___"
- 32 apprehend
- 33 book: "Sam Houston: The ___ Texan"
- 38 TX blues pianist ___ Joe Hunter
- 40 TXism: "too ___ for his britches" (aloof)
- 41 TXism: "mosey ___ to the trough" (join in)
- 42 sends out
- 48 British boys
- 50 small European deer (plural)
- 51 "___ wit" (foolish person)
- 56 TX-born Evelyn Keyes was Suellen ___ in "Gone With the Wind"
- 57 in Crosby County on U.S. 82 and 62

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COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from January 6 2022 to January 13, 2022

(1/11/22) Dutch Road Land LLC, Matthew R. Beckerink, Nancy J. Beckerink — Gene Wallace Maulding, Jessica Jo Maulding — The North Half of the West 337.4 acres of Section 39 Less and Except Two Tract, Doud & Keefer Subdivision, Parmer County Texas

(1/11/22) Dutch Road Land LLC — Gene Wallace Maulding, Jessica Jo Maulding — All of North 130 Acres of the East 320 Acres of Section 39, Doud & Keefer Subdivision, Parmer County Texas

(1/11/22) Ronald G. Ray, Toni G. Ray, The Ray Family Trust — Gene Wallace Maulding, Jessica Jo Maulding — A Tract known as the North 180 Acres of Section 40, Doud & Keefer Subdivision in Parmer County Texas as shown by the Plat thereof Record in Vo. 6, Page 287, Deed Records of Parmer County Texas, See Documents for more Tracts of Land

(1/11/22) Dutch Road Dairy LLC — Gene Wallace Maulding, Jessica Jo Maulding — The Southwest One Quarter of Section 34, of the Doud & Keefer Subdivision of Said County as shown by Plat of said Subdivision of Recorded in the Deed Records thereof and being a part of Capitol Leagues 567 and 568

(1/11/22) Dutch Road Dairy LLC — Gene Wallace Maulding, Jessica Jo Maulding — All of the Northwest Quarter of Section 34, Doud & Keefer Subdivision Parmer County Texas

(1/11/22) The City of Bovina — BateJ Bovina LLC — A Portion of Lots 3 and 4, Block 85, Original Town, City of Bovina Parmer County Texas, See Exhibit "A"

(1/11/22) Jeroen Van Der Ploeg, Traci Van Der Ploeg — Michael Scott Gutierrez, Kathleen Gutierrez — All of Lots 17, 18, 19, and 20 of Block 59, Original Town of Farwell Parmer County

(1/12/22) B F Hutson — CS McCurdy — Tract of Land being West 273.5 Acres in Section No. 2 of Browns Subdivision of League, See Documents

(1/12/22) CS McCurdy — Frank Perkins — Being 273.5 Acres off the West Side of Section No. 2 of Browns Subdivision of League No. 2 of Gregg County School Land, and for further description be Metes and Bounds reference is here made to Warranty Deed, See Documents

(1/12/22) Frank Perkins, Viola Perkins — CS McCurdy — All of the West 275.3 Acres of Section No. 2 or Browns Subdivision of League No. 2 of Gregg County School Land according to Plat thereof on Record in each said counties, See Document

(1/12/22) C S McCurdy, Lula J. McCurdy — T S McCurdy — All of the West 275.3 Acres of Section No. 2 or Browns Subdivision of League No. 2 of Gregg County School Land according to Plat thereof on Record in each said counties, See Document

(1/12/22) Harry Arden McCurdy, Anna McCurdy — T S McCurdy — All that Certain Tract of Parcel of Land lying and being partly in Parmer County and Deaf Smith County, See Document

(1/12/22) Kate Fisher, S E Fisher — J R McCurdy, Stella McCurdy — All of the East 130 Acres of Section Number 2, League Number 2 Gregg County School Land, See Document

(1/12/22) Harry A. McCurdy, Anna McCurdy — Charles Noland — All the West 273.5 Acres of Land OS Section No. 2, See Document

(1/12/22) Anna McCurdy — Harry A. McCurdy, J E Shewbert, Bess Shewbert — A Tract and Parcel of Land located and situated in Deaf Smith and Parmer County Texas, See Documents

(1/12/22) Charles T. Noland, Dorothy Noland — Lesley Luther — A Tract and Parcel of Land located and situated in Deaf Smith and Parmer County Texas, See Documents

(1/12/22) Luther Lesley, Ethel E. Lesley — Wilbur J. Thomas, Brenda L. Thomas — All of Section No. 2 of Fred W. Browne's Subdivision of Survey 2, block No. K-12 Gregg County School Lands, See Documents.

(1/12/22) Wilbur J. Thomas, Brenda L. Thomas — Tyler Keeling, Trudy Keeling — All of Section No. 2 of Fred W. Browne's Subdivision of Survey 2, Block No. K-12 Gregg County School Lands, See Document

(1/12/22) Brandon Kirkland, Carl Kirkland, Rhonda Kirkland — Tyler K. Brown, Tiffany Brown — The West One-Half of Garden Lot 42 Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Section 31 T9S, R1E, League 549, Parmer County Texas

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office:
Eric Geske, Sheriff

(1/6/22) Moises Garcia, 21, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of DWI < .15, pending County Court.

(1/7/22) Fidel Rantana, 35, of Texico, New Mexico was arrested by the Farwell Police Department on a charge of Criminal Trespass, pending County Court.

(1/7/22) Alan Perez-Riveras, 32, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Possession CS Pgl > 4g < 220g, pending District Court.

(1/8/22) Jose Lopez, 22, of Muleshoe was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of DWI, pending County Court.



TOWN TALK

Phone: 806-250-2211 • Fax: 806-250-5127
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Mayor will not run again —

Mayor Ricky White announced that he will not be seeking reelection this year. Ricky was first elected in 2013 to fill the final year of then Mayor J.B. Douglas' term who was retiring and moving to Amarillo. Mayor White said that he has thoroughly enjoyed his tenure in office, but that it is time to pass the baton to someone else. His current term ends on May 7th.

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Stock show is underway —

The 85th Annual Parmer County Jr. Livestock Show started on Tuesday and will conclude with the Premium Sale on Saturday, January 22nd beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Friona Community Center. There were 148 entrants for this year's show with a total of 400 animals which include 187 barrows, 9 dairy heifers, 74 goats, 82 lambs, 11 rabbits, and 37 steers.

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Free Vaccination Clinic in Friona —

Parmer Medical Center is hosting a Free Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic on Thursday, January 27th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the 6th Street Church of Christ, 502 W. 6th, in Friona. Now offering Pfizer for ages 12 and up and Moderna for ages 18 and up. Call 806-240-1562 or 806-240-1761 for an appointment. Walk-ins are available.

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Free Vaccination Clinic in Bovina —

Parmer Medical Center is hosting a Free Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic on Friday, January 28th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the XIT Recreation Center in Bovina, Texas. Now offering Pfizer for ages 12 and up and Moderna for ages 18 and up. Call for an appointment at 806-240-1562 or 806-240-1761. Walk-ins are available.

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News to me —

Drove over to Clovis around 3:00 p.m. Sunday to pick up some paper and labels at the Office Depot store. When I got to the Sweet Bran facility west of Bovina I saw the partially burned train engine that first responders had been called about earlier in the day. When I got closer to Farwell I noticed multiple lights from law enforcement vehicles in the distance. When I drove past the cemetery there was a vehicle in the trees with multiple law enforcement officials on the scene. I guessed that someone had lost control and crashed into the trees. As it turned out, that was not the case. Later, after I picked up my order at Office Depot I was headed south on Norris near the fire station and had to detour because of a traffic accident in the intersection which blocked traffic from every direc-

tion. I turned around and headed for the airport road and went home. Sometimes you go where the news is and sometimes the news finds you.

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Deadline for grants is Feb. 1st — The Friona Economic Development Corporation (FEDC) is offering financial assistance to upgrade your business storefront with signage, aesthetics, or other improvements. Currently this program is for Highway 60 businesses. For every \$2 you spend, the FEDC will match you \$1. The maximum match amount you can receive back is \$1,500. For example, if you spend \$2000 you will receive \$1000 from the FEDC. You can pick up an application at the FEDC office at 621 Main or download the application at www.cityoffriona.com/fedc-loan-program. The deadline is February 1, 2022. Applications will be reviewed by February 18th and grants will be awarded on March 15, 2022.

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National Days

- January 20 — Cheese Lover's Day
- January 21 — Hugging Day
- January 22 — Sanctity of Life Day
- January 23 — Handwriting Day
- January 24 — Compliment Day
- January 25 — Irish Coffee Day
- January 26 — Library Shelfie Day

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Chinese New Year Celebration

In 2022, Chinese New Year starts on February first. It is the **Year of the Tiger**. The tiger is the third sign in the Chinese Zodiac — a circular 12-year calendar with each year represented by an animal. Each animal is the "sign" of people born in that year. It is said that the people born under each animal's sign have the characteristics of that animal. Tigers are very powerful so people who are born in that year might be powerful, too!

2022 The Year of the Tiger

Read the clues to fill in the first puzzle about tigers!

- The first day of the New Year begins the Year of the _____.
- People think that tigers are beautiful, _____, royal and strong.
- In Chinese tales, tigers are able to chase away fires, _____ and ghosts.
- In Asia, the tiger is known as the king of the _____, not the lion.
- There are more tigers in _____ than anywhere else.
- _____ tigers (or Amur tigers) are the biggest cats in the world, weighing up to 700 pounds.
- All tigers have different patterns of _____.
- Unlike other big cats, tigers like water and are good _____.
- Tigers can run up to 40 _____ per hour.
- Tigers will _____ wild boar, pythons, leopards and water buffalo.
- They can eat up to 60 _____ of meat at a time.
- In packs, tigers can take down _____!

Read the clues about people born in the Year of the Tiger to fill in the second puzzle:

A. good at guiding others	D. organized, think ahead
B. not fearful or easily scared	E. smart, bright
C. wide-awake, pay close attention	F. don't trust, doubtful

Everyone in China becomes one year older on New Year's Day!

At the end of the parade, these creatures dance for good luck.

In Chinese legends and stories, the tiger and this animal are always rivals.

- To see this powerful competitor, start at the star numbered "1" and go to "99."
- Next, start at the star numbered with the bold number "4" and follow the bold-numbered dots to dot number "59."

Powerful and Protective Beasts!

Read about the fun on the last day of the Chinese New Year. Fit each word in bold print into the crossword!

- We hang the **lanterns** we made out of wooden rods and pretty paper.
- Friends and family begin to arrive for a **banquet** of bird's nest soup, Peking duck, sweet and sour pork, dumplings and fruit.
- Children **dance** dreaming about being in a Dragon Dance someday.
- We all go to the center of town to watch the **parade**.
- Watch out so that you don't bump into the stilt walkers or **acrobats**.
- A **musician** is playing the Huqin (long-necked, 2 string instrument with a sound box at the bottom).
- We follow the parade into the **park**.
- We look at the giant zodiac animal lanterns and eat **Yuanxiao** (rice balls).
- Lanterns made like mini hot air balloons soar into the air, lighting up the **sky**.
- A long, beautiful **fireworks** display completes the day.

Chinese Lantern Festival

In Chengdu (China) there is a lantern in the shape of a golden dragon. It is curled around and goes up an 88-foot-high pole. Fireworks spew from its mouth! How cool is that?

Year of the Tiger

A full moon can be seen tonight!

Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

Cheese Lover's Day

When you search for recipes for cheese lover's you get all kinds of recipes to pop up, so it was hard for me to decide what to share with you. But after much deliberation, I found a couple that I think a true cheese lover will enjoy.

Homemade Cheese Crackers abeautifulmess.com

Ingredients:

- 3/4 cup flour
- 1/4 cup whole wheat flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup shredded cheese (hard cheeses work best)
- 4 tablespoons cold butter
- 1/3 cup cream
- a pinch of pepper

Instructions:

In the bowl of a food processor combine all ingredients but cream. Pulse to combine, mixture will be very crumbly. As the food processor is running pour in the cream in a steady stream. Remove dough from bowl and roll out on a floured surface. Roll so dough is about 1/2 inch thick. Now cut into small squares or use cookie cutters to create shapes. Bake at 400°F for 12-15 minutes.

The crackers will slightly puff as they bake. The small letter crackers only took 11-12 minutes to bake while the squares needed an additional 2-3 minutes. Just keep an eye on them and when the edges are golden brown and crispy looking then you know they are done. For added flavor brush with a little oil and sprinkle with coarse grain sea salt. Store in an airtight container for up to a week.

Happy Birthday

Jan. 20
Arianna (Pena) Newman
Fabian Flores
Peggy Alexander
Devan Huddleston
Dave Van Valkenberg
Dr. Shane Hand
Zach Pack

Jan. 24
Connie Dodson
Karen Wright
Damon Parker
Holly Johnston
Mark Edelman
Darci White
Tolby Wilcox
Glena Collier

Jan. 21
Jim Roy Wells
Ariea Monreal
Bobby Tyler
Karina Acosta
Danielle Ortiz

Jan. 25
Britny Pope
Brayden Pope
Jinnee Parr
Reagan Anthony
Dana Campbell
A.J. London
Tricia Rocha

Jan. 22
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To have your birthdays listed in the newspaper, email them to frionastar@wtrt.net or call: 806.250.2211

NOTICE

to Parmer County Taxpayers

Monday, January 31, 2022, is the deadline to pay all personal and property taxes in Parmer County.

Checks must be postmarked by Monday, January 31, 2022, or penalty and interest will occur.

If you turned 65 years old as of January 1, 2022, then you need to sign up for the "65 and older" Homestead Exemption. This is a permanent exemption so if you already have signed up for it, you don't have to re-apply.

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Vehicle exemption forms for those who qualify are available online at www.parmercad.org or come by our office to apply.

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

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Mississippi Mud Cheesy Potatoes mamaplusone.com

Ingredients

- 8-10 Cups potatoes, diced finely
- 16 ounces cheddar cheese, cubed or shredded
- 1 Cup mayonnaise (real)
- 1 package bacon, cooked and torn into large bits
- 1/2 Cup green onions, chopped

Instructions

In a 9x13 pan or 3-quart casserole dish, mix potatoes, cheddar cheese, bacon, and green onions. Stir in mayonnaise. Bake at 325 for an hour and a half or until potatoes are tender. Top with additional cheese if desired.

Baked Macaroni and Cheese feastandfarm.com

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups dry elbow macaroni shells or cavatappi
- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 cups milk not skim
- 1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper
- 2 cups of shredded cheese I like sharp cheddar and Swiss

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bring a pot of water to a boil; add a generous sprinkling of salt the pasta. While the pasta cooks, melt the butter in a skillet or pot large enough to hold the pasta when it's done. Add the flour and stir over medium heat until the mixture is lightly browned; 1-2 minutes. Add the milk and whisk to remove any lumps and add the salt and pepper. Cook over medium-high heat until the sauce thickens and starts to bubble. About 6 minutes. Stir in the cheese and whisk until smooth and melted. Turn off the heat. When the pasta is almost done but still firm, drain it and add to the sauce. Stir the pasta into the sauce and bake in a greased 2-quart dish (or an 8x8 pan works pretty well) 20-25 minutes until browned and bubbly. You can also skip baking it if you want it super creamy and just put it under the broiler to brown the top (keep an eye on it) and then serve.

Notes: The thinner the dish, the less the bake time. I used a cast iron skillet and mine was done in 25 minutes. A thicker dish like a 2-quart casserole will take 40 minutes.

Gas prices edge up again

By GasBuddy

Texas gas prices rose 3.8 cents in the past week, averaging \$2.91 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Gas prices in Texas are 3.9 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 81.7 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$2.51 while the most expensive is \$3.69 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 1.3 cents in the last week, averaging \$3.31 per gallon. The national average is unchanged from a month ago and stands 93.3 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

"Average gas prices saw a slight boost over the last week as the rising price of crude oil continues to push prices up. While the rise was fairly tame, some states still saw slight declines. Gasoline demand, aside from motorists filling up ahead of the weekend winter storm, has been lackluster. The real pain at the pump will start in about 4-6 weeks," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

De Haan stated, "Oil prices continue to edge higher as oil production remains a concern due to unrest in Libya and Kazakhstan, however, some improvement in the latter situation could lead to oil prices being more subdued."

De Haan added, "In addition, unrest in Kazakhstan, the 18th largest oil producer, is likely leading to impacts on oil production, while continued unrest in Libya also worries markets and overpowers the seasonal drop in gasoline demand. Without improvement or stability in oil producing countries, we're likely to continue to see upward pressure on oil prices."

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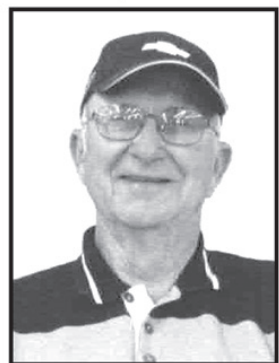
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Resolution #3 Resolve To Exalt God, And Humble Self

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

As January hits the mid point, I will conclude my series of preachy articles, sort of. But here is a summary of the direction of our spiritual journey. It begins with a choice. I can choose to or not to do anything. God has granted me this freedom. He hopes I will choose His path, but will not make me do it. If I do, then I must learn to wait patiently and with action in serving, knowing that in both I gain insight into the nature of God. I may or may not know the person seated at the table I am to serve, but if I believe it to be Je-

sus then I know I serve not in vain. Whether a homeless man or a governor, I serve the same. Yet to get a real grasp of waiting, I need to spend some time at the Master’s feet. Listening, meditating, and communing with God in His Word and in prayer. I learn to pray more powerfully when I better grasp God’s will and I grasp His will by seeing what He did in the stories of those recorded in the Bible, knowing He still is alive and active and desires that relationship with me. In this process I also become more aware of how His Spirit works

in my life as my life crosses paths with other believers and non-believers alike there is purpose in our life as we journey through it with others. Finally, I learn how best to exalt the King and humble myself. It is when I exalt myself and the King humbles me that I am reminded there is a God and I am not Him. Yet when my interest is for God to be glorified, in my actions, in my words and even thoughts, it is then that I am humbled in knowing He can use anybody. But as with each article this month the choice remains yours.

Blessings of the Body

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

It is a blessing to be a part of the Body of Christ, am I’m especially partial to FBC Friona! One of the biggest blessings of being a part of a local church is that when brothers and sisters in Christ gather they encourage one another. In Romans 1:11-12, Paul expresses his desire to visit the church in Rome by saying, “For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—that is, we may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith, both yours and mine.” In a world with so much discouragement, in a life filled with tri-

als and tribulations, we need encouragement from fellow believers to keep on walking in the Lord. The encouragement the church gives is something unlike anything else, because it is a spiritual, practical, uplifting, helpful, wise, Christ honoring, and unifying encouragement. People today need encouragement from one another, yet so much in our world pushes toward isolation, but isolation from other believers is a dangerous place to take yourself. When a believer becomes isolated from others their views can become jaded, their hurts cook into bit-

terness, your soul becomes calloused to the things of God, and they sin against Christ by not gathering together or loving one another as explicitly commanded in scripture. The solution to isolation is not to find the “perfect church”, but to get involved in a local, bible believing, Christ exalting church, and be a servant of God and others, and not simply a critical consumer. If it has been a long time since you’ve darkened the door of a local church, this Sunday is the best time to return to Church to worship the Lord and the be an encouragement to others.

False Teachers

By Teena Hughs

In today’s world, we need truth; we need God’s truth. So many people don’t have a clue about Jesus; they don’t know anything about God or Jesus or the Holy Spirit. We need people to teach the truth! In Community Bible Study today, we studied 2 Peter 2, where Peter talks about false teachers. Nothing probably irritates me more than when people try to make God’s Word fit what they think rather than fitting themselves to God’s Word. False teaching is so destructive to people and the direction God wants to lead their lives. It splits churches and denominations, because some people know false teaching while others are so taken in by the teacher and/or teaching that they won’t read their Bibles to seek the truth. Our lesson’s commentary had this to say: “One of the strongest appeals of heresy is that it almost always makes the gospel less demanding and more ‘reasonable’ than the strong call that Jesus gave. Heresy starts with prevailing currents of thought and behavior

and attempts to harmonize God with them. True doctrine always starts with God--what He has revealed about Himself through His Word--and then harmonizes all of life to who He is.” A false teacher is playing a dangerous game when he/she subtracts from or adds to God’s Word, for whatever reason. When a sin, for example homosexuality, becomes more and more acceptable in our culture and society, rather than calling it sin, like God does in His Word, false teachers try to harmonize God with homosexuality rather than harmonizing the issue of sin to God’s Word. To recognize false teaching, we have to know our Bible; we have to know how to use it. If we think a teaching is out of line with His Word, google it and see what Scriptures come up; then, read them and study them!!! If Scripture is quoted by someone, don’t just accept it as it is spoken, look it up to make sure it was used correctly. Scripture tells us that false teachers don’t bear fruit. It may look like he/she is, but eventually the truth comes out, and the

church or minister’s ministry dies. We probably all know churches that grew quickly and had numerous campuses; they were THE place to worship God. Then, you look up, and all the doors are closed. I can’t say that the doors closed because of false teachers, but I do think that if the Word of God, as it is written in the Bible, is being taught and lived, that church won’t die; in fact, I think it will grow, and continue to grow. Scripture also tells us that false teachers are greedy. If you are concerned about the behavior of a teacher, pray about it. Ask God to show you the truth about this person. Some people don’t believe we have false teachers today, but we do. Some people can’t recognize a false teacher because they don’t know God’s Word. I encourage you to read 2 Peter 2, because there is more to it than I have written here. Don’t be taken in, don’t be deceived, study and get to know your Bible so you can help others recognize a false teacher.

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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Dozens of school districts close due to COVID-19 outbreaks

Several dozen school districts across the state were forced to close last week due to the omicron variant of COVID-19 sending home students, staff and teachers. Most school districts planned to reopen on Tuesday following the MLK holiday.

“Every superintendent wants to be able to have kids in the classroom and teachers in the classroom ... but you get to a certain critical place where you don’t have enough staff available and you have to shut the campus down,” Kevin Brown, executive director of the Texas Association of School Administrators, said in a Texas Tribune report. “We want to keep kids safe, and you have to have a certain number of adults in the building.”

The Hutto school district, northeast of Austin, will remain closed at least through Wednesday with 200 staff members and 1,680 students reported absent, according to the Austin American-Statesman. In North Texas, more than three dozen school districts closed last week.

The number of new cases of COVID-19 cases in Texas during the past week reached a record high of 506,226, up 22% from the week before, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. The number of new deaths dropped slightly, with 623 reported statewide in the past week. Hospitalizations are on the uptick, with 12,071 lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations reported by the Texas Department of State Health Services. That is up 23% from the previous week.

Empty shelves result of worker shortage

It feels a bit like March 2020 when one goes to the grocery store lately. But this time, it’s not necessarily supply chain woes but a shortage of workers to restock, as the omicron variant of COVID-19 sweeps the state. The Dallas Morning News reported shoppers should expect the shortages to continue until the fourth wave of the virus subsides.

“Either other employees work overtime, or the shift goes empty,” said Gary Huddleston, grocery industry consultant to the Texas Retailers Association. That means groceries are stuck on trailers, in stockrooms or at distribution centers, he added.

One trend since the pandemic began is the marked increase in self-checkout aisles, which now account for nearly a third of all transactions, The Morning News reported.

Voting deadline for primary is approaching

Folks who want to vote in the March 1 Texas primary have to be registered to vote by Jan. 31. Texas Secretary of State John Scott encouraged all eligible Texans to register as they prepare to head to the polls for early voting next month.

“We want all eligible Texans to participate in all of this year’s upcoming elections, including the primary elections in which voters will choose the candidates to appear on the November 2022 general election ballot,” Scott said. “Don’t wait until the last minute — start the registration process today!”

Texans will pick nominees in the Republican and Democratic primaries for governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, land commissioner, agriculture commissioner, and all 38 members of the U.S. House who represent Texas.

Hottest December in Texas since Sul Ross was governor

Yup, it was hot last month as we hung Christmas lights and decorations.

Texas experienced the warmest December on record since 1889. Throughout the state, temperatures ranged 5 to 9 degrees above average.

“It’s like the entire state moved south for the winter,” said John Nielsen-Gammon, the state climatologist. “Amarillo got Dallas’s normal temperatures, Dallas got Corpus Christi’s normal temperatures, and Austin got Brownsville’s normal temperatures.

“Not only is it by far the warmest December since the beginning of comprehensive weather records, it will probably also turn out to be the warmest winter month, period,” said Nielsen-Gammon.

The hot weather increased drought conditions throughout the state. More than two-thirds of the state is experiencing drought conditions, with 10% in extreme drought.

“In much of West Texas, it hasn’t rained for over two months,” Nielsen-Gammon said. “The high temperatures increase the rate of evaporation, drying out everything and leading to increased wildfire risk.”

Wildlife vaccine airdrops to combat rabies

The state has resumed airdrops of oral rabies vaccines that have led to the elimination of the domestic dog-coyote and Texas fox rabies virus variants along the Texas border. DSHS began using aircraft on Jan. 12 to airdrop more than 1.17 million baits containing the rabies vaccine in 19 border counties. The project will last two weeks.

“The annual rabies vaccine/bait distribution along the border of Texas and

Mexico is critical for the protection of humans, pets and livestock in Texas,” said Dr. Susan Rollo, with DSHS. “The maintenance distribution levels help keep the U.S. free of the canine strain.”

The vaccine baits are small plastic pellets dipped in fish oil and coated with fishmeal crumbles that attract coyotes, gray foxes and other wild carnivores.

Rabies spreads through a bite of an in-

fecting animal. Skunks and bats are now the most common source of rabies in Texas.

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: gborder@texaspress.com.

Ag students compete in tech contest

Four Friena FFA students competed at the Western Equipment Tech Contest last week in Plainview. In the Elec-

trical Division, Elijah Robledo placed 5th, and Stef Ally placed 4th. In the Critical Thinking Division, Tim Ally placed

5th. Caden Bunker also competed but did not place. Congratulations to all and keep up the good work!



(l-r) Tim Ally, Elijah Robledo, Caden Bunker, and Stef Ally at the Western Equipment Tech Contest last week in Plainview.

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friena Star Archives



Friends and well-wishers that attended the AgTexas reception for Robert Jones were greeted by a gigantic Robert at the front door. The photo was part of an AgTexas billboard on Highway 60 and some friends surprised him with it. Robert has been promoted to Senior Vice-President of Credit at the Amarillo AgTexas office. Photo by Ron Carr. (Friena Star, Thursday, January 14, 2016)

Two is enough

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

On March 4, 1933, Franklin Delano Roosevelt was sworn into the presidency. Four years later, his inauguration date was shifted to January 20th because of a provision in the 20th “Lame Duck” Amendment that now applied to all future Chief Executives. It was politically advantageous to shrink the period of inactivity between the defeated candidate and his successor.



Roosevelt began each of his three successive terms on that date in 1937, 1941, and 1945. And, in a historically tumultuous twelve-year span, he toiled through the domestically debilitating Depression and a World War that sapped

almost every country.

Then, on April 12, 1945, FDR suddenly died—three months into his fourth term—just before a U.S.-led coalition vanquished the Nazis, and President Truman dropped two bombs on Japan that ended the War.

In 1947, Congress voted to endorse the 22nd Amendment, which

curtailed presidential service to two, four-year terms.

For more information, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends Franklin Delano Roosevelt by Alan Brinkley.

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

Filing Deadline for hospital district board is February 18th

Parmer County Hospital District has announced that the deadline to file for a place on the ballot for the May 1, 2022 election is Friday, February 18, 2022 at 5:00

p.m. Applications may be filed in person beginning January 19, 2022 between the hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Applications may also be emailed

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St. Ann’s Annual German Sausage Dinner

St. Ann’s Catholic Church of Bovina is having their annual German Sausage Dinner on Sunday, January 30, 2022 from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. (Texas time) at the St. Ann’s Parish Hall on 3rd Street in Bovina, Texas.

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Obituaries



Donald Ray Busby

Graveside services for Donald Ray Busby will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, January 21, 2022 at Friona Cemetery with the Pastor Jim Allan, pastor of New Creation Fellowship Church of Denton, Texas, officiating. Interment will follow. Services are being directed by Parkside Funeral Directors.

On Thursday, January 13, 2022, Donald Ray Busby of Flower Mound, TX went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He was born in Friona, TX to Pat Boyd Busby and Ruth Odell Busby on June 22, 1943, and graduated from Friona High School having participated in band, football, track, baseball, Thespians and FFA. He attended North Texas State University and was drafted into the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War.

Donald Ray (Don) was born into a family of musicians and was himself a gifted musician, playing



several different instruments, his favorite being guitar. He formed a local rock and roll band in high school, which won several awards in the area. He played and sang professionally for a number of years. He was an insurance agent for Farmers Insurance in Lubbock, TX and became a District Manager for Farmers in Lewisville, TX in 1983. He later became a Certified Estate Planner and Certified Financial Planner, which he enjoyed tremendously and continued until his death.

He surrendered his life to the Lord Jesus when he was 41 and became an avid student of the Word of God. He loved teaching the Bible and

became an ordained minister with The Fellowship Network, taking the pastorate of Dallas Bethel Temple Church in Duncanville, TX in 2010, which he continued until the church was closed in 2021 due to the pandemic.

Don was a happy soul and loved people. He loved to make people laugh. In his younger years he was an enthusiastic deer, pheasant and quail hunter. He enjoyed fishing and golfing, and using his Traeger smoker.

Don was predeceased by his wife, Neoma Ruth McGarry Busby, on October 13, 2009, and was later married to Janet Marie Smith on September 8, 2012, who survives him. He had no children and is survived by two nephews, Jay Huneycutt of Houston, TX and James Don Huneycutt of Amarillo, TX. He is predeceased by his sister, Ima Jewell Huneycutt, and brother-in-law, Jim Huneycutt.

Donald Ray (Don) will be sorely missed by many loving friends and family.

Jackie Lee Hight



Jackie Lee Hight was born in Aspermont, Texas on February 1, 1942 to Dee and Merle Hight. Jackie and his family came to Friona when Jackie was a sophomore in high school. He quickly became a favorite among his classmates, especially Jacquelyn Magness whom he later married. They were blessed with four precious children; Joel Llyn, Jyl Angelea, Jay Magness, and Jynger Michiele. Yes, they were called the J's.

Jackie attended Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell, Oklahoma. He returned to Friona to farm. Jackie farmed in Friona/Farwell for 16 years and then the family moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico where Jackie became owner/distributor of Mother's Cookies. Divorce separated the family and Jackie moved back to the Clovis area. He met and married Carol Ann Hahn and became a Radiographer at Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis New Mexico. He and Carol and some of her children enjoyed living in Clovis for several years and then both retired to travel. In later years they spent most

of their time in Arkadelphia, Arkansas and Rockport, Texas.

Jackie loved fishing. They managed to be close to lakes so he could fish often. They loved their church friends and spent many nights playing dominoes and cards.

After Carol's death, Jackie moved to Tulsa to be close to his children. He lived in his RV next to daughter Jyl and her husband for 4½ years. Jackie came to Friona for the school/class reunion this past September. Jackie loved his class of 1960 and looked forward to every birthday bash celebrated every 5 years.

Jackie and Jacquelyn remained good friends and she and the four children plus spouses Norma and Todd were with him as he moved on to Heaven on Janu-

ary 15th, just short of his 80th birthday on February 1st.

Jackie leaves a large legacy: son Joel (Norma), their daughters Britny Boyd (Roger), Joy Hight (Sean), daughter Jyl Bowen (Todd) and son Seth (Brittney), son Jay Hight (Michelle), their daughters Charli and Landri, son Casson, and Jay's daughters, Natasha and Tierra Guynes (Josh), and daughter Jynger Pleasant (Dwight) and her children, Cole, Caleb (Madison), and Kylea and Dwight's daughters, Danielle and Brianna, and Carol's four children and grandchildren.

Great Grandchildren: Cheyenne and Colton Boyd, Gavyn Coleman, Jayden and Dayton Dobbs, Kinsey and Westyn Thomas, Tyler McBee, and Jordan Pleasant.

Jackie is also survived by brother Gene and sister Martha Sales and some nephews and nieces.

Those preceding him in death are his parents, brother Bill and sister Barbara.

Arrangements are being handled by Dillon Funeral Home of Sand Springs, Oklahoma.

Rayford Wilkerson

Rayford Wilkerson 76 of Friona passed away January 14, 2022 in Friona. Viewing was held from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM Tuesday, January 18, 2022 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY with Celebration of Life Services in the chapel 2:00 PM Wednesday with Jeff Procter, officiating. Burial will follow in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Rayford was born July 28, 1945 in Pampa, Texas. He later married Carole Ann Lubanski February 19, 1999.

Rayford loved to farm



and was very good at anything related to farming and agriculture. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, riding motorcycles, and his dog Curly.

Preceding Rayford in death are his parents, wife Carole, 2 sons, Johnny and Terry Wilk-

erson, 1 brother-David, 2 sisters-Dorothy Jean Benson and Dora Geneva Bentley.

Those to mourn his passing include his sons Ricky, Freddy, Bobby, Rayford Eugene and Heath Alvin Wilkerson, all of Arkansas, 1 brother-Kenneth Wilkerson, of Friona and 1 sister-Aileen Gamble of Friona.

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

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Joe Lewis Lumbraera

Joe Lewis Lumbraera, 58 of Bovina passed away January 13, 2022 in Lubbock. Family directed Celebration of Life Services will be held 2:00 PM Saturday January 22, 2022 at the Bovina United Methodist Church in Bovina with Rev. Larry Mitchell, officiating. Cremation arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Joe was born on May 10, 1963 in Muleshoe to Albino and Juanita Lumbraera. Joe was a hard working man and was employed by Lee Luis Construction Co. for about 21 years.

When Joe wasn't working, he spent time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He also enjoyed cooking out, drinking beer and



watching the Dallas Cowboys. Joe was known in his community as an honest, loving, and caring man.

Preceding him in death is his parents -Albino and Juanita Lumbraera, his wife Barbara Lumbraera

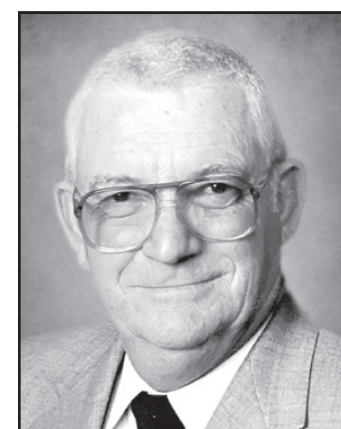
Those to carry on his legacy include his daughter Jennifer Snodgrass and husband Ryan of Shawnee, OK., 1 step-daughter- Andrea Sabala and husband Augie, 2 step-sons- Eric and Zack

Garza, 3 brothers-and 3 sisters- Diane Lumbraera of Gatesville, Adam Lumbraera of San Angelo, Roy and JoAnn Lumbraera from Ruidoso N.M., Virginia and Ernest Bribiesca of Garden City, Kansas, Jesus and Sinfer Lumbraera and Stella and Wallie Rodriguez, all of Clovis, 12 grandchildren- Jarid, Jacob, and Jayden Armstrong, K-Lynne. Delilah, Audrina Sabala, Jayley, Raelay, Kymberli Bryant, L-Nayra Gaines, Aleeah and Alizae Garza, numerous nieces and nephews.

You may send condolences to the family and sign the online guest-book at: hansardfamily.com

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Rex Earl Blackburn



Rex Earl Blackburn, 87 of Friona passed away January 16, 2022 in Friona. Viewing will be held from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Friday, January 21, 2022 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY with Celebration of Life Services scheduled for 2:00 PM Saturday, January 22, 2022 at the Sixth Street Church of Christ in Friona with Jeff Procter, officiating. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Rex was born April 15, 1934 in a farmhouse near Parmerton Hill to Claude Thomas and Josephine Davis Blackburn. He was the oldest of 4 siblings; Carol Beth, Donna Joyce, and Keith Lynn.

Rex married Marilyn Gail Fairchild on Sept 8, 1956, in Friona at the Friona United Methodist Church. Soon thereafter he was drafted into the Armed Services where he attended Boot Camp at Killeen and then served in Germany. He served 2 years.

Rex farmed his whole life starting with working for his dad on the farm southeast of town

at "Blackburn Corner".

He then started farming for his father-in-law E.L. Fairchild renting a half section of land from him. He built his house on that farm where all the kids were born and raised. He also partnered on land in Adrian, Tx with his brother-in-law Larry Fairchild. They farmed that land until around 1980 where he sold his part back to Larry. He instilled a strong work ethic in his kids by keeping us on tractors and irrigating the farms.

He was one of the best mechanics! He could fix anything from the smallest item to overhauling irrigation engines, tractors, and combines.

Rex loved to go camping and fishing. He enjoyed taking the family on vacations to Lake City Colorado to camp, fish, and take jeep rides over Engineer Pass. He was known to take his bath in the stream behind the camp! He made us kids do the same. It was so cold it made us all shrivel up!

He loved his Lord and

was a member at the Sixth Street Church of Christ his entire adult life. He instilled that love of the Lord to all his children. We are forever grateful for that!

He was preceded in death by his parents, Claude and Josephine, a sister Carol Beth Pounds, and a grandson Brian Hank Blackburn.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years Marilyn Blackburn. One sister Donna Smith of Canyon, Texas and one brother Keith Lynn Blackburn of Friona, Texas. Four children David Blackburn and wife Laura of Amarillo, Texas, Mike Blackburn and wife Johnna of Friona, Texas, Lynn Hutson and husband Mike of Bushland Texas. Brian Blackburn and wife Kerry of Oklahoma City. Nine grandkids and twelve great grandkids.

The family request memorials to be sent to Prairie Acres or High Plains Children's Home.

The family would also like to express our deepest appreciation to all the caregivers at Prairie Acres Nursing Home and Bluebonnet Home Health and Hospice

You may send condolences to the family and sign the online guest-book at: hansardfamily.com

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Obituaries



Vanessa Villarreal

Vanessa Villarreal 19, of Bovina passed away on January 16, 2022. Viewing will be held from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM Sunday January 23, 2022 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY with Celebration of Life Services set for 11:00 AM Monday, January 24, 2022 at the First Baptist Church in Bovina with Rev. Mickey Mounce and Jarhead Majhor, officiating. Burial following in the Bovina Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



Vanessa was born March 15, 2002 in Amarillo to Joe Villarreal and Lisa Serna. She was a 2020 graduate of Bovina High School. She was known to

family and friends as a fun, free spirit and a big Sour Patch Kid. She loved her family, especially her nieces and nephews.

Vanessa would encourage us all to randomly help and care for others, and above all, always try to do better.

Those that mourn her passing include her father- Joe Villarreal of Amarillo, mother-

Lisa Serna of Bovina, grandparents-Andres and Maria Serna of Bovina, Mary Villarreal of Amarillo, and Zeferino Villarreal of Clovis, 4 sisters-Samantha Vela and husband Gael, Andrea Villarreal and Luis Tafoya, Gabriella Hernandez and husband Danny, and Mireya Villarreal, all of Amarillo, and much-loved nieces and nephews-Amari Tafoya, Danny Hernandez II, Khloe Hernandez and Audrina Vela.

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Billy Joe Black Sr.

Billy Joe Black Sr., 84 of Bovina Texas passed away January 18, 2022 in Friona Texas. He was born January 4, 1938 in Caney, Kansas. Viewing will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday, January 24, 2022 in Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona. Graveside Services scheduled for 2:00 p.m. MT, 3:00 p.m. CT Tuesday, January 25, 2022 Kenton Cemetery Kenton, Oklahoma. Arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



He proudly served in the National Guard and United States Army from 1956 through 1963. After his service to our Coun-

try, he became a longtime Cowboy/Rancher and Branding Inspector in New Mexico. Joe then relocated to Bovina Texas in 1975 to pursue other opportunities.

August 19, 1989, Joe married Leverne Purcell. He became an active member of the Bovina Church of Christ and was dedicated and loyal to his faith. He loved his Bible, playing Dominoes and Skip-Bo. His hobbies were gardening, reading and watching westerns, and don't forget his game shows. He was preceded in death

by his loving wife Leverne, his beloved father Jim (Jesse James) and mother Mary Emilia.

He is survived by his children Billy Joe Jr and Carmen of Portales NM, Bertie and Mike Mirhashemi of San Antonio TX, Tommy and Annabelle of Portales NM. Grandchildren Trent, Brandon, Hunter, Amanda, Amy, Kacey and Misty. Several Great Grandchildren. Two brothers and one sister, Tom and Billie of Dalhart TX, Jim of Booker TX, and Peggy Jean Hiller of Broomfield CO, plus many loving cousins, nieces and nephews. You may send condolences to the family and sign the online guestbook at: hansardfamily.com



Primary School Book Fair is next week

The annual Book Fair at the Friona Primary School Library will be held January 24th-28th from 7:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. It will also be open on Thursday, January 27th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be a wide variety of books for all age groups.

Bring the entire family, grandparents, and

friends on Thursday for Family Night. The proceeds from the book fair in the past have benefited the students and the campus. Some of the items purchased with the proceeds include books for students, playground equipment, benches in the hallway, lending library, and shade trees.

All major credit cards,

cash, and personal checks accepted. You can also order online at www.scholastic.com/fair.

Primary Principal, Deirdre Osborn said, "This is a major literacy event/fundraiser, so please come out and support our school as well as children's literacy. Come by and see us!"

Powerlifting Results

2nd Annual Cub Classic - Brownfield, Tx - 1/15/2022 - THSWPA Girls

Team Results: 1. Seagraves, 34 points, 2. Friona, 27 points, 3. Brownfield, 20 points, 4. Slaton, 17 points, 5. Bovina, 15 points, 6. Lubbock Roosevelt, 14 points, 7. Sundown, 13 points, 8. Levelland, 9 points, 9. Whiteface, 7 points, 10. Wolfforth Frenship, 10 points, 11. Tahoka, 4 points, 12. Wellman-Union, 0 points, 12. Abernathy, 0 points, 12. Meadow, 0 points

Wt.	Place	Athlete	BWT	Squat	Bench	Dead	Total
105	2	Ramos, Trinity	101.4	180	95	215	490
114	7	Saucedo, Naara	108	150	85	190	425
114	8	Galaviz, Ellie	108	165	65	150	380
123	7	Garcia, Janessa	118	145	100	185	430
132	1	Licerio, Magdalena	129.6	225	140	250	615
148	2	Arias, Reyna	143.8	260	135	265	660
148	7	Mendez, Aylin	134	165	65	185	415
165	10	Abarca, Lily	163	175	85	175	435
198	3	Godinez, Breanna	194.6	260	120	270	650
220	1	Soltero, Ahtziri	210	320	120	240	680

2022 Panhandle Invitational - Panhandle High School - 1/8/2022 - THSWPA Girls

Team Results: 1. Perryton, 62 points, 2. Dumas, 55 points, 3. Tulia, 20 points, 4. Friona, 20 points, 5. Bushland, 10 points, 6. Borger, 10 points, 7. Bovina, 7 points, 8. Vega, 4 points, 9. Panhandle, 3 points

Wt.	Place	Athlete	BWT	Squat	Bench	Dead	Total
105	4	Ramos, Trinity	101.6	155	100	205	460
114	3	Saucedo, Naara	108.6	165	75	155	395
114	4	Galaviz, Ellie	107.6	130	60	130	320
123	4	Ortiz, Duvy	120	150	80	190	420
123	5	Garcia, Janessa	119	130	85	180	395
132	4	Licerio, Magdalena	129.2	210	120	225	555
148	3	Arias, Reyna	144.4	240	125	245	610
198	4	Godinez, Breanna	193.4	235	125	260	620
220	3	Soltero, Ahtziri	210	315	110	250	675

2nd Annual Cub Classic - Brownfield, Tx - 1/15/2022 - THSPA Boys

Team Results: 1. Sundown, 52 points, 2. Lubbock Roosevelt, 28 points, 3. Slaton, 23 points, 4. Wolfforth Frenship, 19 points, 5. Levelland, 15 points, 6. Meadow, 12 points, 7. Bovina, 11 points, 8. Brownfield, 10 points, 9. Abernathy, 9 points, 10. Seagraves, 8 points, 11. Wellman-Union, 8 points, 12. Friona, 3 points, 13. Whiteface, 2 points, 14. Lubbock All Saints School, 0 points, 14. Tahoka, 0 points

Wt.	Place	Athlete	BWT	Squat	Bench	Dead	Total
132	7	Garcia, Jorge	129	265	160	265	690
132	10	Ramos, Gabriel	124	190	130	205	525
132	11	Estrada, Eric	129	190	115	220	525
165	9	Garcia, Xuan	154	300	205	350	855
181	8	Rodriguez, Tony	168.8	350	210	360	920
181	10	White, Jarrett	165.4	295	190	320	805
198	9	Saucedo, Angel	186	270	150	225	645
220	12	Abarca, Gabe	200.2	300	195	295	790
242	3	Flores, Ishmael	227	405	200	405	1010
308	7	Jaramillo, Eric	277	325	270	365	960

College News



Fall 2021 Dean's List

Malachi Torres, of Friona, was named to the Eastern New Mexico University's dean's list for the Fall 2021 semester. To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must complete a minimum of 15 credit hours with a GPA of 3.25 or greater.

Fall 2021 Graduation

Tonia Abarca, of Friona, graduated from Eastern New Mexico University in Fall 2021. An in-person commencement ceremony was held at Greyhound Arena on Saturday, December 11th. Tonia majored in University Studies.

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Friona Squaws vs Dimmitt Bobbies

Scoreboard

Friona Chieftains

Littlefield 70, Friona 38
 Kaden Jeter 13 points,
 Jared Rejino 12 points
Brownfield 77, Friona 41
 Kaden Jeter and Jose Luis Saucedo
 10 points each
Dimmitt 57, Friona 20
 Record: Overall 11-12, District 0-6

Friona Squaws

Brownfield 98, Friona 30
Dimmitt 42, Friona 26
 Record: Overall 4-15, District 0-7



Friona Chiefs vs Dimmitt Bobcats

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Tex Mex Friona volleyball team begins second year

By Casey Sharrock

The Tex Mex Friona Southwest Volleyball Team started off their second year in the SW Knock the Dust Off Tournament in Lubbock on 12/5/21. Their goal for this first tournament was to make the gold bracket. They met this goal by going undefeated and taking first place in pool play. However, they played two tough teams in the gold bracket and lost both matches.

On 1/15/22, the Tex Mex Friona Southwest Volleyball Team played in the Next Level Classic Tournament. The goal again was to make the gold

bracket. They took first place in pool play with 5 wins and 1 loss to advance to the gold bracket. Next, they played a total of 3 matches in the gold bracket with the final match being for the championship. The team ended up losing that match to take 2nd place in the gold bracket. These girls fought all day long playing a total of 6 matches. They left everything on the court and then some. These ladies improve each practice and tournament they play in. The next goal is to take 1st in the gold bracket!!!

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Tex Mex Friona Southwest Volleyball Team — Front Row (l-r): Ivory Shelby, Arela Sacerio, and Jacee Burney. Back Row (l-r): Kitzy Welch, Kinzee Crow, Reyna Arias, Erin Creasy, and Reese Stowers.

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