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Friona receives grant for cardboard recycling

On January 19, 2022, a meeting of the Panhandle Regional Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee was held to determine how to spend the \$113,753 that was available to Panhandle cities for solid waste management programs. The City of Friona was awarded \$30,000 for the purchase of a baler and forklift to begin work on a cardboard recycling program.

"A cardboard recycling program is the City's first step in our approach to a full service recycling center which would include plastic, paper, and glass recycling in the future," stated City Manager Lee Davila.

The City of Friona will be working with Keep

Texas Recycling (KTR), a program of Keep Texas Beautiful, specializing in building cooperative opportunities for recycling in rural and underserved communities. KTR is very active in the Panhandle, working with the majority of recycling programs in the region.

Rachel Hering, director of KTR, added "Keep Texas Recycling is proud to work with the City of Friona to develop their recycling program. Recycling helps the environment, has economic benefits and is a proactive choice to improve the quality of life and services within a community."

The program should be implemented in the next 3-6 months.

Burn ban extended for 90 days

Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday January 24, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom of the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, Texas. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Texas Flag.

Retired Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geries spoke during the Open Forum portion of the meeting. Minutes from the January 10th meeting were read and approved. Commissioners approved the payment of the accounts payables as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May. The Treasurer's Payroll Report and Quarterly Report (4th Quarter) were also approved.

See report on page 8.

Approval was given to extend the current Burn Ban another 90 days. The ban will now be in effect until Monday, April 25, 2022.

Commissioners discussed possible uses of ARPA (Covid) funds. The county has received \$900,000 and will receive another \$900,000 in May. The funds must be budgeted by December 2024 and spent by December 2026. As of now, regulations require that the money spent but be related to Covid, first responders, or tourism. Commissioners have been informed that new "more relaxed" guidelines could be issued in the near future.

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Let It Snow

On Wednesday morning, Friona received its first significant snowfall of the season and the first "real" moisture since the .25" recorded last October 11th. John Gurley reported that the official snowfall was 1.5" with .13" being the related precipitation total. It was a "slightly wet" snow. Friona received .03" of rain on January 2nd as well as a "dusting" of snow a couple of weeks ago.

Celebrating the 183rd Anniversary of the Texas flag

Texas, Our Texas (Flag)

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas

"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."

Children across our state recite this pledge at the start of every school day. Placing their right hands over their hearts, they take a moment to pause and appreciate the independent spirit of our beloved Lone Star State.

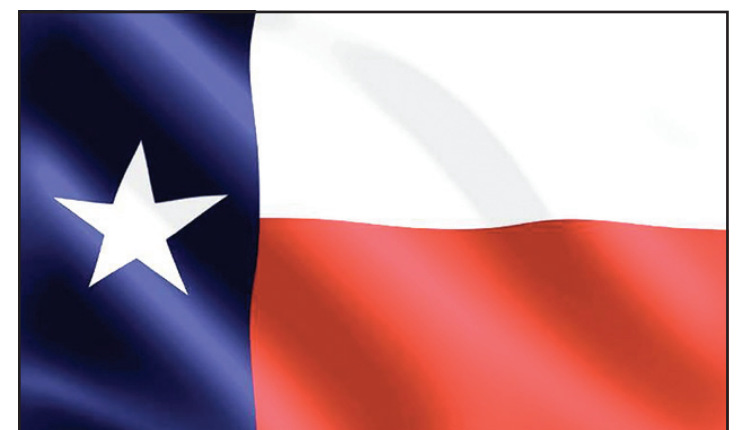
Many identify this famous moniker with the Texas flag, which proudly bears a single white star. But the story of our flag's design and unusual history deserves to be shared, especially as we celebrate its 183rd anniversary on January 25th.

In 1839, the Republic of Texas adopted the bold flag as a symbol of our fierce independence. Each color represents a staple characteristic of our state: red for bravery, white for purity, and blue for loyalty. The red and white stripe resemble the

flag of the Republic of Fredonia, a short-lived Republic near modern-day Nacogdoches that seceded from Mexico in the 1820s. The famous single star represents all Texans standing together for God, state, and country.

Before our current flag cemented its place in history, two others shared some time in the spotlight, though both were eventually removed. Stephen F. Austin and Lorenzo de Zavala created their own ideas for the Texas flag, but neither of these ideas was formally adopted. In 1839, the national flag was approved, marking the official beginning of our state's present-day flag.

While the original mastermind of our beloved flag is still unknown, some speculate the creator of the Lone Star flag may have been Montgomery County resident and former representative in the Texas Congress, Charles



B. Stewart. It is said his sketches looked suspiciously similar to those of Peter Krag's design, which would ultimately become the flag we know and love today. Stewart's drawings even included an interesting detail from some of Krag's previous artwork - an upside-down copy of Republic of Texas President Mirabeau Lamar's signature.

After the legislation to make the flag the official symbol of the Republic of Texas introduced in 1838, it wasn't long before Texas joined the Union in 1845 and brought our beloved flag with us. From 1879 to 1933, Texas was tech-

nically "flagless" due to a state civil statutes revision which did not renew the flag code but in 1933 the Texas Flag Code was enacted, finally codifying our state flag.








Today, the Texas flag serves as one of only two state flags that have doubled as a national flag - the other being Hawaii. While six flags have flown over Texas, the one we know and love today has withstood the test of time. Whenever we catch a glimpse of the Lone Star flag billowing in the wind, let's take a moment to thank our lucky stars for that unwavering symbol of freedom.



Despite the cold weather, there was a huge turnout at the 4-Way Pump auction last Wednesday. Vaqueros Smokehouse of Friona catered the meal for the event which marked the unofficial end of 4-Way Pump. Brothers Jim & John Taylor, owners of the business, announced their retirement last December after 42 years in business. The City of Friona is in the process of purchasing the property for future redevelopment.

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Friona Weather Jan-Feb 27-2	T  44 17 N 15-25	F  52 23 WNW 10-20	S  60 22 WSW 10-20	S  58 25 SSE 10-15	M  63 27 W 10-20	T  57 21 NW 10-20	W  40 16 N 10-20	Precipitation January 0.00 Year 0.00	Burn Ban Yes
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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Community Calendar

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

- 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
- February 7**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center
- February 10**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center
- February 14**
• Valentine's Day
- February 15**
• Snack Pak packing at 3 p.m. at Friona United Methodist Church (north entrance on 9th street)

Registration form shortage as deadline nears

Less than a week remains before the Jan. 31 deadline to register to vote in the March 1 primary. While Secretary of State John Scott publicly assured Texas voters that "every single eligible Texas voter will be able to register to vote if they have not done so already," the League of Women Voters on Friday threatened to sue his office if the non-partisan group isn't provided with additional voter registration forms.

The Austin American-Statesman reported the league contends the state has decided to "sharply limit" the number of voter registration forms distributed to the league and other groups, claiming that is a violation of the National Voter Registration Act.

"It is crucial that the Secretary of State's office act swiftly to provide the necessary voter registration forms for the people of Texas. The deadline to register to vote for the upcoming primary election is quickly approaching, and Texas is one of 11 states without online voter registration," said Grace Chimene, president of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

Sam Taylor, assistant secretary of state for communications, told KUT.org that supply chain issues have made it harder and more expensive to get paper, which means the Secretary of State's office will be giving out fewer voter registration forms to groups ahead of elections this year.

"We are limited in what we can supply this year because of the paper shortage and the cost constraints due to the price of paper and the supply of paper," he said.

Texas is one of the few states that does not have online voter registration.

Leander man charged for threatening election officials

A Leander man is the first person to be charged by federal officials in a case brought by a task force formed to combat threats against election officials. Numerous media outlets reported

that Chad Christopher Stark posted a message last January on Craigslist, saying it was time to kill a Georgia elections official.

"Georgia Patriots it's time for us to take back our state from these Lawless treasonous traitors. It's time to invoke our Second Amendment right it's time to put a bullet in the treasonous Chinese [Official A]. Then we work our way down to [Official B] the local and federal corrupt judges," Stark wrote, according to the indictment.

The three officials allegedly threatened were not named.

The Texas Tribune reported Georgia officials were especially targeted by a flood of hostile messages after they refused to back then-President Donald Trump's claims of election fraud. Election officials across the country have faced criticism and personal attacks by Trump supporters claiming the election was stolen. No widespread instances of election fraud have come to light despite dozens of investigations.

State again reaches record job level

The Texas Workforce Commission reported last week that the seasonally adjusted state unemployment rate dropped to 5.0% in December, down 0.2 percentage points from the previous month. The state added 50,000 nonagricultural jobs last month — marking job gains in 19 of the last 20 months. The state set another record level of employment with more than 13 million jobs.

"Seeing a second consecutive month of record-setting employment, with more than 13 million jobs, highlights the underlying strength of the Texas economy," said TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel. "This economic strength creates an environment for Texas employers to continue to create jobs and provide opportunities for the workforce in the Lone Star State."

The state has added 694,000 jobs since December 2020.

COVID-19 cases set record high

Spurred by the omicron vari-

ant, the number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas in the past week climbed to a record 433,584, with 971 new deaths reported as well by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. Since the pandemic began in March 2020, the state has recorded 5.9 million cases and 78,055 deaths — equivalent to the entire population of Cedar Park.

Hospitalizations in Texas of lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients also continued to rise, up 36% from the previous week at 13,324, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. That figure is approaching the record high of 14,106 set in January 2021.

Paxton denies open records law violation

Attorney General Ken Paxton denied that he violated the state's open records law, rejecting an allegation by the Travis County district attorney that his office should release communications from the week of the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol attack, The Dallas Morning News reported.

Five of the state's largest newspapers filed a joint complaint after Paxton denied their open records requests. The district attorney's office warned it would file suit if Paxton did not release the information. In a letter to the Travis County district attorney's public integrity unit, Paxton's office called the claims "meritless" and said there was "no violation to cure."

Editors for the newspapers released a joint statement saying: "We believe these records are public and should be released. We hope the Travis County district attorney continues to hold the attorney general accountable for following our state's open records laws and continues to advocate for the public's right to know in this case."

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.

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ACROSS

- TX Al Dexter hit: "Pistol Packin' _____"
- TXism: "tough _____ old boot"
- a Texan in New York City?
- TXism: "run _____ a lawyer" (finalize)
- a Texas lying competition? "tall _____"
- Texas-made Blue Bell _____ cream
- in Corpus Christi: Del _____
- this Keaton starred in "The Paper" with TX Randy Quaid (init.)
- he hasn't spent any time in the TX sun
- "sticks and _____ can break my bones"
- TXism: "jump bail"
- TXism: "the ole _____ and chain" (spouse)
- shirt stain
- Dallas Cowboys' 5th quarter (abbr.)
- TXism: "_____ water"
- what a doctor calls "discomfort"
- pie _____ mode
- in Amarillo: "_____ Fair & Rodeo"
- cowboy _____ buckle
- "got off _____-free"
- TXism: "brave _____ in a boomtown cafe"
- early TX transportation: _____ coach
- "papa," or "old man"
- anesthetic liquid
- how most Texans like their stew
- Yankees city (abbr.)
- TXism: "cute as a bug's _____"
- dresses for women at "Black Tie & Boots Ball"
- TX Barbara Mandrell sang "(If Loving You _____) I Don't Want . . ."
- more scarce
- TXism: "I'd have to prime my mouth _____" (thirsty)
- this John sang "Texan Love Song"
- "one-armed bandit" (_____ machine)
- _____ gallon hat
- oil finding science
- billionaire Texans
- leave a big 'un
- board of colors, not a sense of taste
- Esther of "Texas Carnival" (init.)
- TXism: "it ain't _____ in cement" (flexible)
- TX Buck Owens album: "I Don't _____"
- _____ land, TX
- TXism: "high as _____ back" (costly)
- bar income (2 wds.)
- another slang for Ford's "pony car"
- Madalyn Murray _____ (atheist who lived in Texas)
- stitched up
- a soccer player from Dallas, Drew immigrants from this country came to Texas in 1890
- TXism: "you can _____ it in ink" (sure)

DOWN

- focus of "Sea Aggies" at TAMUG? (2 wds.)
- TXism: "sharp _____"
- _____ Falls, TX
- TXism: "quick as you can bat _____"
- moon to Houston: ". . . one _____ step for [a] man . . ."
- TX Lee Ann Womack tune: "Last _____" (2008)
- _____ City, TX
- first lady of Texas (1963-69) (init.)
- _____ solution on page 3

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COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from January 13 2022 to January 20, 2022

(1/14/22) Estate of Hazel Burch — Kirby Burch, Deborah Magby, Deborah Magby — All of the Southeast Quarter of Section Thirteen, Kelly Subdivision in Parmer County, All of the West One Half of Section 6, Block "H" Thomas Kellys Subdivision, Parmer County Texas

(1/14/22) Estate of Hazel Burch, Kirby Burch, Deborah Magby — Kirby Burch — All of the East Half of Section 2, Doud & Keefer Subdivision of Parmer County Texas, All of the North One-Half of Section 12 Block "H" Kelly Subdivision of Parmer County Texas

(1/14/22) Jack B. Glover, Jan G. Glover — Rex Wells — Acreage tract 3 Containing .475 Acre and Acreage Tract 4, 5, and 6 Containing .811 Acre each as shown by Plat Said Acreage Tracts of Record in Vol. 75 Pg. 396-397 Deeds Records of Parmer County Texas

(1/18/22) McGivern Family Farms LLC — Scott Fangman — the Northeast One-Fourth of Section 2, Township 1 North, Range 4 East of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision of Parmer County Texas

(1/19/22) Alexis Cisneros — Larry Kelsays, Pacheco Verbinski Kelsay Fany 1 — All of Lots 27 & 28, Block 28, Original Townsite, City of Farwell Parmer County Texas

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(1/12/22) Dale Perez, 44, of Friona was arrested by the Farwell Police Department on a Motion to Revoke (MTR) - manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance in a drug free zone, pending District Court.

(1/13/22) Antonio Valle, 20, of Hereford was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a Motion to Revoke (MTR) - burglary of a habitation, pending District Court.

(1/14/22) Gabriel Galvan, 46, of Guymon, Oklahoma was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Possession of Marijuana < 2 oz. in a drug free zone, pending County Court.

(1/14/22) Brianda Andrade, 26, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on charges of Possession CS Pg1 > 1g < 4g, pending District Court and Possession of Marijuana < 2 oz., pending County Court.

(1/14/22) Keano Galvan, 18, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Possession of Marijuana < 2 oz. in a drug free zone, pending County Court.

(1/15/22) Gabriel Galvan Chavarria, 22, of Guymon, Oklahoma was arrested by the Friona Police Department on charges of Possession CS Pg2 < 1 g in drug free zone, pending District Court and Possession of Marijuana < 2 oz., pending County Court.

Burn ban extended for 90 days

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Parmer County Sheriff Eric Geske informed the Court that the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center was currently housing 25 inmates. Of these, 8 are paying customers from Deaf Smith County.

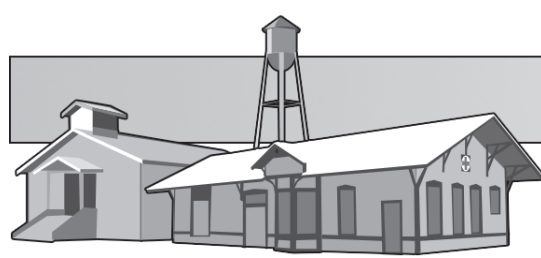
In other business, CE hours were approved for Tax Assessor/Collector Wynna Sanchez, the COVID-19 Administrative Leave Policy was adopted for another year, the contract with Uni-First was renewed, and

Bonds for Sheriff Eric Geske and Tax Assessor/Collector Deputy Mary Kelly were approved.

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

Puzzle Solution

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TOWN TALK

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Save The Date!!! — Basketball/Powerlifting Parent Night is Friday, February 4th. Senior players, managers, and cheerleaders will be recognized along with their parents. The Basketball King and Queen will also be announced. The event will take place at the end of the girl's game and before the boy's game starts. See you there!

GO! — Tickets are now available for the 66th Annual Chamber of Commerce & Ag Awards Ceremony. The event will take place on Tuesday, March 8th at the Friona Community Center. Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased at the chamber office at 621 Main. Gold sponsorships are available for \$600 and include a reserved table for eight guests. "Frionaopoly" is the theme this year.

Stock show results next week — Reviews have been filtering in and many think that the 85th Annual Parmer County Jr. Livestock Show was one of the best ever. The new heaters and kitchen were fan favorites. The Friona Star will have all the results in next week's edition.

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.

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.

Reminder — 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. Donations will be \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under six years of age. Take-out plates will be available at no additional charge.

National Freedom Day — always observed on February 1st, it celebrates freedom from slavery. It also recognizes that America is a symbol of liberty. The day honors the signing by Abraham Lincoln of a joint House and Senate resolution that later became the 13th

Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. President Lincoln signed the Amendment outlawing slavery on February 1, 1865. It was not ratified by the states, however, until later on December 18, 1865.

Backward Day — Leonardo da Vinci wrote backward. Not only did the artist and inventor write from right to left, but he also wrote his letters backward. Note: Did he paint backwards and how could you tell?

Valentine's Day — Start sending your photos in for our Annual Valentine's edition to be published on February 10th. Ad prices are \$10 for small (3x5), \$15 for medium (5x5), and \$20 for large (5x10). Email to frionastar@wtrt.net or text to 806-265-5200. Deadline is Tuesday, February 8th at 5:00 p.m.

- National Days**
- January 27: Chocolate Cake Day
 - January 28: Have Fun At Work Day
 - January 29: Puzzle Day
 - January 30: Croissant Day
 - January 31: yaD drawkcaB
 - February 1: Freedom Day
 - February 2: Groundhog Day

We always think about safety first... ...when we try exciting new things. Kids: color stuff in! **Newspaper Fun!** www.readingclubfun.com Annimills LLC © 2022 V4

Groundhog Adventures & Football

On February 2nd, all eyes will be on Punxsutawney Phil, the famous groundhog who predicts whether spring and warmer weather will come soon, or if winter and the cold weather will stay longer. How does he do this? Well, legend holds that when a groundhog pokes out of his hole, if the sun is shining, he will see his shadow, be frightened and dive back into his burrow to wait out six more weeks of winter. But, if he sees clouds when he comes out of his hole, he will not be afraid, will venture out—and we will know that spring is near!

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

- On February 2nd, Phil, the famous groundhog (and other groundhogs in other places) will be watched for his weather — a "prediction" about what kind of weather to expect
- the second month of the year
- a tunnel dug underground
- groundhogs can be found in the woods, fields and _____
- a groundhog usually lives to be 6 to 8 _____ old
- belief in magic, luck and chance
- the dark area formed when light is blocked
- a groundhog usually weighs about 12 _____
- the groundhog is the only animal with its own national _____
- another name for a groundhog is _____
- a groundhog can see very well, and has excellent _____
- number of weeks winter will continue if Phil is "frightened" by his shadow
- hot, cold, rain, wind, etc. What it looks and feels like outside!
- a groundhog is an herbivore, which means it only eats _____
- season of warmer weather following winter
- a groundhog is an excellent _____

Have super Super Bowl fun!

Adventures and Excitement!

Have you had any exciting adventures lately? Many people are adventurous. They like new and unusual experiences. A few people even like to do things that are very bold or full of risks. These people like danger and thrills. I love new adventures but I think that we should leave the dangerous, bold acts to the characters in movies and books! Did you know that some of the ideas for adventure stories are based on real people's lives?

The author, Daniel Defoe got the idea for his famous book, **Robinson Crusoe**, from the adventures of a real sailor. The sailor, named Alexander Selkirk, was marooned on an island in the Pacific Ocean in 1704 after an argument with his captain. He lived there alone for more than four years until he was rescued in 1709. The adventures of Robinson Crusoe are filled with sea voyages, storms, shipwrecks and pirates! One day, after being marooned on the island (with only a dog for a friend), Crusoe saw a large footprint in the sand. Later, he saw about 30 cannibals around a fire ready to kill two men. What do you think he did? Was he ever rescued? **You'll have to read the book to find out!**

Find and circle these words in the sand below!

rescue, sailor, shipwrecked, happening, footprint, sea, exciting, experiences, cannibals, marooned, island, Robinson Crusoe, raft, storm, tide, waves, captain, dog, new, friend, friend, Crusoe saw a large footprint in the sand. Later, he saw about 30 cannibals around a fire ready to kill two men. What do you think he did? Was he ever rescued? You'll have to read the book to find out!

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G S Q K W E X P E R I E N C E S V . . .

Super Bowl Excitement!

Read each statement about the Super Bowl championship football game. **Circle the letter "T" if you think it is true. If you think it is false, circle the letter "F."**

- The Super Bowl is the first football game played to kick off the football season. T F
- The host city for the Super Bowl is different each year. T F
- The Super Bowl game is always played on a Tuesday. T F
- People like to gather together with their families and friends to watch the game. T F
- Some favorite Super Bowl foods are buffalo chicken wings, chili, mini meatballs, pizza, brownies, chips and dips. T F
- During the halftime show famous people play instruments and sing. T F

Pop Quiz!

This year we're making chicken and cheese empanadas. We're also stocking up on fruit juices, veggie trays, chips and, of course, dips! What are your favorite snacks?

We're pumped for Super Bowl!

Home Team! Guest Team!

News: frionastar@wtrt.net

Gas prices up again

By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas have rose 7.8 cents in the last week, averaging \$2.99 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Prices in Texas are 15.9 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 89.5 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$2.59 while the most expensive was \$3.99 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 1.8 cents in the last week, averaging \$3.32 per gallon. The national average is up 3.3 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 92.0 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

"With oil prices remaining elevated,

average gas prices inched up in most states over the last week even as gasoline demand weakened, a testament to how concerned oil markets are with unrest in oil producing nations. With all eyes on the Russia/Ukraine situation, oil will likely remain north of \$80 per barrel, with additional volatility. Prices could rise even more significantly if there is any further deterioration in the situation," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

De Haan added, "For now, I don't expect any immediate fireworks at the pump, but the trend of rising gas prices will likely persist as worries continue to overpower weak global consumption."

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>.

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Jan. 29
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Andrew Chico
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Jan. 30
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Clay Hurst
Justin Hyde
Camryn Kube
Brittany Jones
Styler Haddock
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Brenner Barnett
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Amber (Widner) White

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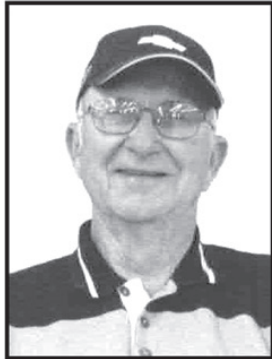
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6	7 -Student Holiday/Staff Development	8 -HS Basketball @ Dimmitt 5:00 -DLC meeting 4:00	9	10	11 -Early Release for Students/ Staff Planning -HS Boys Basketball vs. Brownfield 5:00	12
13 -JH Boys Basketball vs. Dimmitt 5:00	14	15	16 -Boys Golf @ Muleshoe	17 -Girls Golf @ Muleshoe	18 -Last Day to File for a Place on the General Election Ballot	19 -Powerlifting in Friona
20 -Girls Golf @ Tulia -FISD Board Meeting 7:00	21	22	23 -Boy Golf @ Tulia	24 -1 st Grade Valentine's Program 2:30/5:30 -JH Track @ Muleshoe -Tennis @ Littlefield	25 -Parent Teacher Conferences- PRI/EL Student Holiday JH/HS Regular Day -HS Track @ Muleshoe	26
27	28					

Panhandle Parables

“Passin’ Through”

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

“You new in town?”
 “Yep.”
 “Are ya stayin’ long?”
 “Nope, I’m just passin’ through.”
 This conversation is found in many old western movies. Like some, I enjoy a good western - One of the older ones with Roy Rogers, Clint Eastwood, Jimmy Stewart or, the greatest, John Wayne. It always seemed they were just passing through, not wanting to get involved when the trouble started. Before they knew it, they were right smack dab in the middle of the whole affair. Sometimes, they would come out on top and ride off into the sunset just as they said they were going to do. Other times, they got caught up in the whole thing and ended up dead.
 One could have the same conversation with a Christian and I hope the same statement would be said. “Nope, I’m just passin’ through.” Our lives here are short when compared to eternity. Not only short, but also full of things that can slow us up, bog us down, and even keep us from ever get-

ting to our destination. Some use this phrase as an excuse not to get involved with things in this life. Maybe a different perspective should be approached like: “I am only passing through, so make a difference. Have an impact!” Isn’t this the example given us by our Savior? He was “just passing through” going about his Father’s business. He had purpose, mission, focus, faith and compassion and He changed the world a touch at a time. What did Jesus leave us with by giving salvation to all that would receive it? He gave purpose, mission, focus, faith, and compassion. Can He still impact the world through us? “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen” (Ephesians 3:20-1 NIV). Saddle up, my friends for our mission is not to change the world, but to make sure everyone knows WHO did.

Book Blessings

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

“Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls be from a world of care, and bids me at my Father’s throne, make all my wants and wishes known! In seasons of distress and grief; My soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempter’s snare, by thy return, sweet hour of prayer,” so goes the first verse of the hymn by William Walford that speaks of a blessed hour of prayer. Although this hymn has been sung countless times, I wonder how many times you have enjoyed a “sweet hour of prayer”?
 “Lord, Teach us to Pray,” by Tom Harmon is an 88 book to help believers be encouraged, instructed and admonished to pray more consistently, faithfully, and fervently. This easy read is filled with scriptural instruction, practical tips, and personal testimonies that encourage believers to pray as the Lord would have us to pray. Busy believers often put prayer on the backburner, but Mark 1:35 says “And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he [Jesus] departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.” If Jesus set aside time to pray to his heavenly father during his earthly ministry, how much more important is it for us to be a people of prayer? Often times one’s lack of prayer leads to guilt, shame, or complacency, but Harmon’s book is an excellent biblical guide in learning how to pray as the scriptures command us to, as Jesus instructs us to, and to find that prayer truly is a sweet privilege.

Ask God for Wisdom

By Teena Hughs

A long time ago, I had a situation where I had to decide between two people to do something. I don’t even remember what it was that needed done, but both people were equally qualified, and I only needed one of them.
 I didn’t prefer one over the other, but this task was important enough that I wanted God to choose the person He wanted. I prayed about it several times, but I never got an answer. It was getting close to the time where I was going to have to choose someone, and I still wasn’t hearing from God. At noon one day, I was frustrated, and I told Feller I wish God would hurry up and tell me which person to choose. Feller said that maybe God wanted me to make the decision.
 That frustrated me even more, because I felt like I was doing what I had been taught to do. I was praying and asking God to help me, and I was waiting for Him to tell me who He wanted. I still remember that scenario over 22 years later, because I never could figure out why God wouldn’t tell me who to choose.
 All of this came back to me in my ladies Bible study today. We are doing an in-depth study of Proverbs, and this week’s lesson was on wisdom. *The Outline Bible Five Translation* says, “‘wisdom’ means seeing and knowing the truth... knowing what to do.” Eugene Peterson, in his *The Message Commentary* says that, “Wisdom is the art of living skillfully in whatever actual conditions we find ourselves...Wisdom has to do with becoming skillful in honoring our parents and raising our children, handling our money and conducting our sexual lives, going to work and exercising leadership, using words well and treating friends kindly, eating healthily, cultivat-

ing emotions within ourselves and attitudes toward others that make for peace. **Threaded through all these items is the insistence that the way we think of and respond to God is the most practical thing we do. In matters of everyday practicality, nothing, absolutely nothing, takes precedence over God.**” (my emphasis)
 James 1:5 tells us, “If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.”
 I wonder if God was wanting me to ask Him for wisdom, so that I could choose a person based on my knowledge of the two people and the wisdom He would impart to me.
 When we have talked about Solomon in other classes, I have asked God to make me wise like Solomon (except when it came to women), but I have to admit that I am not in the habit of asking God for wisdom when I am in a situation like the one I described. However, it is something I need to remember to do so that when I find myself in situations where I don’t know what to do, so I can figure out what I am supposed to do based on the wisdom God gives me. If God gives me the wisdom and knowledge I need, maybe He wants me to use what He has given me so I can make my own decisions, like choosing the right person on my own.
 I did finally make a choice, and while I can’t remember who I chose, I don’t remember anything going wrong with the person or situation, so I have to conclude that God did want me to make the choice. Ask God for help; ask Him for wisdom. He may answer you in a way you never expect, but He will answer you.

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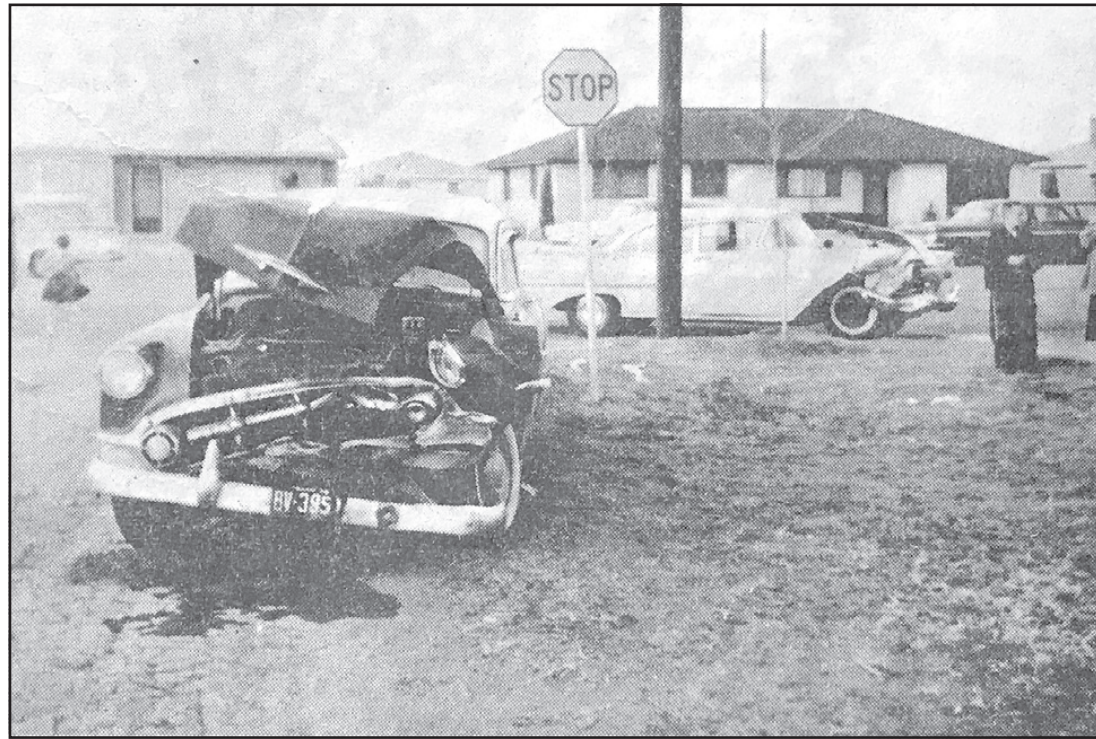


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FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



NEAR TRAGEDY...One man was hospitalized and one man escaped injury in this crash last Friday afternoon about 5:30 p.m. on West fifth Street and Avenue J in Friona. the Chevrolet, foreground, was driven by Willie Grayson and the Ford, background, was driven by Frank McCaughey, both of Friona. McCaughey was kept overnight in the Parmer County Community Hospital. (Friona Star, Thursday, January 29, 1959)

Texas Insurance Tips

Using a space heater? Remember these fire safety tips

A space heater can instantly warm a room.

"But be cautious," said Orlando Hernandez, the state fire marshal. "In the past few years, several fatal Texas fires were started by space heaters."

To avoid setting an accidental fire with a space heater, follow a few safety tips:

- Inspect the heater to make sure it has no loose wires or cracked or broken plugs. If so, replace the heater.
- Always plug your heater directly into a wall outlet. Avoid extension cords or power strips.



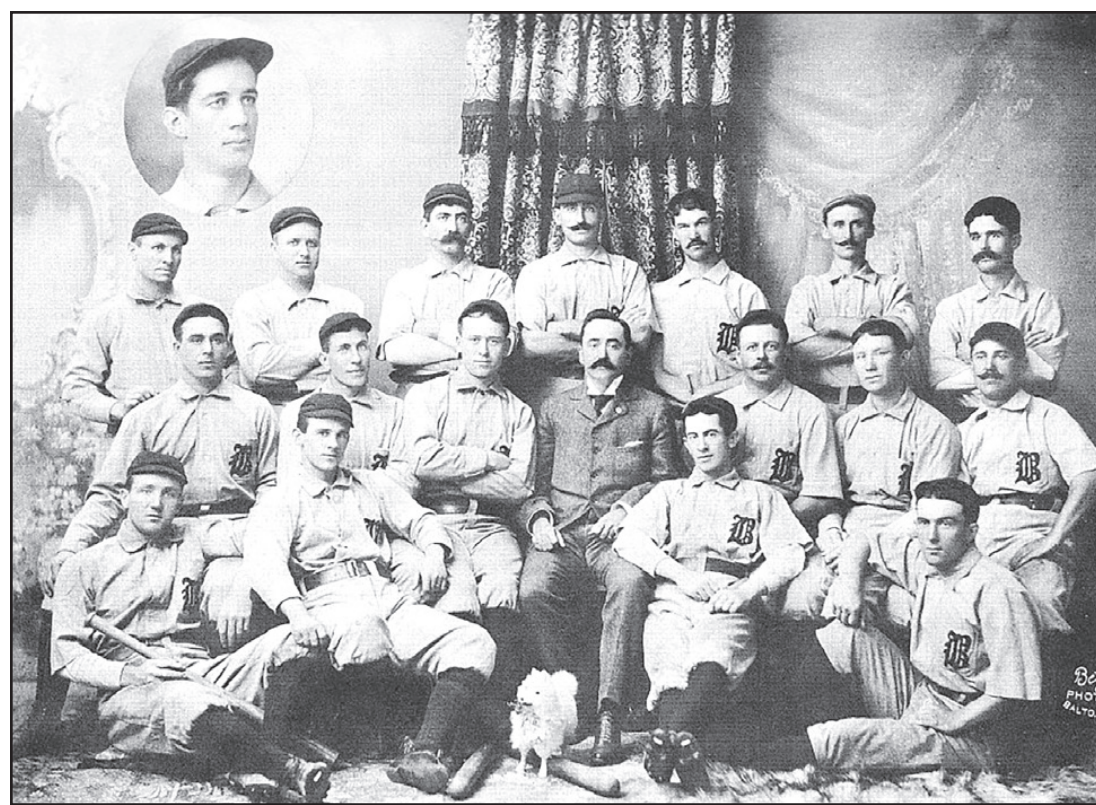
- Reduce risk by keeping your heater at least three feet from anything that can burn.
- Turn off your heater before you leave the room or go to bed. The best way to be sure: Unplug it.
- About 80% of home heating fire deaths in the U.S. involve space

heaters, according to the National Fire Protection Association. And nearly half of home heating fires are in January, February, and December.

Have a question about insurance? Call the Texas Department of Insurance at 800-252-3439 or visit www.tdi.texas.gov.

Two is enough

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith



Major League Baseball [MLB] is the oldest major professional sports league in the world; established in 1876, it was the domain of the National League (NL) for approximately three decades—until 1901—when the American League was founded—and-officially sanctioned.

According to History.com, "Other leagues, such as the American Association (enacted in 1881), the Union Association (1884) and the Players League (1890), struggled to compete with the NL."

But it was the National League's commissioner, Bancroft Johnson, who fought to provide a measure of competitive excitement for the game when he "renamed the Western League, a minor league, the American League in 1899."

The National League fought for the

monopoly it had held for a quarter of a century. As Johnson put it in a 1901 interview with the Chicago Tribune "The National League is forcing this war on us. All we ask is a chance for good, healthy rivalry and competition, but if the National League insists on fighting, we shall be able to take care of ourselves."

On January 28, 1901, Johnson had his hoped-for victory when the owners of twenty baseball teams signed a 10-year organization agreement" and formed the American League.

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends **Baseball: The Early Years** by Harold Seymour.

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

Update on traffic stop that turned deadly

There was an update this past week to the story involving a female teenager and a male teenager being discovered dead during a traffic stop just east of Farwell on January 16th. The Parmer County Sheriff's Office has released the name of the female. Her name is Vanessa Villarreal, 19, of Bovina. According to preliminary findings,

she was the driver of the vehicle. Sheriff Geske said that he was not releasing the name of the male juvenile.

On January 16th, while attempting to initiate a traffic stop on a 1998 brown Chevrolet Suburban in connection to a runaway juvenile, officers from the Bovina Police Department and Parmer County Sheriff's Office observed a weap-

on being fired inside the vehicle. The Suburban came to a stop in the 100 block of Highway 60 near the Farwell Cemetery. When the officers approached the Suburban they discovered both the driver and passenger deceased inside the vehicle. The case is currently under investigation by the Texas Rangers and the Parmer County Sheriff's Office.

FSA announces election results

Parmer County U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced that Coleman Young was elected to represent local administrative area (LAA) 3. Wesley Cockerham will serve as the first alternate.

County committee members are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA. They help deliver programs at the county level and work to serve the needs of local producers. All recently elected county committee members will take office in January 2022 and will be joining the existing committee. Every FSA office is required to have a county committee,

which are made up of local farmers, ranchers and foresters elected by local producers.

For more information, visit the FSA website at fsa.usda.gov/elections or contact the Parmer County FSA office at 806-481-3311.

Important Deadlines

- (1) January 31st - Livestock Forage Program Deadline,
- (2) February 4th - Organic Cost Share Program Deadline,
- (3) February 18th - Dairy Margin Coverage Deadline,
- (4) March 15th - ARC/PLC election deadline NRCS Deadline,
- (5) February 11th - Equip 2 sign-up deadline.

The City Council of the City of Friona, Texas (the "City") is soliciting sealed bid proposals for the lease of land owned by the City (the "Property") described in further detail in Exhibit A:

1. 310.92 acres- East one-half of Section 20, save and except a 9.53-acre tract out of the Northeast part thereof, Township 1 North (T1N) Range 4 East (R4E), Capital Syndicate Subdivision of Parmer County, Texas.
2. 150 acres- NW Section 29, Township 1 North (T1N), Range 4 East (R4E), Capitol Syndicate Subdivision of Parmer County Texas.

Bid Specifications

1. Initial term of the contract will be for the remainder (6 months) of the 2022 crop year and full 2023 crop year on the following terms and conditions. As such, the lease payment amount will be prorated for the 2022 crop year accordingly.
2. A prorated rent is payable upon the execution date of the lease or July 1, 2022; whichever is later, for the 2022 crop year. Payment for the full 2023 crop year is due by December 31, 2022.
3. After the initial term, the lease shall continue in effect for two years (January 1- December 31) thereafter until written notice of termination is given by either party at least three (3) months before the then-existing lease term expires.
4. Bids are due by Monday, February 28, 2022 at noon.

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

Bid opening will take place at City Hall at 1:00 p.m. on March 1, 2022. Bid will be awarded at the City Council Meeting on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at 619 Main in Friona.

Bidders are expected to inspect the property and to inform themselves of all local conditions. Additional information such as a copy of the USDA Cash Rent County Estimates document may be obtained at Friona City Hall, 623 Main St., Friona, Texas 79035 or by calling Public Works Director Salvador Garcia at 806-250-2761 or cell 806-346-2673.

Bids (with name of bidder, address, phone number and the dollar amount bid per acre) shall be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to, "City of Friona, T1N R4E Real Property" in the lower left-hand corner, and must be received before the above-stated time. Failure to comply with any bid requirement can result in the bid being considered void by the City, additionally the City has the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids received, and to accept the bid that best serves the interest of Friona, Texas.

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

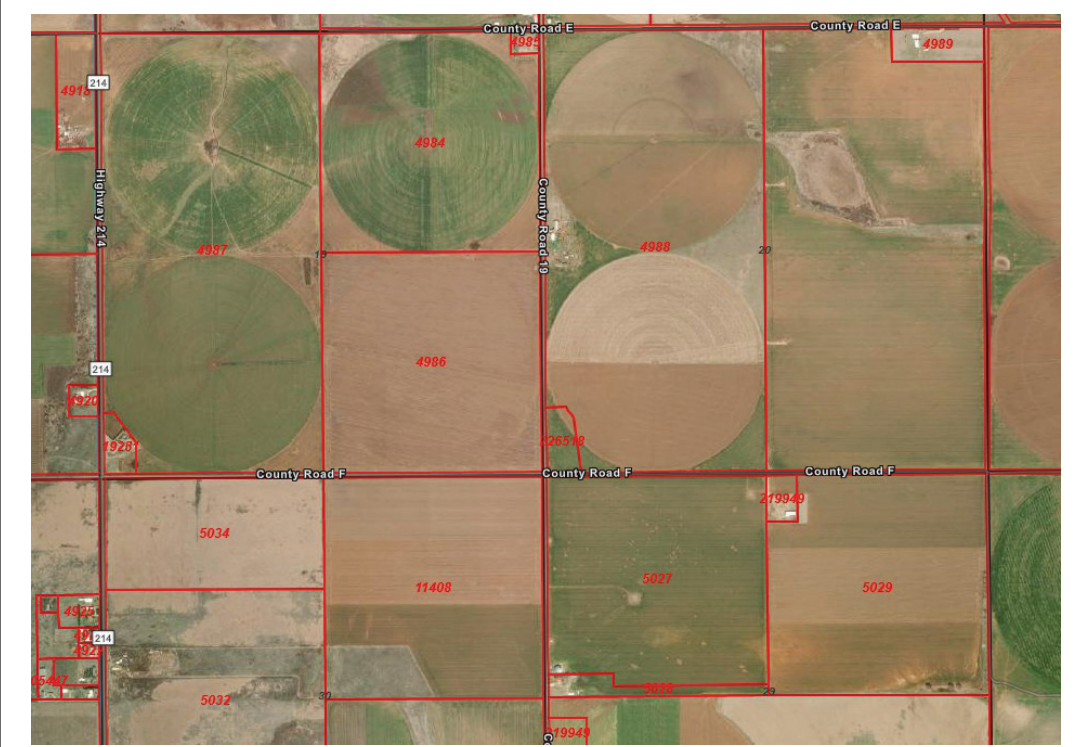
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By: Leander Davila
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Notice to Parents, Grandparents, Husbands, Wives and Sweethearts

It's Bragging Time

The Annual Friona Star Valentine's Issue will be published Feb 10th. It's your opportunity to show off those kids, grandkids, great-grandkids and sweethearts. Deadline for photos is 5 p.m. Tue. Feb 8.

Cost:
Small - \$10 • Medium - \$15 • Large - \$20
Photos may include names of parents and/or grandparents. For more information call 250-2211 or email frionastar@wtrt.net Bring photos by the Friona Star office Mon-Wed 10am to 5pm text photos to 806-265-5200

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Procter provides program at PCRTSP luncheon

On January 11, 2022, Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel met at the home of Melissa Randolph for a soup and cornbread luncheon. Jeff Procter provided information regarding Prairie Acres nursing home and the new apartments at Legacy Pointe (formerly Heritage Estates). Jeff is the administrator of Prairie Acres as well as a local minister, and his presentation was both poignant and humorous. He described the challenge of dealing with government regulations and the availability of physical therapy and "swing bed" type services at Prairie Acres. Glenda Procter, volunteer chairperson, re-

minded retirees to turn in their volunteer hours, which TRTA uses to encourage legislative support. Amelia Wright, the Book Lady and second Vice President, discussed PCRTSP's book donation to all county kindergarten and first graders.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 8 at 2:00 p.m. at the Friona Interbank community room. Connie Slagle will describe her work in developing the Facebook page "Building Friona" as well as update her research into the makers of a 1930 autograph quilt. All education retirees, their guests, and community members are invited to attend this meeting.



Parmer County Treasurer's Report

REPORT OF Sharon A. May County Treasurer of PARMER County, Texas, of Receipts and Expenditures from October 01, to December 31, 2021 Inclusive:

JURY FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed October 01, 2021	\$ 139,400.29
Amount Received Since Last Report	\$ 6,319.01
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$ 1,506.12
12/31/21 Balance	\$ 144,213.18
GENERAL FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed October 01, 2021 ...	\$ 5,322,418.75
Amount Received Since Last Report	\$ 1,360,122.02
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$ 1,989,411.78
12/31/21 Balance	\$ 4,693,128.99
FARM TO MARKET FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed October 01, 2021 ...	\$ 2,235,065.07
Amount Received Since Last Report	\$ 464,076.88
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$ 586,573.97
12/01/21 Balance	\$ 2,112,567.98
CONTINGENCY FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed October 01, 2021 ..	\$ 246,209.27
Amount Received Since Last Report	\$ 53,084.82
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$ 270,000.00
12/31/21 Balance	\$ 29,294.09
PARMER COUNTY FORFEITURE FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed October 01, 2021 ...	\$ 26,613.12
Amount Received Since Last Report	\$ 4.84
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$ 0.00
12/31/21 Balance	\$ 26,617.96
PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed October 01, 2021	\$ 220,641.16
Amount Received Since Last Report	\$ 14,185.37
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$ 3,831.98
12/31/21 Balance	\$ 230,994.55
REVENUE FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed October 01, 2021 ..	\$ 134,207.91
Amount Received Since Last Report	\$ 31,739.90
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$ 27,147.18
12/31/21 Balance	\$ 138,800.63
JUVENILE PROBATION FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed October 01, 2021	\$ 5,613.56
Amount Received Since Last Report	\$ 36.02
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$ 0.00
12/31/21 Balance	\$ 5,649.58
COUNTY ATTORNEY - CHECK COLLECTION FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed October 31, 2021	\$ 3,340.41
Amount Received Since Last Report	\$ 0.59
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$ 150.00
12/31/21 Balance	\$ 3,191.00
DISTRICT ATTORNEY CHECK COLLECTION - 287TH FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed October 01, 2021	\$ 4,442.15
Amount Received Since Last Report	\$ 3,296.26
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$ 360.00
12/31/21 Balance	\$ 7,378.41
DISTRICT ATTORNEY FORFEITURE FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed October 01, 2021	\$ 50,041.89
Amount Received Since Last Report	\$ 8.65
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$ 8,575.06
12/31/21 Balance	\$ 41,475.48
COUNTY ATTORNEY FORFEITURE FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed October 01, 2021 ..	\$ 4,848.49
Amount Received Since Last Report	\$ 5.89
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$ 0.00
12/31/21 Balance	\$ 4,854.38
INTEREST & SINKING FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed October 01, 2021 .	\$ 85,820.29
Amount Received Since Last Report	\$ 44,733.29
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$ 0.00
12/31/21 Balance	\$ 130,553.58
LATERAL FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed October 01, 2021	\$ 0.00
Amount Received Since Last Report	\$ 30,370.33
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$ 30,370.33
12/31/21 Balance	\$ 0.00
PARMER COUNTY ATTORNEY PRETRIAL DIVERSION FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed October 01, 2021 ...	\$ 1,381.55
Amount Received Since Last Report	\$ 1,400.39
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	\$ 238.61
12/31/21 Balance	\$ 2,543.33
RECAPITULATION	
Jury Fund	\$ 144,213.18
General Fund	\$ 4,693,128.99
Farm To Market Fund	\$ 2,112,567.98
Contingency Fund	\$ 29,294.09
Parmer County Forfeiture Fund	\$ 26,617.96
Permanent Improvement Fund	\$ 230,994.55
Revenue Fund	\$ 138,800.63
Juvenile Probation Fund	\$ 5,649.58
County Attorney - Check Collection Fund	\$ 3,191.00
District Atty Check Collection - 287th Fund	\$ 7,378.41
District Attorney Forfeiture Fund	\$ 41,475.48
County Attorney Forfeiture Fund	\$ 4,854.38
Interest & Sinking Fund	\$ 130,553.58
Lateral Fund	\$ 0.00
Parmer County Attorney Pretrial Diversion	\$ 2,543.33
Total	\$ 7,571,263.14

TREASURER'S REPORT
PARMER COUNTY, TEXAS
THE STATE OF TEXAS

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Sharon A. May, County Treasurer of Parmer County, who by me duly sworn, upon oath, says that the within and foregoing report is true and correct.

Sharon A. May
 County Treasurer
 Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 24th Day of January, 2022.

Trey Ellis
 County Judge - Parmer County, Texas
 Examined and approved in open Commissioners' Court this 24th Day of January, 2022.



Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

Texas Sheet Cake

Submitted to the Friona United Methodist Cookbook by Karen King

This is the recipe I remember from my childhood. Notice it has cinnamon as an additional ingredient.

- 2 sticks of oleo
- 4 Tablespoons cocoa
- 1 cup water
- Dash of salt

As cake is baking: Stirring all the time, melt and bring to boil:

- 1 stick of oleo
- 4 Tablespoons cocoa
- 6 Tablespoons milk
- Dash of salt

Preheat oven to 400oF. Grease and flour 16"x11" pan.

Stirring all the time, bring to a rapid boil and pour over dry ingredients. Mix well by hand.

- Sift together in large bowl:
- 2 cups of sugar
 - 2 cups flour
 - 1 tsp. soda
 - 1 tsp. cinnamon

- Now add:
- ½ cup buttermilk
 - 1 tsp. vanilla
 - 2 eggs - slightly beaten
- Mix well by hand and pour in pan. Bake 15-18 minutes.

- After above is melted, add, and mix by hand:
- 1 box powdered sugar
 - 1 cup chopped pecans
 - 1 tsp. vanilla
- Spread over warm cake.

Texas Chocolate Sheet Cake

Family recipe from Jodi LaFrance

- Cake:**
- 2 c. flour
 - 2 c. sugar
 - 2 tsp. soda
 - 2 c. buttermilk
 - 1 c. oil
 - 2 eggs
 - 1 tsp. vanilla
 - 4 Tbsp. cocoa

- Icing:**
- 1/3 c. milk
 - 1 stick of butter
 - 1 box of confectioner's sugar
 - 1 c. chopped pecans
 - 1 tsp. vanilla

Preheat oven to 350o F. To prepare cake add all the ingredients together in a large mixing bowl and stir until well mixed. Then pour into a jelly roll sheet pan or for a thicker cake, a 9x13" baking dish. Bake for 30 minutes.

To prepare the icing bring the milk and butter to a rolling boil. Then remove from heat. Add sifted confectioner's sugar and cocoa. Add the chopped pecans and vanilla. Pour over cake while still warm.



Obituaries



Lisa Guerra

Lisa Guerra 56 of Lubbock passed away in Lubbock January 10, 2022. Celebration of Life Services were at 11:00 AM Monday, January 17, 2022 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY with Rev. Larry Mitchell, officiating. Masks were highly encouraged. Cremation and arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona. Lisa was born December 16, 1965 in Muleshoe to Jose A. and Lupe Perez Guerra. She has been employed by University Medical Center in Lubbock for 18 years. Lisa loved sports, Texas Longhorns, Dallas Cowboys or any sport being played by grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She



loved to make tamales and tortillas, all the while watching her soaps and novellas. Lisa loved to laugh and smile and was known as having a unique soul. She is preceded in death by her father- Jose A Guerra Sr., 2 brothers- Alex Guerra and Jose A Guerra Jr. Those that will mourn Lisa's passing include her mother- Lupe Guerra

of Hereford, 2 daughters- Alexis Barboza and Kevin Mitchell of Bovina, and Alicia Gomez and Angel Nieves of Lubbock, 4 sisters- Angje Gomez of Bovina, Rachel Guerra of Lubbock, Francis Peña and husband Jaime of Amarillo, and Christina Rico and Johnny Peña of Hereford, 1 brother- Daniel Guerra of Friona, Lisa's boyfriend Felix Guzman of Abernathy, and 9 grandchildren. You may send condolences to the family and sign the online guest book at: hansardfamily.com



Irene Peña Ramón

Viewing for Irene Peña Ramón will be from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM Friday, January 28, 2022 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina with Rosary Services set for 6:00 PM. Mass of Christian Burial Services have been scheduled for 11:00 AM Saturday, January 29, 2022 at St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina with Father Gregory Bunyan as Celebrant. Burial following in the Bovina Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona. Our Beloved Mother "Two things that never leave you, the eye of God and the love of a mother."



Our mother, Irene Peña Ramón was born 83 years ago on April 15 in Pearsall, Texas to Manuel and Juanita Trevino Peña. Little did we know this amazing woman would be the one God chose to be our mother and our guardian angel. We did not know it yet, but at that moment, we were truly blessed and the luckiest kids in the world. Mom passed away peacefully in the presence of her children on January 20th, 2022. She had been a long time resident of Bovina, Texas. The family has lived in Bovina for over 50 years. She was preceded in death by her two sons, Jesse Ramón and Anthony Ramón, her parents Manuel and Juanita Peña, and her two sisters Gloria Rodriguez and Linda Peña.

Mother married the love of her life, our dad, Catarino Ramón on June 26th, almost seven decades ago. Dad always said she was the love of his life and was the luckiest man in the world to have such a wonderful wife to go through life with. She truly was a supportive, amazing wife. Dad was such a fortunate man to have such a loving wife. Our parents had six children, four boys and two girls. Mom, feeling blessed, named her four sons after biblical names. She would often say the good Lord blessed her immensely throughout her life, but her greatest blessing were her children. She was a woman of great faith and her faith throughout her life never wavered. When Mom became a grandma, she was the happiest grandma in the world. Her grandbabies melted her heart and had her wrapped around their pinkies. She loved them all and was so proud of each and everyone of them. Mom had such an entrepreneurial spirit as

we were growing up, starting when we were just babies. She was self employed, owning a couple of small businesses in her younger years. She was an independent woman who enjoyed being her own boss when it came to business. Our dad was always supportive and proud that she was able to flourish as a working woman, all while raising a family of six kids and also helping him with his work and self employment venture. Mom was a hardworking woman and also raised us to be hardworking, honest, trustworthy, and taught us the value of a dollar. She was one of the smartest women we ever knew sharing with us every bit of financial and business knowledge she attained throughout her life. She was knowledgeable, intelligent, savvy, and took care of business.

Mother was unlike any other, was such a special person, and the best mom in the world. She was ALWAYS a mother first and everything else came second. She always put her kids first no matter what. She was so proud of all of us and made us what we are today. She was always proud of our accomplishments, all that we did, and always encouraged us to do even better than the last time. She was our biggest supporter and our loudest cheerleader. She was such an important, powerful influence in our lives and the driving force in wanting us to succeed as individuals. She not only gave birth to us, but from day one, she was our protector and nurtured us along the way. She taught us right from wrong, picked us up when we were down, hugged us, held us, wiped away our tears when we were hurting, and always fought for us like a lioness. And by all means, she was also a strict and stern disciplinarian ruling with a firm hand, but with a tender heart. But no matter what, we were loved unconditionally.

We are so proud of our mom and will forever be grateful that she was the mom she was and that God blessed our lives with such a wonderful, loving woman. For us, there will never be another mom like ours, nor a better mom than ours. She was and is the epitome of what a mom should be. Mom, it is with great pain and sadness in our hearts and with tears in our eyes that we have to say goodbye and let you go for now. But our faith tells us that we will all see each other again. Even though we will not be able to see you, we know you will still continue to walk beside us like you have before, you will continue to pray for us like you did everyday of your life, and you will continue to be with us lighting our path and guiding us as we continue our journey through life. For now, we, your children, along with all your grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren will carry on your legacy and continue to make you proud. Mama, thank you for the wonderful life and upbringing both you and Dad gave us, and especially for being the greatest madre in the world. You have been a book full of wisdom and we will cherish every word you ever said to us, every piece of advice you ever gave. You truly were the wind beneath our wings, and, most importantly, the love of our lives. We will never forget what you always said about your six kids, "Mis hijos son todo mi tesoro y todo mi querer." You loved us with all your heart all our lives and we know that will never change. Your love is never ending. And Mom, don't worry about your family, we will look out for each other. Mommy, fuiste la bendición mas grande y el tesoro mas hermoso del mundo que Dios los mando. We will always love you and miss you, today, tomorrow, and forever.... With all our love, Ralph and family, Mickey and family, Miroslava and family, Anthony and family, Annette and family, Jesse and family. You may send condolences to the family and sign the online guest-book at: hansardfamily.com

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LaVelle Lillard

LaVelle Lillard, 95 of Friona passed away January 19, 2022 in Friona. Celebration of Life Graveside Services will be held 2:00 PM, Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at the Friona Cemetery in Friona with Jeff Procter, officiating. Burial following by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona. LaVelle was born June 15, 1926 in Tipton, Oklahoma to Julius Ray and Lillie May Smith Scott. She later married C.L. Lillard February 5, 1949.



LaVelle was a wonderful wife and mother, a very dedicated Christian and member of the Sixth Street Church of Christ in Friona.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband- C.L., and 1 sister- Euradean Brown.

LaVelle's passing is mourned by 1 son- Claud Scott Lillard of Scottsdale, AZ., and a host of other family and friends

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



Texas Senate candidate visits Friona



Kevin Sparks, candidate for Texas Senate, District 31, was in Friona last Tuesday at Los Arcos to introduce himself and his campaign. Mr. Sparks is one of four candidates hoping to win the seat currently held by Kel Seliger, who was first sworn into the Texas Senate on March 2, 2004 to complete the term of Teel Bivins. The other three candidates in the race are Stormy Bradley, Jesse Quackenbush, and Tim Reid. State Senator Seliger is not seeking reelection. Senate District 31 is the most Republican-leaning Texas Senate seat with a TPI of R-80%.



Free Mammogram available

Are you, or a friend, 40 years of age or older? Has it been more than one (1) year since you or a friend has had a mammogram? Are you or your friends medically uninsured? If you answered "Yes" to any of these three questions, this information is for you! Grant programs pay for mammograms for women living in the Texas Panhandle who would otherwise not be able to receive them. Do not miss this opportunity to get a mammo-

gram. The offer is time limited.

Contact the Panhandle Breast Health or the WISE Woman Program for information about a FREE MAMMOGRAM. Call 806-331-4710 or email pbbadmin@panhandle-breasthelath.org for information. You can also contact Rocio Carrasco at 806-729-7352.

Funding is provided by State and area grants, the Ryan Palmer Foundation, and other contributions.

Most popular license plates in Texas announced

It's official! The number one specialty license plate design in Texas for 2021 was Classic Black, the full black background design from My Plates.com. This retro design has held the position as Texas' most popular plate since its official launch in 2016.



Over 90,000 State and My Plates specialty license plates were sold in 2021, with Classic Black racking up just over 21,000 of those sales. The popularity of this design reaches back to the mid-1900s when a general issue Texas license plate featured a full black background.

Texas' second most popular design was Lone Star Black, exceeding 8,900 plates sold during this past year. The Lone Star Black design first hit the streets of Texas in 2008 and has sold over 111,000 plates since its debut, the most of any design within the My Plates program! Since its introduction, this favored design has contributed over \$16 million to the Texas General Revenue Fund.

Rounding out the top five plates of 2021 were the Small Star Black design, Carbon Fiber, and Texas Black 1845, respectively. The top five plate designs for 2021

were all black and white designs and accounted for almost half of all plates sold. "Black and white plates are very popular in Texas. They look sleek, cool, and compliment every vehicle color," said Steve Farrar, President of My Plates.com.

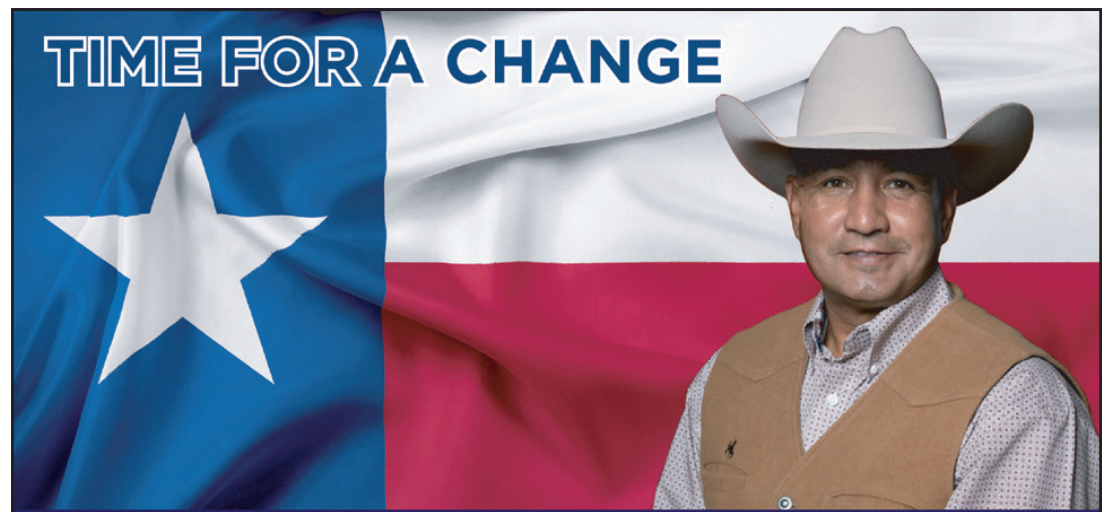
My Plates - Top Five Selling Plates 2021:

1. **Classic Black** 21,334
2. **Lone Star Black** 8,923
3. **Small Star Black** 5,121
4. **Carbon Fiber** 4,491
5. **Texas Black 1845** 4,464

My Plates designs and markets new specialty license plates as a vendor for the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. Texans have purchased more than 580,000 My Plates since November 2009, contributing more than \$120 million to the Texas General Revenue Fund. My Plates' goal is to create a long-term,

mutually beneficial relationship designed to maximize revenues for the state through the sale of My Plates specialty plates. Learn more at www.MyPlates.com.

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) is a dynamic state agency dedicated to customer service, consumer protection and the success of motor vehicle-related industries. For every \$1 the agency spends, it returns more than \$10 in state revenue. These funds are primarily used to build and maintain the state's roads and bridges. Each year the agency registers approximately 25 million vehicles; regulates vehicle dealers; credentials buses and big trucks for intrastate and interstate commerce; issues oversize and overweight permits; and awards grants to law enforcement agencies to reduce vehicle burglaries and thefts.



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ISABEL "IZZY" CARRASCO

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Republican Candidate for Parmer County Judge

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Frona Chieftains - Record: Overall 11-14, District 0-8
 Dimmitt 57, Friona 20 Bryan Chavira 6 points, Jacob Bautista 5 points
 Denver City 36, Friona 27 Jacob Bautista 10 points, Jose Luis Saucedo 7 points
 Muleshoe 47, Friona 43



Frona Squaws - Record: Overall 4-17, District 0-9
 Denver City 54, Friona 36
 Muleshoe 77, Friona 25

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