



These Pre K students were first in line at the FIRD Thanksgiving Dinner last Friday. In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and the Wampanoag shared an autumn harvest feast which was one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.



The Firefighter memorial flag is flown when a fireman passes away.

Reeve honored by fellow firefighters

Longtime firefighter Joe Reeve passed away this month. Joe was one of the original Reeve Chevrolet group of firemen that served the Friona community. At that time, there was a group of five or more fire department members that hailed from the local Chevrolet dealership. Joe served as a fireman from 1963-1991.

In recent years he owned and operated Mr. Service with his stepson, Justin Bridges, who is a current member of the Friona Volunteer Fire Department. Joe's brother, Glen, is still a member with over 67 years of firefighting experience.

We will miss you Joe. Friona Firemen

Thanksgiving at Plymouth

In September 1620, a small ship called the Mayflower left Plymouth, England, carrying 102 passengers—an assortment of religious separatists seeking a new home where they could freely practice their faith and other individuals lured by the promise of prosperity and land ownership in the "New World." After a treacherous and uncomfortable crossing that lasted 66 days, they dropped anchor near the tip of Cape Cod, far north of their intended destination at the mouth of the Hudson River. One month later, the Mayflower crossed Massachusetts Bay, where the Pilgrims, as they are now commonly known, began the work of establishing a village at Plymouth.

Throughout that first brutal winter, most of the colonists remained on board the ship, where they suffered from exposure, scurvy and

outbreaks of contagious disease. Only half of the Mayflower's original passengers and crew lived to see their first New England spring. In March, the remaining settlers moved ashore, where they received an astonishing visit from a member of the Abenaki tribe who greeted them in English.

Several days later, he returned with another Native American, Squanto, a member of the Pawtuxet tribe who had been kidnapped by an English sea captain and sold into slavery before escaping to London and returning to his homeland on an exploratory expedition. Squanto taught the Pilgrims, weakened by malnutrition and illness, how to cultivate corn, extract sap from maple trees, catch fish in the rivers and avoid poisonous plants. He also helped the settlers forge an alliance with the Wampanoag, a lo-

cal tribe, which endured for more than 50 years and remains one of the sole examples of harmony between European colonists and Native Americans.

In November 1621, after the Pilgrims' first corn harvest proved successful, Governor William Bradford organized a celebratory feast and invited a group of the fledgling colony's Native American allies, including the Wampanoag chief Massasoit. Now remembered as America's "first Thanksgiving"—although the Pilgrims themselves may not have used the term at the time—the festival lasted for three days. While no record exists of the first Thanksgiving's exact menu, much of what we know about what happened at the first Thanksgiving comes from Pilgrim chronicler Edward Winslow, who wrote:

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FFA News — FFA members competed in the Area 1 LDE Contest last week. (photo above left) Aubrey Garcia earned 4th place in Greenhand Creed Speaking. (photo above) The Public Relations Team consisting of Reese Stowers, Jacee Burney, Aubrey Bunker, AJ London, and Kitzy Welch finished in 6th Place.

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Community Calendar

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

November 24

- Thanksgiving

November 28

- Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

November 29

- Packing bags for Snack Pak at 2:30 p.m. at the north entrance of Friona United Methodist Church and volunteers are always welcome!
- Parmer County Cancer Coalition's Survivor Dinner at 6:00 p.m. at Friona Senior Citizens Center

November 30

- Library Book Shop at 618 Euclid is open from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

December 1

- Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

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ACROSS

- TX John Wesley Hardin was killed in the ___ Saloon
- TXism: "it's right ___" (location)
- Asian River catfish
- "Houston Museum of Fine ___"
- works a job (3 wds.)
- "___ the tail on the donkey"
- death notices in the Hereford Brand
- "___ Kendall Inn" in Boerne
- TXism: "fits like ugly ___ ape"
- seat of McMullen County
- COVID caused us ___ our hands often
- TXism: "happy as ___ with two tails"
- state has an official herd of ___ bred Texas Longhorns
- TX Willie recorded "All of ___" (1978)
- TXism: "sweating like ___ water"
- Fort Hood is a U.S. ___ post in Texas
- TXism: "run it ___ lawyer" (finalize)
- ___-Busch has a brewery in Houston
- "weighs ___" (heavy)
- TX Roddenberry's show: "Star ___"
- great Aggie RB who also played for the Chicago Bears briefly (2 wds.)
- TXism: "big crop of locks"
- Chris ___Doux sang "Cadillac Ranch"
- a person who was raised in 44-across
- the Lone Star State
- Santa ___, TX
- "Deaf" Smith's job in the Texas revolution

DOWN

- "busy as a bartender ___"
- former Cowboy star safety, Waters
- Stanton's county
- TXism: "wipe the slate clean"
- western "___ Belle Starr" (1953)
- TXism: "___ of bones" (skinny)
- "___ star" (badge)
- TX actor Rip (init.)
- Winnsboro's "___ Trails Festival" in October
- Texas is 3rd largest ___ state in U.S.
- Perry's creator ___ Stanley Gardner
- TX Pride hit: "___ Rather Love You"
- this architect designed the state capitol (3 wds.)
- TXism: "___ as an egg-sucking dog"
- fragrance-free
- when repeated, a British "adios"
- TXism: "at the drop ___ hat" (impulsive)
- paid athletes
- "got no ___ for it"
- TXism: "got ___ ear" (tone deaf)
- Dennehy of "The Big Year" with TX Owen Wilson
- former McAllen company: "Right ___"
- DFW transports
- large exhibitions
- chops wood
- "three" in Mexico
- chicken fried steak, e.g.
- swap

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COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from November 10, 2022 to November 17, 2022

(11/14/22) Elizabeth McLellan, Loy McLellan — Hermanus Abraham Jacobus Wium, Debbie Wium — Approximately 111.3 Acres lying North of the Railroad Right-Of-Way and SE of Highway, Out of Section 12, Township 3 South, Range 3 East, of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas; Being approximately 8.5 Acres of Land out of South Part of Section 1, Township 3 South, Range 3 East, of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(11/18/22) Timothy Isaiah Hooper, 23, of Concord, North Carolina was arrested by the Farwell Police Department on charges of Possession Marijuana ≤ 4 oz. > 2 oz. and Possession Drug Paraphernalia.

(11/18/22) Jacob Adam Malarz, 20, of Mount Gilead, North Carolina was arrested by the Farwell Police Department on charges of Unlawful Carrying Weapon, Possession Marijuana ≤ 4 oz. > 2 oz. and Possession Drug Paraphernalia.

Thanksgiving at Plymouth

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"Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after a special manner rejoice together, after we had gathered the fruits of our labors; they four in one day killed as much fowl, as with a little help beside, served the Company almost a week, at which time amongst other Recreations, we exercised our Arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and amongst the rest their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five Deer, which they brought to the Plantation and bestowed on our Governor, and upon

the Captain and others. And although it be not always so plentiful, as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want, that we often wish you partakers of our plenty."

Historians have suggested that many of the dishes were likely prepared using traditional Native American spices and cooking methods. Because the Pilgrims had no oven and the Mayflower's sugar supply had dwindled by the fall of 1621, the meal did not feature pies, cakes or other desserts, which have become a hallmark of contemporary celebrations.

Source: History.com

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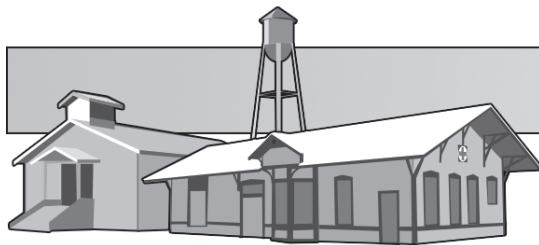
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TOWN TALK

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The Idalou Connection — Friona and Idalou had two epic Bi-District playoff match-ups this month. The Squaws came from behind to defeat the Lady Cats in a thrilling five-set volleyball match on November 1st. On November 11th, the Chieftains came up just 10 yards short in a late-game rally in their football play-off battle against the Wildcats.

Four of the Idalou football players have connections to Friona. Senior RB/LB Tyler Jack is the son of Kelly & Teresa Jack and grandson of John & Sheri Taylor and Galen & Keri Jack. Junior QB Tate Hendley is the son of Roy & Katie Hendley and the grandson of Ab Hendley. Senior RB/DB William Wall is the great grandson of L.H. & Betty Lookingbill and grandson of Pat & Jan Betzen of Hereford. Senior OL/DL Landry Bozeman is the nephew of Kevin & Ami Schueler.

Roy Hendley and Friona Head Coach Jimmy Arias are 1995 Friona High School graduates and competed in sports together. Kelly, Teresa, John, Sheri, and Kevin are also FHS grads.

More Football — Two teams from our district and Idalou, who defeated the Chieftains, are still in the playoffs. Spearman will

play Canadian and Idalou will face Wall in regional semi-final action at the end of this week.

Crop Reports — Friona Wheat Growers manager Greg O'Brian reported that they handled around 24,000 bushels of wheat. It was good quality wheat and was all from irrigated land. There was no dryland wheat this season. Also, all of the barley and corn was chopped for silage. FWG has not received any corn in more than four years. Friona Farmers Co-Op Gin reported that they have ginned 3521 bales so far this season. They expect to wrap up the harvest near the first of the year with a final total somewhere around 8,000 bales.

Death, Taxes, and Drought — I think we can now safely add drought to the list of life's inevitabilities. Parmer County continues to linger in the Severe to Extreme Drought designation. The U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook predicts our area to remain in the current drought condition for the next few months.

Time 2 Laugh — Due to inflation and supply chain issues there are only two jokes this week. (1) How do poets say hello? Hey, haven't we metaphor? (2) Where does Batman go to the bathroom? The

bathroom. Source: <https://www.rd.com/list/short-jokes>.

Capital Highlights — Texas legislators are off to the races, filing more than 850 bills on Monday, the first day of filing season for the 88th session, which begins January 10th. The Austin American-Statesman reported the potential laws, constitutional amendments, and propositions address everything from property taxes to border security, access to guns, abortion, education, and health care. Thousands more bills will be filed prior to the March 10 deadline. Property tax relief is likely to be a top item. With a hefty state surplus of \$27 billion predicted, two bills would carve into that surplus to reduce property taxes.

- National Days**
- November 24: Thanksgiving
 - November 25: Native American Heritage Day
 - November 26: Small Business Saturday
 - November 27: Secondhand Sunday
 - November 28: French Toast Day
 - November 29: Day of Giving
 - November 30: Mason Jar Day

Newspaper Fun!

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Getting Ready for Winter!

Winter is coming around the corner, so everyone is preparing for the colder months. Mother Nature will be busy coloring the forests and fields and offering up a plentiful harvest. In some areas, Jack Frost has started to coat the grass and leaves with icy crystal patterns. Father Time has given us shorter periods of daylight. Animals are on the move, gathering food into nests or flying south. People are preparing their homes, cars and wardrobes for the coldest months of the year!

Read the clues to fill in the crossword. The passage of the cool autumn into the coldest season of winter is marked by:

- regular _____ games wrapping up, leading into playoff season
- cold, crisp _____ making your breath steamy
- people storing _____ and salt to spread on icy spots
- fewer _____ hours
- filling fuel tanks and having _____ checked
- machines gathering corn, and chopping and blowing the _____ behind them
- _____ pulling out the bleachers and heating the gymnasium for indoor games
- _____ and hats to warm you
- _____ gathering acorns to save for a chilly day
- _____ flying south to avoid the harsh winter
- _____ baked into delicious pies
- horses being unhitched from the wagons for _____ that will soon be hitched to sleighs for sleigh rides
- signing up for winter _____ or exercise classes
- _____ crinkling while being raked off the lawn
- checking, repairing and buying _____, snowblowers
- _____ painted on grass, leaves

Time to Fly South

These little birds want to fly south, but are not sure which way to go. Help them choose the right path.

Get it Done!

What do people do in late fall to get ready for winter? What does your family do?

Match up the chores. Next, find and circle the bold action words!

- raking
- shutting
- harvesting
- picking
- trimming
- canning
- stacking
- planting
- tuning
- storing

A. windows
B. leaves
C. bushes
D. gardens
E. apples
F. air conditioners, fans
G. spring flower bulbs
H. firewood in piles
I. and cleaning furnaces
J. fruits, vegetables in jars

Shopping for Winter - Math Mystery Challenge!

Chitter went to the store with his Dad. They bought items that their family will need for the cold winter months. They spent a total of \$113.75. Can you study the price tags and pick out the five items they bought? (You can get a friend or grown-up to help you on this challenge!)

- Heavy Coat: \$60.50
- Storm Windows: \$89.99
- Blanket: \$39.99
- Snow Shovel: \$17.99
- Driveway Salt: \$2.79
- Mittens: \$12.25
- Snow Boots: \$29.99
- Chicken Soup: \$1.87
- Thermos: \$22.99
- Snow Blower: \$489.99

Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

Turkey Leftovers

Hot Turkey Sandwich
hostessatheart.com

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1 1/2 cup turkey broth Chicken stock can be substituted
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp ground pepper
- 1/2 cup cream
- 3 1/2 cups turkey shredded, diced or chopped

INSTRUCTIONS

In a large saucepan, melt the butter and whisk in the flour. Continue whisking until smooth. Whisk in the broth into the flour mixture. When blended whisk in the cream. Season with salt and pepper. Stir to combine. Add the turkey. Serve over bread, potatoes, or dressing.

A beginner's guide to cooking a Thanksgiving turkey

Written by Paul Schattenberg

Although having turkey on the holiday table is a must for many households, this year families may notice differences in how they pick, prepare and cook their turkeys, said experts across Texas A&M AgriLife.

A variety of factors from supply chain issues to a disease outbreak have had an impact on turkey production and availability in addition to contributing to price increases on this popular holiday table centerpiece.

In times like these, it is important consumers know what to expect when they look for a turkey, have a good idea of the size and type of turkey they need, and know how they plan to prepare it - even before they go shopping for the bird of their dreams.

Turkey prices on the rise

Complicating how we plan our traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner, families and consumers may notice the price of their turkey has increased from last year.

According to David Anderson, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist in the Department of Agricultural Economics, Bryan-College Station, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported data that shows wholesale prices for whole turkeys [KL1] have increased from a record high of \$1.39 per pound in early November of last year to \$1.79 per pound by Oct. 15 of this year.

"The increased price of turkeys is likely due to a variety of factors," Ander-



For many, a turkey is a necessary centerpiece for the Thanksgiving table. (Stock photo)

son said. "However, difficulties faced across the food supply chain as well as the impacts of recent avian influenza, or bird flu, outbreaks have notably disrupted the supply chain and caused turkey prices to trend upward."

However, Anderson said, consumers need not be concerned about a shortage of whole birds for the holidays.

"Turkey supplies are built up throughout the year to make sure they are available to major grocers in November," he said. "Furthermore, most grocers have order contracts with suppliers that are set up to a year in advance, which means demand from big buyers like major grocers will likely be the priority when it comes to the available supplies."

Tips for picking the right-size turkey

Consumers should consider a few specific things before buying their holiday turkey, according to Audrey McElroy, Ph.D.,

a professor and head of the Department of Poultry Science at the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

"When choosing the size of your turkey, consider the number of people you will be feeding," McElroy said. "The general rule is to buy 1 to 1.5 pounds of turkey per person. However, you may want to have some extra turkey for leftovers, so you may purposefully buy more than you expect to eat on Thanksgiving."

Preparation time

According to McElroy, the amount of time you have to prepare the bird to cook is another important factor to consider when deciding the size of your turkey.

"On average, it usually takes 24 hours for 4-5 pounds of turkey to thaw in the refrigerator, which potentially means a frozen, average-sized turkey may take two to three days to thaw prior to cooking," she said. "If you do not have a lot of time

to wait for your turkey to thaw, then you may consider buying a fresh one."

Alternatively, consumers may choose to buy a turkey breast as opposed to a full turkey. Turkey breasts are a good option for people with less time to prepare and/or a lesser amount of refrigerator or oven space. For a turkey breast, estimate about a half to three-quarters of a pound per person.

Size of oven and refrigerator

Another consideration for the size of turkey is space - the capacity to store and cook the bird.

"Make sure your refrigerator can accommodate the size of turkey you plan to cook," said Julie Prouse, an AgriLife Extension associate within the Department of Nutrition. "Ideally, plan to store the turkey on the bottom shelf of the refrigerator to avoid moisture from the thawing bird dripping and contaminating other foods."

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Happy Birthday

Nov. 24
Dee Willard
Ashley Schlenker
Angela Van Valkenburg
Pat Martin
Jesus Mata, Jr.

Nov. 28
Rena London
Cason White
Nelda Talley

Nov. 29
Ky Graham
Mitchell Gibson
Lisa Gonzales
Nicole Talley
Jude Ramirez
Gus Procter

Nov. 25
Sharon White
Debra Beauchamp
Harley London
Polly Rivera
Edward Rivera
Laura (Ellis) Garcia
Cathy Christesson
Polly Turner
Cale Bynum
Michelle Reyes
Bella Saiz

Nov. 30
Shauna Maynard
Robin Rector
Dean Agee
Brea Brown
Alyrna McElreath

Nov. 26
Adaline White
Jamie (Reeve) Epperson
RyLee Vancleave
Don Maynard
Erik McInroe



Nov. 27
Johnna Blackburn
Jordan (Monroe) Jarecki
Franzella Reynard
Lana (Fangman) Bracken
Lupe Castillo
Mal Manchec

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Relief at the pump

By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas fell 12.4 cents in the past week, averaging \$2.93, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Prices in Texas are 27.0 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 7.1 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$2.25 while the most expensive was \$4.49 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline fell 11.9 cents last week to an average price of \$3.64 per gallon. The national average is down 16.4 cents per gallon from a month ago but still stands 24.5 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has declined 6.7 cents in the last week and stands at \$5.28 per gallon.

"What an incredible turnaround in the past week. While a decline was expected in more states than last week, I didn't expect every single state to hop on the bandwagon so quickly. But, it's terrific news as motorists prepare for Thanksgiving travel, with tens of thousands of stations under \$3 per gallon, and thousands more to join in the next few weeks, barring a dramatic turnaround," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

"Everyone will be seeing relief at the pump this week, with even more substantial declines on the way as oil prices plummeted last week to briefly trade under \$80 per barrel. It's not impossible that if oil markets hold here, we could see a national average of \$2.99 around Christmas, certainly the gift that every motorist is hoping for. Drivers shouldn't be in a rush to fill up as prices will come down nearly coast-to-coast into the heavily traveled Thanksgiving holiday."

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Happy Thanksgiving!!!

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Thanksgiving Day is upon us, and as you celebrate, may you take time to give thanks to the Lord for His abundant grace and mercy upon you. Although an attitude of gratitude will impact your feelings, thankfulness does not begin first with your feelings, but you must intentionally decide to be thankful. In fact, as you look at the truth of who God is, what He has done and how you can respond, how could you not be thankful for his amazing grace and abundant love to sinners? Psalm 111 is a short and wonderful

chapter in scripture that will incite your soul to wholehearted thanksgiving as you read it.

Psalm 111 (ESV). Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he re-

members his covenant forever. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name! The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

Panhandle Parables

Daily Thanksgiving Part 3: A Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Speaking to God in prayer can be a very powerful source of strength. Praying to God with humble appreciation for all that He has done requires us to notice. Being thankful requires us to notice. So, the challenge this week beyond noticing what God has done and is doing is to notice the efforts of others and show them gratitude. Here is a prayer to kick this off...

Father God, Creator of our universe, how majestic is Your name throughout all time. Lord we give You praise and are thankful for the many ways You have blessed us.

We thank You Lord,

for the rains this year, for the bountiful crops and a good harvest.

We thank You Father, for this community and the people who live here that make it a special place to raise a family.

We thank You for the families and ask Your blessing on each of them this holiday season and the year to come.

We thank You for faith, hope and love, may we always pursue them as we serve You and each other.

Father, we are mindful that we have lost some great folks in our community and we pray for their families as they move through these first holidays

without their loved one here. May You be a source of comfort and may we share the comfort You have given us to share.

We thank You Father, for our nation. It's not perfect, yet help us to see that our diversity can make us stronger and may we seek peace instead of strife and division.

Lord we thank You for your Son, may we strive to imitate the love He has for us and show others that love in sacrificial ways to Your glory.

Guide us always Lord and forgive us where we have failed You and each other. It is in the name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

Being Thankful for God

By Teena Hughs

My Sunday school class and I finally finished The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi by Kathi Lee Gifford. I am so glad Kitty Gallman recommended it, because it is a great book, one that I need to take the time to read again!

At the end of the book, a number of people took the time to write what the trip, that Kathi Lee paid for, meant to them. Her son Cody quoted James 1:17: "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

When I read that, I thought, "That is what I am most thankful for this Thanksgiving: having a God who does not change!" And, I am! I am also thankful that His Word never changes.

Because God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow, we don't ever have to wonder where He stands. We have a Bible that answers any question we

have; we have a Bible that tells us the promises He makes to us, and the assurance that He keeps those promises; we have a Bible that tells us how to live; and, it tells us how we can spend eternity with Jesus.

Can you imagine how difficult it would be, how much chaos there would be, if we had a changing God and Word? No one would know what to think, say, or do. Who would determine what is right and wrong? Who would we turn to in our hour of need?

We all know that at times, life is tough, but thanks to a never-changing God, we can get through those tough times. When we aren't sure if we are doing the right thing, it is God who will tell us, most likely in His Word. When we are hurting, and we need peace and comfort, we know we can count on our perfect, all-knowing God to heal our hurts.

Each and everyone

of us needs God in our lives. We may think we are strong, tough, all-knowing, and that we don't need His help, because we can do everything ourselves, but that simply isn't true. We need Him every second of every day!

Isn't it comforting that our God, our Heavenly Father, never changes? And, because of that, we can always depend on Him? We know He is faithful to us; we just need to be faithful to Him.

I hope each and every one of you has a most blessed Thanksgiving. One of the things I am most thankful for, our kids and grandson, will be here. We are so excited, and we thank our never-changing God for bringing our entire family together. The weather is supposed to be good; hopefully the food will all be good; and, we pray God's blessings not only for wonderful fellowship in our family, but yours too. Take care and happy Thanksgiving!!!

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Sports



Parmer County Football

3rd & 4th Grade kids competed in the Farwell Parmer County Football League. They finished in 2nd Place. The team included kids from Frióna and Bovina. Anthony Marquez was named the Defensive MVP and Yuvia Arias was the Offensive MVP.

Coaches (l-r): Isaias Olmos, Daniel Hancock, Lionel Carrillo, Jose Guevara, Irvin Lopez, Herman Marquez

Middle Row (l-r): Roman Salinas, Milo Guevara, Kyan Nieto, Lorenzo Carrillo, Wylie Steelman Kean Nieto, Anthony Marquez, Eden Esparza

Bottom Row (l-r): Jayden Hancock, Isael Olmos, Yahdir Faudoa, Matthew Marquez, Demarcus Shelby, Xavian Flores, Yuvia Arias

Celebrating 50 Years

Joe Mejia, center in white jacket, was honored at a reception last Saturday at the Redeemer Center. Joe's daughters, Rachel and Jessica, hosted the event which was a celebration of 50 years of dedication to family, friends, and Frióna. An upcoming edition of the Star will feature an interview and more photos.



FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Frióna Star Archives



TRADITIONAL FEAST...Buddy Lloyd and Sam Williams are typical of the men in the Frióna area who have a "Traditional Thanksgiving" feast planned. Regardless of what else may be served up, wives can no doubt expect football for both lunch and dinner, with choices of three or four games on television during the day. (Frióna Star, Thursday, November 23, 1972)

The Big 3

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

Turkey, pumpkin pie, and football- it wouldn't be Thanksgiving without them! It's been a fact of American life for 146 years when, on November 30, 1876, Yale defeated Princeton, 2-0, in a showdown in Hoboken, NJ. The holiday was on November 30, that year when the tradition was born, according to History.com.

A thousand fans attended, and the New York Times reported "The friends of both colleges mustered in good force. Several carriages containing ladies were on the ground, and a goodly number of Alumni were there to cheer the contestants." The Daily Herald noted



that "The Yale team wore blue skullcaps, shirts, stockings of the same color and white flannel trowsers [sic]. The Princeton lads were gorgeous in their orange and black uniforms."

Unlike the civility of 21st century play, back then the game was a rag-tag event "resembling

Greco-Roman wrestling."

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends **Thanksgiving: The True Story by Penny Colman.**

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

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A beginner's guide to cooking a Thanksgiving turkey

Written by Paul Schattenberg

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Similarly, do not overlook considering the size of the oven opening and the depth of the oven.

"You want to make sure the turkey is not stuffed into your oven," she said. "There should be adequate room for the turkey and any items you will need to remove it, such as oven gloves."

Preparing the turkey: Thawing and brining

As McElroy noted, a refrigerated turkey, on average, requires 24 hours to thaw 4-5 pounds. The amount of time the turkey will take to thaw can influence when and how you start cooking your meal.

"Everyone prepares and cooks their turkey a little bit different," said Odessa Keenan, AgriLife Extension specialist for the agency's Dinner Tonight! program, Bryan-College Station.

When preparing to cook a turkey, some may prefer to brine the turkey before putting it into the oven, Keenan said.

"There are basically two types of brining," Keenan said. "Wet brining is when you inject the bird or marinate it in a wet solution and dry brining is when you apply a salt and spice mixture directly onto the bird's skin. Both types of brining have positives and negatives."

Wet brining takes time and requires a good amount of refrigerator space, she said.

"Although wet brining a turkey makes the meat moist and tender, the skin is usually not as crisp as with dry brining. With dry brining, you get crispier skin, however the meat may be a little drier."

Cooking tips for a flavorful, moist turkey

The most traditional way to cook a turkey is in the oven with a roasting pan or sheet tray. On average, a good rule to determine cooking time for a turkey is to allow 13-15 minutes per pound.

"You'll want to cover the contact surfaces with aluminum foil to help cook the bird more evenly and keep the clean-up mess to a minimum," Keenan

said. "Whether or not you stuff the turkey, place an aluminum foil tent over the top to keep it from burning. Preheat the oven to 325-350 degrees and place the prepared turkey on the oven's lowest rack level."

Keenan suggested allowing the turkey to cook for at least one hour before opening the oven to begin basting.

To baste a turkey, she recommends removing the turkey from the oven and basting every 20-30 minutes until the turkey is almost completely cooked, all while remembering to put the foil back over the turkey between basting.

"To baste, tilt the pan and use a turkey baster or spoon to scoop up the liquids at the bottom and then drizzle them over the turkey," she said. "The basting helps keep the meat juicy and cools the breast meat, so it cooks more evenly with the legs and thighs."

For the last half-hour or so of cooking time, remove the foil and bring the oven temperature up to 425-450 degrees. In this part of the cooking process, Keenan said you can smear some melted butter or oil over the top of the turkey to help crisp up the skin and give it a rich, dark-brown color.

Knowing when turkey and stuffing are cooked

Prouse noted a vital tool in the cooking process is a food thermometer to check the interior temperature of the turkey and any stuffing inside the bird. The interior of the turkey and the stuffing should be heated to at least 165 degrees to ensure any pathogens are eliminated.

"A good food thermometer is possibly your most important item when cooking a holiday turkey," Prouse said. "It allows you to tell how well your turkey is cooking and helps avoid any frozen or cold spots. During cooking, check the temperature in the thickest part of the breast and thigh. If the bird is stuffed, make sure to check the stuffing temperature as well."

Paul Schattenberg is a communications and media relations specialist with Texas A&M AgriLife Communications.



Different preparation and cooking methods allow you to 'customize' the turkey to the preferred crispness and taste. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo)

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Last Thursday Governor Greg Abbott directed the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and Texas school superintendents that the COVID-19 vaccine cannot be mandated as part of school entry requirements. Instead, Texas law overrides a recent recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) that added the vaccine to immunization schedules for adults and school-aged children. In letters to TEA Commissioner Mike Morath and school superintendents statewide, the Governor explains that his Executive Order GA-39, issued on August 25, 2021, allows Texas parents to opt out of the COVID-19 vaccine for their children

and further empowers parents to be the primary decisionmakers in their children's health care. Also, the Texas Legislature has enabled parents to opt out of vaccinating their children for health reasons and reasons of conscience through a number of statutes, including Texas Education Code § 38.01(c)(1), Texas Health & Safety Code §§ 161.004(d), 161.0041, and Texas Human Resources Code § 42.043(d). "Despite attempts at federal overreach into the health care decisions of Americans, in Texas we continue to honor and defend the freedom of parents to choose what is best for the health and well-being of their families,"


reads the letter. "Regardless of what the CDC may suggest, in Texas, the COVID-19 vaccine remains voluntary. Texas schools shall not require students to receive the COVID-19 vaccine for any reason."

Although the recent CDC recommendations do not create a federal vaccine mandate, many schools rely on CDC guidance to craft school entry requirements for students. Governor Abbott's letters to TEA leadership and school superintendents reaffirm his Executive Order prohibiting vaccine mandates and vaccine passports, as well as the Texas laws enabling parents to opt out of vaccines for health or religious reasons.



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U.S. milk pricing system needs update

By Darren Turley
Executive Director, Texas Association of Dairymen

The biggest news in the dairy industry today is the ongoing discussion of reforming the Federal Milk Marketing Order (FMMO) program. The COVID shutdown helped reveal a few flaws in the current rules that govern milk market pricing.

For those reading this who aren't in the dairy industry, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) oversees the FMMO program which includes 11 milk marketing orders and applies to about 75% of total U.S. milk production. The program establishes provisions under which dairy processors buy fresh milk from an area's dairy farmers, and also establishes minimum prices paid to farmers, ensures payments to farmers are accurate and timely, and provides market information.

This will be the first time we have seen the FMMO program addressed since 2000. Stop and think about how different our lives are now compared to 2000. Dairy markets also have changed drastically in the past 22 years. Especially in Texas. In 2000, our state was the seventh largest dairy state in the U.S. and had just over 200,000 dairy cows. Today, we're number four and closing in on Idaho for third place, and Texas dairies are home to almost 650,000 cows.

Over the past 22 years, we've also seen a number of milk processing plants open and expand in our state. Our export market has grown, and new protein blends of milk powder didn't even exist in 2000.

As you can see, a review of the FMMO program is overdue.

At its recent meeting in Kansas City, the American Farm Bureau Federation discussed the much-needed reform in many areas of milk pricing. Texas Association of Dairymen Board Member James Hancock, who operates Prairie View Dairy in Muleshoe, represented Texas at the meeting.

The National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF) also has held meetings across the country to discuss possible changes that could benefit today's dairy farmers. NMPF supports the federal legislation that authorizes the FMMO system and advocates reforms that increase clarity and dairy farmer understanding of milk pricing, as well as ensures an orderly market and fair prices for dairy farmers. In October, NMPF members endorsed a proposal that:

- (1) Returns to the "higher of" Class I mover.
- (2) Discontinues including barrel cheese in the protein component price formula.

- (3) Extends the current 30-day reporting limit to 45 days on forward priced sales on Nonfat Dry Milk and dry whey to capture more exports sales in the USDA product price reporting.

- (4) Updates milk component factors for protein, other solids and nonfat solids in the Class III and Class IV skim milk price formulas.

- (5) Develops a process to ensure make-allowances are reviewed more frequently through legislation directing USDA to conduct mandatory plant-cost studies every two years.

- (6) Updates dairy product manufacturing allowances contained in the USDA milk price formulas.

This is the start to a national discussion of reform, but it seems that these points are acceptable to most states. Hopefully we will see the unified support push a change in the FMMO to better represent today's markets.

TAD will continue to monitor the Federal Milk Market Order reform process through its further debates and discussion with the various dairy processors. It is anticipated that a USDA hearing and a potential producer referendum on Federal Milk Marketing Order modernization will be held in 2023.



Obituary



Annette Ramon



Annette Ramon passed into the loving arms of her Savior on November 11, 2022. Viewing was held Sunday, November 20, 2022 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM with Rosary Services beginning at 6:00 PM at St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina with Mass of Christian Burial Services set for 11:00 AM Monday, November 21, 2022 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina with Father Gregory Bunyan as Celebrant. Burial following in the Bovina Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friena.

Annette was born on March 31, 1962 to Catarino and Irene Ramon in Littlefield, Texas. Growing up, Annette was a very fun and active child always getting in trouble with her siblings. She loved music, dancing, and being adventurous. Annette was very devoted in her faith as a Catholic. She graduated from Bovina High School in 1980. Shortly after graduation she began her life in Amarillo, Texas. She married Tomas Olivarez on November 3, 1984 and in September 1991 God blessed her with her most precious gift, her daughter, Miroslava Ramon-Olivarez. Annette was a very hard working and passionate woman who was a perfectionist at everything she did. She spent her life working in banking until she had her daughter, she then left banking to raise her. Annette's life revolved around her daughter's life. She was always at school activities, sports, music and everything her daughter was involved in. She never missed any-

thing that concerned her daughter. After her daughter graduated high school, Annette went back to banking where she thrived at Happy State Bank. She also continued her education and graduated from Amarillo College. Annette's journey was beautiful and full of life and love. Annette was warm, gracious, beautiful, strong, fierce, and independent. She never stopped dancing and smiling. She was always there for her parents, daughter, sister, and brothers. She was the world's best mother to her daughter and was an amazing sibling to her sister and brothers. Annette will always and forever be loved and missed.

(From Her Daughter)

Mom,
Thank you for being the most amazing mom I could ever ask for. I thank God every day that he chose me to be your daughter and you to be my mother. Thank you for everything you have taught me in my life. For all those long talks, for all your advice, and for everything. Thank you for loving me unconditionally and always being there when I needed you. I'm going to miss all of the random talks and sayings

we had, dancing with you in the living room and singing your songs. You randomly texting me at night asking "shoo wuv me" because you wanted me to come over and lay with you because you decided to watch something scary by yourself. Thank you for teaching me how to be strong and independent just like you. I am so thankful that I am just like you. I am going to miss you so much but I know you are always with me and watching over me and being my guardian angel. I promise to continue your legacy in my own way and to continue making you proud. Always remember I love you so much. Eres todo mi querer.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Irene Ramon and two brothers, Anthony Ramon and Jesse Ramon.

She is survived by her father, Catarino Ramon of Bovina, Texas. Her beloved daughter, Miroslava Ramon-Olivarez of Amarillo, Texas. Her sister, Miroslava Ramon of Amarillo, Texas and two brothers, Ralph Ramon of Weslaco, Texas and Mickey and wife Yolanda Ramon of Bovina, Texas. Sister-In-Law Lorraine Ramon of Bovina, Texas. She also had numerous nieces and nephews, great and great-great nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly.

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FAFSA Night

Friona High School Seniors

Seniors, we would like to invite you and your parents/guardians to a FAFSA/College Readiness Night we have planned with the City of Friona. During this time your student will have the opportunity to learn about local scholarships available through several foundation and begin and complete the Financial Aid Form for Student Application (FAFSA) with the help of experts. Bilingual volunteers will be available.

Seniors, nos gustaría invitarlos a ustedes y a sus padres / tutores a una noche de FAFSA / y preparación para la universidad que hemos planeado con la Ciudad de Friona. Durante este tiempo, su estudiante tendrá la oportunidad de aprender sobre las becas locales disponibles a través de varias fundaciones y comenzar y completar el Formulario de ayuda financiera de estudiante (FAFSA) con la ayuda de expertos. Voluntarios bilingües estarán disponibles.

Monday, November 28th 6:00pm-7:30pm

Friona Public Library

Questions? See Mr. Tucker @ FHS
mtucker@frionaisd.com



Happy Thanksgiving from the Friona ISD Administration and Board of Trustees to all our students, employees, and their families. Thank you for making Friona a great place to learn!



Construction is nearing completion on a new courtroom at City Hall located just south of the City Council Chambers and is accessed by using the south door facing Main Street. The new facility will be home to the Friona Municipal Court Judge Deborah Campbell and Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 Rhonda Wilkins.

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FRIONA-OPOLY IS HERE — City Manager Lee Davila is holding the new game that will soon be sweeping the countryside. The City of Friona version of Monopoly has arrived and those businesses or individuals who have prepaid can pick theirs up at the Chamber of Commerce office. The new board game will also be on sale for \$30 at a booth during the Christmas in the Park event on Monday, December 5th.



Honored Veteran — Rex Bracken was unable to attend the Veterans Day program at the high school on November 11th but did receive his Quilt of Honor last week from Valencia Meier. Go to www.frienaonline.com and click on the Photos tab to view pictures from the event.

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