

# COUNTY NEWSLETTER

*Creativity is intelligence having fun. - Albert Einstein*



## INTRODUCTION

### FIRST EDITION

This is the first issue of the Frio County Newsletter which will be released quarterly. If an office has news to share with employees, it can be included in future newsletters.

## ELECTIONS

### GENERAL ELECTIONS

Early Voting begins on October 13, 2020 to October 30, 2020. Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Check out the Frio County Elections webpage for more information.

## COMING SOON

### EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Elected Officials & Department Heads will nominate an employee for **Employee of the Quarter**. The employee selected will be named on the next issue.



## FALL PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

Each county office will be supplied with a paint kit and a pumpkin to decorate. The pumpkins will be displayed throughout the courthouse and three winners will be chosen on October 30th. Winners will win a \$50 gift card.

Fall Pumpkin Decorating Contest provided by the Frio County Holiday Committee.

## FRIO COUNTY TOY & FOOD DRIVE

Frio County will be holding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Toy & Food Drive. Beginning September 11, 2020, employees that will like to donate gifts and food, may drop them off at the Human Resources Office. The gifts should be wrapped and marked with the gender and age of the child. Donations will go to Frio County families in need & families impacted by Covid-19. All donated food and toys will be delivered to families countywide on the afternoon of December 23<sup>rd</sup>, volunteers are always welcome.

Thank you to the Frio County Holiday Committee for the continuation of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Toy & Food Drive.



### 2020 FALL WELLNESS CAMPAIGN "Time Flies Wellness Challenge"

*Working well challenges you to find the best use for every moment in order to create a healthy balance in life over the next 3 weeks.*

Sign up with the Auditor's Office to participate in the Wellness Challenge, the campaign starts October 5<sup>th</sup>. The incentive for participating in the fall campaign will be a clock.



#### Nice Catch!

Road & Bridge employee, Ronnie Ramon shows off his catch at the Frio County Pond.

## EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS

### OCTOBER

Audrey Gonzales	02	Liz Rodriguez	21
Mary Abrego	05	Mark Garcia	22
Joe Hernandez Jr	08	Anthony Gonzales	23
Richard Graf	10	Devin Longoria	25
Juan Lopez	11	Danny Perez	27
Isaac Garcia	12	Shanna Gates	30
Ray Kallio	13		
Dalia Banda	16		
Phillip Bosquez	17		
Tommy Gandara	18		
Francisco Garza	19		
Rusty Garcia	21		
Joe Ramirez	21		



### NOVEMBER

Sarah Pichardo	03
Justin Longoria	04
Jaime Lopez	09
Susana Delgado	09
Rudy Alvarez	14
Victor Gaytan	17
Criselda Marquez	20
Tammy Hernandez	21
Rochelle Camacho	21
Crystal Marquez	21
Pete Martinez	23
Chemo Ornelas	25
Maria D. Perez	26



### DECEMBER

Joshua Ovalle	01
Adrian Gonzales	03
Destiny Flores	03
Alyssa Telles	07
Reyes Bermea	11
Joe Carrizales	13
Jesus Cuevas	16
Mario Arellano	22
Brian Ortiz	26
Anthony Longoria	29

**2019-2020 SERC Honor Roll Winner**



**Congratulations to Hope Ruiz!**

**EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES**

**30+ Years**

Edna Adame 7/1/1987  
Chemo Ornelas 12/4/1987



**20+ Years**

Arnulfo C. Luna 1/1/1991	Velma Pruitt 10/1/1996
Bertha Ramirez 4/1/1991	Myra Martinez 10/20/1997
Rosie Telles 12/1/1991	Mona Medelez 10/20/1997
Jenny Shafer 12/1/1991	Joe Hernandez Sr. 7/16/1998
Victor Gaytan 11/2/1992	Richard Telles 9/1/1999
Rene Lozano 1/1/1993	Anthony Gonzales 9/1/1999
James Sindon 10/3/1994	Juan Gonzales 2/16/2000
Shanna Gates 1/1/1995	

**10+ Years**

Ruben Maldonado 1/1/2001	Sally Gonzales 4/1/2005
Rosa Estrada 1/11/2001	Tammy Hernandez 4/4/2005
Liz Rodriguez 6/1/2001	Jesse Rodriguez 2/15/2008
Rick Ramirez 9/1/2001	Kim Ramirez 6/17/2008
Juan Castro 4/1/2002	Sarah Pichardo 10/1/2008
Delma Aguirre 4/16/2002	Cherie Allmand 10/16/2008
Jaime Lopez 10/20/2003	Danny Delgado 5/1/2009
Teddy Nieto 1/1/2005	Eli Elizondo 1/4/2010
Anna Alaniz 1/1/2005	Richard Graf 3/8/2010
Delia Telfer 1/3/2005	Crystal Marquez 9/27/2010

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Employee Appreciation T-Shirt**



Employees who signed up in mid-August will begin receiving their t-shirts by early October.

**WELCOME TO THE COUNTY**

**NEW COUNTY EMPLOYEES**

**Laura M. Rodriguez**  
County Clerk - Clerk II

**Mariah Hernandez**  
Elections - P/T Temp. Clerk



Congratulations to our County Judge, Mr. & Mrs. Arnulfo C. Luna in celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

*May you be blessed with many more!*



**STAY SAFE, FRIO COUNTY NEEDS YOU!**

**FRIO COUNTY IS CONTINUING TO FOLLOW CDC COVID 19 GUIDELINES**

- Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- Wear a face mask/covering in public places.
- Social distance 6ft from others.



**Anonymous – Confidential – 24/7/365 Monitoring**

**Employee Safety, Fraud, Theft, Harassment, Reckless Driving, Other Workplace Safety Concerns**

**Report Online**

[www.stayalert.info](http://www.stayalert.info)

**Call or Text**

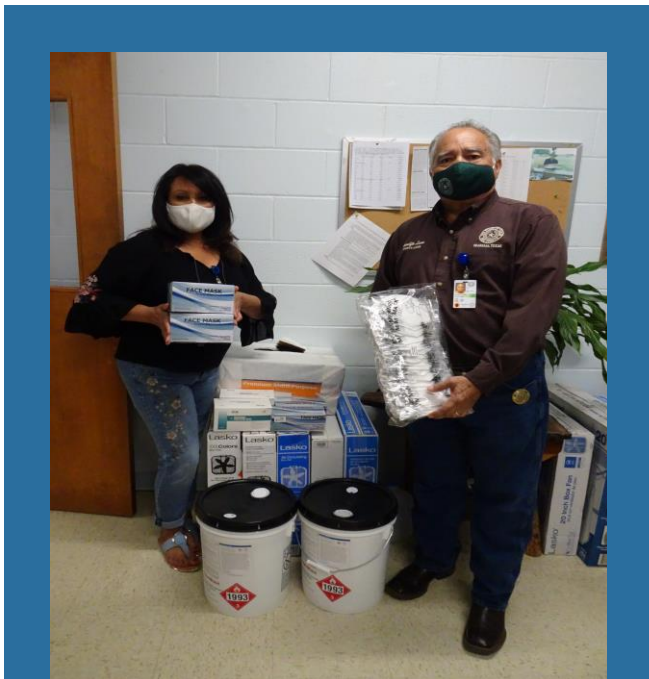
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**Send an Email**

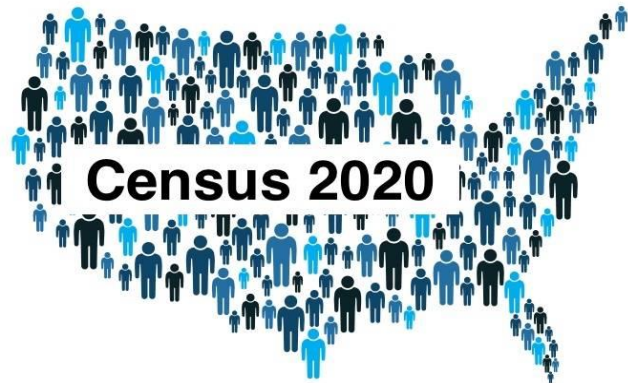
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### Special Delivery

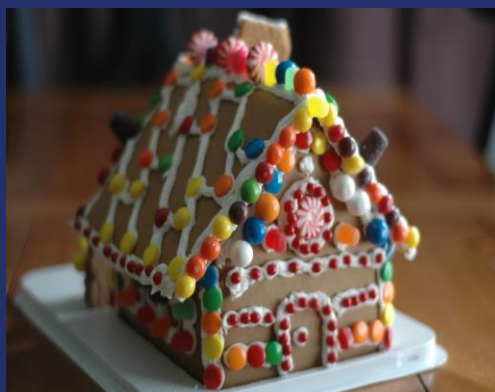
Emergency Management Coordinator, Ray Kallio obtained 332,160 masks from the Texas Division of Emergency Management on behalf of Frio County. Those masks have been distributed to various entities including the cities of Pearsall and Dilley, Pearsall and Dilley ISDs, the volunteer Fire Departments, and more. Masks are one of the primary tools used to prevent the spread of Covid-19. This donation from TDEM will go a long way toward protecting the health of local employees, volunteers, and residents.



Frio County will like to say Thank You to La Salle County for their generous donation of PPE supplies.



Don't forget to complete your 2020 Census!



### Christmas Gingerbread House Decoration Contest

Beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>, each county office will be given the opportunity to participate in a Gingerbread House Decoration Contest. Three winners will be selected, and announced on December 18th. Each winning office will receive a \$50 gift card.

This year's Gingerbread House Decoration Contest is sponsored by the Frio County Holiday Committee.

### Making Voting Efficient for Frio County Voters

Recently the Frio County Election’s Department was awarded the 2020 HAVA Election’s Security Grant for \$120,000.00, which allowed them to purchase new voting machines and equipment. The new voting machines will be utilized for the upcoming November 2020 Elections.



Supporting the *fighters*  
Admiring the *Survivors*  
Honoring the *taken*  
and never, ever giving up *hope*

*Breast Cancer Awareness Month*

## #PINKOUTFRIOCOUNTY

WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO JOIN US IN A COMMUNITY EFFORT TO BRING BREAST CANCER AWARENESS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.



**JOIN US IN PINK OUT & DECORATE YOUR AREA TO HELP SPREAD AWARENESS!**

YOU CAN PINK OUT YOUR OFFICE, WORKSPACE, HOME, CAR, OR ANYTHING YOU LIKE!



**SHARE & TAG US #PINKOUTFRIOCOUNTY**

*This October let's all wear pink to fight breast cancer!*