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## BFF Literacy Event June 27

The BFF (Books, Family & Fun) Literacy group will be at the Reeve Lake covered picnic area on Tuesday, June 27 from 6-6:45 p.m. to share stories, games and activities with local children, their parents and/or guardians. This is a chance to enjoy literacy and fun with your child.

Annette Frye and Beverly Ingram would like to invite eager readers and their families to come for a fun-filled time.

BFF events are designed for primary and elementary age children. A parent or guardian (13 years of age or older) must accompany each child.

## Health Fair

### Wed. June 28

Prairie Acres will host a Health & Wellness Fair on Wednesday, June 28 from 2-4 p.m. They will be offering free blood pressure testing, glucose testing, ear examinations, and Medicaid Assistance. They will also be serving snacks during the Health Fair. For further information contact Elizabeth Romero at (806) 250-3922.

## 50 for 50 tickets still available

The Friona Volunteer Fire Department still has tickets for the "50 for 50" drawing to be held July 4 at the fire station starting at 9 a.m. All proceeds from the drawing will benefit the FVFD. Rules and regulations are available from any volunteer fireman or by contacting Jim Taylor at (806) 265-7264 or Randy McCasland at (580) 649-1437. This event is open to the public.

## Caregiver Coffee Break July 7

Are you a family caregiver or caregiver? There is a free community service available to you offered on the first Friday of every month.

Coffee Break for Caregivers is a good place to learn about potential resources for patients and family. Join them Friday, July 7 at the First National Bank Community Room in Friona at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and donuts followed by a meeting at 10 a.m.

Coffee Break for Caregivers is sponsored by Bluebonnet Home Health and Hospice. For more information call (806) 247-0057 and ask for the social worker.



dana jameson photo

Last Thursday was the perfect day for flying a kite. The wind was mild and the temperatures were just right for Sophia San Miguel to hit the City Park with her dad, Friona Police Department Sgt. Jesus San Miguel. Sophia, who is a Pre-Kindergartner, was having a good time spending time with her dad. Hidden behind Sophia's kite is FPD Officer Andrew Aguirre. The officers were in the park to help with summer school activities and spend time with their children.

# Fireworks, Cheeseburgers and Kidz

The Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture has released details for the upcoming July 4th, 12th Annual Cheeseburger Festival and 2nd Annual Kidz Building Camp.

### Tuesday, July 4

**Independence Day** will dawn with a 5K Run/Walk at 7:30 a.m. for registration with the run/walk beginning at 8 a.m. at the Reeve Lake Picnic area. They will be accepting \$15 donations to go to the Action for an Ambulance Fund. Forms are available at the Chamber office or the day of the run/walk.

The 4th Annual Neighborhood Parade will begin at 9 a.m. at 1606 W. 10th. Everyone is invited to participate by bringing out your bicycles, four-wheelers, cars, etc. decorated for the 4th of July.

Milk House Market has a week of celebration planned for the week leading up to July 4. Owner Crystal Moroney has a huge barn sale planned for Thursday, June 29 and Ladies Night on Friday, June 30. She will have the Red Stone Pizza truck on hand on Saturday, July 1. On Tuesday, July 4 she will be serving up cake and discounts for Milk House Market's third anniversary.

Shoppers will get to enjoy sidewalk shopping at these local stores: Creative Chaos, Interior Expressions, Ivy Cottage as well as Milk House Market.

Children 18-years-old and younger can come out to Reeve Lake and fish for free all day.

July 4th activities continue at the Friona Community Center with vendors setting up at 6:30 p.m. on the east side of the building. Booth donations will go to the Ac-

tion for an Ambulance Fund.

At 7 p.m., a flag ceremony and trumpet solo will be performed at Reeve Lake Park and at dusk, the Friona Volunteer Fire Department will begin a firework display. Donations are being taken for the fireworks fund and can be dropped off at the Chamber Office at 621 Main.

### Saturday, July 15

The **12th Annual Cheeseburger Festival** will welcome one and all to the community for a day filled with good food and fun at the Friona City Park.

Set up for the cooks begin at 7 a.m. Cooks will have a 25' X 10' allotted space for their cook site. The contest is open to the first 20 paid in advance teams. The \$100 fee is non-refundable. The Chamber will provide cooling bands to each member of each team to keep them cool while they cook. The deadline to sign up cook teams is Friday, July 7 at 3 p.m.

Teams will be provided meat, cheese, lettuce, onion, tomatoes, buns and ice. Teams can start serving the public at 11:30 a.m. and will serve until 2 p.m. Wristbands will be sold for \$7 and have four tabs (1/4 burger for a tab). Wristbands are available at the Chamber Office and will also be sold at the festival.

First, second and People's Choice awards will be determined by the judges. First place is \$1,000 and \$300 for second. The People's Choice award will be given to the team that collect the most \$1 votes. The money will go to the Action for an Ambulance Fund.

Vendors will be in the park. Vendor sign up deadline is 3 p.m. on Friday, July 7. Booth sizes are 10' X 10'-

\$30 and 10' X 20'-\$60. Contact the Chamber office or go online for the forms at frionachamber.com.

New this year is Cow Patty Bingo. Chances are \$25 per square with 100 chances to win \$400. Chances will be sold until 2:30 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the "Action for an Ambulance Fund." Squares are available at the Chamber Office.

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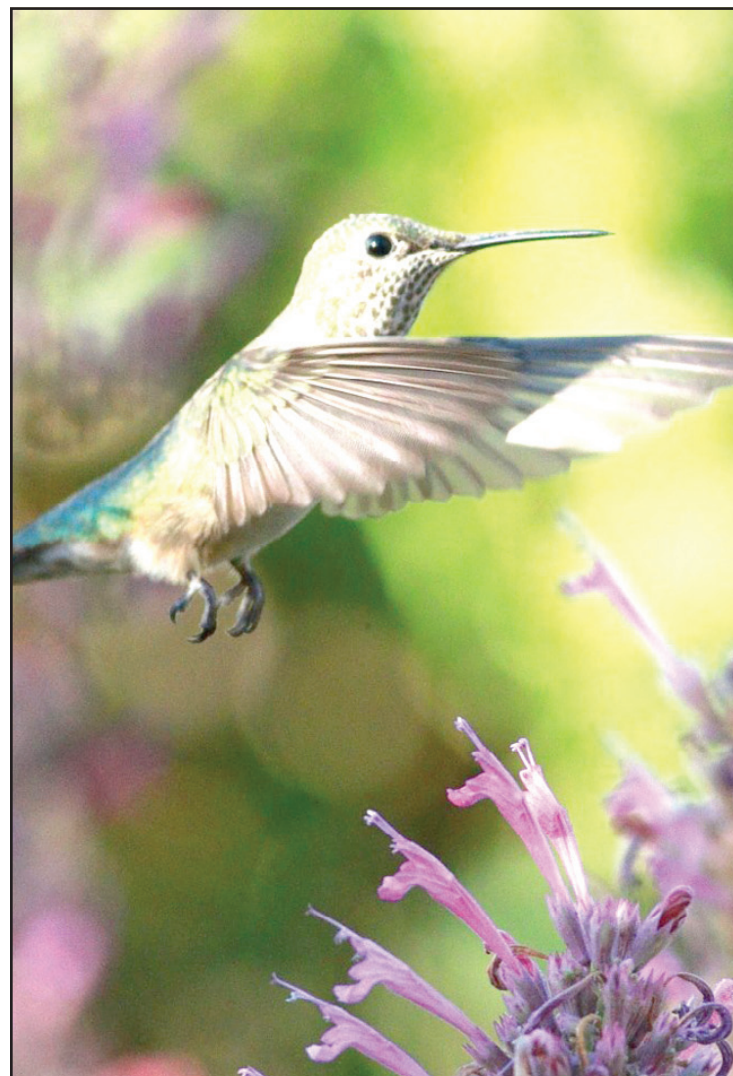
### Tuesday, July 18-Saturday, July 22

The **2nd Annual Kidz Building Camp** will begin on Tuesday, July 18 and be held every evening from 5-9 p.m. until Saturday, July 22. This year's theme is "Let's go to the Jungle". The camp will be held at the Friona Community Center and is open to children 5-12-years of age.

A pre-registration booth will be available at the Cheeseburger Festival on Saturday, July 15. Pre-registration will also be held on Tuesday, July 18 from 3-5 p.m. in the Friona City Park. Forms are available at the Chamber office.

Donations are needed for snacks and drinks during the camp. Ag Texas, ATex Dairy, and the Friona Noon Lions will be cooking for the campers each night of the camp.

Volunteers are needed for the camp. Contact Chris Alexander or Raquel Trevino at the Chamber office to sign up.



From Dr. Gary Cash: The Hummingbird Mint is just now kicking in .



dana jameson photo

Parmer Medical Center bid goodbye to Lynette Jubay last Thursday at a farewell reception. The community turned out to wish her and her family well. Pictured are, l-r, Dr. Felipe Jubay, Dita Jubay, Lynette and her husband Eddie Smith.



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# Town Talk

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Happy Anniversary to Bryan and Allison Johnston. They celebrated 35 years together on Monday, June 19.

Edward and Joann Castillo will be celebrating 34 years of wedded bliss on July 2. Happy Anniversary Edward and Joann.

West Texas A&M University held graduation ceremonies on May 13 at the First United Bank Center in Canyon with 1,000 stu-

dents graduating. Among those graduating were Bovina and Friona students.

Bovina graduates were Juan Pinela graduated with a BS in Mechanical Engineering and Ivan Emmanuel Ramirez with a BS in Sports/Exercise Science.

Friona graduates were Benjamin James Anthony with a BS in Athletic Training; Dollie Mischel Lookingbill with a MA in English; Teresa Parra with a BS in

Health Sciences; and Alexys Gregory Romero with a BS in Mechanical Engineering.

Congratulations to these graduates!

The 2017 WTA&MU Springs Honors list had the following Bovina and Friona students on the Presidents List: Bovina-Itzel Anett Enriquez, sophomore, Mathematics; Friona-Brayan Isai Ayala, sophomore, Pre-En-

gineering; Maria Del Chacon, senior, Social Work; Jonathan Espinoza, senior, Broadcast Journalism; and Esdras Obed Rodriguez, senior, Pre-Medicine.

Friona students on the Dean's List were: Benjamin James Anthony, senior, Athletic Training; Holly Claire Johnston, senior, Music; Denise Paige Padilla, sophomore, Interdisciplinary Studies; Gabriela Irene Quintana, senior, Health Sciences; Lesly Elizabeth Serrano, junior, Psychology; and Weston Allen Wyly, senior, Biology.

Lazbuddie FFA is selling wheat straw bales. This is super nice straw! \$4 for small square bales. They will deliver locally for a 100 bale minimum purchase. Call Clint Hurst at 806-265-7518.

Got news that Clayton Smiley was involved in a one-car rollover Friday evening. He was airlifted to Northwest Texas Hospital with a head laceration, broken ribs and a broken back. He underwent surgery on Sunday morning to insert rods and screws in his back. He is now out of ICU and in lots of pain. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Clayton and his family. We hope you have a speedy recovery.

Ron finished his first round of chemo and radiation this week. He will start his second round

late next week. Thank you for all the calls, texts, cards, and visits.

The Chamber reports that they have 10 confirmed teams for the Cheeseburger Festival on Saturday, July 15. If you are shying away from signing up because of the heat, the Chamber will be giving out cooling bands to each member of every team. They are headbands that are soaked in cold water and worn during outdoor activities. There is room for 10 more teams. Come on out and share your favorite cheeseburger recipe for a big prize.

The Friona Public Library has been super busy lately putting on another terrific summer of entertainment for the Summer Reading program. Last week we heard from a Mike Schneider of Pint Size Polka. He was a really great entertainer and kept the audience engaged throughout his program. I enjoyed the Chicken Dance the most.

This week we got a double dose of the Summer Reading Program. The Lazbuddie Robotics Team proved very entertaining on Wednesday and the local 4-H kids will be on hand on Friday. The programs were held at the Friona Junior High Auditorium. Thank goodness for air conditioning.

Andy and Julia Alexander have had houseguests for the past few weeks. Julia's teenage nephew and niece, Tripp and

Cayelin Edenfield, have been visiting and seeing the sights. They are from South Carolina and will return home this Saturday.

I got a personal tour of the new Friona Police Department this week. I knew the building was bigger but I just didn't realize how big it was compared to the old police station. The officers and dispatchers have more space to work with and are more secure. They are still working out a few bugs but they are up and ready to protect the community.

The Miss Friona steering committee held another in a series of workshops on Tuesday evening. Kathryn Rector and Becky Riethmayer worked with the girls on the subject of colors and full makeup.

According to Facebook, there are only 27 Fridays left until Christmas. Guess I need to hurry up and get those gifts bought.

The Driver's License office will be moving to the new Friona Police Department office some time next week. For now they are still at the old location.

"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time." ~John Lubbock



The Lazbuddie Robotics Team

## Lazbuddie Robotics Team wows Summer Readers

By Darla Bracken

From computer aided design and drafting [CADD] to table display and software design, oral presentation and engineering, the teams have competed well in advanced area and state competitions for 20 years now. With names like Cletus, Ramrod, Poison I.V., Felix, Optimus Rover, Bionic Builder and Breakthrough, their robots are hard to beat. Each year in robotics brings its own challenges and adventures.

Debbie Weir, longtime sponsor, has taken the teams to new heights as they have learned and ad-

vanced in technique, purpose and focus each year. Every team starts with a container of materials to build a robot, but the teams must work together to design, build, program and operate the robot to do a specific task.

Thanks to Friends of the Friona Public Library for their sponsorship of this excellent local program and to Lazbuddie Robotics for coming to share their robot '4799'. Approximately 150 children are expected to be present for the demonstra-



## Friona Flashbacks

### News from the week of June 21, 1962

\*Ralph Shirley, Friona Fire Chief, warned area farmers that should a wheat or straw fire hit their place, they will be required to have a tractor at the field, prepared to go in with the fire truck.

The Friona Fire Department lost a truck by fire a couple of years ago, so the regulation is aimed at preventing such a thing happening again.

\*Larry Potts, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Cordie Potts of the Rhea community, was second in the bulldogging division of the fifth annual Junior Rodeo last weekend.

\*The following "Twelve Rules for Raising Delinquent Children" were issued by the Houston Police Department:

1. Begin with infancy to give the child everything he wants. In this way he will grow up to believe the world owes him a living.

2. When he picks up bad words, laugh at him. This will make him think he's cute! It will also encourage him to pick up "cuter" phrases that will blow off the top of your head later.

3. Never give him any spiritual training. Wait until he is 21 and then let him decide for himself.

4. Avoid the use of the word "wrong." It may develop a guilt complex. This will condition him to believe later, when he is arrested for stealing a car, that society is against him and he is being persecuted.

5. Pick up everything he leaves lying around—books, shoes, and clothing. Do everything for him, so that he will become experienced in throwing all responsibility on others.

6. Let him read any printed matter he can get his hands on. Be sure the silverware and drinking glasses are carefully sterilized, but let your child's mind feast on garbage.

7. Quarrel frequently in the

presence of your children, it will keep them from being to shocked when the home breaks up.

8. Give the child all the spending money he wants. Never let him earn his own. Why should he have things as tough as you had them?

9. Satisfy his every craving for food, drink, and comfort. See that every sensual desire is gratified. Denial may lead to harmful frustration.

10. Take part against neighbors, teachers, and policemen. They are all prejudiced against your child.

11. When he gets into real trouble, apologize for yourself by saying, "I never could do anything with him."

12. Prepare for a lifetime of grief. You'll probably have it.

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Details will be in the next edition of the Friona Star



~Psalm 38~

Side Effects of Conviction

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Would you take a medicine if it might cause liver damage, rash, swelling, hives or other allergic reactions like nausea, vomiting, sweating, weakness or even yellowing of the skin or whites of eyes? Honestly, you would and probably have taken acetaminophen (Tylenol) many times in your life. In fact, you take it, because you know that in light of the possible side effects, when taken properly, there will be healing and help to your body.

In a similar manner, God's prescription for sin in your life is Holy Spirit Conviction. The purpose of conviction is to bring about repentance, followed by restoration, but when God's conviction is resisted, there are severe side effects. In fact, Psalm 38 draws out these side effects and places them in two categories. First are the personal side effects of conviction. Depression, stress, lack of health, feeling overwhelmed, and a throbbing heart are all possible side effects that effect the person who is resisting conviction. Next, though, are the relational side effects. Resisting conviction will distance you from God, but also from those who truly care for you most as you seek to outlast God's hand of conviction on you because of your sin.

Although much more can and should be said about the side effects of resisting conviction, let's look at the antidote, or the cure for conviction. Psalm 38:18 says it is repentance and confession, "I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin." The Lord convicts you because He loves you, and the purpose is to purge the sin from your life, so that you will pursue Him and live in His blessing.

**Do not forsake me, O Lord!  
O my God, be not far from me!  
Make haste to help me,  
O Lord, my salvation!  
Psalm 38:21-22 (ESV)**

God Changes Us

By TEENA HUGHES

I was disappointed when the Texas Tech baseball team lost two games to Sam Houston State and knocked themselves out of their regional tournament, ending their season.

Last week, I saw an interview of Sam Houston Coach Matt Deggs after they were knocked out of their super regional by Florida State. It made me feel better about Tech losing to them.

Coach Deggs was fired by Texas A&M in 2011. This is what he had to say in his post-game interview: "When you get fired, it humbles you. I spent 430 days outside the game. Everybody asked, 'You were here with the Aggies in 2011? No, I wasn't. I was fired.' I had to watch the Aggies play. God brought me full circle and changed my life. I was dead and He saved me. I'm a transformational coach now. It's not about wins or losses; it's about love. It's about men and building relationships that will last forever."

Sometimes God has to allow drastic things to happen to get our attention. For Deggs, it was getting fired. God used Deggs' time away from baseball to bring him to Him; to change his life and the way he coaches.

God knows what He needs to bring us to Him, and He uses it. He knows what we need to surrender to Him in order to be the person He desires us to be. Sometimes it is something like pride, or financial gain, or guilt, or hurt. He wants us in relationship with Him, no matter what it takes.

In the case of Deggs, I am guessing he now realizes that getting fired from A&M was the best thing that ever happened to him, because of the person and coach he is today. By the way, he is wanting A&M to win the College World Series in Omaha this week. He really has come full-circle to support the team that fired him.

Isn't it wonderful that we have a God who loves us so much and does whatever it takes to change us into the person He desires us to be? We just have to be open and willing to be changed.

OBITUARY

Dr. William Michael Ruzicka (Bill)



Dr. William Michael Ruzicka (Bill), 65, passed away June 12, 2017 in Amarillo after courageously battling cancer.

He was born Oct. 25, 1951 in Littlefield, to Leo J. and Margaret (Mike) Demel Ruzicka. William was a strong Christian man with a huge heart, eager to share his love of God and family. He was kind and intelligent, yet funny with a bright personality.

William's passions included God, his family, agriculture, writing and playing his music on guitar, and a lifetime of learning. He continued to broaden his expertise in new areas throughout his life. He was multilingual, adventurous and lover of life. From a young age he was always finding new ways to make a little money, working with his father at West Hub Gin near Friona or on one of their farms. The work of his life was growing pecan trees. His goal and dream was to bring the best variety of pecan to the world. He graduated from Friona High School in 1970. His undergraduate degree was in Spanish from Texas Tech University and spoke it as beautiful flowing music. This allowed him to start medical school in Guadalajara. He later transferred to Galveston and graduated from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine, Lubbock. He also had his pilots and irrigation licenses.

He was self-taught in Russian out of love, adventure and ultimately finding the love of his life, Victoria. They were married December 6, 2003 at Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, making Amarillo home.

He was a loving brother, good son, great friend, caring father and wonderful husband. He

enjoyed teaching his son, Michael about fishing and adored his daughter, Allison. His wife, Victoria and their two beautiful daughters were the joy of his life.

He was known as: "Wild Bill" and "Sweet William" at the same time.

He is survived by his wife, Victoria; his mother, Margaret Ruzicka of Lubbock; son William Michael II and wife Jessica of Pensacola Florida; daughters, Allison Langdon of Lubbock; Christina and Paulina Ruzicka both of Amarillo; his sisters Rhonda Cutair and husband Ray Fournier of Amarillo, Donna and husband Billy Pevehouse of Lubbock, Linda and her husband Kevin Herbert of McKinney, and Margaret (Noni) and husband Cody Love of Boerne; and four grandchildren, James, Jacquilyn, Johnathan, and Leo. He is preceded in death by his father, Leo J. Ruzicka.

Funeral mass was held on Monday, June 19 at Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church with Rev. John Valdez as celebrant. Interment followed at Resthaven Memorial Park, Lubbock Texas.

Please leave online condolences at www.schoolerfuneralhome.com

**Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.**  
Hebrews 11:16(NIV)

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Living Water

By JEFF PROCTER, Minister, 6th Street Church of Christ

Boy is it hot! It seems like once you hit three digits everything is zapped of strength. In such intense heat, it is hard to keep properly hydrated. By noon plants outside begin to drop, and people are soon to follow. Yet a little water makes a difference. I have never really been in the desert, nor suffered any long duration of time without water. Yet, you don't have to be a waterologist to know that: water is necessary for things to live and when you live in an area where rain can be a bit sparse, it goes beyond necessary to downright vital.

There was once a lady and the term is used loosely in that there was little respect for her in town. She was an outcast and typically drew her water at high noon. The crowds were less and she didn't have to deal with all the insults, nasty looks and general rudeness that came with drawing the water when it was cooler like everyone else. Then along comes Jesus and he needed a drink. He asked this woman, who was more than a little shocked that a Jewish male would ever speak to a Samaritan woman, especially her.

He asked for a drink, but gave her Living water. Water for the soul. Water from a well that would never run dry. Water so precious that life eternal would well up from its spring. Water like never see before. (Go get your Bible it is in John 4).

The Psalmist describes a deer panting for water as a description of his longing for the Lord. (Psalm 42) Do you thirst? Do you want to drink from a well with no end? It begins and ends with Jesus. He is that living water. We may have plenty to drink, but our souls still thirst and long for something better.

I know in a day I don't quite drink enough good ole H2O, but my fear is that I drink less of the water that is much more important. Living water from a well that never runs dry. Let's get a drink of that daily.

Governor signs drunk driving law

Texas Governor Greg Abbott has signed drunk driving legislation into law that will save lives by adding a new incentive for first-time drunk driving offenders to install an ignition interlock on their vehicle.

Governor Abbott signed HB 3016, which allows first-time drunk drivers with a .08 to .14 blood alcohol concentration (BAC) who successfully use an ignition interlock for six months — and complete other court conditions — to apply for a non-disclosure. That means the DWI would be removed from their record. Only offenders who do not cause injury or property damage can apply for the one-time non-disclosure.

A drunk driving offender in Texas who is not ordered on an interlock, or who chooses not to install the device, must wait five years before being eligible to apply for non-disclosure. Currently, Texas courts cannot consider a previous DWI that occurred more than five years ago when sentencing drunk drivers.

"This new law provides one of the biggest incentives in the nation for drunk drivers to install an ignition interlock. This is a smart justice, pro-victim approach to stopping drunk driving," said Jaime Gutierrez, executive director of MADD Texas. "MADD strongly supports this incentive to increase the use of interlocks to save lives and reduce repeat DWI offenses."

In many states, including Texas, plea deals or reduction in charges enable offenders to avoid an ignition interlock order or an original DWI charge. This law seeks to change that by giving offenders a second chance if they install an interlock. The tradeoff for society is that the interlock user is learning to drive sober and less likely to become a repeat offender endangering the lives of Texans.

"Since December 2006, interlocks have stopped more than 244,000 attempts to drive drunk with a BAC of .08 or greater in Texas," said Gutierrez. "Expanding the use of interlocks will save countless lives."

MADD was joined by the Texas Public Policy Foundation in supporting the improvement to Texas' ignition interlock law.

"I applaud Governor Abbott for signing HB 3016, a bill that will make our roads safer and allow individuals who have paid their debt to society move past their one criminal offense and become a productive citizen," said Greg Glod, Senior Policy Analyst for the Texas Public Policy Foundation. "I'd also like to commend the efforts of Senator Bryan Hughes and Chairwoman Senfronia Thompson, who championed the bill in the Senate and House as well as MADD, whose tireless effort in education and advocacy throughout the legislative process helped make passage possible."

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The FHS Varsity Squaws attended at basketball team camp in Georgetown, TX recently. Pictured are, back row, l-r, Carl Carly Drake, Erica Barrera, team camp coach, Kenzie Hurst, Mariah Trevino, Jaci Trevino, and Bailey Pope; front row, l-r, Josselyn Castillo, Amelia Sandoval, and Emma Rector. The team wishes to thank the community and all that support the team.

### Turfgrass specialist to speak June 27 in Canyon

By Kay Ledbetter

Summer temperatures along with rain, or the lack thereof, always brings about turfgrass issues that the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Randall County will address in a Summer Horticulture Series. Dr. Joey Young, Texas Tech University assistant professor of turfgrass science in Lubbock, will be the guest speaker on June 27. The same program will be offered both at noon and 6:30 p.m. "Dr. Young's advanced turfgrass knowledge is very beneficial for homeowners and we look forward to having him here to share with our guests," said Liz Moore, AgriLife Ex-

tension horticulture agent in Randall County. This meeting, as well as all programs in the series, is on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the AgriLife Extension office at 200 N. Brown Road, Canyon. Lunch will be provided for the noon programs and dessert and coffee at the evening programs. Registration is requested by June 25 by calling the AgriLife Extension office in Randall County at 806-468-5543 or online at <http://Randall.agrilife.org>. Registration is \$12 for an individual program or \$40 for all programs. Payment can be made at the door the day of the program.

The remaining schedule for the series, including topics, speakers and advance registration date, is:  
 - July 25 - Landscape Design, Dr. Bill Welch, AgriLife Extension landscape horticulturist in College Station. Register by July 18.  
 - Aug. 22 - Trees and Tree Issues, Brian Scott, Texas A&M Forest Service staff forester, Canyon. Register by Aug. 15.  
 Sponsors for the series include Canyon Chiropractic, Lady Bug Termite and Pest Services, Pro Chem Sales and Irwin Greenhouses.

## Soil water storage, new varieties critical to wheat production

By Kay Ledbetter

Regardless of what watering regimen a producer might have on wheat, in the High Plains it is critical that new varieties are grown to maximize yields, according to a long-running study by Texas A&M AgriLife Research. The purpose of this study is to show how different varieties of wheat respond to different levels of water, said Dr. Qingwu Xue, AgriLife Research crop stress physiologist in Amarillo. "The overall objective of our program is to better understand the physiological responses of different wheat genotypes to drought stress and water-limited conditions," Xue said. "We have an overall goal to improve the water-use efficiency and yields of wheat."

Utilizing a center-pivot irrigation system, he has been growing the top 20 varieties for the High Plains under three to five different water treatments ranging from dryland to limited and full irrigation since 2011. The physiology group works with Dr. Jackie Rudd, wheat breeder, and Dr. Shuyu Liu, small grain geneticist, both with AgriLife Research in Amarillo.

"We want to identify the best management practices and genotypes in these environments to recommend to producers that will help them optimize their water use," Xue said. "So far, what we have found is effective water use is still very important, especially under limited-water conditions. Dr. Sushil Thapa, the post-doctoral scientist working in our group, has summarized field data for the last five wheat growing seasons at Bushland. "We are looking at the soil-water dynamics in different varieties developed from the 1970s to the most recent and how the soil-water extraction is correlated to yield and yield components," Xue said. "What we found is the newer varieties have better capability to utilize

soil water."

Wheat needs to be able to access and utilize stored soil water, seasonal rainfall and any irrigation water to get higher yields, Xue and Thapa said.

They found the wheat was using water only from the 3-4 foot soil profile in the dry season of 2011. In contrast, the wheat plots harvested in 2016 were able to use the water from 6-8 feet.

"That's very important when you look at the roots and the soil-water dynamics," Xue said. "In very dry seasons, the roots cannot go deep enough to take advantage of the water."

That is why it is also important to take care of the above-ground growth, he said. The newer varieties have better and more vigorous early growth, which means they have more above-ground biomass and better ground cover in the early stage. This also helps to improve the root mass as well as the rooting depth.

Over the last 30 or 40 years, breeding has improved wheat's capability to access soil water stored during the fallow period and the water from seasonal rainfall.

They found the newer varieties are especially able to access the deeper water.

"We specifically looked at TAM 105 compared to TAM 111 and TAM 112," Xue said. "Comparing those three varieties, the two newer varieties always had a better ability to extract water from the deeper soil."

The best way to improve soil-water storage is allowing for sufficient fallow periods with good residue management, Xue said.

With good soil moisture, the newer varieties will produce more forage and establish a better root system in the early stages of growth, Thapa said.

"While many producers may think about forage only for cat-

tle grazing, it is also important for yield potential as it is a good indicator that a strong root system is being developed," Xue said.

Xue provided an example of how the varieties make a difference. In an extreme drought year like 2011, TAM 105, developed in the 1970s, yielded only 8 bushels per acre. TAM 111 and TAM 112, developed more recently, yielded 10 bushels per acre under dryland conditions.

"In a wet year like 2016, the variety difference was even more significant," he said. "With the older varieties, you're looking at around 40 bushels per acre. But the newer varieties like TAM 114 yielded 60 bushels per acre. So if you can get 10 to 20 bushels per acre difference over a large area that's a big difference."

Xue said using the newer varieties with the ability to produce more forage early and thus deeper roots will help, but the field must have good soil water to start with, even on dryland, or it might be well to let the field lay fallow for a longer time.

"In this environment, if you don't have good ground cover and good forage in the early stages of wheat, you probably don't have a good chance to obtain the higher grain yield, given a highly variable seasonal rainfall," he said.

For years with exceptional water, he suggested producers consider putting nitrogen on their wheat field to help early growth and the ability to utilize deep soil moisture.

Also, producers who know their wheat will have adequate water need to consider the newer varieties with disease-resistance traits, he said.

"That was especially significant this year when we saw a lot of wheat streak mosaic virus damage on some varieties and much less on others," Xue said.

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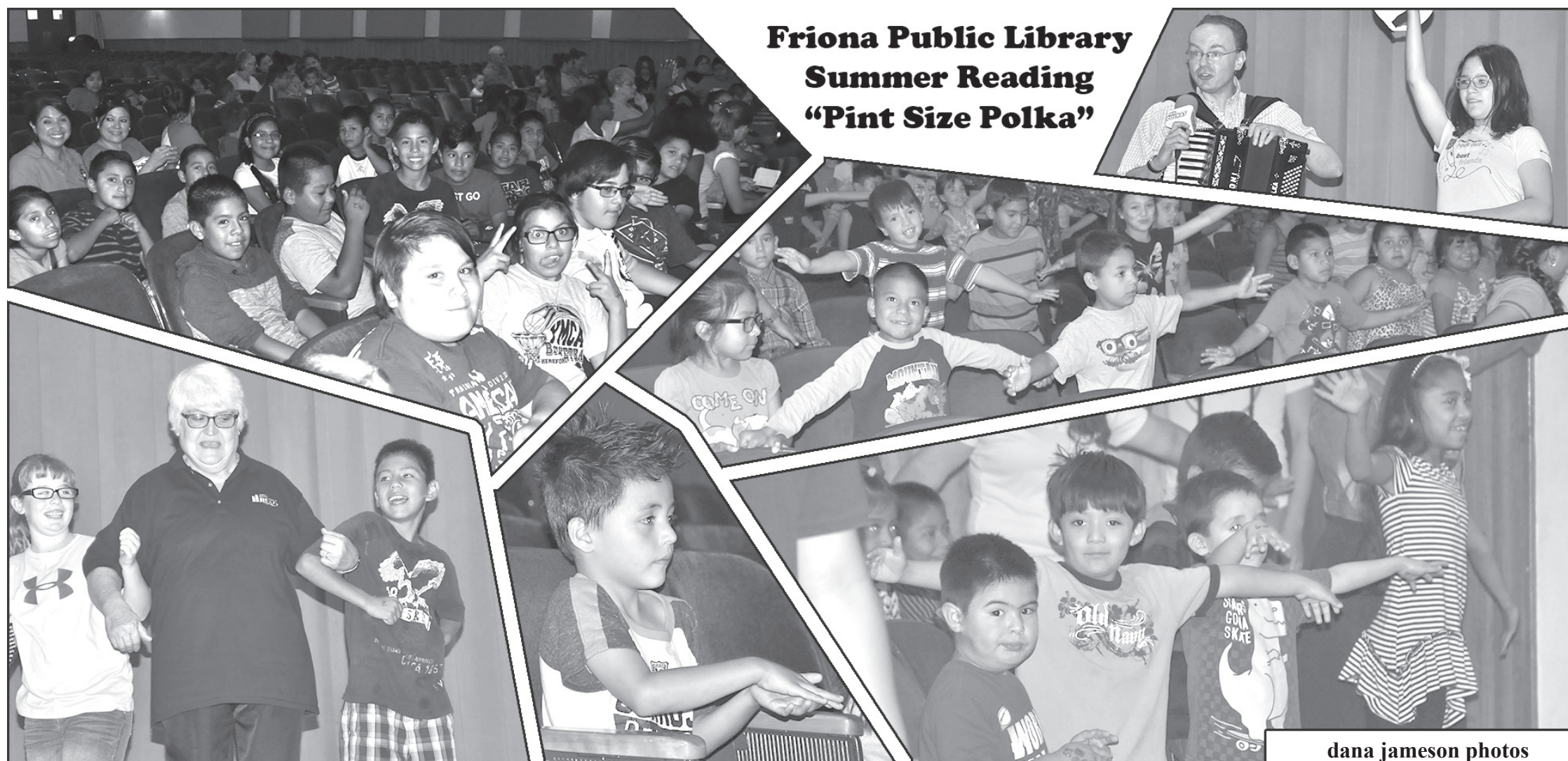


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The Friona Public Library Summer Reading program was entertained by Mike Schneider of Pint Size Polkas last Thursday morning at the Friona Junior High Auditorium. Scheider is shown above with Library Director Darla Bracken.

### Accordion Player scores a hit with Summer Readers

By Darla Bracken

Mike Schneider of Pint Size Polkas from Clinton, Wisconsin, population 2,500 presented an excellent musical program for "Build a Better World" to 153 children plus teachers, parents, grandparents and guests.

Mr. Schneider became interested in the accordion very early in life because his father, Paul, also played the accordion. By age 5, he had heard the King of American Polka Frank Yankovik, play at a church festival. From that time on, he was hooked on learning to play the accordion. He has had a couple of years of formal training, but plays mostly by ear.

His wife, Heather, inspired and encourage him to write and play songs for children and in 2009 "Pint Size Polkas" became a reality. Mr. Schneider also has an adult polka band that includes an accordion, a banjo, saxophone, bass and drums since 1996. The Wisconsin Polka Hall of Fame



played several selections including Beer Barrel Polka, Champagne Polka, Blue Waltz, Riding down the canyon and a special song, Anniversary Waltz for Clarence and Wynona Martin who celebrate 70 years of marriage this month. Then Mr. Schneider was on to Canyon Area Library for a 2 o'clock performance. Thanks for the smiles and the CDs, Mr. Schneider... Happy Trails! www.pintsizepolkas.com mike@pintsizepolkas.com (414) 431-4683, or write Mike Schneider, P O Box 126 Clinton, WI 53525. CDs are \$11.99 + 2.98 shipping each, Volumes 1 & 2.

awarded Mr. Schneider the support, promotion and the youth mentor awards in 2015. Mike and his wife are the proud parents of three children ages 8, 6 and 5. When not entertaining, Mike designs websites, enjoys being with his family and playing golf.

After the library program sponsored by Friends of the Library, Mr. Schneider graciously agreed to play for our local Senior Citizens at their monthly 'Mexican Pile-On' meal. He

Wisconsin Trivia: Nickname- The Badger State, Flower-Wood Violet, Bird-Robin, Mammal-Dairy Cow and White Tailed Deer, Motto-Forward, Tree-Sugar Maple, Dance- Polka, Insect-Honey Bee, Dairy Farming, Cheese and Sports: Green Bay Packers, Milwaukee Brewers.

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