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Class of '69 Fifty Year Reunion Slated for August 17

Did you graduate from Friona High School in 1969? Believe it or not, it has been fifty years, and a big reunion is in the works. Please join former classmates at the Holiday Inn West, 8231 Amarillo Boulevard, Amarillo, Tx. on Saturday, August 17th.

Festivities will begin with a casual party on Friday night for those who arrive early. The main event will begin at 8:30 Saturday morning with lunch being served at 12:30. The day will be filled with visiting, short presentations, and photo taking.

Those attending the event on Saturday are asked to submit \$30 per person to Phyllis Renner Murphree, 15 North Main, Temple, Tx, 76501, to help pay for lunch and the meeting room. Please include your contact information.

Anyone wishing to spend the night at the venue can call

806-322-4777 to make reservations. Mention that you are with the FHS 50th reunion group to receive a discount.

Contact information is needed for these Class of '69 graduates: Randy Allmon, Gail Bartlett, Delvin Brookfield, Donnie Gibson, Joe Gonzales, Jackie Huddleston, Mike Pavalus, Jerald Reed, Curtis Russell, Rodney Seale, Lowell Taylor, and Donald Taylor. Please send any information or questions to phyllismurphree@gmail.com or to Connie Slagle at frionabookshoppe@gmail.com.



June is National Dairy Month!

Celebrate National Dairy Month with real dairy

By McKenzie Hettinga

My family and I love milk - ice cold, delicious and nutritious. We love real milk and all the wonderful dairy products made with it. Have you ever thought about milking an almond? How about a coconut? When you really think about it, it's pretty silly.

Milk - real milk - comes from a lactating animal. That is the true definition, according to the federal government. So why is it that when I visit the grocery store the dairy case is full of these other products that call themselves "milk" when they come from plants? Shouldn't they be called "juice" or something else?

It's not just fluid milk that is being imitated. We are seeing foods labeled "cheese," "butter," "yogurt" and "ice cream," all products traditionally made with dairy milk, that contain zero dairy. Using dairy terms on these "knock off" products is misleading to consumers.

Dairy farmers all across our great nation work tirelessly to care for their animals and to produce true, healthy and natural milk. They want nothing more than to provide safe, wholesome dairy products for you and your family to enjoy.

June is National Dairy Month and a great time to start the practice of reading labels on your dairy products at the grocery store. You will find

that real milk is a nutritionally packed product with a short ingredient list - milk, vitamin A and vitamin D. Compare that to almond "juice," and I bet you will be surprised. You can't milk an almond, and it takes many ingredients to turn a nut into a liquid!

As a mother of three young boys, I take nutrition seriously. The U.S. Department of Agriculture states that real milk contains nine essential nutrients that are key in the diets of children. Plant-based imitations may be fortified, but they come up short when compared to the availability of nutrients naturally found in dairy milk.

It's confusing as a consumer to try and navigate the multiple products labeled milk. A survey released in August showed that 73% of consumers believe that almond-based drinks have as much, or more protein, than dairy milk. That is just not correct. Milk has eight grams of protein in an eight-ounce serving - four times the amount found in a similar serving of almond juice!

On the national level, dairy farmers and allies are working with Congress to pass the DAIRY PRIDE Act to protect consumers and end misleading labels. It will let consumers easily identify true dairy products. We already know that many people are confused, frustrated and put off by the



dairy case today. Buying milk should be a straightforward, positive experience.

As a mother and a dairy farmer, I strive to provide my boys with the nutrients they need to grow into strong, healthy young men. I know that the milk I buy in the grocery store - real milk - is nutritionally dense, safe and delicious.

As we start National Dairy Month, I hope that you take a moment to check the labels and enjoy some of nature's perfect food!

McKenzie Hettinga is a fourth-generation dairy farmer and a member of the Texas Association of Dairymen Board of Directors. The Hettinga family milks Holsteins on their family-owned and operated dairy in Farwell, Texas.

Thursday, June 13, 2019

Friona Blood Drive

Calvary Baptist Church

Fellowship Hall

Noon - 7:00 p.m.

Please donate - blood supplies low!

History of Flag Day

Flag Day is a celebration of the adoption of the American flag by Continental Congress in the First Flag Resolution of June 14, 1777. Although the 200-year anniversary of this date was celebrated by flying flags on public buildings and holding remembrances in several cities, Flag Day wasn't officially recognized until President Harry Truman signed it into law in 1949.



day a bust of Cigrand stands in Waubeka at the National Flag Day Americanism Center.

Cigrand delivered speeches around the country about patriotism and holding an observance for the flag on June 14. He later became the president of the American Flag Day Association and the National Flag Day Society. **Continued on Page 6.**

Bernard J. Cigrand, known to the general public as the "Father of Flag Day," worked as a school teacher at Stony Hill School in Waubeka, Wisconsin. He held the first unofficial observance for Flag Day at that school in 1885, and to-

Texas milk boom elevates state dairy profile

By Darren Turley - TAD Executive Director

Texas milk production continues to grow month over month and year over year. The large quantity of milk Texas dairies produce - about 12 billion pounds annually and climbing - along with the long streak of milk production increases have people wondering what will slow down the milk flow.

Texas has been elevated to the fifth largest dairy producing state in the nation. We're thankful for the strong state dairy industry, compared to other states where dairies are going out of business.

As milk production booms, what to do with all the milk? Growth is not expected to slow any time soon. Larger and more efficient barns are being built, and new processing and other facilities are coming on line this year. The new Select Milk Producers' butter

powder plant in Littlefield, scheduled to open in the coming months, is expected to fill very quickly.

Our strong and vibrant dairy industry is becoming a leader among Texas agriculture commodities and is being recognized by state leaders. The total economic impact of the dairy industry in Texas in 2017 was estimated at more than \$3.5 billion - milk is ranked third in Texas agriculture commodities for its economic impact. When new data is available, expect economic impact to have grown.

Ultimately, our growth is due to the hard work by our state's dairy farmers and the advances they're implementing on their farms. We salute these dairy farmers, who are committed to feeding Texans healthy, wholesome milk and dairy products, year-round, not just during National Dairy Month.



Darren Turley is executive director of the Texas Association of Dairymen, www.milk4texas.org.



Former Chieftain running back Sergio Flores represented Friona last Saturday night at the 70th Annual Greenbelt Bowl at Fair Park Stadium in Childress, Texas. Nine area towns were represented in the All-Star game which is hosted by the Childress Rotary Club.

Sergio played for the "North" team which lost to the "South" team by a final score of 47-7. He had approximately 80 yards rushing in the game. Sergio led the Chieftains in rushing the past two years with 2,150 yards and was on the All-District team both years. In the photo, Sergio is shown with Coach Eduardo Rojas.



The "Best of the Panhandle" Sports Awards Ceremony was held last Thursday at the Amarillo Civic Center. The event was hosted by AGN Media and United Supermarkets. Dallas Cowboy Leighton Vander Esch was the featured speaker. Bailey Pope was honored for volleyball and Jonathon Hernandez for football. They were both recognized as Scholar Athletes. Photo (l-r) Volleyball Coach Bryan Masse, Bailey Pope, Jonathon Hernandez, and Head Football Coach Jimmy Arias.

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June 16th

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June 14th

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Burn Ban:
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Community Calendar

Send Calendar information to:

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call (806) 250-2211 or fax (806) 250-5127

June 13

-Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.
- Friona Community Blood Drive 12 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

June 14

-Flag Day

June 16

- Father's Day

June 20

-Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

June 21

-First Day of Summer

June 27

-Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

July 4

-Independence Day!

July 5

-Caregivers Coffee Break at First National Bank Community Room 9:30 a.m.

July 11

-Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

July 13

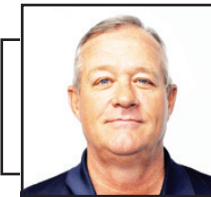
-PMC free pre-natal classes 9-10 a.m.

July 18

-Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Headquarters.
-Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

July 25

-Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.



Mayor's Minutes by Ricky White

Greetings!!!!

Currently, our police department is struggling to keep up with technological advances. Their dispatching console and radio systems have not been updated in over 10 years, even then, the system was obsolete. Moreover, we are unable to find vendors that are familiar to work on our obsolete console during system failures, leaving our community vulnerable to crime and lowering office response time. The console also serves as the system to sound off our siren system which is needed during inclement weather. This is critical to inform the residents of Friona to take shelter when needed. Omega Electronics has assessed the Friona Police Department's console needs and have provided a quote of \$40,000 to replace the existing system. The City Council met and discussed this issue and had questions concerning installation dates and funding. Answers are being researched and will be shared back to council. All sirens are working and will be turned on manually when the need presents itself. The City Council is very concerned about the safety of all residents and is working to rectify this important issue.

Friona Volunteer Fire Department responded to 9 emergency calls in May.

- 4th -controlled burn (7 fire fighters and 2 trucks responded)
- 4th-car accident (6 firefighters and 2 trucks responded)
- 13th- truck fire (9 firefighters and 3 trucks responded)
- 19th- barn fire (12 firefighters and 5 trucks responded.
- 19th-hay fire (11 firefighters and 5 trucks responded)
- 20th-car accident (5 firefighters and 2 trucks responded)
- 21st-smoke alarm (8 firefighters and 3 trucks responded
- 27th-grass fire (7 firefighters and 1 truck responded)
- 31st-electrical fire (7 firefighters and 3 trucks responded)

We say "thank you" to all of the volunteer firefighters for a job well done!!!!

Judge Campbell had a total of 111 new cases filed in May. There were a total of 73 guilty pleas and 14 cases settled by court. Total fines collected were \$12,346.02 and total remitted to the state was \$6,754.61.

Emergency Medical Service responded to 411 calls in May. There were 22 calls for transfers, 10 calls for 911 and 9 calls ended in a "no transport". Total billing equaled \$45,505.66 and the city collected \$8,561.38.

Friona Police department responded to 301 calls. There were 295 stops, 181 warnings, 114 citations and 13 arrests. All of the arrests made were misdemeanors. (2-warrants, 1-driving while intoxicated, 9-no drivers license and 1-criminal trespass).

Accounts Payable for the month of May equaled \$180,630.39. One of the larger expenditures was a check written to Gayla Fullerton, CPA for \$14,000. Gayla was hired by the city to perform last year's audit. No major deficiencies were found during the audit.

The City pumped 15,413,100 gallons of water in May and sold 11,847,000 gallons of water. Total billing equaled \$64,343.29 on 1443 accounts. There were a total of 12 disconnects for non-payment.

Dewayne Procter is doing a fantastic job keeping the cemetery in prime condition. I hope the public has noticed the great job Dewayne is doing. Also, the dead trees along the outskirts of the cemetery are being removed and replaced.

Friona Public Library had a total of 729 patron's visits and was open for 21 days in May, an average of 45 patron visits per day. There were 846 items circulated and 7 new items added to the Library.

Other News

HHS Calls on Texans to Wear Blue for Men's Health June 14

State health officials are calling on Texans to wear blue June 14 to commemorate National Men's Health Week and honor those who have overcome health challenges.

The purpose of Men's Health Week is to increase awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys. This year NMHW is June 10 through Father's Day, June 16.

"We want all Texans to make their health and well-being a priority. This week is about encouraging our sons, brothers, fathers and friends to step up and make time for their health," said Texas Health and Human Services Executive Commissioner Dr. Courtney N. Phillips. "It's so important for men and boys to go to the doctor routinely, take care of their mental health, and work on building healthy habits that can last a lifetime."

Through programs, services and public awareness, Texas health officials aim to improve men's health overall and are closely monitoring metrics, health rankings and leading causes of death. In Texas, 18 percent of adult men report fair or poor health status, compared with 17 percent nationwide; 27 percent of adult men report poor mental health status, compared with 30 percent nationwide. Heart disease, cancer and diabetes are among the leading causes of death, and colorectal cancer is the fourth most

common cancer in the U.S. and Texas. Diabetes disproportionately impacts men and minority groups; 12.4 percent of Texas men have diabetes, compared with 10.1 percent of Texas women.

Men are encouraged to talk with their physicians and ask what screenings would be appropriate for them. Health issues for men to discuss with their physician may include risks related to mental health and substance use, prostate and colorectal cancer, diabetes, and heart disease.

Texas HHS is encouraging the use of the #HealthyMenHealthyFamilies hashtag to highlight local efforts along with the #MensHealthWeek national hashtag. HHS employees statewide will wear blue and show their support through photos.

More information is available at hhs.texas.gov. Texas residents can dial 2-1-1 to learn about programs and services. To learn more about NMHW and Men's Health Month, visit www.menshealthmonth.org.

Kwahadi Dancers 75th Anniversary Celebration

The 75th Anniversary of the Kwahadi Dancers (1944-2019) will be celebrated on July 5 and 6. An alumni and friends dinner to celebrate the anniversary will be at the museum on July 5. Various activities will occur during the day on Saturday, July 6, for alumni and friends. The 75th Anniversary performance of Song of

the Eagle will be Saturday evening, with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and the show at 7:00 p.m. Old timers from across the generations of Kwahadis will join in dancing! The public is invited to the anniversary events.

On Saturday, July 20, our friends, the Sahawe Dancers from Uvalde, TX, will join the Kwahadis for a joint performance at the museum. Over 40 veteran youth dancers will join together for what promises to be a grand performance! The Sahawe will depart with the Kwahadis on July 21 to perform 9 shows on the 2019 World Scout Jamboree Show Tour!

Summer shows will be held Saturday nights at 7:00 p.m. on June 15, 22, and 29 and on July 6, 13, and 20. Show tickets include the museum and are \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors, and \$5 for youth. Reservations for the show are recommended and required for the optional catered dinner which is served at 6:00 p.m. Call the museum gift shop, 806-335-3175, for more information or reservations.

The Museum is open during the summer Wednesday through Sunday, 1 – 5 p.m., and during the school year on Saturday and Sunday, 1 – 5 p.m. The museum features art and artifact of the buffalo hunting cultures of the Plains and of the corn farmers of the Southwest. The Kwahadi Museum website is www.kwahadi.com. The museum is located on I-40 E one mile east of the landmark Big Texan Steak Ranch.

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ACROSS

- TX "Moonraker" actress Chiles
- TX LBJ took _____ of office aboard Air Force One
- TX ZZ Top, e.g.
- TXism: "leave _____ stone unturned"
- TXism: "threw a hissey _____"
- llama lookalike
- TX McMurtry's "Lonesome Dove" was TV _____-series
- worn by TX wrestlers, boarders, or rollerbladers
- TXism: "left out for parts _____"
- TXism: "he _____ his own trail" (independent)
- ex-Chevy model
- Cowboys contest
- home for many TX actors: "_____town"
- TXism: "tall hog at the _____"
- TX Larry McMurtry writing genre
- a fraternity at UT (abbr.)
- you can hike a Longleaf _____ in East TX
- Technical school in Waco (abbr.)
- TXism: "_____ninety" (very small)
- TXism: "horny _____" (lizards)
- "the man" south of the border
- Ezekiel objectives
- TXism: "_____gow" (jail)
- cute TX babies elicit "_____ and aahs"
- TX Hamlin comic strip character "Alley _____"
- TX VP Garner said his job "_____ worth a bucket of warm spit"
- "to and _____"
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- Plainview is the seat of _____ County
- devastate
- an hour later than CST
- dir. to Denton from Alvord
- school activity
- "he's _____ guy" (fine fellow)
- Abel's brother who did first murder
- TXism: "it all _____ up" (makes sense)
- TXism: "got as _____ as a hibernating bear"
- Del Rio AM radio
- grass sowers
- "Bum" Phillips
- Pecos Bill's honey: "_____Foot Sue"
- TX George H.W. Supreme Court pick Clarence (init.)
- in Smith County on highway 135
- Hawaiian chow
- TX-made 1975 film: "Logan's _____"
- "By the Time _____ Phoenix"
- TXism: "rug rats"
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- Dallas named for this Alexander (init.)
- TXism: "tough row _____"
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- TX "Hoop-It-Up" is three _____ basketball
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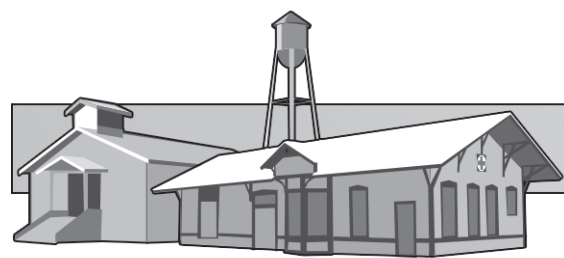
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The Friona Community Blood will be conducted by Coffee Memorial Blood Center on Thursday, June 13, 2019 from 12 noon until 7 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 1500 N. Cleveland. Don't forget to go donate blood!

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The FHS Class of 1969 will have a fifty year reunion at the Holiday Inn West in Amarillo on August 17. There is an article with more details in the Star this week. Contact Phyllis Renner Murphree at phyllismurphree@gmail.com or Connie Slagle at frionabookshoppe@gmail.com for more information.

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The 11th Annual Pudge Kendrick Memorial Golf Tournament will be July 27-28 at John Pitman Golf Course in Hereford. Signup is now open at the Pro Shop in Hereford.

It's time for Cheeseburger Festival cook team signups! You may find rules and registration forms at the Friona Chamber of Commerce office on Main Street or online at friona-chamber.com. The first 20 (paid) teams will be able to compete, and entry is non-refundable.

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The Friends of the Library Book Shoppe, located at 119 West 6th, will change hours due to lack of air conditioning. From June through September, the book shop will be open Thursday mornings from 10-12.

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The 50th season of the Friona Fine Arts Council's Summer Drama Workshop will begin on Monday, July 8, for elementary and junior high students in the Friona High School Auditorium. The elementary show will

rehearse from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Monday through Friday for two weeks. The junior high show will rehearse from 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The high school actors will kick things off on Sunday, July 7, at 7:00 pm in the Friona High School Auditorium. They will rehearse in the evenings from 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm. The cost will be \$25.00 per participant.

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Here's the SCOOP! Summer is here' join Prairie Acres for an Ice-cream social, on June 18th from 2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. They would be happy to see you at their SWEET Summer Celebration!!!

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Steer Validation will be Monday, June 24th from 9-12 at Dr. Kennedy's in Muleshoe. This will be for all steers regardless of FFA or 4-H.

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The Friona City Pool is offering swimming lessons, water aerobics, and pool party rentals. They will be open from Tuesdays- Saturday and their regular hours are 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., swimming lessons from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., and party/ water aerobics hours 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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The Friona Independent School District is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided from Monday through Friday at the Friona

Elementary School Cafeteria serving breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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The Parmer County Babe Ruth Baseball League is conducting a fundraiser. For a \$10 donation you have a chance to win one for four prizes. The prizes are: Henry Lever Action 22 LR, Ruger 10/22 black synthetic 22 LR, Savage Bolt Action XP 270 package with scope, and Heritage Roughrider 22 LR with 6" barrel. The drawing will be held on Saturday, June 22nd. You must be 18 or older and you do not have to be present to win. Contact Eric @ 830-370-2459 or Brett @ 806-240-0275 for information.

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National Days:
June 13: National Career Nurse Assistants Day
June 14: National Strawberry Shortcake Day, and National Flag Day
June 15: National Smile Power Day, and Nature Photography Day
June 16: National Fudge Day, and Father's Day
June 17: Global Garbage Man Day, and National Eat Your Vegetables Day
June 18: National Go Fishing Day, and National Splurge Day
June 19: National Martini Day, and National Watch Day

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Today is the tomorrow you talked about yesterday!

Commissioners approve new LED lighting

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, June 10 at 10 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.

The first item of business for the Court was discussion of lighting upgrades for the Courthouse, Sheriff's Office and Law Enforcement Center. The Court heard from Matt Mikolay of Titan LED Lighting Solutions. Mr. Mikolay informed the Commissioners that the payoff for the new LED lighting would be 2 1/2 years or less. He said the County would realize a savings of approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000 per year with the more efficient lights. The Court approved the \$46,000 LED lighting upgrade for the Courthouse, Sheriff's Office and Law Enforcement Center. The installation of the new lighting should be finished by the end of July.

The Court heard an update on Video Magstration from Judge Haseloff. The program started in March but is just now being fully implemented. Each Judge has a laptop computer and can process legal proceedings from their office or home instead of having to drive to Farwell. The savings on travel expense plus a \$5 fee added to each ticket helps pay for the program.

Extension agent Sergio Mendez gave the Court an

update on recent events including the 4-H Photography Contest and the 4-H Shotgun Shooting Sports events.

The Court approved an order concerning the disbursement of salaries and routine office expenses. Recently passed laws had required that all county payments be an agenda item for Commissioners to approve. However, there are now exceptions that allow less populated counties to return to their normal practice of paying budgeted payroll and office expenses without the need to get Court approval.

In other business, the Court approved a lease agreement with Efrain Balli for \$500 per year. Approval was given for Haakma Dairy run a gas line (Agri Tex Natural Gas) under County Road 6 and County Road DD. Sheriff Randy Gerles reported that he is currently housing 17 inmates in the Law Enforcement Center. He also told the Court that he was starting the process to hire a new deputy. The Court did meet in Executive Session to discuss issues concerning real property but no action was taken.

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.

June 16, 2016

At Monday night's city council meeting the Chamber of Commerce request to allow all businesses to have sidewalk sales without permit fees was approved. The dates are on July 4 and July 16 during the Cheeseburger Festival. No sidewalk sale permit will be needed for those dates. Friona graduate and W.T. student Ricardo Soto attended the council meeting as part of a course requirement. All council members were present. In other business the council approved Kendrick Oil's dedication back to the city of the portion of Virginia Street that Kendrick repaved with cement for their truck wash traffic. They authorized the city manager to accept bids for an agriculture lease on 160 acres of city property north on CR 19. The bid notice is in the Friona Star this week and next. The city manager was authorized to accept bids for reroofing the police/fire department building. It will be for 11,200 square feet of roofing and the bid will be placed in the newspaper later. Police Chief Isidro Jimenez gave the police report. The department made nine arrests and 94 traffic stops in May. They issued 38 traffic citations. Altogether, there were 268 calls for service including police, EMS, and fire. The city manager said they will be spraying for mosquitos and asked that citizens dispose of standing water where mosquitos can breed. After approving the May accounts payable and financial statement the council went into executive session for the annual city manager evaluation. Upon returning to open session no action was taken and they adjourned. The next city council meeting will be July 11 at 6:30

p.m. All council meetings are open to the public.

June 5, 1993

Joe Mann, 45-year-member of the Friona Fire Department, was named "Fire Fighter of the Year" by the Panhandle Fireman & Fire Marshalls Assn. at its annual convention in Amarillo May 15, 1993. As winner of the Panhandle honor, Mann is automatically in contention for the state's "Fireman of the Year" award, to be presented later this month in Waco. Last December, Mann was presented the "Fireman of the Year" award by the Friona Volunteer Fire Department at the department's Christmas party. In recognition of the longtime volunteer's service to the residents of the Friona area, Mayor Clarence Monroe signed a proclamation designating May 15 as "Joe Mann Day" in the City of Friona. "Having dedicated many years of his life in service to the citizens of the county as a volunteer fireman, and whereas the people are deeply grateful and hereby acknowledge the long hours of hard work and obvious dedication to his fellow citizens, we hereby proclaim May 15 as "Joe Mann Day" in Friona," the proclamation stated in part. Mann joined the Friona Fire Department in 1948 and has been a member continuously for the past 45 years. He is currently the oldest fireman in terms of service. He served as a captain in the local department for a number of years. Mann recalls times that he worked during blizzard conditions helping to rescue motorists. He also said he helped the Texas Highway Department direct traffic through Friona when the area was hit with bad dust storms. He has not only been active in Friona, but has worked in firemen's schools all the way from Lubbock to College Station, where the State Firemen's and Fire Marshalls' school is conducted. Mann also helped establish the firemen's school at Canyon, which has grown to be a

major affair. "I would like to thank the Friona Fire Department, the City Manager and mayor for their help in giving me this honor," Mann stated.

June 27, 1987

Shana Gibson and Jana Renner spent the week of June 13-20 as attendants to the 1987 MDA West Texas Summer Camp north of Amarillo. Miss Gibson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gibson, and Miss Renner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Renner. MDA camp gives patients with muscular dystrophy the best week of their entire year. The camp provides many of the same activities that other camps provide, such as swimming, volleyball, baseball and horseback riding. This year, additions included a hayride and a campfire. A big hit with the campers was the annual trip to Lake Tanglewood. The campers were able to go fishing and boat riding. The camp theme this year was "Around the World in Seven Days." Each day the campers "visited" a different country. For example, on Tuesday the group "visited" Hawaii. They had a Hawaiian luau, a swimming party and a dance. The job of the attendants is to serve as the arms and legs of the campers. Each camper has their own attendant assigned. "MDA camp is a great experience! Everyone feels like a big family. As soon as camp ends, we begin counting the days until next year," Miss Renner said. One of the campers attending MDA camp this year was Robert Vargas of Friona. "We need to remember him (Vargas) and the other campers when the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy telethon comes around. Part of the money raised by the telethon goes to finance the camp," Miss Renner concluded.

June 15, 1975

The contract for purchase of 7.81 acres of land for the location of the Friona Nursing Home was signed this week, with the City of Friona

purchasing the land from Tommy Jones. The contract approval came at the regular meeting Monday evening of the Friona City Council. The council was shown the architect's drawing for the 60-bed facility. The drawings included the floor plan and a front elevation. The property is located just north of the present city limits, bounded by Main Street on the West and Welch Acres on the East. It was pointed out that the 7.81 acres of land purchased provides ample room for retirement cottages that may be built as companions to the facility, as well as a dormitory. The nursing facility will be in an "X" shape, with four wings leading out from a central control area. Next on the agenda for the nursing home, now that the location has been officially nailed down, will be to advertise for bids on construction of the facility. The steering committee is hoping to be able to open bids and award a contract on June 16, and hoping to break ground for the new facility by August 1. Other business Monday included the extending of the city limits to include the Staley Addition No. 3 in West Friona and the Council voted, also, to pave the streets in that area. The new land to be developed by Dan Ethridge includes the remainder of the property between Eighth Street and Highway 60. West of Etta Avenue. At the meeting Dr. Lee Spring was reappointed as City Health Officer for another two year term and appointments were made to the Board of Equalization. Among those appointed were Mr. H.K Kendrick, Mr. Ed Hicks and Mr. Glenn E. Reeve, Sr. Miscellaneous business included the approval of night lighting for the High School tennis courts. The Council voted to supply the electricity while the High School is responsible for placing the lights at the courts. The Council adjourned following the setting of next month's meeting to be held July 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Other News

Five local communities to host wild & free on 83

Five Texas Panhandle communities have come together to host a multi-day, family friendly event along Highway 83 this summer. The towns of Canadian, Wheeler, Shamrock, Wellington and Childress have each scheduled four days full of fun from Thursday, August 1st through Sunday, August 4th. Some of the things on tap for Wild & Free on 83 include live music, art exhibits, scavenger hunts, helicopter tours, clay shoots, cookouts, block parties, golf tournaments, star watching, wine tasting and much more! Area residents are invited to discover the rich heritage of these communities by visiting points of interest in each town, while enjoying events sched-

uled throughout the day. "It's an easy drive over for most people in the Panhandle," says organizer Kristen Moudy with the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Center. "We hope our friends from neighboring towns will come experience what we have to offer along highway 83 and learn not only about our rich history, but experience what makes up the fabric of our towns." A full calendar of events for the five towns is available at WildAndFree83.com. There, you can also find a full list of hotels, restaurants and shopping options. Representatives from each town will spend the next two months visiting neighboring communities to help promote the event, with the goal of expanding it each year to include more stops along highway 83.



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Texas Weekly Fuel Update and Outlook

Texas gas prices have fallen 5.9 cents in the past week, averaging \$2.43 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 13.7 cents

per gallon lower than a month ago and 28.5 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$1.98

while the most expensive is \$3.32 per gallon. The cheapest price in the entire country today stands at \$1.97 while the most expensive is \$5.19 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 7.1 cents in the last week, averaging \$2.73 per gallon. The national average is down 12.9 cents per gallon from a month ago and 17.8 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

"Last week saw a feat most motorists probably thought they'd never see in June- average gasoline prices declined in nearly every state across the country with the national average now at its lowest point since early April. The fall has come amidst a deep drop in oil prices set in to play on worries that tariffs could slow economic growth, reducing oil demand," said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "The decline at the pump is likely to continue but may slow down in a few couple weeks as President Trump made a deal with Mexico over the weekend to avoid tariffs. With gasoline inventories also growing in most areas of the country, the transition to summer gasoline complete, motorists will continue to see prices moving lower as the summer driving season gets underway. We're likely to see more good news at the pump than bad for the foreseeable future."

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office:
 Randy Gerjes, Sheriff

6/6/19- Edgar Ramirez, 20, of Friona was arrested by Friona Police department for reckless driving. Pending County Court.

6/7/19-Samuel Speas, 43, of Texico was arrested by the Sheriff's Office for false drug test falsification derive. Pending County Court.

6/7/19- Jo Pringle, 32, of Clovis was arrested by the Sheriff's Office for violation of probation (forgery). Pending District Court.

6/8/19- Ernie Ayala, 31, of Bovina was arrested by Sheriff's Office for DWI. Pending County Court.

6/9/19- Abdiel Ramos, 24, of Bovina was arrested by DPS for DWI (2nd). Pending County Court.

Happy Birthday Friona Folks!

June 13
 Priscilla Hicks
 Beth Miller
 Kelsey Welch
 Doug Massey
 Alexia Criswell

June 14
 Cade Hurst
 Rhonda Crozier
 Gayla Stowers
 Diamond (Aguirre) Stephens
 Dawna Roach
 Will Eddins

June 15
 Patty Haile
 LaVelle Lillard
 Lynn Hutson
 Tonya (Potts) Harmon
 Shannon Hurst

June 16
 Geneva Barillif
 Carter Lewellen
 Cheyenne Widner
 Glen Schueler
 Malina Williams
 Jessica McClure Peace

June 17
 Danny Hand
 Johnny Spring
 Rick Taylor
 Kirby Frye
 Oscar Schlenker
 Trudi Johnson

June 18
 Nita Clark
 Kayla Vaught
 Shauna (Stokes) Jackson
 Casey Sims
 Randy Chavez

June 19
 Karon Zachary
 Perry Hanes
 Mickie Herring
 Randi Stokes
 Wayne Kube
 Kaiden Bridges
 William Fairweather
 Kirsten (Carr) McCurry



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

Graduate



Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Smiley are proud to announce that their son, Haden, received a bachelor of arts degree in Romance Languages and Literatures and Music from Harvard University during their Commencement exercises on May 30th. He graduated cum laude with highest honors in both fields and a minor in Ethnicity, Migration, and Rights. At Harvard, Haden was active in the Glee Club with whom he toured and performed around the world. Over the past two years, he researched American country music in Italy; the senior thesis he wrote on the topic earned him the Thomas T. Hoopes Prize, which honors 72 of the College's best theses. Next fall, Haden will begin a PhD program at University of California, Berkeley in ethnomusicology, or the social study of music.

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One Life

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

I have written the last couple of weeks about my early years in school and the teachers that encouraged my life. If you will indulge me one more time. The date was February 4, 1980. I was in the 4th grade and my teacher was Mrs. Gresham (Patsy Riggins now). I won't pretend to have been a stellar student, I did ok, but was never one who really liked being called on in class. It was quiet time as we were supposed to be reading and for the record, I was reading the chapter assigned. Mrs. Gresham called me to her desk. My heart raced a little because I feared I had failed a test, or forgot some homework, I wasn't sure, but to hear my name come out of the silence say, "Jeff could you come here for a moment." Well, I think I was sweating in the dead of winter. I went to her desk and this is what she said quietly so only I could hear. "Jeff, we weren't able to be at church last night when you were baptized, but I want you to know how proud of you I am for making the decision to follow Jesus." Just like that fear abated. She still encourages me every Sunday.

Through the years going through school many teachers let words of encouragement flow from

their lips to my ears. Mrs. Melton in 5th grade, Mrs. Gore in 6th to Mrs. Riethmayer in 7th as well as Mrs. Pryor and Mrs. Slagle, who gave me the Science Award that year. Mrs. Talley made English understandable, although a run-on sentence still burdens my writing. High school lead to the same each in their own way encouraged me. Ms. Fairweather (Mrs. Berend now) helped me tackle Pre-Algebra which prepared me for Ms. Richards' Algebra class. Mr. Merritt in Biology, Mrs. Schueler in Spanish and she drove a Camero. Ms. Morton gave me the lasting gift of Speech with a touch of Drama. There are others and I know the dangers of leaving some out, including the teachers of my Sunday school classes, who encouraged me to preach.

Here is the point, you have ONE LIFE, why not use it to encourage others in their life's journey. An encouraging word can have a lasting impact. There is enough discouragement be different. The above mentioned and others did that for me, and my life is better for it. Moving back to Friona nearly nine years ago has been a real blessing and I look forward too many more with our 6th St. family and a wonderful community. One life...make it count.

Record Distribution of Senior Food Boxes

AMARILLO, TEXAS - High Plains Food Bank distributed 1,094 Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) boxes to qualified seniors in May, the highest monthly distribution since the program began in October 2017.

CSFP, the largest and most common senior adult food program, provides supplemental groceries to low-income senior adults, ages 60 years and older. Each month, CSFP participants receive a 25-30 pound box of shelf-stable groceries, valued at \$60-\$70, and a 2-pound block of commodity cheese to supplement their diets. Contents include a rotating menu of items including canned fruits, vegetables, animal proteins, cereal, dry beans and rice, pasta, peanut butter, liquid milk, and dry milk on alternating months.

"In November, we surpassed 1,000 in CSFP box distribution, and that number continues to grow," said Zack Wilson, executive director of High Plains Food Bank. "Even with record distribution, we had about 400 senior food boxes that were not picked up last month."

Seniors who are homebound or have limited mobility or access to transportation may designate a proxy to collect their monthly food box. A designated proxy may be a family member, friend, neighbor, caregiver or even a community volunteer.

"We have a couple of ladies that pick up about 20 boxes each month for seniors in their communities," said Wilson. "We'd love to see more community volunteers or groups do the same."

Any senior who meets the USDA Income Eligibility Guidelines may apply in person at a CSFP Distribution and take home a senior food box the same day. For seniors appointing a proxy, an Application (English and Spanish) and Proxy Form may be filled out in advance and presented by the proxy, along with copies of supporting documentation, on site.

For more information, or media interviews, please contact: Tina Brohlin, Communications & Marketing Manager, 806-350-1435, or tina@hpfb.org.

About High Plains Food Bank

High Plains Food Bank's mission is to alleviate hunger in the Texas Panhandle. HPFB secures, processes, stores and distributes food to more than 190 partner agencies, across the top 29 counties in Texas. These food pantries provide a network to provide food assistance directly to the 1 in 7 local people who struggle with food insecurity, including 1 in 5 children. In 2018, HPFB distributed 8.25 million pounds of food, an amount equal to the all-time record set in 2017.

To combat food insecurity and improve the overall health of clients we serve, HPFB provides a variety of community programs, including: Kids Cafe, Direct Mobile Distribution, a senior adult food program (CSFP), and nutrition education through The Garden at High Plains Food Bank. HPFB can also help individuals with applying for SNAP, CHIP, and Medicaid. In addition to fighting hunger and supporting better health, food banking decreases waste by distributing food that would otherwise go uneaten to people who need it. *High Plains Food Bank is an equal opportunity provider.

About Feeding America

Feeding America® is the largest hunger-relief organization in the United States. Through a network of 200 food banks and 60,000 food pantries and meal programs, we provide meals to more than 40 million people each year. Feeding America also supports programs that prevent food waste and improve food security among the people we serve; educates the public about the problem of hunger; and advocates for legislation that protects people from going hungry.

Psalm 126—God does great things

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

"God is great, God is good, let us thank him for our food," is a simple prayer uttered mindlessly at the table by many children throughout the past decades. Although this prayer is true, the reality is 'God is great, God is good, we have much more to thank him for than just our food.'

Psalm 126 is a community Psalm with joy, difficulty, prayer and hard work. The Psalm begins by praising God for fulfilling His promise to restore His people back to the land. The amazing reality is that God is intrinsically great, but God also does great things for us. When God acts in clear ways, others notice his greatness and give him glory as well. Although Psalm 126 begins with joy and praise, we are also reminded that even when God does great things, that there is often difficulty. In the face of difficulty, don't despair, but pray! When you surrender yourself to the Lord in prayer, you are able to move forward in obedience through the difficulty, which is exactly what is seen in the final two verses of Psalm 126. "Those who sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy!" is the closing anthem. This closing anthem reminds us that even when one may feel down, or when life is tough, one still must go out and sow and move forward. He doesn't say "those who sit in tears," but "those who sow in tears." Sowing and planting is hard work with countless unknowns, yet to experience the joy of harvest, there must be a sowing of the crop. In the same way spiritually, to receive the blessings of God, through Jesus Christ, you must allow the seed of the gospel to embed deep in your heart through faith in Christ. When you do, there is a glorious harvest ahead that infinitely outweighs the pains of today and the fears of tomorrow.

Never Too Old to Serve God

By Teena Hughs

It has been my usual very busy first two weeks of the summer with Vacation Bible School, Camp New Dawn, and a family reunion. It has been so much fun, with so, so many blessings!!!

Our theme at Camp New Dawn was serving God with our hands and feet, something I have talked and written about many times. It was a good reminder that it is such a privilege and honor to get to serve God. While that is humbling, I am just so excited that I still have the capacity and ability to serve such an AWE-SOME God!!!

Too often, we do feel like we don't have the time to serve God; we feel like we are too old because we have "done our time" and the younger ones need to step up; we don't feel like we have the ability to do what He is calling us to do; and, all too often, we simply don't want to do what He is asking of us.

We should never take anything for granted. We should "never put off until tomorrow what we can do

today." We should always look at serving God as an honor and privilege. And, we should be willing to get out of our "comfort zones" and not be afraid to go where He leads us.

Whatever the reason for choosing not to serve God, it is our loss. We miss letting God use us; we miss getting to see God work; we miss getting to find out that we can do things we possibly never knew we could do. We miss out; God doesn't miss out; we miss out because He will find someone to do what He needs done!

As long as you have breath, God can use you; as long as you have hands and feet, He can use you; as long as you have a willing spirit, He can use you! The more you serve God, the more serving Him becomes a way of life. The more you serve Him, the more you look for ways to serve Him. And, that is when life becomes very satisfying and filled with blessings!

Take care, have a great week, and enjoy serving God!!!

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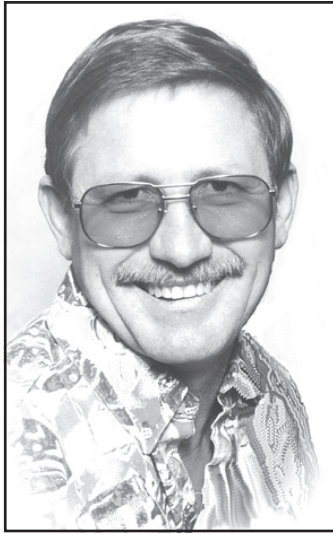
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~OBITUARIES~

Raymond Drager

Raymond Carl Drager, 70 of Borger passed away on June 4, 2019 in Borger. Grave-side Services were held at 11:00 A.M. Friday, June 7, 2019 at Rhea Lutheran Cemetery in the Rhea Community with Minister Scott Blazek of Clovis, officiating. Burial with military honors followed in the Rhea Lutheran Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Raymond was born on June 19, 1948 in Clovis, NM to Christian Gottlieb and Ruth Irene Drager.



He is preceded in death by his parents and his wife Virginia Endsley.

Those to carry on his legacy include 2 sons- Brandon Lyons and Darrel Drager of Borger, 1 daughter- Amber Valezuela of Borger, 3 step sons- Michael Jones of Herford, Howard Endsley of Melissa, Texas, and Jackie Don Endsley of Lake Dallas, Texas, 1 brother- Curtis and wife Shirley Drager of Friona. 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

You may send condolences to the family and sign the online register book at www.hansardfamily.com

He was employed by the Anna Independent School District for 22 years. He was in the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam. He loved bass fishing, carpentry, gardening, mechanics, and spending time with his family.

Hansard Family
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Dr. John L. Humphrey

John Lynn Humphrey was born January 24, 1932 in Bangs, Texas, to Mamie Frances & Malcolm M. Humphrey. He grew up on their farm, and at a young age convinced his father to buy a tractor and to allow John to wire their home for electricity. He attended Bangs public schools, lettering in football and track at Bangs High School before graduating in 1949. After high school, he attended Daniel Baker College in Brownwood. He married Lou Evelyn Lee of Brownwood in September 1952, joining the US Air Force the same year. He served a 4-year tour of duty, receiving an honorable discharge in 1956.

He earned a B.A. in Chemistry from University of New Mexico in 1955 and a B.S. in Biology from Southern Methodist University in 1958. In 1962, he received his Medical Degree from University of Texas Medical School in Galveston and then completed his internship at Brackenridge Hospital in Austin. While in medical school, he studied painting, producing beautiful oil and watercolor paintings that his children continue to cherish in their homes.

In 1963, Dr. Humphrey joined a group family practice in Friona, Texas. He and Lou re-



turned to Brownwood in 1967, where he cared for generations of families in a solo practice for 28 years. From 1995 until his retirement in 2010, he continued to treat patients as part of the Scott & White Medical Group. After his retirement, he practiced part-time for Resource Care in Cross Plains, Texas. In appreciation for his contributions and generosity, Resource Care named their conference room the Dr. John Humphrey Conference Room.

In August 1986, Dr. Humphrey served as "Doctor of the Day" for the Texas House of Representatives in Austin, Texas. He maintained a certification with the American Board of Family Practice, was a Fellow of American Academy of Family Practice, and received the Physician's Recognition Award in Continuing Medical Education from 1978 through 1999.

Dr. Humphrey belonged to the American Medical Association, the Texas Medical Association, and the Central Texas Medical Society. He served as Chief of Staff for Brownwood Community Hospital, as member and Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Brownwood Regional Hospital, as

Vice-Councilor and Councilor for Area IV of TMA, and as president of the Central Texas Medical Society.

John was a Master Mason for over 50 years, a Rotarian, and a member of First United Methodist Church of Brownwood. Upon his retirement, Dr. Humphrey enjoyed raising Longhorn cattle on his home place outside of Bangs, Texas. He continued to play his fiddle, an instrument he had been inspired to learn in middle age.

Dr. Humphrey was preceded in death by two brothers, Lavon and George, and sister Alice. He is survived by Lou, his beloved wife of 67 years; his sister-in-law Henrietta Reed and husband Cordell of

Comanche; his daughter Dodie Brown and husband Paul and their children, Wade Hampton and wife Heather, Emmett Hampton, and Joshua Brown, all of Austin; his son Lee Jack Humphrey and wife Allison and their children, Charlotte (7) and Leo (3), also of Austin; and several nieces and nephews and their families.

The family wishes to thank and honor his longtime caregivers for their loyalty and dedication:

Mrs. Linda Perez, Cruz Salas, Paige Nino, Nadia Ayala, Laplesa Rosebloom, and his longtime housekeeper and assistant rancher Virene Jackson.

Dr. Humphrey passed from this life on Wednesday, June 5, 2019.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Brownwood, Texas.

Flag Day

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He continued to promote his cause with backing from those organizations. According to amateur historian James L. Brown who wrote the booklet, "The Real Bernard J. Cigrand: Father of Flag Day," Cigrand once claimed he had given 2,188 speeches on the flag and patriotism. The Chicago Tribune noted that Cigrand "almost single-handedly" established Flag Day.

Although Cigrand is perhaps the most recognized candidate, several others have also claimed to be founders of Flag Day. In 1889 the principal of a free kindergarten, George Bolch, celebrated the anniversary of the Flag resolution at his New York City school. Soon the State Board of Education of New York, the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia and the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution celebrated Flag Day too.

In 1893 Elizabeth Duane Gillespie, a descendant of Benjamin Franklin and the president of the Colonial Dames of Pennsylvania, attempted to have a resolution passed deeming June 14 as Flag Day. That same year the Colonial Dames of Pennsylvania were responsible for a resolution passed requiring the American flag to be displayed on all Philadelphia's public buildings. In 1937 Pennsylvania was the first state to make Flag Day a legal holiday.

After much persistence and the support of many individuals, organizations, mayors, governors and five presidents, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation requesting that June 14 become National Flag Day. In 1927 President Coolidge issued a second proclamation, and finally in 1949 Congress approved it and it became a law.

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Falling fuel costs help keep electricity bills low

Lower costs for natural gas, more wind energy, lead to 5 percent reduction July 1

AMARILLO, Texas (June 10, 2019) - Lower costs for the natural gas Xcel Energy purchases to fuel areapower plants, along with a greater reliance on clean wind energy, is leading Xcel Energy to reduce residential customer bills by 5 percent this summer.

Xcel Energy has filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas to update the formula by which fuel charges are figured, and to lower the monthly fuel charge that is known as the fuel cost factor.

If approved, customers will see lower bills July 1. Additionally, Xcel Energy is planning to submit a proposal for a one-month refund later this summer that will return at least \$16 million to Texas customers to account for a significant reduction in natural gas prices this spring.

Natural gas fuels close to 50 percent of the region's electricity production at area power plants, with wind energy accounting for about 20 percent. The remainder is derived from coal and a small amount of solar.

"Historically low natural gas prices and more energy from wind farms are making electricity cheaper for our customers," said David Hudson, president, Xcel Energy - Texas. "And though we'll soon need to account for the higher costs of improvements in our power generating and delivery systems, lower fuel costs and efficiencies



generated by wind farms and grid improvements will help hold bills steady because fuel costs make up between 20 to 30 percent of an average residential bill."

In recent years, Xcel Energy has invested hundreds of millions of dollars in making the regional grid more efficient and more cost effective. New high-voltage transmission lines that connect the region with the wider Southwest Power Pool electricity market have driven down wholesale power costs by enabling Xcel Energy to tap cheaper sources of power outside the region. The company is also nearing completion on the 478-megawatt Hale Wind Project near Plainview, Texas - a \$700 million investment in the region's clean energy future with no associated fuel costs.

"We are building cleaner, more efficient systems that generate and deliver electricity to a growing economy," Hudson said. "There are upfront costs to build in these efficiencies, but the savings they generate are immediate and are key to stabilizing electricity costs now and in the future. And while prices inevitably rise over time, we expect electricity cost increases to stay at or near the rate of inflation going forward."

Additional detail on fuel costs:

- The fuel cost factor recovers the cost of purchasing natural gas and coal to fuel area power plants. Energy purchases from other companies are also accounted for in the fuel cost factor. The fuel cost factor is based on a fuel cost formula that is updated every few years to reflect changes in how the company generates and purchases electricity. The fuel cost factor can be changed up to three times a year to reflect short-term market changes.

- Xcel Energy does not earn a profit on fuel costs - they are simply passed through dollar for dollar. Revenue collected from monthly fuel charges is kept in a fuel account, and if market conditions change, Xcel Energy refunds revenue collected in excess of the actual cost, or initiates temporary surcharges if not enough is being collected.

- Fuel costs for New Mexico residential, commercial and industrial customers, as well as for wholesale customers such as municipal systems and rural electric co-operatives, are adjusted monthly. The savings Texas customers will realize starting July 1 have already lowered bills for these customers.

High Plains crops suffer after too much moisture at planting time

By Kay Ledbetter

AMARILLO - While rainfall is important for crop production, the amounts falling across the High Plains have negatively impacted row crops and agricultural operations, with potential effects extending into the summer growing season, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Dr. Jourdan Bell, AgriLife Extension agronomist in Amarillo, said a significant amount of this year's cotton has been affected by extensive rainfall during the month of May.

While crops all across the Texas High Plains have been affected, the northeast Panhandle has suffered to the largest degree, Bell said. There are reports of rainfall in excess of 15 inches on some fields in that region since May 1.

"We are receiving daily reports of unplanted cotton fields, fields of both cotton and corn that are failing due to saturated conditions, poor stands and poor vigor," she said.

Bell said the growth in cotton infrastructure throughout the region in response to an expansion of cotton acreage in the past year or so will certainly be affected by the rainfall.

Planting stopped across most of the northern High Plains in the past two weeks for all commodities, so all crops are behind average, and some of the intended crops will not be planted. At this point, it is too late to plant cotton due to the narrow production window, which is restricted by insurance dates and the timing of the first fall freeze, she said.

"I had one producer tell me this will be more economically devastating than

the drought of 2011."

Another issue is many producers unable to get in fields to plant have already incurred expenses such as preplant fertilizer and herbicide costs, Bell said. The heavy rains may have now leached the fertilizer or washed the herbicide away.

"But even with concerns these inputs may have been lost in many cases, it's not a guarantee," she said. "Producers will need to be cautious about the plant-back intervals required for herbicides that were used with the original crop when determining their alternative crops."

Also, soil crusting has occurred in some areas, magnifying germination issues and poor stand establishment, Bell said. Where the moisture permitted the crust to soften and allowed the seedlings to emerge and establish, growth has been slowed by abnormally cool conditions. And now, there are seedling diseases in many cotton fields.

Some corn fields planted in late April and early May during the break in rains have experienced extended periods of waterlogging, she said. Under extended saturated conditions, oxygen becomes depleted and the roots are not able to respire and take up water and nutrients. With root growth either slowed or stopped, these fields may be predisposed to more problems later in the season, such as nutrient deficiencies, water stress or even lodging.

And when the drying process does start, Bell said, if producers get in too big of a hurry and plant in overly wet fields, equipment can cause soil compaction. The planter's furrow open-

ers can cause compaction to the furrow side walls, which also restricts root development, resulting in symptoms of nutrient deficiency and water stress later in the season.

Even with wheat, which is almost ready for grain harvest, problems can occur due to the heavy and extended rains, she said. Precipitation at this time can enhance wheat test weights and yields, but extended amounts can prevent fields from drying down and cause some lodging.

"Also, producers who had contracts for wheat silage are not able to cut," Bell said. "While they still have the opportunity to cut those wheat fields for grain, at current prices silage was a much more profitable option for many producers."

Producers now are looking for secondary crop alternatives, she said. Some considerations are soybeans, grain sorghum, short-season corn and sunflowers. However, Bell cautioned again that preplant herbicides will be an important consideration as producers make this decision.

While some situations are dire, she said not all is lost.

"On the brighter side of things, dryland acres that have not been planted will have a good soil moisture profile, and that will be very beneficial for late-planted grain sorghum and sunflowers," Bell said.

"And, we are starting to see the first true leaves appear in some cotton fields, so hopefully over the next few weeks, with warmer and drier conditions, we will see cotton development progress where it was successfully planted."

Happy National Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Month!

While June is best known for its scorching temperatures and the beginning of summer, did you know that June is also National Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Month? Fruits and vegetables are not only a great way to incorporate beautiful colors into our meals but they are also an important part of a healthy and balanced diet and help us perform our day to day activities.

Many of us are familiar with the slogan "An apple a day keeps the doctor away" and while this may not be entirely true, eating our fruits and vegetables does have many health benefits that can help keep the doctor away, says Amy Valdez, a health specialist with AgriLife Extension. Overall a healthy diet filled with fruits and vegetables can help to reduce the risk of various chronic diseases such as heart disease and type 2 diabetes. Fruits and vegetables contain a variety of nutrients such as potassium, folate, dietary fiber, and vitamins A and C. A healthy, well balanced diet including foods such as spinach, bananas and sweet potatoes, which contain potassium, can help to maintain a healthy blood pressure. Folate or folic acid aids in the formation of red blood cells and can help reduce the risk of neural tube defects during fetal development. Dietary fiber found in fruits and vegetables can help reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease and can aid in reducing cholesterol levels. Vitamin A plays a role in eye and skin health while both Vitamin A and C can help boost the immune system and help fight against infections. Fruits and vegetables are also great to eat as a snack or a side as a majority of them are low in calories, sodium, and fat and they add vibrant colors to our meals making them more appealing to eat.

To celebrate National Fresh Fruit and

Vegetable Month, Valdez recommends trying out these four ideas below:

- **Build a Garden** - Whether you are growing a large garden with raised beds or working with a smaller container garden, planting and growing your own produce can help increase your consumption as this may increase your excitement to try new fruit and vegetables that you personally grew.
- **Try New Produce Each Week** - Each week or each day, try to incorporate a new fruit or vegetable into your meals. Create a challenge amongst your family members to see who has tried the most variety of fresh fruits and vegetables.
- **Visit a Farmer's Market** - Taking a stroll at the farmer's market can help you explore all of the fresh produce that is available. Local farmers can also be a great source to learn about the benefits of their produce and they can help you with ideas on how to cook them.
- **Learn about Path to the Plate** - Visit Texas A&M AgriLife Extension's Path to the Plate website at <https://pathtotheplate.tamu.edu/> to learn about making the connection between agriculture and health.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service offers some simple recipes that include fresh produce to help you incorporate fruits and vegetables, such as Dinner Tonight's Summer Veggies with Bow Tie Pasta or Fresh Berry Caprese Salad recipes. To learn more about the recipes, visit <https://dinnertonight.tamu.edu>

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Summer Salads II

Here are a few more suggestions for a light summer meal. The first two recipes can be found in the United Methodist cookbook, *Find Us Faithful*.

Tabbouleh Salad by Sylvia Ingram

½ c. cracked wheat (burghul)
2 bunches parsley, finely chopped
1 bunch green onions, chopped
5 medium tomatoes, diced

1 c. lemon juice, fresh squeezed
½ c. olive oil
Salt
Pepper

Soak wheat for 30 minutes in cool water. Drain and let stand. Mix all the chopped vegetables and add wheat, salt, and pepper. When ready to serve, add lemon juice and olive oil. Toss all together.

Carleen's Chicken Salad by Kathy Rector from Carleen Schlenker Sims

1 can chicken
¼ c. raisins
¼ c. golden raisins
¼ c. sliced almonds

¼ c. chopped fine celery
1-2 Tbsp. chopped fine red onion
½ c. mayonnaise
Salt and pepper to taste

Flake chicken into fine pieces. Add ingredients and mix. Use four cans for lots of folks.

Bacon Avocado Salad www.allrecipes.com

1-pound bacon, cooked and chopped
1 cucumber, diced
1 c. quartered cherry tomatoes
¼ c. seasoned rice vinegar

5 avocados, peeled, pitted, and diced
½ c. chopped fresh cilantro
4 green onions, chopped

Place bacon in a large skillet and cook over medium-high heat, turning occasionally, until evenly browned, about 10 minutes. Drain bacon on paper towels. Stir cucumber, tomatoes, rice vinegar, salt, and pepper together in a bowl. Gently stir bacon, avocado, cilantro, and green onions into cucumber mixture. This can be served on leafy greens with garlic bread as a meal.

Governor Abbott signs landmark legislation to reform school finance, increase teacher pay, and provide property tax relief

AUSTIN - On Tuesday, June 11th, Governor Greg Abbott signed into law landmark legislation to reform school finance, increase teacher pay, and provide property tax relief. The Governor was joined by Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, Speaker Dennis Bonnen, Senator Larry Taylor, and Representative Dan Huberty who helped spearhead the effort in the legislature.

"The people of Texas demanded that we take bold action to fix our state's broken school finance system, which is why I made school finance reform an emergency item this legislative session," said Governor Abbott. "Thanks to the tireless efforts of those gathered here today, I am

proud to sign into law transformative legislation to fix our school finance system. This law provides additional funding to recruit and retain the best teachers for the most challenging classrooms, employ effective strategies to better educate our students, and provide lasting property tax relief to homeowners."

House Bill 3 (Huberty/Taylor) creates an incentive pay program for teachers, adds career, college, and military readiness bonuses for school districts, funds full-day pre-kindergarten for students in poverty, and requires all elementary school principals and teachers in kindergarten through third grade be trained on science-based

reading instruction by 2021. The bill also creates a student-focused formula structure, where the needs of a child - not the child's zip code - will determine funding allocations. Additionally, the bill buys down property tax rates by an average of 8 cents in 2020 and implements a 2.5% property tax cap starting in 2021, which will result in an average tax rate reduction of 13 cents this biennium.

Additionally, the signing ceremony was attended by Senators Jane Nelson, Royce West, Kirk Watson, and Donna Campbell, as well as Representatives Alma Allen, Diego Bernal, Ken King, John Zerwas, Trent Ashby, and Mary Gonzalez.



Pope recognized for 15 years at bank

The employees, officers, and Directors of Friona Interbank recently celebrated the 15th anniversary of Britny Pope's employment at the bank.

Britny started to work at Friona State Bank, now Friona Interbank, on a part-time basis in August of 1996. By March of 1997, she became a full-time employee. She began her banking career as a bookkeeper and teller. Britny then advanced to the Consumer Lending Department and worked there for a few years before taking on another opportunity. She rejoined our staff in November of 2009, and is now a Vice President in Consumer



Britny Pope

and Mortgage lending.

Britny White Pope is the daughter of Friona residents Ricky and Diane White. She was born in Friona and

graduated from Friona High School. She married Charlie Pope, also of Friona, and they have two children, Brayden and Bailey. They also have one grandchild, Bostyn. Charlie works for Cargill in a corporate position. The Pope's are well-known for their barbecue which they sell through Pope Boy's BBQ.

We at Friona Interbank feel very fortunate to have someone of Britny's experience and knowledge working for us. Please stop by and congratulate her on her employment anniversary. You will be greeted with a very sweet smile and a warm hello.

State Capital Highlights

By Ed Sterling



Governor signs school safety, mental health bill

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on June 6 signed three bills into law to improve school safety and expand access to mental health resources.

"After the horrific shooting (at Santa Fe High School on May 18, 2018) and the subsequent school safety roundtables, I made school safety an emergency item to help prevent a tragedy like this from happening again," Abbott said. "Today, I am proud to sign legislation to make Texas schools safer for students and teachers. I thank members from both chambers, as well as the many stakeholders, who worked tirelessly to get these bills through the Legislature and to my desk today."

—Senate Bill 11, by Senate Education Chair Larry Taylor and sponsored by Rep. Greg Bonnen, both R-Friendswood, strengthens emergency preparedness and response protocols, improves school facilities standards, establishes better threat assessment protocols, and provides schools more funding for school safety efforts, Abbott said. The bill also establishes the Texas Child Mental Health Consortium to leverage higher education expertise in the state to improve the mental health care systems for Texas children.

—House Bill 18 by House Calendars Committee Chair Walter "Four" Price IV, R-Amarillo, and sponsored by Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, increases mental health training for educators and other school professionals to aid in early identification and intervention; emphasizes importance of mental health education for students; and improves access to mental and behavioral health services through school-based mental health centers and the hiring of mental health professionals.

—House Bill 1387 by Rep. Cole Hefner, R-Mount Pleasant, and sponsored by Senate Higher Education Chair Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe, removes the cap on the number of school marshals that may be appointed per campus.

Abbott was joined at the bill signing by members Sens. Taylor, Senate Finance Chair Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, Watson, Sen. Higher Education Vice Chair Royce West, D-Dallas; and Reps. Greg Bonnen; Will Metcalf, R-Conroe; Price; and House Appropriations Chair John Zerwas, R-Richmond.

Hegar certifies budget

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on June 5 announced the certification of House Bill 1, the general appropriations act for fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

HB 1, legislation appropriating \$250.7 bil-

lion in total spending, was approved by both houses of the Legislature in late May. The next stop for the budget bill after Hegar's certification is the governor's desk for final approval. "I'm proud to certify this budget and send it on to Gov. Abbott for final approval," Hegar said.

Hegar, who manages the state's pocketbook, pledged to continue to monitor the Texas economy, noting that it has expanded at a rapid pace over the last 18 months.

"We've seen tremendous growth in Texas over the last year and a half, which allowed lawmakers to make historic investments in education and provide much-needed property tax relief," Hegar added. "Uncertainty in the global economy, however, as well as increasing unpredictability surrounding international trade policy at the federal level, may have dampening effects on the Texas economy in the coming years."

Revenues increase in May

Comptroller Hegar last week said state sales tax revenue totaled \$3.01 billion for the month of May, an amount 9 percent more than reported in May 2018.

The revenue growth was propelled by both business and consumer spending, Hegar said, adding that the strongest growth was in remittances from the manufacturing, wholesale trade and services sectors, with strength apparent in the retail trade sector.

Hegar also said state franchise tax revenue for May was \$3.47 billion, up 7.4 percent from May 2018 and slightly above projections he presented to the Legislature in the Biennial Revenue Estimate in January.

Hurricane season begins

The Texas Department of Public Safety launched its hurricane readiness campaign just before June 1, the first day of hurricane season.

Gov. Greg Abbott said emergency management professionals across the state are prepared to assist in the event of severe weather. He urged Texans to heed all warnings from local and state officials and to have a plan in place to protect loved ones and property in the event of a hurricane.

Hurricanes and tropical storms can spawn tornadoes, dangerous coastal water conditions and storm surges, and can cause extensive flooding damage. DPS Director Steve McCraw said, "There are a few steps everyone can take now that can make all the difference, like assembling an emergency disaster kit and reviewing hurricane evacuation maps and routes. By helping your family plan ahead, you will be ready to respond quickly should a storm head your way."

Desert Storm/Desert Shield Vets march in parade

By Richard Villarreal
Parmer County Veterans Service Officer

It was a great honor to march in the Washington D.C. Memorial Day Parade on May 27th, with my brothers and sisters of Desert Shield/Desert Storm. We had approximately 200 military men and women of the five branches of the military in attendance. We were there to march for those who lost their lives during this war in which 383 men and women gave the ultimate sacrifice.

A Memorial for Desert Storm/Desert Shield is in the works. The land has been purchased and groundbreaking was earlier this year. Completion of the Memorial will be in 2021. We have plans to be there. My wife (Elida) and I had a great time in Washington D.C. during our stay. We visited most of the monuments and enjoyed the Memorial Day Concert which was held in front of the Capitol. I didn't run into anyone that served in my unit, but I did make a lot of new friends. I also had the honor of meeting Mr. William T. Fauntroy, Jr., who served with the Tuskegee Airmen.

For all our local Desert Shield/Desert Storm veterans who are interested in participating in the next year's Memorial Day Parade or the celebration of the completed Memorial, you can contact me for more information or go on the Facebook Desert Storm Combat Veterans page.



Washington DC Memorial Day Parade Desert Shield/Desert Storm



Washington DC Memorial Day Parade



Richard and a Tuskegee Airman



Richard in the Parade



Richard and Elida at concert on Capitol Hill

Pond maintenance boosts performance, prevents catastrophes

By Adam Russell - adam.russell@ag.tamu.edu

Pond health and maintenance should be a top priority for landowners who want to get the most out of their favorite fishing hole, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Dr. Todd Sink, AgriLife Extension aquaculture specialist, College Station, said maintaining ponds is critical to increasing fish productivity and avoiding fish kills.

Environmental factors like declining dissolved oxygen during peak summer months or inhospitable pH and alkalinity levels can lead to major problems in stock ponds, Sink said.

"Summer is coming," he said. "Right now is a good time to be planning or taking action to prevent potential issues for stock ponds. July and August can be deadly if dissolved oxygen levels are not where they should be. We want to help pond owners avoid catastrophe and take steps to set their pond on a good path for long-term production and enjoyment."

Setting up and maintaining a pond's ecosystem properly can produce a thriving food chain that will produce higher levels of sport and food, he said.

"Stock ponds are something that many Texans enjoy recreationally and to put food on their tables," he said. "But pond maintenance is often overlooked in varying degrees. Some things can reduce pond production and ecosystem health while others can cause major fish die-offs. Right now is a good time to go over science-based recommendations and steps every pond owner can take to create a high-performing stock pond."

AERATORS

Providing supplemental aeration isn't necessary, but it is a preventative tool to ensure fish have enough dissolved oxygen, Sink said.

Choosing the right type of aerator is important, he said. He recommends the bottom-style aerator because it

mixes the entire water column so fish can utilize the entire pond.

They cost a little more, but are more reliable than surface aerators, he said, which can be problematic because they mix dissolved oxygen only in the top two to four feet of the pond.

"Surface aerators don't mix as much dissolved oxygen, and they don't prevent stratification and possible turnover," he said. "When the sun heats pond water, typically about six to eight feet deep in Texas, the top layer becomes less dense. So, you have warm, less dense water sitting there, and the cool bottom layer becomes devoid of oxygen. A turnover event occurs when the water cools down and the water with no oxygen mixes with the top layer. That mix can cause fish kills."

Sink said aerators should be on a timer and only run from dusk until dawn, when oxygen is most needed in ponds.

AQUATIC VEGETATION

Aquatic vegetation is the cause of 80 percent of low dissolved oxygen fish kills in Texas, Sink said. So, it's important to ensure that no more than 10-15 percent of the pond's overall area is covered in vegetation.

"During the day, vegetation produces oxygen, but it also consumes oxygen all night long when there is no light for photosynthesis," he said. "So at some point, especially in summer, the dissolved oxygen deficit can cause fish to die."

Sink recommends using herbicides or biological controls for aquatic vegetation. Manual removal of vegetation can cause more problems like causing the plant to spread.

Pond owners need to correctly identify the plants to determine which herbicide will be effective, Sink said. The AgriLife Extension website <https://aquaplant.tamu.edu/> can help pond owners identify and choose treatment options for aquatic vegetation.

FERTILIZATION

Pond owners who want maximum fish production often need to fertilize, Sink said.

"A fertilized pond can produce four to six times more fish because it creates more food throughout the food chain," he said. "Fertilizers feed phytoplankton, which is eaten by zooplankton. Zooplankton feed baitfish, and baitfish feed sportfish like bass and catfish. Fertilizer is the starting block for a healthy pond ecosystem."

It's best to start pond fertilization programs as the pond fills with water, Sink said. This allows the phytoplankton to prevent rooted vegetation from establishing in a pond. But fertilization programs can be implemented at any time in a pond's life to improve fishing.

Most ponds benefit from six to eight pounds of phosphorus per surface acre during the first application, he said.

"When the water begins to clear, meaning clearing to around 24 inches of visibility, typically four to eight weeks after the first application, it's time to fertilize again," he said. "Then apply half of what was applied the first application on that schedule all summer long."

Note: Sink said it is important to clear rooted aquatic vegetation with herbicides before fertilizing because you'll have four to six times more vegetation if you don't.

FISH HARVEST

Harvesting the correct number of pounds and size of fish from ponds is important, Sink said.

"Catch and release is the most common way people ruin a pond," he said. "It's good for high-pressure public lakes, but unless your pond is under constant fishing pressure, the key to pond management is harvesting predatory fish like bass and catfish. In ponds, we should practice catch and eat."

Sink said 10-15 pounds of bass per

acre should be harvested every year. Anglers should focus on removing bass in the 8-10-inch range, but a little larger or smaller is okay as long as the total pounds of harvest is met.

"Every year, you need to thin out the smaller bass so that 4-pound bass has the resources to become an 8-pound bass," he said.

Pond owners should be more aggressive with controlling catfish populations, Sink said. Anglers should harvest every catfish over 2 pounds.

"Catfish are eager competitors for forage and will eat smaller bass and will push the total fish population beyond 1,000 pounds per acre, which is dangerous in terms of oxygen supply," he said.

Fertilized ponds produce more fish and therefore require more harvested pounds per year, Sink said.

Pond owners should harvest 25 pounds or more of 8-10-inch bass and 10-15 pounds of 12-16-inch bass per acre from fertilized ponds, Sink said. As in unfertilized ponds, every catfish above two pounds should be harvested.

"You have to harvest a lot more fish to maintain a good balance," he said. "Not harvesting enough predatory fish is the most common problem. Eventually, they overpopulate and eat all the sunfish and there's not enough food in the pond. That causes stunting. You know what I mean if you've ever fished a pond and caught 30-40 fish in an afternoon, but they're all the same size - 6-10 inches."

SUPPLEMENTAL FEED

Feeding fish is not necessary if pond owners harvest effectively, Sink said. If owners choose to feed fish, they should only do so three to four times a week. They should also feed no more than what the fish clean up in 15 minutes.

"If feed is floating after 15 minutes, you're over-feeding the fish," Sink said.

Sink recommends standard

floating catfish diet of 1/8-inch to 1/4-inch pellet that contains 28-32 percent protein and 4-7 percent lipid.

"You don't need fancy, gimmicky diets for the fish," he said. "Anything beyond those protein and lipid ranges is literally waste."

LIMING

Sink said it is the perfect time for pond owners to check their water's pH levels and check for alkalinity and hardness. The pond should receive crushed agricultural limestone if pH is below 6 or alkalinity below 50 parts per million.

"Liming is important because if water becomes too acidic it messes up fish physiology and dramatically impacts eggs and larvae survival," he said.

In much of the state, lime should be applied every five to seven years, but Sink said acidic soils in East Texas make it necessary every three to four years.

Alkalinity and pH levels will determine how much lime is needed, Sink said. He recommends consulting with regional fisheries specialist to determine how much lime should be applied per surface acre.

"We have a formula that we can plug in the alkalinity and pH of your pond and have a per-acre application to fit your pond's needs," he said.

WORTH THE EFFORT

Sink said maintaining a pond may seem overwhelming but is easy once certain problems are addressed. In the long run, ensuring a pond is providing the correct environment and food supply for sporting fish will ensure productivity whether for sport or sustenance.

"It may seem daunting at first, but once a pond environment and ecosystem is balanced, pond maintenance becomes routine," he said. "If fishing or just having a healthy pond is important, it's worth the effort."



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Drought conditions

- 0.2% now
- 0.2% a week ago
- 20% three months ago
- 44% a year ago

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U.S. wind energy generates more than \$1 billion in tax revenue, payments

This guest opinion is in regard to a recent report on wind energy from the American Wind Energy Association.

By Lu Nelsen, policy associate - Center for Rural Affairs

The number of Americans receiving their electricity from renewable wind energy grew rapidly in 2018, with enough installed capacity to power more than 30 million homes, according to the 2018 American Wind Energy Association Annual Market Report.

With additional projects in development, total wind capacity in the U.S. is projected to grow to 131,000 megawatts, or enough to power about 42 million homes, and increase the percentage of energy that states receive from wind. By the end of last year, six states produced 20 percent of their electricity from wind, while others, like Iowa and Kansas, have exceeded 30 percent.

This development creates new economic benefits, especially for rural communities. Landowners who host turbines receive annual land-lease payments, a reliable new source of income. Wind projects also generate new tax revenue



for counties and states—an estimated \$761 million each year—which helps support roads, schools, and other services while potentially removing burdens from other taxpayers. In total, the wind industry generates more than \$1 billion between this new revenue and payments to landowners.

Benefits also spread into the economy with more than 500 manufacturing facilities producing parts and equipment in 42 states. The wind industry has helped to employ 114,000 Americans, including 24,000 in manufacturing and assembly.

As we look to the future

of clean energy, we must continue to improve the industry. Developers should work with landowners and communities to identify and implement practices that limit impacts from construction or project operation. Benefits should continue to flow to communities that host projects—whether that be the creation of local jobs, new tax revenue, or additional income for rural families.

Wind energy has already proven to create opportunity, and rural communities can continue to reap benefits of clean energy.

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Around Town



The old Sonic restaurant building is getting a make-over. Improvements include a pitched roof and new stucco exterior. More details later.



Workers are shown removing the awning/sign from Bi-Wize Pharmacy. After the bomb cyclone event earlier in the year and the repeated hailstorms, the sign was literally hanging on by threads. The awning will be taken to the shop and a new sign will be installed on it.

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