



Friona Kidz Building Camp coming soon

The 4th Annual Friona Kidz Building Camp is scheduled for July 9-13 at 603 W. 15th in Friona (Boy Scout Hut). The camp will be held each evening from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and there will be a sleep over on the night of the 12th

followed by a breakfast on the morning of the 13th. The age range for participants is 5 years old to 12 years old. There is no cost to attend the camp. Tools and materials will be provided to all of the participants. The event will

feature creativity, food, music, fun, and games. The camp is free to the public and volunteers are needed. Contact the Friona Chamber of Commerce & Ag at 806.250.3941 if you have questions or wish to participate.

Cheeseburger Festival has new time and location

The 14th Annual Cheeseburger Festival and Cook-Off hosted by the Friona Chamber of Commerce and Ag is set for Saturday, July 20, 2019. This year, the event will run from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and will be held at the Reeve Lake/Community Event Center complex in the heart of the Cheeseburger Capital of Texas. Save the date and grab your buns!!!



1st place - Kiss My Ace; Nohemi Castillo, Maddie Sharrock, Andrea Chavez, Lizbeth Rojas, Eduardo Chavez, and Jose Rodriguez.

FHS Volleyball Team holds First Annual Sand Storm Tournament

The FHS Volleyball team had tons of fun putting on a sand volleyball tournament on June 8, 2019 to raise money for team camp. Hamburgers were served to the community while seven teams rallied back and forth in the hot sun to become the champions. In the end, the senior team Kiss My Ace (a term used in volleyball for an awesome serve that's unable to be returned) won

the tournament. The FHS Volleyball team wants to thank everyone who played in the tournament or volunteered their time. Our fantastic supporters included; the City of Friona, Hi-Pro Feeds, Parmer County Implement, Gurly Farms, Friona Wheat Growers, Kendrick Oil, and the Friona Star.

The results of the tournament were: 1st place - Kiss My Ace; Maddie Sharrock, Lizbeth

Rojas, Andrea Chavez, Nohemi Castillo, Eduardo Chavez, and Jose Rodriguez. 2nd place - The Misfits (from Herford); Jimmy Graytan, Jessica Moya, Jacob Villarreal, Seraiah McKay, RJ McKay, and Briana Gaytan. 3rd Place - Aces; Kambree Kimbrough, Paige Upton, Kayli Stone, and Megan Stone. Other teams included the 360 Waves, The Tribe, Coaches, and Freshman.

Take Care of Texas encourages Texans to maintain AC units

Texas generates more electricity than any other state, and because approximately 64 percent of the state's power is generated by natural gas and coal-burning plants, energy conservation helps keep the air clean by reducing emissions. You can take steps to reduce those emissions by reducing your energy consumption.

Staying up to date with maintenance on air conditioning units is an effective way to do your part. Proper upkeep of a unit optimizes its efficiency, reducing the amount of energy it needs to operate. This reduces emissions from power plants.

Implementing these maintenance tips will prolong the life of an air conditioning unit and save money. (1) Routinely replace the air filters. This one thing can reduce an air conditioner's energy use by up to 15 percent. (2) Clean the coils. Air conditioner coils collect dirt over time, so clean them every year. (3) Maintain and repair the aluminum fins on the coils. They are easily bent and can block airflow. (4) Clean out condensation drains. They can become clogged and prevent a unit from reducing humidity.

Take Care of Texas is a statewide campaign from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

National Dairy Month Continues



Braden Smith, operations manager for townsquare media, is shown interviewing Sherri Alger of A-Tex Dairy at last week's community blood drive. The interview was carried on 101.9 The Bull and Mix 94.1 and focused on the dairy industry.

Blood drive saves lives and promotes dairy products!!!

The citizens of Friona are to be commended for their turnout at the latest community blood drive hosted by Coffee Memorial Blood Center. Seventy-one individuals registered to donate and a total of 59 units of life saving blood was sent back to Amarillo. There were 6 first-time donors and 12 who were unable to give.

Since the average blood drive is 40-45 units and the summer months usually run on the low side, this was an outstanding blood drive. Friona has always been a leader in blood donations and proved it again this past week.

In recognition of June being National Dairy

Month, milk and ice cream was provided to all donors by Austin Voyles, program coordinator for Dairy Max, a local dairy council.



The Friona Squaw Basketball team would like to thank the community of Friona for supporting us during our bake sale for our summer team camp. We are so grateful to be a part of a community that supports one another. GO SQUAWS!!!



2019-20 Friona Squaw Basketball Team

Kiley Sifuentes, Maddie Sharrock, Carly Drake, Kambree Kimbrough, Lizbeth Rojas, Andrea Chavez, Charlene Maldonado, Anahi Gonzalez, Hiromy Quiroz, Litzy Gonzalez, Lizbeth Toledo, Joscelyn Barraza

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Friona Weather June 20-26	T 98 63 W 10-20	F 99 65 WSW 15-25	S 96 63 WSW 10-20	S 90 57 W 10-20	M 88 60 SSE 10-15	T 90 62 S 10-20	W 91 62 SSW 10-20	Precipitation June 2.34 Year 9.11	Burn Ban: No
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Progression of Education

Community Calendar

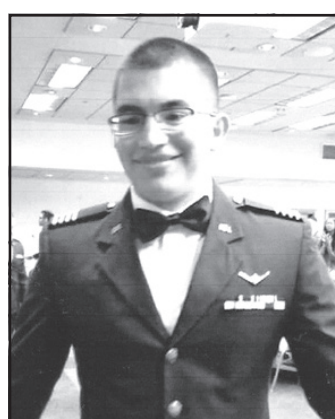
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- June 20**
 -Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.
- June 21**
 -First Day of Summer
 -Snack Pack Fridays at Methodist Church (north entrance) at 10:00- 10:30 a.m.
- June 27**
 -Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.
- July 28**
 -Snack Pack Fridays at Methodist Church (north entrance) at 10:00- 10:30 a.m.
- July 4**
 -Independence Day!
- July 5**
 -Caregivers Coffee Break at First National Bank Community Room 9:30 a.m.
 -Snack Pack Fridays at Methodist Church (north entrance) at 10:00- 10:30 a.m.
- July 11**
 -Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.
- July 12**
 -Snack Pack Fridays at Methodist Church (north entrance) at 10:00- 10:30 a.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 19**
 -Snack Pack Fridays at Methodist Church (north entrance) at 10:00- 10:30 a.m.
- July 20**
 -Cheeseburger Festival 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- July 25**
 -Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.
- July 26**
 -Snack Pack Fridays at Methodist Church (north entrance) at 10:00- 10:30 a.m.
- July 27**
 - The 11th Annual Pudge Kendrick Memorial Golf Tournament

Maria "Dora" Mejia was a widow and illiterate. Luckily, neither of those obstacles hindered her instinct to seek a better life for herself and her children. In 1972, she moved the family from California to Texas hoping that the endless horizons of the Texas panhandle would bring endless opportunities for her ten sons and two daughters. Even though she never earned a diploma, she knew that education was the key to success.

Jose Mejia (Joe) was son number six. His first lesson in education was in 1972 when he and his brother, Pete, strolled into the principal's office at Friona High School and met John Raymond Cook. The two young sons of Dora had just arrived from California and in the early 70s that meant they had hair to their shoulders and an air of nonconformity. Mr. Cook informed them that Friona High School had a dress code and that their ears would have to be seen. Joe would relent and cut his hair and in May of 1973 became the first high school graduate in the family. His brother chose not to cut his, but later joined the Marines and you know what happened to his hair.

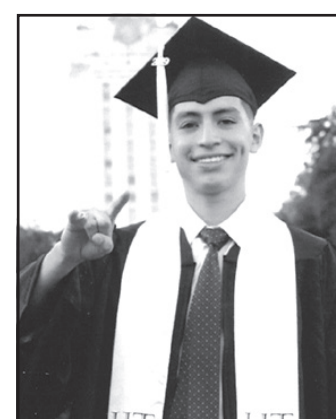
Joe's second lesson in education was in 1974 when Rob-



Jonis Nava



Rachel (Mejia) Ramirez



Gabriel Ramirez

ert Neelley and Gary Brown took a chance on the young high school graduate and hired him to work at Friona State Bank. The job gave Joe a steady income and in 1988 the bank helped him earn a banking degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Joe worked at the bank for 21 years and that experience gave him the skills necessary to later own and operate his own businesses.

Joe's third lesson education was from the school of life. In 1979, his first daughter Rachel was born premature. Joe was having to drive back and forth from Friona to Amarillo every day and the bills were piling up. Then someone stepped up. W.D. Buske was that someone who helped pay the bills so Joe could concentrate on

his daughter. Joe received that honorary "degree" in compassion in the classroom of real life.

Joe's fourth and ongoing lesson in education has been the passing of the "educational torch" to his two daughters and three grandkids. Joe's first daughter, Rachel (Mejia) Ramirez, attended Friona schools from kindergarten through 2nd grade and she also attended Friona High School her freshman, sophomore, and junior year. She graduated from Hereford High School in 1997. She earned a BS Degree in 2003, and a ME Degree from WTAMU in 2017. She is currently a principal at Hereford High School. Rachel is married to Michael Ramirez and their children are Gabriel and Angela.

Rachel's son, Gabriel Ramirez is a 2015 graduate from Hereford High School and a 2019 graduate of the University of Texas with a BS Liberal Arts Degree in Government. Rachel's daughter, Angela Ramirez, is a 2019 graduate of Hereford High School and will attend Texas Tech University in the Fall. Angela was also the Hereford High School mascot this past year and won the Fan Favorite: Best Mascot Award at the "Best of the Panhandle" Sports Awards banquet held in Amarillo, Texas in June.

Joe's second daughter, Jessica Mejia, is a 1999 high school graduate and earned a BS Degree in 2003. Jessica's son, Jo-

nis Nava, is a 2015 graduate of San Marcos High School and a 2019 graduate of Texas State University with a BS Liberal Arts Degree in Geography. Jonis was also a C/Col Cadet Wing Commander with the Air Force ROTC Detachment 840 at Texas State University.

Joe Mejia knows that education has played an important role in his life and in the life of his family. Known as "dad" to his two daughters and "abuelito" to his grandkids, he appreciates the hard work and commitment of teachers and administrators. He has fond memories of Friona High School and people like Cecil Maddox, Tom Jarboe, and Baker Duggins. Joe would like to encourage everyone to support and pursue education for themselves and their family. Like everyone else on the planet, Joe has made his share of mistakes in life, but to not learn from them is an even bigger mistake. One of his favorite Bible verses is Philippians 4:13 which states, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me."

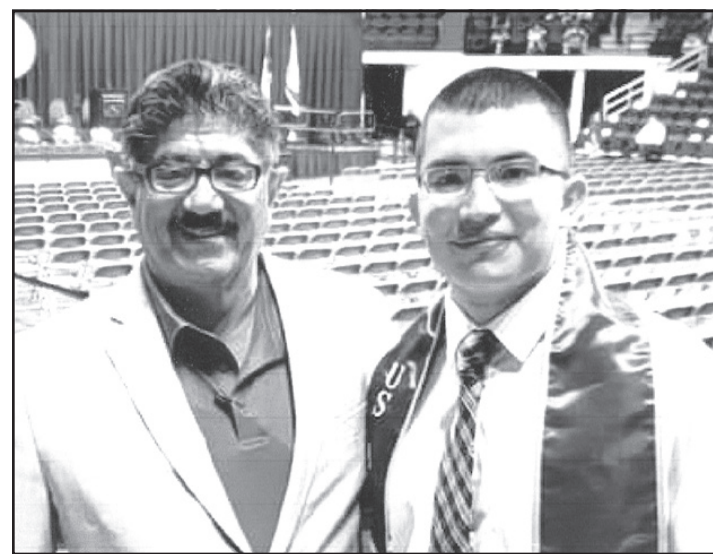
Joe remembers a couple of slogans the Chamber of Commerce used back in the 70s when he first arrived in town. One was "Visit Friona...Stay Awhile" and the other was "If you lived in Friona, you would be home". Joe thought that neither of those would apply to him. Well, 47 years later, he has definitely stayed awhile and, yes, Friona is home.



Jonis Nava and Jessica Mejia



Rachel, Angela, and Michael Ramirez



Jose Mejia (Joe) and Jonis Nava

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ACROSS

1 TXism: "at the drop of _ _" (impulse)

5 ice cream holder

6 instrument seen at the Texas Renaissance Festival

7 TXism: "the fat _ _ the fire" (trouble)

8 TX "Buddy" Minyard (init.)

9 rainbow shape

12 TXism: "spittin' _ _ of" (identical)

17 baby shoes

19 married woman in Mexico

21 Astro or Ranger game divisions

22 this James was Marshal Matt Dillon

23 toilet for a bedridden patient

28 Bigfoot

29 TX Audie Murphy 1959 film: " _ _ a Long Shadow"

30 multinational aircraft manufacturer

31 in Fannin County on highway 56

35 TXism: "sneaky as _ _ sucking dog"

36 TXism: " _ _ _ of a different color" (odd)

42 elevated play area for kids (2 wds.)

44 across from Laredo: " _ _ Laredo"

46 Dungeons & Dragons villain in several modules (2 wds.)

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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48 TX Guy Clark wrote "Desperados Waiting for _ _" (1973)

49 TXism: "it's root hog _ _ die"

50 "Lost Maples State Natural _ _"

51 Alamo's William Travis: "I _ _ never surrender or retreat"

52 TX Perot's old co.

53 snaky Gulf fishes

DOWN

1 TXism: "does a cat have _ _ ?" (yes)

2 Crockett is the seat of this county

3 TX once had largest _ _ smelter in the world

4 early group for TX Roy Orbison: " _ _ Kings"

9 TXism: "thinking _ _ doing"

10 "Pride of America" is this in the U.S. (2 wds.)

11 designation for a Confederate ship

12 TX King Vidor's autobiography: "A Tree _ _ Tree"

13 "Lord Have _ _ Working Man" (1992)

14 Santa _ _ , TX

15 TXism: "that _ _ against my grain"

16 archaic "long ago"

18 cowboy's bolo, e.g.

20 TXism: "old _ _ dirt"

23 _ _ gun (air gun)

24 genus of moth

25 "fender bender" result

26 jetties

27 San _ _ , TX

32 TXism: "honest _ _ the day is long"

33 this nat'l agcy. has medical centers throughout TX

34 TX Roy Orbison's " _ _ Pretty Woman"

36 fighting toe to _ _

37 _ _ hoop

38 TXism: "sticks out like _ _ thumb"

39 not urban

40 TX duo " _ _ and Crofts"

41 wicked

43 early film actress, TX Vinson (init.)

45 a TX Buddy Holly hit: "Rave _ _"

47 persons who dress stylishly

48 TX has _ _ _ with a lone star encircled by live oak branches "take it _ _"

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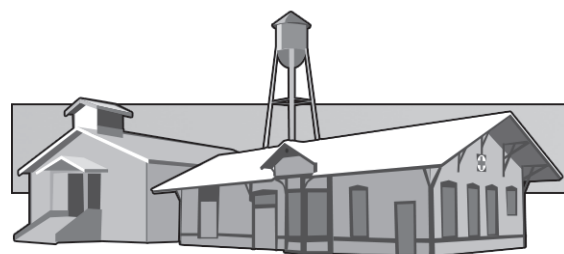
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DeafSmith County will celebrate its agriculture heritage and the steel plowhorses that have helped to achieve it at a Tractors in the Park Jubilee and Festival Saturday, June 22 in downtown Hereford and at Dameron Park and the Hereford Community Center. The event, sponsored by the Deaf Smith County Historical Society will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will include a tractor parade and show, food vendors, games, a volleyball tournament, a toy meet and an arts and crafts show.

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The 2019 Annual Comanchero Rendezvous will be on June 29 at the Comanchero Canyons Museum 200 S. 3rd St. Quitaque, Tx starting from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. They will be selling \$8 Hamburgers for Lunch from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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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.

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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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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 last summer kids reading program will be on June 26 at the Library!

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The City of Friona and the Friona Public Library would like to invite the public to a fun-filled night of star-gazing and space exploration! Bring the kids out to learn about the last frontier and the fascinating objects that fill the night sky! From stars, to constellations, and even the moon, come and enjoy the natural wonders of space at our FREE Night Under the Stars event this Friday!

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This year's Cheeseburger Festival will be an indoor/outdoor, afternoon/evening event (from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) at Reeve Lake /Friona Community Center with celebration in some shape or form for the WHOLE WEEK prior! Stay tuned for a list of events that will kick off on Monday, July 15th and end with a bang on Saturday, July 20th.

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The 4th Annual Friona Kids Building Camp will begin on July 9 through July 13! Kids ages 5 years old to 12 years old form groups to compete and build a temporary dwelling out of wood pallets for their sleepover.

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PARISH SUMMER CATECHETICAL PROGRAM Re-treat for young children at Saint Ann's Church in Bovina. No matter what Religion you are, you are welcome!! Lots of fun!!! For Friona and Bovina.

Ages: 1-12 Cost: Free When: June 23-28th Ages 7th - 12 (Sunday Only) Grades 7-12: 7:30 - 9:45 pm Grades 1-6: 9:00 - 3:00 pm

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National Days:

June 20: American Eagle Day

June 21: National Selfie Day, National Daylight Appreciation Day, Summer Begins, Take Your Dog to Work Day!

June 22: National Onion Rings Day, Summersgiving Day

June 23: National Hydration Day, National Pink Day, National Pecan Sandies Day

June 24: National Pralines Day

June 25: National Strawberry Parfait Day, National Catfish Day

June 26: National Coconut Day, National Beautician's Day, National Chocolate Pudding Day

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Snack Pack 4 Kidz will now be Snack Pack Fridays! Snack Pack Fridays will now be

from 10:00 -10:30 a.m. at the north door of the Methodist Church. Snack Pack Fridays will be available for all children!

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This Friday June 21st, from 6:00-9:00 pm, the Don Harrington Discovery Center; 1200 Streit Drive Amarillo, will open during the evening hours for another 'Discover for a Dollar' event. Admis-

sion is only \$1 per person. Members of the Discovery Center are admitted free. The public is invited to come and enjoy a hot summer evening inside the Discovery Center complete with Space Theater shows, live science demonstrations, and critter encounters. For more information call: (806) 355-9547

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-Positivity is a superpower!



FRIONA FLASHBACKS

June 21, 2018

Mark Osborn shown donating blood at last week's blood drive. Friona residents donated a total of 47 units of blood during the event. Coffee Memorial Blood Center wishes to thank all those who participated and reminds everyone that giving blood saves lives. Don't forget that you can still donate during the month of June at Coffee Memorial in Amarillo and receive a t-shirt and a squeeze cow courtesy of Dairy Max and also be entered into a weekly drawing for a one-year supply of Plains Dairy Milk.

June 30, 2016

The Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture needs you! They are looking for more participants for the parades on the July 4th. There are two parades planned. The first will be at 9 a.m. on 10th Street. Decorate your bicycles, four-wheelers, wagons, etc. and show your patriotism. The second parade will begin lining up at 3:30 p.m. in front of Prairie Acres. The parade will begin at 4 p.m. and proceed down 15th Street to Reeve Lake. The Chamber also needs runners for the 5K, which will begin at 7 a.m. at Reeve Lake picnic area. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will win Friona Bucks. Recreational walkers are encouraged to come and join the fun while supporting the Parmer County Cancer Coalition. There will be handicap parking available on the south side of the park. Permits will be required to enter the parking area. Assistants will be on hand to help with the parking. Vendors will be at Reeve Lake starting at 5 p.m. A spectacular fireworks display will begin at dusk. Every one is invited to come on out and enjoy the hometown festivities.

June 19, 2014

The Friona Golf Club will close effective Sunday evening at the conclusion of the H. K. "Pudge" Kendrick Memorial golf tournament. Club owner Dee King said his attempts to sell the country club/golf course had been

unsuccessful. The City of Friona declined to annex the course property to the city and/or take over operation of the club. Club membership has been declining over the years and Mr. King said lack of fees and revenue has forced the permanent closing of the country club. The Kendrick tournament takes place Saturday and Sunday and the course will be closed once the tournament is concluded Sunday afternoon. Maintaining a golf course/country club has become increasingly difficult for small towns in recent years. Golf courses in Littlefield and Dimmitt have recently closed. Mr. King estimated it would take revenue of about \$10,000 per month for the club to break even. That does not include equipment repair and maintenance. Maintaining a golf course has been espe-

cially difficult during the sustained drought throughout the area. Closing of the club and course will not affect the operation of Headquarters Restaurant which will remain open.

June 17, 2010

Wheat harvest is beginning across much of Parmer County. The recent hot and dry weather has helped with the maturity of much of the wheat. Many producers are beginning to harvest of dry land wheat. Some reports say yield is anywhere from 18 bushels to 45-60 bushels on some of the dry land. One of the major downfalls is the price of wheat this year. A report from the Texas Wheat Producers board on June 14 stated: "Across the state producers are harvesting wheat and many have found a lack of demand for their product." With wheat prices falling and

a widening basis, the difference between the local cash price and the futures price, many producers are left with few options to market their crop. Over the past seven days producers have seen the cash value of their crop fall dramatically, often to less than \$3 per bushel, due to a record setting basis. This drop in price is a direct reflection of declining export demand overly abundant world supply, and the high price of U.S. wheat on the world market. All of these factors combined with a lack of storage space in some areas contribute to the low prices and lack of demand producers are seeing at their load grain elevators." Conditions continue to be favorable for harvest with the warm, dry days. Much of the irrigated crop should begin to be harvested over the next few days.

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 Jinee Parr - George Kirkland Frye and Annette Patricia Frye, A 222.619 Ac E Sec 20 T1n R5e Capital Synd Div
 Linda Comer - Coleman Young and Melissa Young, L10, 11,12 B43 Oto Farwell
 Jaime Cigarroa and Amy Cigarroa- Monica Trevino and Mari-bel Banderas, L14 B4 Lakeside Add
 Stephanie Tristan Faircloth - Carl Kirkland, Rhonda Kirkland, and Brandon Kirkland, L13 L14 &15 Oto Farwell
 George Frye - Friona Industries LP, 129.54 Ac More W 320 Ac Sec 31 t-1-n R-5-e Capital Sub
 Timmy Lee Kirk - Charles Michael Kirk, Lot 4 N 32 Ft Lot 5 B8 McMillian Ferguson Add.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

6/11/19- Michael San Miguel, 32, of Hereford was arrested by the Sheriffs Office for burglary habitation- fine \$1,000.00, court cost 6 years deferred adjudication. Theft- fine \$1,800.00 court cost 2 years deferred adjudication .
 6/13/19- Eraclio Viernes, 24, of Bovina was arrested by the Bovina Police Department for public intoxication- fine \$260.00 and assault. Posted bond.
 6/14/19- Oscar Trujillo, 25, of Stanton Tx was arrested by the Sheriffs Office for violation of probation (possession of a controlled substance pg 1<1 g-) Pending District Court.
 6/15/19- Titiana Sharif, 21, of Albuquerque Nm was arrested by DPS for possession of marijuana<2 oz - Pending County Court. Possession of a controlled substance pg 2> 1g <4g. Pending Grand Jury

Area kids attend Austin Johnson's Elite Skills Camp

Austin Johnson's Elite Skills Basketball Camp was held on June 10th, 11th, and 12th.

The camp is designed to help 3rd-6th graders and 7th-12th graders improve their basketball skills. Local

towns that were represented included Lazbuddie, Hereford, Farwell, and Friona. (courtesy photos)



7th - 12 grades



3rd - 6th grades

Happy Birthday Friona Folks!

June 20
 Debra (Cooper) Campbell
 Chris Hunt
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Texas Weekly Fuel Update and Outlook

Texas gas prices have fallen 1.9 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.40 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 16.9 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and 29.0 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$1.95 while the most expensive is \$3.29 per gallon. The cheapest price in the entire country today stands at \$1.92 while the most expensive is \$5.89 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 6.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.67 per gallon. The national average is down 19.3 cents per gallon from a month ago and 22.2 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

"For the sixth straight week, gasoline prices have declined nationally, a feat not often seen heading into the prime of summer driving season. It was a perfect week with every state seeing average gas prices decline versus last Sunday as stations continued to pass along the lower replacement cost as oil prices remain under considerable selling pressure, even

after last week's attack on two oil tankers which caused not much more than the oil market to blink," said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "Gas prices have been and will be unaffected by last weeks' oil tanker attack and we're highly likely to see the national average decline for its seventh straight week barring any curve balls. For some states like California, Illinois and Ohio, the party may partially end in just two weeks as those states prepare to raise gasoline taxes a noticeable amount, sending their gas prices higher just in time for July 4th. For the rest of us, not only can we celebrate the holiday with fireworks, but celebrate the falling prices heading into it. Not a bad summer to be hitting the road as Americans are spending nearly \$100 million less every day on gasoline than a year ago."

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Commissioners approve outside audit

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in special session on Monday, June 17 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 only item on the agenda was the consideration of the outside audit of fiscal year 2018 presented by Michele Kirkland of the Top 20 regional firm of Carr, Riggs, and Ingram. The Commissioners voted to approve the audit.

All meetings are open to the public. The Commissioners Court reserves the right to go into Executive session at any time. Go to parmercounty.org to find meeting agendas. Information in this article is only a summary. Any questions concerning specific actions should be directed to the Court.

Padilla on Dean's List at Sam Houston State

HUNTSVILLE, TX - Briana Padilla of Friona was named to the Dean's List of Academic Honors at Sam Houston State University for the Spring 2019 semester. Students who receive the honor are undergraduates who have achieved a grade point average of at least 3.5 out of a perfect 4.0 in all work attempted while enrolled in not less than 12 semester hours.

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Panhandle Parables Bull's Business

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

When I was in my twenties, I lived in Nebraska and had opportunity on several occasions to help work cattle. I enjoyed the entire experience: from roundup to running them through the chute. It was often hard work, but at the same time very rewarding. On one occasion, it was early summer, and we were giving the calves a booster shot and pouring the cows to help with lice and flies. We had rounded all the cattle up into a holding area. Included in the bunch were several bulls, most of them knew their place in the ranking, but two decided they needed to test this ground a little and a fight broke out. If you know very much about bulls getting in a skirmish, then you understand not much gets in their way. It so happened I had a whip in my hand, and I decided to break it up. I ran out there popped them both on the nose and do you know what happened? Not one thing! They kept on fighting until they resolved the issue themselves and I got out of the way.

I learned a couple of things that day. First, it was the bull's business. I was an uninvited intruder into something that I had made my business when it wasn't. Second, I learned I can't influence everybody. It was a good two-fold lesson to learn. Humility comes often at the point you forget there are more folks than just you in the world. I jumped in and rather quickly deduced my lack of influence and jumped back out. As a Christian, I will not be able to influence everyone to the cause of Christ. No matter my desire, some will choose the contrary. We must seek the Kingdom. If we do that then we are turning over the reins of influence to God. He will do with our lives what we could not do without him. God gives the increase. Whether I meddle when I should leave it alone or force my influence where it is not wanted, then maybe I am too busy showing off me and not showing them Him.

Puzzle Solution

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Psalm 127—Building and Watching

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Would you buy a house and reside in it, if you knew it might fall apart at any second? Would you drive a car that was on the brink of exploding into a fiery inferno? Obviously, you wouldn't do these things, but the sad truth is that countless people live their lives on the brink of implosion and disaster because they have not built upon the Lord Jesus Christ. Psalm 127:1 says, "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain." Vain means worthless, and the truth is that unless the Lord is a part of whatever you are doing, you are wasting your time.

In Matthew 7, Jesus talked about the wise builder, who built on the rock, and the foolish builder who built on the sand. The house on the

sand came tumbling down, but the house on the rock stood firm. The rock one must build upon is the foundation of God's Word. When you don't, then you set yourself up for disaster, in so many areas of life.

In Psalm 127, the focus turns toward the key area of family. When you look around today, the family is under attack from so many angles. Pressures within, pressures without and the mixture of sinful humans under the same roof can make for a volatile situation, but when a family is building on the truth of God, a potential disaster, now becomes a great blessing from the Lord. As this article wraps up, who or what are you building your life on? Remember, as an old preacher once said, "When this life is past, only the things done in Christ will last."

Give It All to God

By Teena Hughs

Because we are a free people, and because most of us were reared to be independent and take care of ourselves, it is often difficult for us to turn things over to God. We feel like failures if we cannot fix our own problems.

Even though I have had experience turning a major problem over to God, and I have seen God work through everything, and my problem was solved like I hoped and prayed; and, even though I experienced complete joy as God was working through my worst nightmare, at times, it is still difficult for me to turn things, small or large, over to God! I don't know why I am like this.

God KNOWS everything. He knows what is best in every situation; He knows the correct answer to our problems; and, He knows the best way to fix our problems.

Turning everything over to God needs to become a way of life for each of us; it

needs to be something we focus on so that it becomes a habit in our lives! We need to surrender to God the thoughts and feelings that we are failures if we have to depend on Him rather than ourselves to see us through our problems.

In John 14:1, "Jesus told His disciples, 'Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in Me.'" Psalm 55:22 tells us to "Cast your cares on the LORD and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous fall." And, Jim Elliot says, "God always gives His Best to those who leave the choice with Him."

So, I encourage all of us to turn everything over to God; trust Him; and wait for Him to work. He promises to sustain us, and I believe Jim Elliot when He says "God gives His Best to those who leave the choice with Him." God wants us to turn everything over to Him; let us be obedient and do so.

"We Live by Faith, Not by Sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7

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Seafood Salads

I guess you might have noticed a theme the last few weeks, salads. This week I mixed it up a bit, and I am featuring salads with seafood. I think these would work great with leftover salmon or shrimp and save on prep time. Hope you enjoy.

Salmon BLT Salad www.delish.com

Ingredients for the Salad

- 2 6-oz. salmon fillets
- 1/4 tsp. kosher salt
- 1/4 tsp. Freshly ground black pepper
- 10 c. chopped romaine
- 2 c. cherry tomatoes, halved
- 2 c. croutons
- 1 avocado, halved, peeled, and diced
- 6 slices cooked bacon, chopped

For the Dressing

- 1/3 c. mayonnaise
- 1/2 c. plain Greek yogurt
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp. white wine vinegar
- 1 tsp. honey

Directions

Preheat oven to 400°. Place salmon on a lined baking sheet and sprinkle evenly with salt and pepper. Bake until browned and crispy on the edges, 18 to 20 minutes. Remove from the oven and let cool. Toss lettuce, tomatoes, croutons, avocado, and bacon together. Whisk the dressing ingredients together and season with salt and pepper. Chop up salmon and toss into salad along with the dressing. Serve immediately.

Cilantro-Lime Shrimp Salad www.delish.com

Ingredients for the Salad

- 1 large or 2 medium heads fresh romaine, chopped
- 2 lb. boiled or steamed shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 2 avocados, cut into large pieces
- 2 c. sliced grape tomatoes
- 2 tbsp. diced red onion

For the Cilantro-Lime Vinaigrette

- 1/4 c. extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 c. lime juice
- 1 clove garlic, minced (or 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder)
- 1 tbsp. chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 tsp. Dijon mustard
- kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

Directions

In a large bowl, add chopped romaine. Top with shrimp, avocado, tomatoes, and red onion. Whisk together olive oil, lime juice, garlic, cilantro, Dijon, salt, and pepper. Pour dressing over salad and toss.

Sesame Ginger Salmon Salad www.delish.com

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp. soy sauce
- piece ginger, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, chopped
- 2 tbsp. green onions, plus more for garnish
- 1 tbsp. sesame seeds
- 1/4 c. vegetable oil
- 3 tbsp. white vinegar
- 2 tbsp. honey

- 1 tbsp. sesame oil, plus more for drizzling
- 4 wonton wrappers, cut into 1/2" strips
- kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 4 salmon pieces (about 2 lb.)
- 1 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
- 10 oz. mixed greens, washed
- 1 c. shredded carrots

Directions

Preheat oven to 475°. In the bowl of a mini food processor add soy sauce, ginger, garlic, green onions, sesame seeds, vegetable oil, vinegar, honey and sesame oil. Pulse and blend until smooth; keep in refrigerator until ready to serve. On a rimmed sheet pan, toss wonton strips with a drizzle of sesame oil, then season with salt and pepper. Spread wonton strips in an even layer across the sheet pan and bake until golden brown, 4 minutes. Season salmon with salt and pepper. Heat cast-iron skillet over high heat and add olive oil to pan. When the pan is almost smoking, carefully place salmon in pan skin-side up. Cook for 4 minutes on each side. Toss mixed greens and carrots with sesame ginger dressing. Serve salmon on bed of greens, garnish with green onions and drizzle with remaining dressing.



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'A Memorable Experience'

Buffalo Stadium set to take football fans into a new era

By Jon Mark Beilue

Between 150 and 180 are in hardhats almost daily on the northern edge of the West Texas A&M University campus, getting ever closer to finishing an ambitious, but what WT athletics director Michael McBroom believes is an attainable goal this fall.

"I want our fans to feel like they've been part of a memorable, exciting experience unlike anything they've ever experienced at a WT football game," he said. "I want them to feel like they're part of the action, part of the team, part of the community."

In just more than three months, WT will play its first football game on campus in more than 60 years. On the edge of Russell Long Boulevard, the centerpiece of the University's athletic complex is quietly taking shape for the football opener on Sept. 7 against Azusa Pacific.

It's the \$40 million, 8,500-seat Buffalo Stadium.

"It's going to be a jewel," said Dr. Walter Wendler, WT president.

In March 2016, WT students approved increasing student fees to pay for \$32 million of the \$40 million project. Private funding financed the rest.

Since 1959, the Buffs have called Kimbrough Memorial Stadium home. There's a uniqueness to Kimbrough, a 20,000-seat stadium dug almost into a mini-mesa. But the stadium, which WT sold to the Canyon ISD in 2017, had few amenities and remodels over the decades.

And it had another thing working against it. The stadium was two miles north of Canyon. At least three WT presidents longed to correct that, to have a modern upscale gathering place on campus for thousands in the fall.

"From my standpoint, I can look down and see dorms, academic buildings and other facilities along Russell Long Boulevard," said Wendler earlier this month while in the stadium, "and in the heart of this, five to seven times a year, we can bring in 8,000 to 10,000 people on a Saturday to see what we hope is excellent football in an excellent new stadium and see a university that works together to serve the people of the Texas Panhandle."

8,500 capacity for an intimate feel

Buffalo Stadium will have club seating, suites, a 37-foot high video board, 240 yards of ribbon video board, a Legends Plaza, two locker rooms for 85 players each, grass berms beyond the end zones, concessions and restrooms in the stadium's four corners and scaled-down seating strategically placed at 8,500 permanent seats.

"The capacity is a sweet spot for the fans," McBroom said. "We have it at this size to create an environment to win football games, but it's also like going to a restaurant. No one wants to go when it's half-empty."



Certainly, it doesn't have the capacity of Kimbrough, but attendance in recent years has often been about 25 percent of that. Early renderings had the seating of Buffalo Stadium at about 12,500.

But University planners studied a number of factors. They looked at lower Division I, as well as Division II and III stadiums and schools in a similar population base. They looked at previous attendance, total enrollment and population within a 30-mile radius.

"We plugged in a lot of different numbers, and came up with a number between 8,000 and 9,000," McBroom said. "We have the capacity with berm seating to go above that number, and should we have the need to expand in the future, the stadium is built to do that."

The goal is to create a capacity crowd, an intimidating feel, an intimacy where the crowd is a factor in games.

"We definitely want our fans to feel like they're part of the game," he said. "We want fans to hear the hits, and to scream so loud that when our guy intercepts a pass, it pushes him on and makes him run faster."

"You'll be a part of that. It's very deliberate in what we've done with the seating. If you're in the stadium, you're a part of the team. You're almost on top of the field."

There's approximately 5,000 general admission seats on the double-deck east side. The west side is a mixture of 128 seats in the seven suites, 396 club seats, 1,100 reserved chair seats, and the balance of around 2,000 seats is general admission. There also are 200 loge seats around the stadium.

"Our architects have told us that these suites will be closer to the action than any in college football," McBroom said.

Perks for donors

Within the three-story press/suite boxes, there's a coaches area with more room than the Buffs have coaches, and a video production room that will be manned by about a dozen students and two staffers for replays, in-game presentations, scoreboard, music and the like.

"That's the room I'm most excited about," McBroom said. "That's the brains of the whole operation. The things that can be done are fascinating to me. They will really do some cutting edge

stuff."

Directly behind the suites is a 4,000-square foot area that could be used year around. It will fit as many as 150 for a seated meal. For games, Aramark Catering will provide food and beverage for suite and club ticket holders.

"For premium seat holders, they haven't known the club experience at our games where they can walk into a place that's very nice, food and beverages are there for you, and you can come and go as you wish," McBroom said.

"It's not incredibly fancy because that's not how we're wired, but it will be a nicer experience for our boosters who helped to get us where we are."

While the focus is on the modern, there's a long-absent tribute to the past with the Legends Plaza that will be on the north end along a concourse between the grass berm of the end zone and the locker rooms.

There will be monuments and other engraved markers to recognize past championship teams, All-American players and past Hall of Champions inductees.

"We have not done as good a job in football as we have in other venues in recognizing the past," McBroom said. "It was a conscious decision on our part to do that."

"We want a former player to take his grandson to a game and say, 'There I am,' or fans to look at games of a conference championship season and say they were at that one. It's important to them and it's important to us."

Much of the local attention of new stadiums has been in downtown Amarillo and the construction of Hodgetown, the baseball venue of the AA minor league Amarillo Sod Poodles that opened in April.

But by July, McBroom said the venue will look like a football stadium, and by August, with the countdown to the start of the fall semester and football season, anticipation will build.

"Because of Michael McBroom's efforts," Wendler said, "we'll have the best athletic facilities in the Lone Star Conference."

For more information about Buffalo Stadium, view Buffalo Stadium: This and That.

Do you know of a student, faculty member, project, an alumnus or any other story idea for "WT: The Heart and Soul of the Texas Panhandle?" If so, email Jon Mark Beilue at jbeilue@wtamu.edu.

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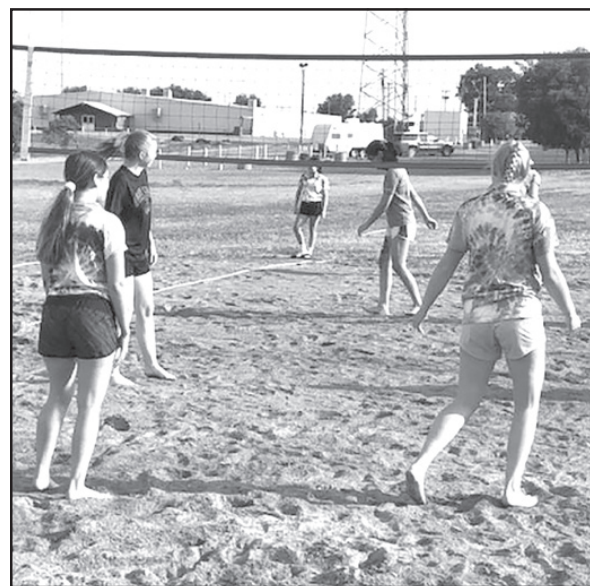
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State Capital Highlights

By Ed Sterling



Governor signs disaster-related legislation
AUSTIN — Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, House Speaker Dennis Bonnen, R-Angleton, and 23 House and Senate members joined Gov. Greg Abbott in Houston on June 13 as he signed four disaster preparedness and relief bills into law.

The group met at Gallery Furniture, owned by Jim “Mattress Mack” McIngvale, to look on as Abbott put his signature on the bills. When Hurricane Harvey hit Houston in August 2017, McIngvale opened two of his stores to shelter storm-displaced Houstonians and his company deployed its largest moving truck to rescue people in flooded neighborhoods.

“Thanks to the work of the Legislature, we are rebuilding Texas stronger and more resilient than ever,” said Abbott. “In the wake of Hurricane Harvey, we saw the unshakable spirit of the Lone Star State through the generosity of Texans helping their neighbors. These important pieces of legislation are a symbol of that spirit, as well as a sign of Texas’ commitment to improving the way we respond to natural disasters.”

The bills Abbott signed at the gathering include:

— HB 5 by Rep. Dade Phelan, R-Beaumont, and Sen. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, requiring the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to develop a catastrophic debris management plan and training and establish a work group to make recommendations on how local governments and property owners’ associations can assist with recovery efforts. HB 5 also requires the TDEM to develop a model contract for debris removal.

— HB 7 by Rep. Geanie Morrison, R-Victoria, and Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston, requiring the governor’s office to develop a list of waivers that could be implemented following a disaster and requiring the TDEM to develop a plan to assist local communities with disaster preparation contracts for services.

— SB 6 by Kolkhorst and Morrison, requiring the TDEM to develop a disaster response model guide and a wet-debris study group for local communities and creating a disaster recovery loan program within the TDEM for communities that suffered significant infrastructure damage.

— SB 7 by Sen. Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe, and Rep. Phelan, establishing the framework for providing a total of \$1.6 billion through the Texas Infrastructure Resilience Fund as matching funds available to communities hardest hit by Hurricane Harvey, and through the Flood Infrastructure Fund for statewide infrastructure projects to mitigate future flooding events.

Senate members present as Abbott signed the bills included: Kolkhorst, Creighton, Huffman, Carol Alvarado, D-Houston; Larry Taylor,

R-Friendswood; Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston; and Donna Campbell, R-New Braunfels. House members present included: Phelan, Alma Allen, D-Houston; Gina Calanni, D-Katy; Garnet Coleman, D-Houston; Sarah Davis, R-West University Place; Harold Dutton, D-Houston; Sam Harless, R-Spring; Dan Huberty, R-Houston; Will Metcalf, R-Conroe; Rick Miller, R-Sugar Land; Mayes Middleton, R-Wallisville; Ron Reynolds, D-Missouri City; Jon Rosenthal, D-Houston; Valoree Swanson, R-Spring; Steve Toth, R-The Woodlands; and Armando Walle, D-Houston.

June 16 was the final day for Gov. Abbott to approve, veto or allow to become law without his signature legislation passed in the 140-day 86th regular session of the Texas Legislature that ended May 27.

Revenue is distributed

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on June 12 announced he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$782.1 million in local sales tax allocations for the month of June.

The amount is 10.1 percent more than the comptroller’s office distributed in June 2018.

Local sales tax allocations are based on sales made in April by businesses that report tax monthly.

Board of plumbing lives on

Gov. Abbott on June 13 signed an executive order for the State Board of Plumbing Examiners to continue its functions until May 31, 2021.

Without Abbott’s action, the board would have been abolished on Sept. 1, 2019, because the Legislature did not act to renew its functions under the Texas Sunset Act, a law that requires periodic review of state boards and commissions for continuation or abolishment.

Abbott said it is necessary to continue the board “to perform its indispensable role in protecting Texans” in fulfilling the demands for rebuilding after Hurricane Harvey and for “keeping Texas prepared and able to recover from future disasters.”

Lawmaker is elected mayor

State Rep. Eric Johnson, D-Dallas, emerged the winner of a June 8 runoff election with challenger Scott Griggs and was elected mayor of Dallas. The oath of office is to be administered on June 17.

Johnson, who succeeds Mike Rawlings as mayor of Dallas, joined the Legislature in April 2010 after winning a special election to succeed state Rep. Terri Hodge.

Johnson will be succeeded as state representative for House District 100 by the winner of a special election.



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Teddy P. Tucker



Services for Teddy P. Tucker, age 85, of Muleshoe, Texas, were conducted at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 15th at the Primitive Baptist Church in Muleshoe with Brother Bernard Gowens, Brother Don Martin, Brother Cleveland Bass, and Brother Norman Jones officiating. Burial was at 3:30 p.m. at Wheeler Cemetery in Wheeler, Texas. Teddy passed from his earthly home on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 in Farwell, Texas. He was born December 3, 1933 in Elk City, Oklahoma to T.P. and Millie (Hunt) Tucker. He married Billie Ruth Morris in Pampa, Texas on September 2, 1956.

Teddy was the 8th of 9 children. He was raised on the family farm in the Sunny Point Community of Roger Mills County, Oklahoma. He enlisted in the Army in 1954 and was assigned to the Field Artillery Division in Germany, when he was not commissioned by officers to play baseball on one of their teams. He received his honorable discharge in January of 1956. Returning home, he met Ruth Morris of Mobeetie, Texas and they were married soon after. He then began his career in the automotive parts business in Pampa, Texas. The advancement of farm irrigation moved the couple to Friona, Texas where they spent the next 40 years before retiring.

While in Friona, Teddy

was active in Lions Club, Friona Booster Club, and his favorite sport of baseball. He won many games while coaching 22 years in Little League Baseball and hosting players from visiting towns during tournaments. A big joy of his was hosting high school basketball players during pheasant season, as he would always find a way to take them hunting during their stay at his house. He was an avid hunter and loved to fish. He was a mainstay in the introduction of ring neck pheasants to Parmer County. Teddy worked with the Texas Parks and Wildlife monitoring Sandhill Crane migration into the area. He served as the President of the Friona Senior Citizens organization from 2000 to 2002. Teddy was honored by the Little League Baseball Association for his efforts serving as coach and League President. He was also honored by the Friona Chamber of Commerce by being named the 2002 Citizen of the Year.

In October of 2002, Teddy and Ruth left Friona and moved to within 30 miles of where he was raised in Wheeler, Texas. Teddy always had a big garden, but

now the opportunity to increase the size was even bigger as he was back in the farming and ranching business he grew up with. His garden took first priority over everything. He dearly loved sharing the garden harvest with everyone. In June of 2014, the Tuckers moved west again to Muleshoe, where he became a faithful attendee at the Senior Citizens meetings. He also worked on maintenance projects needed at the Primitive Baptist Church and assisting on the farm and growing an even bigger garden. Teddy loved to hear kids playing, and was blessed to be surrounded by several throughout his life. He is preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Addie Driscoll; and four brothers, W.P. Tucker, C.R. Tucker, W.F. Tucker, and George Lee Tucker.

Teddy is survived by his wife, Ruth; his daughter, Alesia Martin and her husband, Jason of Henderson, Texas; his son, Mark Tucker and his wife, Irene of Muleshoe, Texas; his sister, Mae Wood; his two brothers, Windle Tucker and Doyle Tucker; 7 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers, that memorials be sent to the American Diabetes Association, 2451 Crystal Drive, Suite 900, Arlington, Virginia, 22202 or Cowboys for Cancer Research, P. O. Box 202, Dona Ana, New Mexico, 88032 or the charity of your choice. Online condolences may be made at www.ellisfuneralhomes.com.

Tom E. Villa



Tom E. Villa, 84 of Friona passed away June 17, 2019 in Amarillo. Rosary Services will be held 7 P.M. Thursday, June 20, 2019 at the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home with Mass of Christian Burial Services scheduled for 11:00 A.M. Friday, June 21, 2019 at La Iglesia de San Jose Catholic Church in Hereford with Father Nestor Lara as Celebrant. Cremation and arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Tom was born March 7, 1935 in Munford, Texas to Elairo and Madelena Escobedo Villa. He later married Rosa Cabrera on March 7, 1962 in Sudan.

He was an area farmer

that loved family functions, gardening, playing music on his accordion and guitar, fishing and working on cars.

He is preceded in death by his parents, 3 sisters, 2 brothers and 1 great-grandson.

Those to carry on his legacy include his wife Rosa of Friona, 2 sons-Tommy

Villa and Michael Villa and wife Christy of Friona, 1 daughter-Rita Almaraz and husband Salud of Amarillo, 2 brothers Camillo Villa of Lubbock and Angel Villa of Fredericksburg, 3 sisters-JoAnn Mondragon of Hereford, Felipa Ibarra of San Antonio and Sylvia Benavidez of Amarillo, 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

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

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Lucy Hernandez



Lucy Hernandez, 61 of Friona passed away June 16, 2019 in Amarillo. Celebration of Life Services have been scheduled for 10:00 A.M. Thursday, June 20, 2019 at the First Baptist Church in Friona with Pastor Robert Kerby of Victory Family Worship Center in Friona and Rev. Brett Hoyle, pastor of First Baptist Church of Friona, officiating. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Lucy was born February 10, 1958 in Floyd County, Texas to Adolfo and Manuela Aguilar Aguirre. She later married Henry Hernandez March 14, 1975 in Friona.

Lucy worked for the City of Friona Public Library, the last year as the Library Director.

Lucy was a fearless Christian and worshiper that loved her Lord and her family. She was a very active and loving member of Victory Family Worship Center in Friona where she also had served as a member of the Board of Directors.

She is preceded in death by her parents, and 1 brother

Robert Aguirre.

Those to carry on her legacy include her husband Henry of Friona, 2 daughters-Allysa Hernandez and Angela Hernandez of Friona, 2 brothers Joe Aguirre of Friona and Ernesto Aguirre of Clovis, 3 sisters-Elsie Orzabal, Ruth Garcia and husband Wally all of San Antonio, and Janie Tobias and husband Sam of Kyle, Texas, 1 granddaughter Victoria Cardenas.

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New dairy margin sign-up has begun

Sign-up began June 17 for the new Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) program, the cornerstone program of the dairy safety net that helps dairy producers manage the volatility of milk and feed prices, operated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA).

The 2018 Farm Bill allowed USDA to construct the new DMC, which replaces the Margin Protection Program for Dairy (MPP-Dairy). This new program offers protection to dairy producers when the difference between the all-milk price and the average feed cost (the margin) falls below a certain dollar amount selected by the producer.

The program provides coverage retroactive to January 1, 2019, with applicable payments following soon after enrollment. At the time of sign-up, dairy producers can choose between the \$4.00 to \$9.50 coverage levels. Learn more about coverage levels and premiums.

The Farm Bill also allows producers who participated in MPP-Dairy from 2014-2017 to receive a repayment or credit for part of the premiums paid into the program. FSA has been providing premium reimbursements to producers since last month and those that elect the 75 percent credit option will now have that credit applied toward 2019 DMC premiums.

The Department has built in a 50 percent blend of premium and supreme alfalfa hay prices with the alfalfa hay price used under the prior dairy program to provide a total feed cost that more closely aligns with hay rations used by many producers. At a milk margin minus feed cost of \$9.50 or less, payments are possible. With the 50 percent hay blend, FSA's revised April 2019 income over feed cost margin is \$8.82 per hundredweight (cwt). The revised margins for January, February and March are, respectively, \$7.71, \$7.91 and \$8.66 - triggering DMC payments for each month.

DMC payments will be reduced by 6.2 per-

cent in 2019 because of a sequester order required by Congress and issued in accordance with the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

DMC offers catastrophic coverage at no cost to the producer, other than an annual \$100 administrative fee. Producers can opt for greater coverage levels for a premium in addition to the administrative fee. Operations owned by limited resource, beginning, socially disadvantaged or veteran farmers and ranchers may be eligible for a waiver on administrative fees. Producers have the choice to lock in coverage levels until 2023 and receive a 25-percent discount on their DMC premiums.

To assist producers in making coverage elections, USDA partnered with the University of Wisconsin to develop a DMC decision support tool, which can be used to evaluate various scenarios using different coverage levels through DMC.

All dairy operations in the United States are eligible for the DMC program. An operation can be run either by a single producer or multiple producers who commercially produce and market cows' milk.

Eligible dairy operations must have a production history determined by FSA. For most operations, production history is based on the highest milk production in 2011, 2012 and 2013. Newer dairy operations have other options for determining production history. Producers may contact their local FSA office to get their verified production history.

Dairy producers also are reminded that 2018 Farm Bill provisions allow for dairy operation to participate in both FSA's DMC program and the Risk Management Agency's Livestock Gross Margin (LGM-Dairy) program. There are also no restrictions from participating in DMC in conjunction with any other RMA insurance products.

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Deaf Smith County will celebrate agriculture heritage and steel plow horses this Saturday

By Jim Steiert

Deaf Smith County will celebrate its agriculture heritage and the steel plowhorses that have helped to achieve it at a Tractors in the Park Jubilee and Festival on Saturday, June 22nd in downtown Hereford and at Dameron Park and the Hereford Community Center.

The event, sponsored by the Deaf Smith County Historical Society will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will include a tractor parade & show, food vendors, games, a volleyball tournament, a toy meet, and an arts & crafts show. The tractor celebration is the brainchild of new Historical Society board member Steve Vredevelde, who pitched the idea of honoring local farmers and the agriculture industry, as well as celebrating a new display of a 1930 Case tractor at the Deaf Smith County Museum.

Fittingly enough, given the rich farming and ranching heritage of Deaf Smith County, the Jubilee will kick off with a tractor parade at 10 a.m. The tractor parade will begin at Hereford High School and proceed down Avenue F to Park Avenue, travel west on Park Avenue, then turn south on Main Street through downtown Hereford before looping back to Dameron Park.

Late parade entrants may register on parade morning with representatives of the



Deaf Smith Historical Society who will be manning a table at the high school parking lot. The Hereford Police Department and the Hereford Volunteer Fire Department will arrange the order of entrants in the parade, according to Lana Bass, Executive Director of the Deaf Smith County Historical Museum.

Mrs. Bass also reported that tractor parade entrants from the local area will include Ron Vasek, Richard Sims Sr. and Johnnie Sims, Roy and Shirley Carlson, Vince Meyers of Umbarger, the Panhandle Antique Tractor Association, and Dwane Long. Several other entrants are expected on parade day. Also on display will be award-winning trailers built by Cor-

die Redwine and Lang Blankenship through the CTE program at Hereford High School. Richard Schlabs will show a new product from local agriculture equipment producer Ag Krane.

"Texas Threads has T-shirts commemorating the Tractor Festival available for sale at their store in downtown Hereford in advance of Saturday's upcoming event," said Mrs. Bass.

Once the tractor parade travels its route, activities shift to Dameron Park and the Hereford Community Center. There will be a musical flair at the covered pavilion on the west side of the park, with an invocation by Pastor Guy Walker of Barn Church immediately

following the parade. The combined choirs of First Baptist Church and First United Methodist Church will then perform special music, and afterwards music will be spun by a disk jockey throughout the event. KPAN radio will be broadcasting live from Dameron Park from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tractors and agriculture equipment will be on display on the concrete drainages throughout the park, and on the parking lot just east of the park that is the summer site of the Hereford Farmers Market.

Food offerings in the park will include pulled pork cooked up by Mike Schueler of First Bank Southwest, a Fair Grounds Food Truck op-

erated by Kent and Gail Blain that will offer funnel cakes, kettle corn and snow cones, Mexican street corn prepped on site by the San Jose Knights of Columbus, brisket burritos from Trey Madrigal and accompanying refreshments from Dora Madrigal, cotton candy spun by Mary Castillo, and homemade ice cream from Deaf Smith County 4-H. Other probable food vendors include the Hereford Lions Club, Samaritan Hospice, and Deaf Smith County Crime Stoppers.

The Deaf Smith County Historical Society will have a booth offering homemade cookies and water, as well as copies of the Deaf Smith County History Book dating from 1876 to 1981 and a county cookbook.

A volleyball tournament will be conducted at the newly renovated sand volleyball pits in the park. Entry fee for teams is \$80 and advance registration is with the Deaf Smith County Museum at 363-7070. Late registrations may be done at a Historical Society table at the park or at the Hereford Community Center.

Games for youngsters of all ages will be available at the park, including a cornhole tournament, washer pitch, a bouncy house and obstacle course, and other assorted pastimes.

"Just across Park Avenue

from Dameron Park, we'll have an arts and crafts show underway. One of the neat features will be a toy meet that will display antique toys to buy, sell, or trade," said Mrs. Bass.

Those displaying at the arts and crafts show will include New Life Homes, Bees Knees Coffee Shop and Boutique of Vega, Holly Gray Signs, and other booths that were still being added at press time.

Last minute arrangements for displays or other activities can be made by contacting the Deaf Smith County Museum at 363-7070.

Saturday's upcoming Tractor Fest is a throwback to a once cherished community tradition of drawing county residents to a summertime jubilee event in Dameron Park that offered food, fun, and an opportunity for neighbors to mix and mingle.

"We hope local folks will make their plans to participate. It's a celebration of how we live here, and we'd love to see this prove a highly successful community-wide event," Mrs. Bass said.

Should wet weather rain out the park site, plans are to relocate everything that can be moved right across the street to the Hereford Community Center. However, tractor displays are only authorized on the concrete drainages and the east parking lot of the park.

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