

Thursday, June 18, 2020

\$1.00

Parmer County COVID-19 stats

As of Tuesday, June 16, 2020

Tested at Parmer Medical Center

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Negative Results from Parmer **Medical Center**

275

Pending Results from PMC 16



Positive Results from PMC 108

Parmer County Residents Positive Results From All Test Sites 132

50 for 50 Drawing benefits Friona **Volunteer Fire Department**

The "50 for 50" drawing will be held this year on Saturday, September 19th at the Friona Volunteer Fire Department. The drawing will take place at 1:00 p.m. and is open to the public. Entries need not be present to win, but you must be at least 21 years old to participate. Only the ticket purchaser can claim the winning gun, and the claim period is up to 6 weeks after the drawing. There will be a maximum of 1,000 tickets sold. Each ticket will be re-entered into the drawing after each selection. All State and Federal regulations and laws will apply. Winners are responsible for all sales taxes and transfer fees. If the gun listed becomes unavailable, one of



equal value will be supplied. Winners will be contacted by email and/or phone by the information on the ticket. If contact information changes, it is the responsibility of the ticket holder to notify the Department. For more information you may contact Jim Taylor at (806) 265-7264, Randy Mc-Casland at (580) 6491437 or John Taylor at (806) 265-7739. Tickets can be purchased from any member of the Friona Volunteer Fire Department.

Local Farmer, Powered Parachute Pilot, Cannoneer

By Darla Bracken

As we grow older, life's journey takes us through many interests, travels and hobbies - i. e. adventures. Whether it be learning to fly a powered parachute or trying his hand at another element of danger like designing and making a cannon, this local farmer has enjoyed learning many new things. All can be very interesting as Friona native, Keith Lynn Blackburn, can attest. Where to start? Ask him. He has built a cannon that really works!

In fact, it was at one of the powered parachute meets that a fellow enthusiast brought a cannon that he had built. This was just the spark needed to ignite another quest. Mr. Blackburn began thinking about building his own cannon. Not much call for a 'big gun' on his farm in West Texas — just coyotes, rattlesnakes, hawks, owls, pheasants...but a new project began to take shape in 2009. Turns out there were cannon parts lying all around the farm: an old oxygen tank used for welding, scrap metal, and even some old farm implement wheels. No blueprints or plans, no instructor or advisor - just an idea, some ingenuity, general knowledge, welding skill and elbow grease. Slowly, a cannon began to take shape. The tank became the barrel with the development of its exact length and reinforcement being part of the design process. It had to be strong enough to withstand



The "business end" of the Blackburn Special built by Keith Blackburn

tank brought its own contributions to the idea for reinforcement. Now the smooth bore barrel needed a hole for the fuse; then selecting and determining the amount of gun powder needed for firing. Cannon balls, or ammunition, was also dictated by the size of the barrel; turns out bowling balls were just the right size in diameter 8 1/4 inches and weights. Test

firing. After the force of fir-

ing bent the axle, having to add a stronger axle. There were lots of adjustments and re-calculations along the way: example how to elevate the barrel for the aiming and firing of the cannon. He developed his own system for this. Then he made the carriage for the cannon; the farm implement wheels turned out to be perfect. The overall weight is now 900

rain cap cover to protect the barrel muzzle.

Cannons, an ancient weapon of war dating back to the 12th century in China, were a basic design consisting of a heavy barrel, breech, a trunnion, a elevating screw and a carriage. Although cannons are not legally considered a firearm, they have an important place in the history of artillery.

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Eight fire departments battle grass fire

Area fire departments were called out last Sunday when a downed power line caused a grass fire northeast of Bovina. Firefighters from Bovina, Clovis, Farwell, Friona, Lazbuddie, Pleasant Hill, Rhea-Hollene, and

Texico responded to battle the blaze. Also, Precinct 2 County Commissioner Charles Wilkins brought over a couple of motor graders to help with the cause.

The fire started sometime after 5:00

p.m. and the first responders were notified shortly thereafter. Friona Fire Chief Jim Taylor said the blaze burned an estimated 2000 acres and was finally extinguished around 9:00 p.m. For the most part, the fire was in wide open country. Only one structure was in danger and the firefighters were able to protect it. Fortunately, there were no high winds to help fuel the fire, but a constant swirling breeze did make containment difficult.

Fire Chief Jim Taylor and his brother, John, would like to thank all the Texas and New Mexico firefighters, as well as Commissioner Wilkins and his crew, for their hard work and professionalism in battling the blaze.





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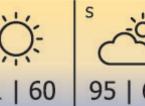
Happy Father's Day Sunday, June 21st

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Friona Weather June 18-24









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Precipitation June 0.00 Year

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Burn Ban:

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Community Calendar

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June 20

Summer Begins

June 21

Independence Day

COVID-19 News

Coronavirus cases confirmed

Texas Panhandle: 5,259 cases, 85 deaths 2,764 recoveries

Armstrong County: 3 Briscoe County: 1 Carson County: 6 Castro County: 42 Childress County: 6 Collingsworth County: 6 Cottle County: 4 Dallam County: 41 Deaf Smith County: 222 Donley County: 28 Gray County: 111 Hall County: 2 Hansford County: 21 Hartley County: 14 Hemphill County: 2 **Hutchinson County: 45** Lipscomb County: 7 Moore County: 873 Motley County: 1 Ochiltree County: 53 Oldham County: 4 Parmer County: 132 Potter County: 2,798 Randall County: 763 Roberts County: 2 Sherman County: 30

Swisher County: 23

Wheeler County: 15

Eastern New Mexico: 151 cases, 2 deaths **Curry County: 89** Quay County: 4 Roosevelt County: 53

Union County: 5

Oklahoma Panhandle: 1,006 cases, 6 deaths, 938 recoveries

Beaver County: 30 Cimarron County: 1 Texas County: 975

Texas: 93,206 cases 2,029 deaths 60,681 recoveries

United States: 2,100,000 cases

117,426 deaths Worldwide:

8,000,000 cases

441,227 deaths

Wash your hands Stay 6 foot away Wear your mask

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Father's Day

By Bill Ellis By the time we caught

up with Terry Sharrock on Thursday, the events of last Friday seemed more like an

adventure out of "Jurassic Park" than a normal day's But the adventure will be

Sharrock was one of the "closed" witnesses of the funnel cloud that devastated the Bailleys' trailer house, the Mendozas and White residences, etc.

forever etched in his mind.

-- As a matter of fact, the Sharrocks became a part of the storm themselves.

Terry, who has been employed by Friona Wheat Growers about six years, saw the funnel "set down" near the Highway 214 overpass. It proceeded northeast, and as he was at the company's new fertilizer plant, thought it might go on north of him.

But the twister struck the large elevator bins, and made a 45-degree turn and came back in a southerly direction.

The Sharrocks jumped in their van, and tried to get away, but the twister's force prevented them from escaping.

"It ripped the windows out of the van, and we were trying to cover up our baby daughter, Megan. Then, I looked out of the corner of my eye and saw a couple of

cows flying through the air," Sharrock said. YOU DID WHAT??

The Day The Cows Flew Over South Friona

Yes, I heard him right the first time.

"They looked to be fullgrown, mother type cows. They were sailing through the air, on their sides, about 10 or 12 feet off the ground," he added.

Later on, Sharrock said he noticed five or six other cattle running east, between the liquid storage tanks at the fertilizer plant, trying to get away from the storm.

Sharrock said he noticed that the anhydrous ammonia was escaping from a tank, and a propane tank also was leaking (at the fertilizer plant). "Several of the small nurse tanks had cracked valves, and they were leaking, and I'm trying to get out of there without running right into the tornado," he said.

Energas' line in the area was also broken, Sharrock believed, so there was a lot of hissing and spewing.

"The wind velocity was amazing. I don't know how it kept from turning over the van. A bob-tailed grain truck and a heavy grass spreader at the plant were both overturned. I think you could say that we're a group of walking miracles," Sharrock said.



RODE OUT STORM....The young Terry Sharrock family had a harrowing experience during last Friday's tornado. They literally "rode out" the tornado in their '92 Chevy Astro-van, which was totally destroyed. Sharrock is shown with wife Casey and young daughter Megan.

About the time he thought their ordeal was over, the storm participant said he saw a second, smaller funnel, come down out in the field. Luckily, this one did not develop like the first one, and did not stay down long.

For his part, Sharrock had a needle stuck in his leg when the storm was over. He was hit in the head by an airborne board, and had some cuts around his face. Sharrock's wife Casey had a piece of glass in her leg, and the 13-month old daughter just had a small nick on one of her cheeks.

The parents were treated and released at Parmer County Community Hospi-

The family's 1992 Chevy Astro van was totally destroyed, sustaining several smashed-in spots besides losing all it windows.

"I wish I knew how long it (the tornado) lasted. It may have been only a minute or two, but it seemed like an eternity," Sharrock said. "It's amazing that we walked away. It makes you appreciate being alive," the Friona resident concluded.

Peach quality, prices good for Texas producers

By Adam Russell

Peach producers in the Hill Country are reporting good quality and good demand despite an odd winter and remaining COVID-19 restrictions, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert. Jim Kamas, AgriLife Extension fruit specialist, Fredericksburg, said Hill Country peach producers have been harvesting cling-stone fruit for more than a week. So far, fruit quality looks good amid ideal finishing conditions, but yields may be down because progress was stunted by warmer-than-usual temperatures in January.

Kamas said 2020 was an odd year for peach producers. Orchards received around 1,000 chill hours, which is more than enough for varieties requiring lowand high-chill hours. But January temperatures were warm enough to retract those chill hours and make conditions similar to a 750 chill-hour season, which is just enough or a little short for many high-chill requirement varieties. "Trees were slow to produce, and it probably impacted some growers, but those who used growth regulators should be in great shape," he said.

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CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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35 former San Antonio

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Peach market

Kamas expects yields could be 20% lower than an average year, but growers are still expecting 100 pounds of peaches - 2 bushels - per tree. At \$2.50 per pound, he said peach producers with direct-to-public sales should do well. He expects prices on free-stone peach varieties will be even a bit higher per pound.

A major worry among growers was whether COVID-19-related shelterat-home orders might disrupt the marketing period, Kamas said. "That was the biggest question," he said. "Peaches are relatively easy to grow under normal conditions but selling them is the hard part." Most towns have reopened, and orchards and fruit stands are selling direct to the public, Kamas said. Some "pick your own" growers are using online reservations to limit the number of people at any given time. "Everything seems to be working well," he said. "Some producers have had to be creative, but the demand for fresh fruit

Peach quality

Kamas said much of the region's peach orchards have shrunk in size over the years. There are two producers with over 200 acres of trees, but most orchards consist of 30-40 acres. Direct-to-consumer sales have reduced the number of growers willing to sell their peaches for wholesale prices. Consumers have also grown to prefer peaches allowed to ripen on the tree rather than harvested with time to ripen while in transit. "Growers know they can get a better return if they deal directly with the public, and consumers know they can typically get a better peach in season when they get them directly from the orchards," he said.

Stay at home if sick

of the Friona★Star

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- "JFK" director
- Stone (init.) 22 Pampa's County
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- 30 coral 33 famous TX baseballer Ernie (init.)

is there."

Kamas said aside from the strange effect temperatures had on some trees, growing conditions have allowed the Hill Country peach crop to finish strong. "Quality is good," he said. "We've had timely rains and not so much that we'd see flavor dilution. Cool nights have also helped keep the fruits' acids up. So, you have very good acid to sugar levels that give peaches that great tart but sweet fla-

ON YOUR PAYROLL

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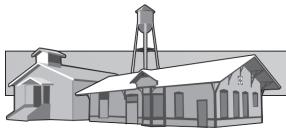
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As spring ends and summer begins, the daily periods of sunlight reach their longest on the solstice, then begin to shorten again. The Summer Solstice for 2020 will occur on Saturday, June 20, at 5:43 PM. This will be the day with the longest period of sunlight, 14 hours, 53 minutes, and 41.5 seconds. Use it wisely.

This is the year of the CO-VID-19 pandemic, drought, and wildfires. In 1995, it was a tornado. If you have not had a chance, go to our website at www.frionaonline. com and view the two videos of the 1995 Friona tornado. The good old days.

Congratulations Friona!!! Coffee Memorial sent word back this week that we had

Friona Flashbacks

LOCAL FIRE BRIGADE....Friona's Volunteer

Fire Department boasts some of the classi-

est equipment in the Panhandle area. Five of the department's seven vehicles are pictured here. Left to right are: 1974 model booster

truck, 1992 rescue truck #1, 1980 model carry-all utility van, 1988 model Class A pumper truck and the tanker, which was a gift from the

Forest Service. Not shown are the old 1959

model Class A pumper and the 1980 model

Chevrolet van for transporting various equip-

ment. The Fire Department vehicles are val-

ued at \$262,000; other necessary equipment

has an estimated value of \$196,515 and the

building is worth an estimated \$200,000, for a total of \$658,515. (Friona Star, June 25, 1994)

broken our record for the most units of blood collected in a drive. The old record of 67 units was set in 2015. Last Thursday, we had 81 sign in and 74 were able to donate. Eleven donors were able to use the "double" machine. Final results will be posted at a later date. The next blood drive will be held on Thursday, August 20th. It is the annual Boot's n Badge's drive and it will also offer antibody testing. Note: if you took the antibody test at the last drive, you can get retested at the next drive.

*** June is National Dairy Month. A big thanks to Dairy Max and our great dairies for sponsoring the last blood drive. The free milk and ice cream hit the spot!!!

tography Contest was held last week and kids from our county made a great showing. First place winners were: Ander Pomper - Junior, Plant/Flora; Ander Pomper - Junior, Night; Rory Pomper - Intermediate, Food; Jonathon Vasquez - Intermediate, Dominant Color; TJ

Vasquez - Senior, Catch All. Third place winners were: Ander Pomper - Junior, Catch All; Ander Pomper -Junior, Dominant Color; Ander Pomper - Junior, Shadow/Silhouette; Ivy Schueler - Junior, Motion/ActionAubrey Schueler - Intermedi-

ate, People; TJ Vasquez - Senior, Night; Emma Schueler - Senior, Shadow/Silhouette. ***

Go to www.frionaonline. com and click on "photos" to view photos from the Parmer County 4-H Photography Show and from the District 2 4-H Photography Contest.

*** Just a reminder that you can purchase water at the receptacle on the east side of the City Park. However, it is not self-service anymore. Replacement parts for the old equipment are not available. Call the city at 250-2761 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and they will send someone over to assist you. The cost is \$4.00 per 1000 gallons.

The Friona Volunteer Fire

Department is holding a "50 for 50" fundraiser again this year. The drawing will take place at 1:00 p.m. at Saturday, September 19th at the Friona Volunteer Fire Department. There will be a

maximum of 1,000 tickets sold. Tickets can be purchased from any member of the Friona Volunteer Fire Department. See info on front page.

National Days June 18 — Go Fishing Day

June 19 — Juneteenth June 20 — Summer Begins June 21 — Father's Day June 22 — Onion Rings Day June 23 — Hydration Day

June 24 — Pralines Day



Susie Spring, County Clerk Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County

Clerk's Office from June 4, 2020 to June 11, 2020 (6/5/2020) Jonnie Williams - Kelijon Nance, Jonnie Wil-

liams Land Trust — 222 Ac of land out of Capital League Num 494 and particularly described as out of the NE portion of survey or Section Num 26 of Township Num 4 S of R Num 4 E of Capitol Syndicate Subdiv Vol 3 at Pg 558 and more particularly described by Metes and Bounds Vol 21 and Pg 542

(6/5/2020) Alfredo Vara Sr, Juana Vara — Juan Jose Vara — The E 1/2 of L 4 B 29 of Original Town of Bovina in Parmer County most Easterly Corner of said L 4

(6/8/2020) Kitty Daylene Gallman — Jim D. Fischbacher, Tracy D. Fischbacher — A 21.19 Ac tract in W/2 of Sec 12 Township 6 S R 3 E Parmer County Vol 259 Pg 666

(6/9/2020) Luis Salas — Juan Gomez — N 45' of L 1 Blk 40 Original Town of Bovina

(6/9/2020) Robert M. Gallman, Ellen Gallman — CRX Cattle Inc. — A 10 Ac tract of land out of NE of 1/4 of Sec 11 Doud & Keefer Subdiv of Parmer County

(6/10/2020) Elias Lopez — Denise Martinez — See doc.



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

(6/9/20) Joshua Norwood, 39, of Friona was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a MTR (Possession CS Pg1 < 1g), pending District Court.

(6/9/20) Courtney Hall, 30, of Texico, New Mexico was arrested by the Farwell Police Department on a Curry County Warrant, released to Curry County.

(6/10/20) Gabriel Vega, 20, of Amarillo was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Possession of Marijuana < 2 oz. in Drug Free Zone, pending County Court.

(6/10/20) Jonathan Torres, 18, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Racing on Highway, pending County Court.

(6/10/20) Salvador Herrera, 19, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Racing on Highway, pending County Court.

(6/10/20) Andrew Boyd, 24, of Amarillo was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a MTR (Possession of Marijuana < 2 oz.), probation revoked. 60 days in jail lay out fines and cost.

Samantha Bolden

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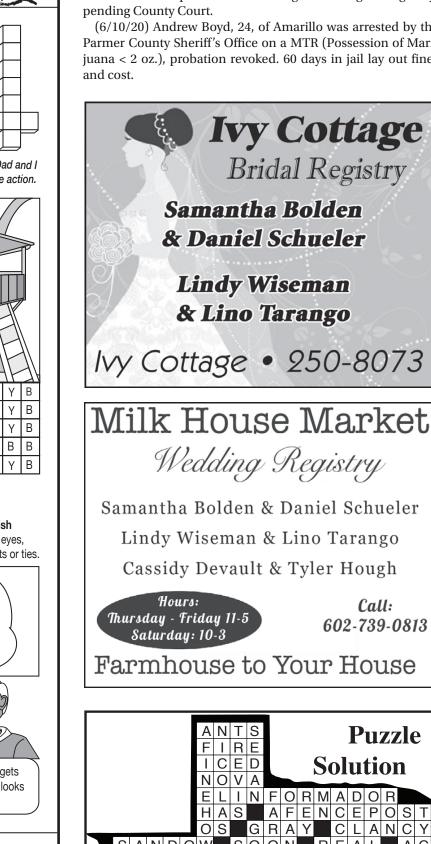
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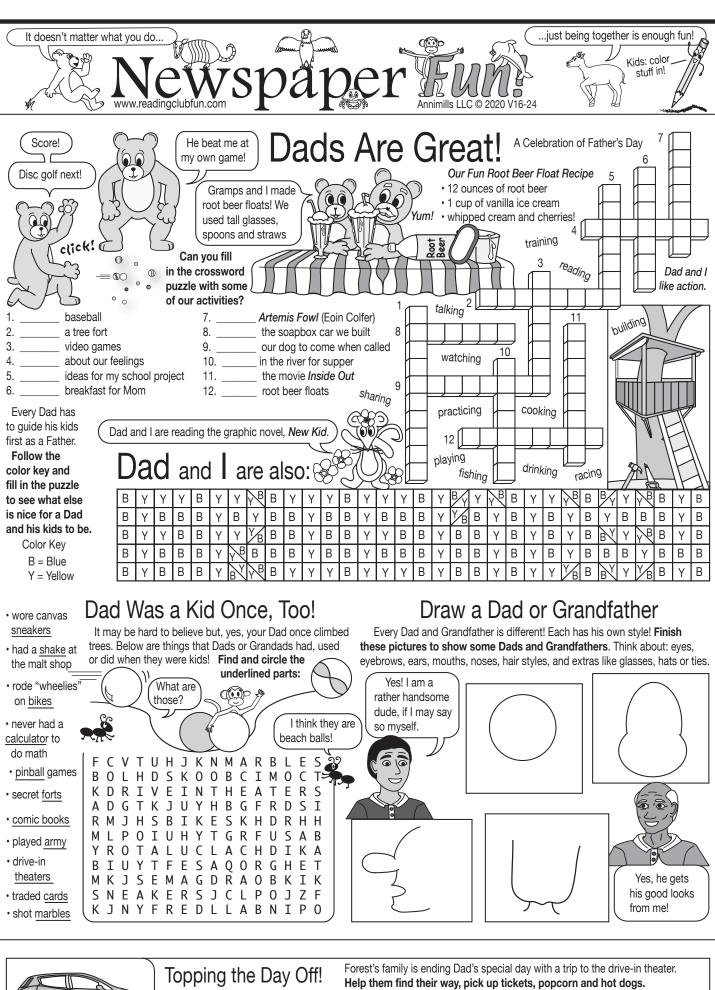
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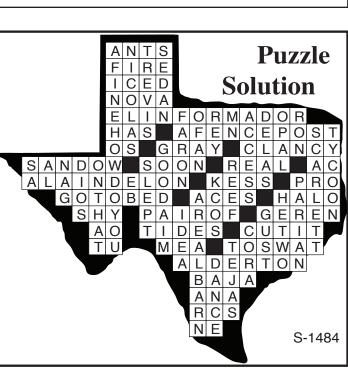
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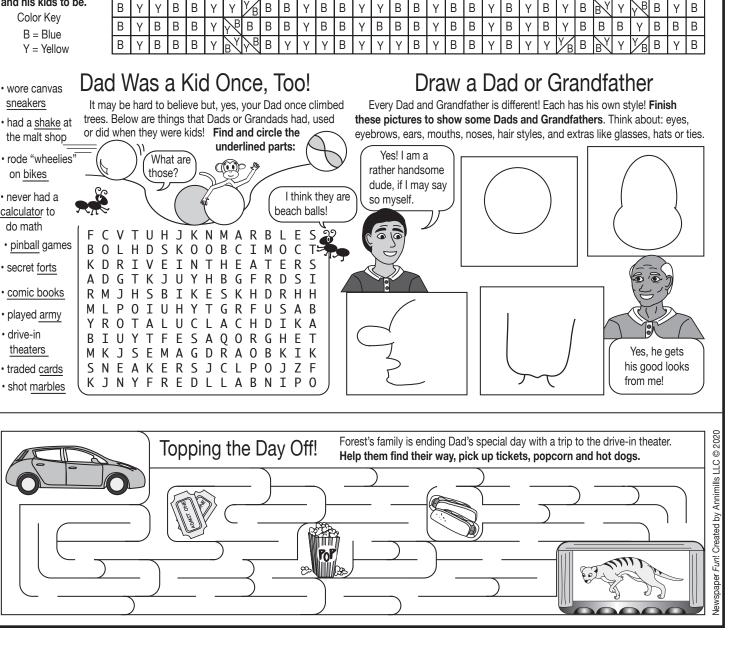
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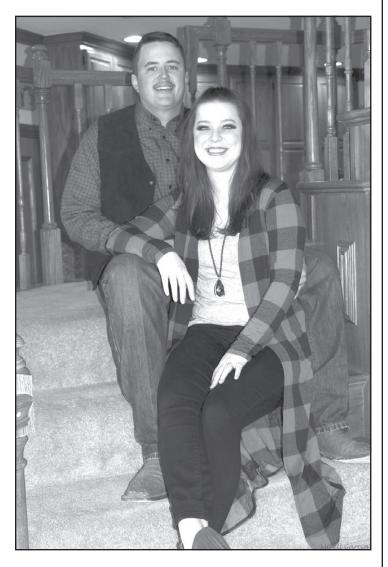








Engagement



Glen and Rena London, of Friona TX, would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Maegan Davis, to John O'Brian, son of Greg and Kay O'Brian, of Friona TX. Maegan is also the daughter of the late Matt Davis of Dimmitt TX.

John and Maegan are graduates of Friona High School. Maegan graduated from Milan Institute of Allied Health in 2016 as a Registered Dental Assistant. She is currently employed as a Substitute Teacher for the Friona Independent School District and works in the nursery at First Baptist Church in Dimmitt TX.

John graduated from Eastern New Mexico University in 2013 with a bachelor's degree of Animal and Dairy Science. He is the Owner and Operator of J M O'Brian Farms, Inc. and is employed by Matt Gfeller Farms in Dimmitt TX.

The couple will be wed on October 24, 2020 in Lubbock TX and plan to reside in Friona TX.



is online at frionaonline.com

Improved processing capacity could mean lower beef prices at grocers

By Adam Russell

Wholesale beef prices are dropping as the production logjam in processing plants created by COVID-19 continues to loosen and return to normal, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert. David Anderson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension economist, College Station, said wholesale beef prices were nearing last year's lows. Choice box beef cutout, which includes large cuts of beef that represent cuts like steaks, briskets, prime chuck and roasts, peaked at \$4.59 per pound as COVID-19 began affecting the nation's production capacity. Last week, the wholesale price was \$2.41 per pound and nearing the price for June 2019, \$2.22 per pound.

"As packing capacity recovered, the price has come back down to Earth," he said. "Choice box beef cutout is a good representation of the wholesale value of a carcass, and so it appears that prices are returning to normal." Anderson said individual wholesale cuts, rib-eyes for example, have also started to decline. They peaked at \$11.62 per pound and have

fallen to \$9.52 compared to \$7.83 a year ago. Chuck roasts were \$6.29 per pound wholesale and have fallen to \$2.57 per pound as production capacity returns.

Day-to-day beef production has surpassed 2019 numbers, which is another indication bottlenecks at processing facilities were opening, he said. But processing capacity remains below 100%. "Prices are coming down as packers return to capacity," he said. "Beef production was larger than the same week a year ago but it's because feeder cattle weights are up due to good spring conditions and producers and feedlots hanging on to cattle longer than normal."

Anderson suspects it's only a matter of time before wholesale price declines translate into lower prices for consumers at grocery stores.

Retail prices were very high as the pandemic sent shockwaves throughout the market. he said. Rushes on meat products, restaurant closures and unemployment are among the factors that contributed to a highly volatile beef market. Last month, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported retail prices for all quality cuts averaged \$7.59 per pound compared to \$6.17 per pound last May. Anderson said he expects retail prices in June and July to reflect the drop in wholesale prices. "There's always a lag to these price changes," he said. "It will be interesting to see where wholesale prices end up and whether the prices at grocers will be as dramatic as what we've seen with wholesale."

Despite being in the heart of grilling season with the Fourth of July holiday coming up, Anderson said the economy will be the wildcard that drives beef prices - especially for ground beef, steaks, briskets and the rest. "We still have a recession, 40 million people unemployed, falling incomes, restaurants at partial capacity and none of that is good for beef, especially high-value cuts," he said. "What kind of economic recovery will we see? A V-shaped recovery is the best case, but if it's not that means there are a lot of struggles, not just in the beef market."

Happy Birthday Friona Folks!

June 18 Nita Clark

Kayla Vaught Shauna (Stokes) Jackson Casey Sims Randy Chavez

June 19

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

June 20

Debra (Cooper) Campbell Chris Hunt Ian Martinez Donald Phelps Ella Downs

June 21

Izzy Cordova Sheldon Kyle Reeve Miranda Alexander Lupita Alvidrez Carson Haffner

June 22

Ricky Barnett Jyl Grimsley **Chuck Nichols** Cecil Maddox Leslie Fangman Richard Bermea Kiara Reeves Yvette Garcia Janet Burleson

June 23

Katelyn Steen Cade Tongate Kenneth Preston V'Laura (Wilcox) Sundlie

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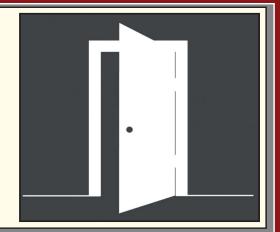
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We Do Not Lose Heart, pt 1

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

Well meaning, yet powerless phrases such as "you got this," "do your best," or "don't give up" are filled with nice intentions, but void of power, joy and peace. In the midst of uncertain or trying times, the scripture admonishes you in 2 Corinthians 4:1 and 16 to "not lose heart." Not only is the scripture's admonition to not lose heart different from the world's mantras, but the Bible is clear about why you can take heart in the midst of uncertain times.

Notice that you can take heart because of the ministry that God has given to the church. This ministry is not simply for preachers and a few select Christians, but the ministry of the gospel is for all in the church. The ministry of the gospel is not an underhanded attempt to trick people into going to heaven but it is the cure for your sin and the rescue from your worst problem. In fact, verse 5 makes clear that we do not lose heart because of our clear proclamation, "For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake."

Since Jesus is Lord over all, we can take heart in each and every situation no matter the trials. We occasionally be like his 11 disciples who despaired under the crushing circumstances when Jesus died on the cross, but let us not forget that Sunday is coming and that the tomb is empty.

Therefore, take heart in the midst of the dire situation of our day. Trust in Christ's guidance and goals, and protection and promises, his salvation and sustaining grace so that you will not lose heart.

The American Flag and Its Folds

By Teena Hughs

As I write this, it is June 14th, Flag Day. I learned on Fox News this morning that while folding an American flag, each fold has a meaning, a sacred meaning. This information was news to me, so I googled folds of the American flag, and since July 4th is close, I want to share what each of the folds means.

"The first fold is a symbol of life.

The second fold is for our belief in eternal life.

The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing rank, who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the

The fourth fold stands for our weaker nature; as American citizens trusting in God, it's to Him we turn to in times of peace as well as war for His divine guidance.

The fifth fold is a tribute to America. In the words of Stephen Decatur, 'Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong.

The sixth fold is where our heart lies. It's with our flag that we pledge allegiance to the flag and the republic it stands for.

The seventh fold is a tribute to our armed forces. For it is our armed forces that protect our country and flag against enemies, whether they be domestic or foreign.

The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood, for it is through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the character of men and women who have made this country great have been molded.

The tenth fold is a tribute to father, for He has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first

The eleventh fold, in the eyes of Hebrew citizens, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and

The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.

Folding the American flag into a triangle gives unique honor and respect to the flag. When the flag is completely folded, which some consider the thirteenth fold, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, 'In God We Trust."

So, friends, the next time someone burns an American flag, tramples it, takes a knee to it, you might want to give them a copy of this. Maybe they don't know that they are totally disrespecting something sacred. I will never look at the American flag in the same way again. May God bless America!

The Great Equalizer

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

I enter into this conversation carefully. My intent is not to disparage any of the injustices that has happened recently or throughout history. I am saddened anytime there is injustice and even more saddened when Christians lose sight of eternal goals and quit thinking about eternal things. If there is anyone who can understand persecution even to death and be innocent, it would be Jesus Christ. When Paul wrote to the Galatians in chapter three, he said this, "26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is [aj]neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you [ak]belong to Christ, then vou are Abraham's [al]descendants, heirs according to promise." (NASV) Jesus was and is the great equaliz-

er. He did not come to destroy man but save him/her from their sins. This is the simplest of understandings of the gospel message. It is that message that we must hold dear when all the world seems lost in chaos. Only Jesus can remedy the life we live, because, if we are honest, none of the rest of us are without sin and therefore in need of a Savior. Paul understood that and reminded the Galatians what made them one. What made them heirs to the promise. To listen to other voices that call for division and strife or worse the killing of others to right an injustice is simply to listen to Satan.

We live in a fallen world. That means there will be great injustices. How many Christians in history died in arenas around the world asking God to forgive their persecutors? God has seen it all, our best which still is not good enough and ultimately our worst and He sent His Son anyway, knowing full well what would happen.

This is not only a love worth believing in it is one worth sharing. The greatest injustice happened at the cross of Christ, God would allow the sacrifice of His Son by sinful man, to redeem man. Then exalt His Son and raise Him from the dead. Paul would say this to the Philippians, "8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death [h]on a cross. 9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (NASV) My prayer is that out of the chaos we see in our nation, we will find a way to heal and the only way true healing can happen is in Christ, where all are one and equal.

Padilla earns place on Dean's List at Sam Houston State

Briana Padilla of Friona was named to the Dean's List of Academic Honors at Sam Houston State University for the Spring 2020 semester. Students who receive the honor are under-

graduates 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.



Eastern New Mexico University announces graduates

A virtual commencement ceremony was held on May 30. In addition to the virtual ceremony, ENMU is giving spring and summer 2020 graduates the opportunity to walk in the Fall 2020 Commencement Ceremony in December. The following area students graduated from Eastern New Mexico University in spring 2020:

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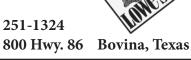
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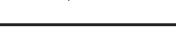
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State Capital Highlights

By Ed Sterling



Governor promises action to family of George Floyd

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott pledged to institute police reforms when he met with the Houston family of George Floyd, who was handcuffed and killed by police in front of a Minneapolis convenience store on May 25.

Video footage showed the 46-year-old Floyd subdued by four uniformed officers and pinned down on the pavement, one of them pressing his knee into Floyd's neck for nearly nine minutes. Floyd lost consciousness and was later pronounced dead. Outrage over Floyd's death and other police-involved deaths of African-Americans inspired protest marches in cities across Texas, the United States and around the world over the last three weeks.

Abbott told reporters he met with the Floyd family in their home June 9 to assure them that George Floyd did not die in vain and that his life "would be the stimulant for reforms that will make Texas and the country a better place."

Abbott said there was no reason for a police officer to have his knee on Floyd's neck, that there must be better strategies for police to use, and that reforms would be a priority in the 87th Texas Legislature.

Reform work is ahead

Texas House County Affairs Committee Chair Garnet Coleman and Senate Criminal Justice Committee Chair John Whitmire, both D-Houston, on June 9 announced they would continue to work together on criminal justice reform in the upcoming legislative session scheduled to convene in January.

Whitmire, the most-senior member of the Texas Senate, and Coleman, who is the fifthmost-senior member of the Texas House, released a joint statement, saying: "The recent murder of longtime Houston resident George Floyd by a law enforcement officer in Minneapolis is a painful reminder to us that though we have traveled so far, there is still a long way to go. The passion shown by the millions of people who have made their voices heard against racism have helped fuel our commitment to continue to work towards justice."

Whitmire and Coleman said their goal is to "ensure equal treatment for people of color, increase transparency and accountability and keep both law enforcement and the public safer."

COVID measures increase

Texas is increasing efforts to identify and expand COVID-19 testing operations in un-

derserved and minority communities that have been disproportionately impacted by the virus.

Gov. Abbott on June 8 said the Texas Division of Emergency Management is coordinating with local governments, public health officials and emergency management entities to speed up testing and identification of CO-VID-19 cases.

Abbott said walk-up and drive-thru testing sites are in place and expanding in Dallas, San Antonio, Houston, El Paso, Abilene, the Rio Grande Valley, the Coastal Bend, Laredo, Midland-Odessa and particularly in urban areas where large-scale protests have taken place. "As many Texans continue to gather for protests," Abbott said, "the state is also taking steps to address potential surges in COVID-19 cases. We are ensuring that Texans can continue to safely exercise their First Amendment Rights while putting protocols in place to identify and mitigate any spread of COVID-19."

Cumulative figures posted June 14 by the Texas Department of State Health Services showed some 87,854 people in Texas diagnosed with COVID-19 and 1,976 deaths confirmed from the virus pandemic.

Ryan: Follow protocols

With plans to reopen Texas while CO-VID-19 testing, cases and deaths continue to increase, the governor's office on June 10 posted a public service announcement delivered by Major League Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan.

In the short video titled "Don't Be A Knucklehead" Ryan encourages Texans to follow established COVID-19 protocols: "Wash your hands, socially distance yourself from others and wear a mask. Do the right thing. Look out for your fellow Texans and together we'll make it through this," Ryan says.

Revenue to be distributed

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on June 10 announced his office would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$690.4 million in local sales tax allocations for the month of June.

The revenue to be distributed is 11.7% less than the amount distributed in June 2019, a decline Hegar attributed to social distancing statewide in April. The June 2020 allocation percentages, based on sales made in April by businesses that report tax monthly, break down as follows: cities, down 11.1%; counties, down 7.2%; transit systems, down 17.4%; and special purpose districts, down 4.4%.

Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



Remember that guy Saul, not the one you call when you need a lawyer but the one written about in the Book of Acts? By his own account in Philippians, Saul was one of the best Jews and card-carrying Pharisees of his generation. A zealot, he "made havoc of the church" by hauling off people who were disciples of the Christ who had just ascended to heaven. When the martyr Stephen was stoned, it was Saul who stood watching and guarding the robes of those at the execution.

Then came the road to Damascus.

Saul was so transformed in the moment that his name was changed to Paul. His selfrighteous pride erased, Paul would later refer to himself as "the least apostle of Christ."

I do not know about you, but I confess that the past two weeks has been a road to Damascus for me. It is not my first such encounter with selfrealization and hopefully will not be my last. Conversions, it seems, can come in multiples.

A weekly column cannot do justice to commentary on race relations in our country. What I can share are the voices of those who have stopped me in my tracks with blinding urgency. I am responsible for only myself on such matters, so if you think this is about trying to convert you, guess again. The change for me involves three areas:

(1) listening as well as talking

(2) transitioning from lover of history to dedicated historian

(3) being present in this moment instead of checked out

My parents were navigators for much of my life when it came to race relations. A black friend this week from high school messaged me and said that the Sullivans "were the coolest white people in Snyder." As of 2018, Mom and Dad are gone. I search for other voices now to guide me because I do not have all the answers.

--from Christian author/ minister Beth Moore

If we would just be willing to squirm where we should and be soft-hearted but antifragile and read what our brilliant Jesus-loving black brothers and sisters are writing. Reading a book can change a mind."

--Heath Mayo, native Texan and founder of Principles First--a conservative grass roots movement

"Germany 'destroyed statues and monuments.' Germans did not forget their history--they just chose not to honor it." --also Heath Mayo

"I would rather statues be brought down by order of the governments that erected them. Protest groups tearing them down without authority cheapens the meaning and symbolism of the act. It's much more powerful if they are brought down by ALL of society the right way."

--Twitter lady whose satire keeps me laughing, Myrna Tellingheusen

"None of this stuff ever happens on the Hallmark Channel."

--J.W. Verret, Professor of Finance Law at Scalia School of Law

--"Human beings make statues of what we revere. It's always been a flaw in our programming to make statues of politicians and generals and sports stars. Let's replace with statues of scientists, engineers, nurses, 9/11 heroes, people who advance and protect civilization."

--C.S. Lewis, who needs no

introduction

"Where we find difficulty we may always expect that a discovery awaits us."

We have a road to Damascus in front of us regarding race. We can swerve to miss and end up in the ditch, we can do a three-point turn and go back the way we came, or we can even come to a stop until the cow crosses the road and then drive on as if nothing happened.

This is one of those times, however, when we must go head-on into the matter. It will be uncomfortable. It will be hard, demanding work. Our levels of agreement on matters of human nature seldom line up 100%. Right now, we cannot even agree on how to deal with a deadly pandemic or Paw Patrol. A divided house cost this country dearly from 1861-1865 and the years prior to and after that war. Let's don't go down that road again.

After conversion, Paul remained in Damascus and studied with the disciples. Those sessions must have been incredibly difficult. Jesus's guys were sitting across from the man who had a deliberate role in the persecution of many Christians. Paul was now sitting across from people he had once seen as heretics and beneath him intellectually. No doubt they were not always on the same page as to how to spread the message, but they made it about the message, not about themselves and their biases.

Our best hope for understanding something clearly at last is to travel the road with reason. We have been on this same highway for 400 years. It is time to speed up.

Gas prices rise for 7th straight week

By GasBuddy

Texas gas prices have risen 8.1 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$1.81 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 26.0 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 58.7 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

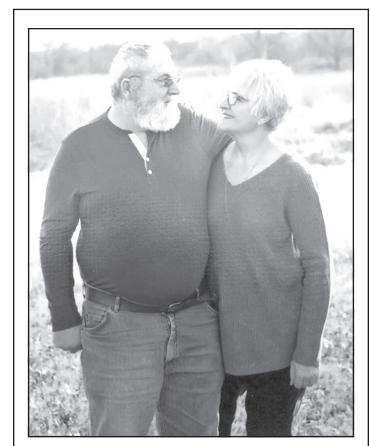
According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$1.39 while the most expensive is \$2.69 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has risen 4.7 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.09 per gallon. The national average is up 23.3 cents per gallon from a month ago and

stands 57.7 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

"As gasoline demand continues on the road to recovery, the national average has advanced for another week, making it seven straight weeks of rising gas prices as the easing coronavirus situation inspires more Americans to hit the road," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "Data from Pay with GasBuddy shows U.S. gasoline demand rose 2.4% last week to its highest level in over three months, giving renewed confidence that amidst OPEC's crude oil cutbacks, supply will remain in

check. I expect the upward trend to continue across most of the country ahead of July 4, with prices perhaps rising another 10-20 cents by then. The one thing that could bring restraint to rising gas prices is if we see a significant second wave of COVID-19 cases, but for now, I'm optimistic that won't happen."

GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data is accessible at http://FuelInsights.GasBuddy.com.



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- 16 ounces sour cream1 head lettuce
- 2 cucumbers, sliced

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 ½ pound bacon, crispy cooked and chopped

Instructions

Mix dip mix with sour cream; set aside. Chop lettuce into bite-size pieces and pour into a large glass serving dish. Layer cucumbers, onion and peas. Pour on sour cream mixture; layer with cheese and top with bacon. Cover and refrigerate until serving.

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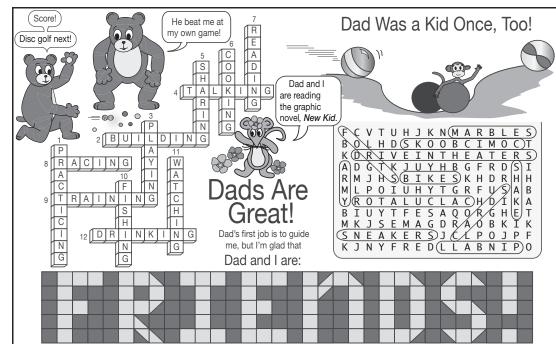
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Shirley Jean Coleman Wise

On Sunday, June 14, 2020, at the tender age of 89, Shirley Jean Coleman Wise went home to her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and her ever-patient, ever-loving Frank.

Celebration of Life Service will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 1:00PM in the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Kyle Wise and Rev. T.C. Broom officiating. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Colonial Funeral Home of Dimmitt. Shirley was born to Garland and Ruth Coleman on May 30, 1931 in Paducah, Texas. She was a high-school cheerleader and for the rest of her life was ready at any time to prove that she remembered all of the words and moves of her favorite cheers. Shirley graduated early from Paducah High School at the age of 16 and went on to receive a dual degree in English and Education from Texas Wesleyan University. She married the love of her life, Frank Wise, on July 18, 1954, and they lived and farmed in Dimmitt for many years. Together they raised four children, Gary, Susan, Linda, and Kyle. (Once Kyle was born, she had 4 children under 5! Bless her heart!) Shirley was also like a second mother to her younger brother, Garland, who was born after she went to college and would refer to her as "Sister-

She was a junior high English teacher until she became a full time wife and mother. (She never actually stopped teaching as she was ever diligent in correcting the grammar of her grandchildren and anyone else she heard speaking incorrectly.) Shirley was great at keeping in touch with her grandchildren; usually by sending them emails (or calling) until 2am! She was a true

Mama".



Night Owl! Shirley had many hobbies in life, like reading, singing and quilting, but was especially passionate about Jesus. She was a faithful and devoted member of the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt, and sang in the choir for years. Her constant humming was evidence of her love of music, hymns and Jesus. Shirley taught her family to honor the word of God and taught many Bible studies and Sunday School classes. She and Frank were avid travelers, and were always willing to chaperone their kids and friends at the lake and on band trips.

Shirley loved Dimmitt Bobcat sports, and learned to love Friona Chieftain sports, once she had grandchildren competing. She loved keeping basketball and football stats from the stands, and especially loved watching her grandsons play football in Friona, Wimberley, and at the University of Houston. (If you were sitting close enough, you could hear her quietly chanting "Poopy dust" to the opposing team during a free throw or field goal!) She continued to be a life-long cheerleader by getting to know every player and encouraging them personally. Shirley had a heart for young people as she continued to substitute teach well into her 60s. She told all of her grandchildren individually "I love you best, don't tell the rest!" Her enormous heart for her family was always evident.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Frank, and her son, Gary.

Shirley's life legacy is her family; her children: Susan Cerday and husband Ed, Linda Welch and husband Kevin, and Kyle Wise and wife Robin, and Ronda Wise, wife of Gary Wise. Grandchildren: Holly Trigo and husband Daniel, Heather Mayfield and husband Taylor, Hayli Flores and husband Sammy, Hanna Hunter and husband Graham, Courtney Goss and husband Justin, Clayton Cerday, Colton Cerday, Caroline Cerday, Trey Cerday, Stefani Hunt and husband Gerald, Kelsey Welch, Katy Welch, Dillon Welch and wife Ariana, Duncan Welch and wife Ariel, Evan Wise and wife Sarah, Camille Karwisch and husband Clay, Ryan Wise, and Erica Wise. Great-grandchildren: Lily Holmes, Harper Holmes, Stella Holmes, Paislei Hunter, Everly Hunter, Crosby Flores, Lark Davis, Halen Davis, Kennedi Trigo, Matthew Trigo, MaKaela Goss, Remington Goss, Sophia Cerday, Vaughn Hunt, Kitzy Welch, Avah Welch and Rosemary Karwisch. Siblings: Garland Coleman II and wife Susan. Nephews: Garland Coleman III and wife Richelle, Ben Coleman and wife Lindsee, and Daniel Coleman. Her family will remember her as a passionate and kind mother and sister and a FUN, feisty, Jesus-loving, silly GranGran who never ran out of kisses, hugs or humming. We loved her best, we're telling all the rest!

Sign the online guestbook at colonialfuneralhome.org

Eric V. Rushing

Eric V. Rushing, 74 of Friona passed away June 13, 2020 in Friona. Celebration of Life Memorial Services will be held 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at New Life Restoration Center in Hereford with Pastor Dorman Duggan, officiating. Arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Eric was born December 4, 1945 in Clovis, N.M. to Eric Marion and Ruth Sachs Rushing. He is a veteran of the U.S. Navy, held a Bachelors in Finance Degree from Texas Tech University, married Linda Grabbe July



25, 1972, and was an area farmer for many years.

He is preceded in death by his parents and 1 brother-William (Billy) Rushing.

Those to carry on his legacy include his wife Linda Rushing of Friona, 2 sons-Marion Rushing and wife Mindy and Michael Rushing and wife Leigh Anne, all of Friona, 1 daughter Rebecca Pendergrass and husband Tim of Lubbock, 1 brother-George Rushing and wife Leslie of Friona, 2 sisters-Janet Phipps and husband Lynn of Muskogee, OK., and Jane Rushing of Houston,10 grandchildren-Josh, Madeline, David , Luke, Dylan, Leigha, Ethan, Nate, Audrey, and Katie.

Memorials can be made to the Friona Fire Department P.O. Box 501 Friona, Texas 79035 or The Gide-International Box 140800 Nashville, TN. 37214-0800

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



Comptroller Glenn Hegar Distributes \$690 Million in Monthly Sales Tax Revenue to Local Governments

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that he will send cities, counties, transit systems, and special purpose taxing districts \$690.4 million in local sales tax allocations for June. This amount is 11.7 percent less than in June 2019. These allocations are based on sales made in April by businesses that report tax monthly.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic. widespread social distancing requirements were in place across much of the state in April, leading to the steepest yearover-year decline in allocations since September 2009.

The City of Friona will receive \$48,113.24 for June. This payment is 58.86 percent higher than the \$30,286.25 received last June. The 2020 year-to-date total of \$248,537.50 is 24.29 percent higher than last year's \$199.961.95 year-todate total.

Census News



2020 Census Self-Response Rate Information – June 15, 2020	
National Response Rate	61.4%
Texas Self-Response Rate	56.1%
Parmer County Self-Response Rate	40.7%
Friona Self-Response Rate	52.5%
Bovina Self-Response Rate	32.7%
Farwell Self-Response Rate	19.9%



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Wonderland Amusement Park Announces Opening Day

Park to Kick Off Its 69th Season Friday, June 19th

After months of being cooped up inside, it's time to get out of the house and enjoy some good ol' family fun in the sun as Wonderland Amusement Park welcomes visitors for the first time in 2020!

When gates open at 5pm Friday, June 19th, park guests are in for a surprise as Wonderland anticipates unveiling two new rides in the popular West End. The Spin-o-Saurus Roller Coaster and Old Tymers Car Ride are sure to WOW visitors of all ages. They join more than 30 other exciting attractions throughout the Park that have thrilled generations of families across the region for nearly seven decades.

Of course, visitor safety is always the number one priority at Wonderland so in addition to strict ongoing



safety protocols, new procedures have been put in place to address COVID-19 concerns.

Guests will find hand sanitizer at gates, all kiosks and each food stand. Brightly colored stickers will be placed throughout the Park to assist with social distancing. And, Wonderland employees will be wearing masks and frequently sanitizing rides. Guests are encouraged to

wear masks but are not required to do so.

The Borchardt Family and Wonderland Amusement Park team have missed all those smiling faces and look forward to welcoming you back to the wonderful World of Wonderland! A full 2020 calendar that includes Park hours can be found at WonderlandPark.com along with a \$2 off coupon for WOW Passes.

Friona Rural Health Clinic Offering Back **To School Physicals and Vaccinations**

The Friona Rural Health Clinic will be open Saturday July 11th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to offer physicals for your back to school needs, such as athletics, band, and any other extracurricular activity that requires a physical. These physicals will be offered for \$20. If you are unable to make that Saturday, you are welcome to call 806-250-2781 and make an appointment. The \$20 physical price will be honored at that appointment.

If your child needs updated on their vaccinations, there will be a separate Saturday clinic for that on August 1st from 9 a.m. to 1p.m. If this date does not work for you, please feel free to make an appointment with the clinic and you will be taken care of that way, as well. The child must present their shot records at the time of vaccination for them to be seen.

If your child needs a Medicaid Texas Health

Step physical, please make an appointment with Friona Rural Health Clinic. The Texas Health Step physical will be billed directly to Medicaid. The child's shot record is also required for this type of visit. Vaccinations and physicals are a part of the requirements for "back to school". Let us here at Friona Rural Health Clinic assist you in meeting those needs. If you have any questions, please call Friona Rural Health Clinic at 806-250-2781.



The Origins of National Dairy Month

NATIONAL DAIRY MONTH IS A GREAT WAY TO START THE SUMMER WITH NUTRIENT-RICH DAIRY FOODS.

National Dairy Month started out as National Milk Month as a way to promote drinking milk. It was initially created to drive demand and has now developed into an annual tradition that celebrates the contributions, the dairy industry has made to the world Dairy Council stepped in to promote the cause, the name soon changed to

"Dairy Month."



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it's one affordable package stuffed with tons of nutrients including three nutrients Americans are lacking. A glass of milk or a bowl of yogurt makes a huge nutritional difference for a hungry child. Plus, cows make this superfood by eating food that we can't, like grass and hay. That's a pretty

Milk contains 9 essential nutrients

efficient system that supports both our species.

Dairy is a true superfood

which may help to better manage your weight, reduce your risk for high blood pressure, osteoporosis and certain cancers.

Feed the People. Protect the Planet.

Sustainability is all about using resources wisely so our communities and our planet can thrive for generations to come.

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95% of American dairy farms are owned by families - like yours. They care deeply about creating high-quality dairy products, their animals and the land they'll pass down to their children

Caring for Cows & the Environment

Cows are the center of the dairy farm, so dairy farmers work 365 days a year making sure the cows are comfortable, with nutritious food and clean water, as well as comfortable bedding and regular veterinary care. Dairy farmers also care for the environment. A single gallon of milk is now produced with 90% less land and 65% less water than it was decades ago.

Rescheduled Garcia Lake field day is June 23

Good things come to those who wait, and landowners, Master Naturalists, educators, and the interested public who were disappointed at the Covid-related cancellation of a playa field day at historic Garcia Lake in western Deaf Smith County earlier this spring have a makeup opportunity approaching rapidly. A rescheduled Playa Field Day is Tuesday, June 23, from 8:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. beginning in Hereford and transferring to the Bootleg Corner area.

The field day will cover general information about playa ecosystems and restoration programs, plus an historical exploration of the region as a "plain of many ponds" (El Llano Estancado).

Highlighting the day will be a field trip to Garcia Lake, a massive playa in western Deaf Smith County with great historical and archaeological significance. Garcia Lake, once spring-fed, still persists in the range country today and in times of good rainfall still has a live seep.

Activities will begin at 9 a.m. at the Hereford Community Center, 100 Avenue C. The opening presentation by Don Kahl, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Region 1 Migratory Game Bird Specialist, will cover general information on playas, as well as information on restoration efforts through the Texas Playa Conservation Initiative.

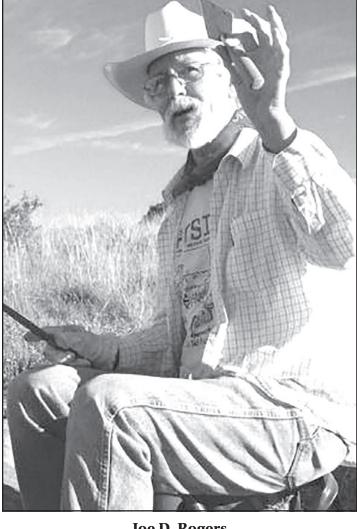
Dr. John Beusterien, Texas Tech University Professor of Spanish and Coordinator of a Comparative Literature Program, will discuss how Spanish explorers and Hispano cibolero bison hunters referred to our region as El Llano Estancado (land of many ponds or estanques).

"I will be talking about the legacy of water on the Llano Estacado from the point of view of the history of the Spanish language," Beusterien explained. "I'll be telling about some things that are probably new to us, and will talk about how people understood the Llano Estacado through water and how important it was and is. I'll be referring to local landscape and how early Hispanics thought, instead of how academics have been written."

Joe D. Rogers of Hereford, will speak on "Land of Hidden Water: Springs of Deaf Smith County." Rogers is a Texas Historical Commission Archaeological Steward and an instructor in History and Anthropology at West Texas A&M University, and a former longtime instructor in History at Hereford High School. He will touch on how civilizations are drawn to wa-

"People follow the water, and the spring-fed waters of Garcia Lake were a big draw for ancient civilizations on the Llano. I'll talk about the influences of water sources in Deaf Smith County from Paleo to present times. Tierra Blanca Creek is the shortest distance across the Llano with water. Cultures from the Tierra Blanca, Clovis, and horse Indian periods have utilized the springs and traveled along Tierra Blanca Creek for over 15,000 years," said Rogers.

At 10:40 a.m. the group will depart for a field trip to Garcia Lake, about 25 miles west of Hereford. At the lake site,



Joe D. Rogers



explorations will be led by the landowner and Don Kahl, with comments given by Dr. Beusterien and Rogers, to give participants a better idea of the enduring impact of this

historic basin. At 12:15 p.m. the tour will reassemble at the nearby fire station at Bootleg Corner for a sandwich lunch. Iim Steiert. outdoor writer and playa author and enthusiast from Hereford will close the event with brief remarks after lunch until 1:30 p.m. His book, Playas: Iewels of the Plains (Texas Tech University Press, 1995) can be purchased at the event for \$40.

Playas are shallow, rainfed wetlands throughout the Great Plains. When containing surface water, playas provide crucial habitat for many wildlife dependent on water to survive. When dry, playas also support several other Great Plains wildlife species because they are often the only natural lands in a region dominated by agricultural production.

Playas are also a vital source of recharge water to the underlying aquifer, filter nutrients and chemicals from the surrounding watershed,

and add recreational value to the region.

Registration for the event is \$15 per person covering the cost of lunch, drinks, and snacks.

To sign up for the field day Contact Darryl Birkenfeld, Ogallala Commons Director, (darryl@ogallalacommons. org) or by phone at 806-945-2255 with the option to pay at the door.

The workshop/field day is sponsored by Ogallala Commons and its partners, Tierra Blanca Soil and Water Conservation District of Hereford, the High Plains Water District, the Dixon Water Foundation, and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Those attending are asked to wear masks during this time of COVID-19, plus clothing, footwear, and a hat suitable for the field tour. Sunscreen is a good option. Due to the rough prairie landscape and high fire danger in the countryside surrounding Garcia Lake, participants who have high clearance vehicles are asked to bring them, as the group will need to share rides as much as possible to travel out for the field tour site.

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Book Shoppe News

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Customers can leave a message on the Friends of the Library Book Shoppe Facebook page or call the library for a contact num-

The appointment must be

made by bedtime Wednesday night. One customer or customer family or friend group will be scheduled at a time due to social distancing recommendations. Books are only one dollar

a bag. Please bring a dollar with you since we will not be able to make change. The book shop is located at 119 West 6th Street in Friona.

Local Farmer, Powered Parachute Pilot, Cannoneer

By Darla Bracken

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Cannon comes from the Latin word 'canna' meaning tube. The first cannons were made of cast bronze or wrought iron; the first and biggest obstacle in making a cannon is the barrel. Gunpowder and projectiles were necessary to complete the weapon.

Pirate ships were equipped with cannons as well as Revolutionary War ships like the USS Constitution. Cannons using heavy balls and black powder were used exclusively in the Civil War 1861-1865. Hurricane Dorian recently washed up some of these heavy artifacts in 2019. Big guns on modern warships have sights and are classified as artillery. Large guns fired from WWII airplanes were also called cannons. Mortars are similar to cannons but their projectiles explode on impact and



Keith Blackburn

cannons do not.

The cannon is basic, but building one is anything but basic. Where to start? The barrel is an oxygen tank cut open to allow loading the projectile or cannon ball-in this case bowling balls of standard size, 8 1/4 inches in diameter and weights of 12, 14 or 16 pounds. Perfect! Heat expands the cannon balls so allowances have to be made for this. The breech (back of the cannon) allows a vent for a fuse to fire the cannonball. Obviously,

safety is always Job #1. Operating: the powder and a cannonball are loaded from the front of the barrel. The trunnion, or pivot point, is needed to raise and lower the cannon with an elevating screw. From the breech, light the fuse and stand back. Trajectory is the path the cannonball travels after it is fired through the cannon. Distance travelled? On average, one-half mile with one third pound of gunpowder.

Then comes the math: the planning, figuring, and measuring to determine how much gunpowder is needed to fire the cannon, the length of a fuse needed for igniting the gunpowder, the trajectory, the size and weight of the cannon ball and determining what how far it would fire. Testing. If

the cannon is to be mobile--carriage wheels and an axle. All in all, really fascinating! and LOUD!!!! Mr. Blackburn fired his cannon for his Friona High School Class of 1963's 50th reunion as well as many other special occasions. It is quite an exciting thing to see - and

Aiming the cannon, although not as exact as our high precision weapons of today, is basically point and shoot, allowing for the positioning of the barrel, but is nonetheless very powerful. In a demolition experiment at close range, the cannonballs fired went all the way through the structure--an old house to be demolished in Nazareth. Many holes were blown into enemy camps, ships, stone walls and other structures. Many improvements such as rifling the barrel bore for greater speed and accuracy have been made to the cannons of old to create modern weaponry.

Generally, in war, 15 men were assigned to be with each cannon because the cannon and cannoneer would soon become direct targets of enemy fire, especially the men trained to operate and fire the cannon.

The BLACKBURN Special received a facelift in 2020 with new paint and new

Aiming the cannon is easy — point and shoot!

wagon wheels for the carriage found at an antique sale. Cannonballs are only fired into open, empty areas and are recovered. It remains a testament to the ingenuity of one inspired,

multi-talented farmer.

Keith and his wife Pat are the parents 4 children, 7 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. The family enjoys trips to their cabin in the mountains, fishing and

driving the jeep trails. Happy Father's Day, Keith!

FYI: the finger holes in the bowling ball cause a whistling sound to be made when fired through the can-



Mayor Ricky White and wife, Diane, led a group of volunteers this past week to clean up the Reeve Lake area. The local wildlife appreciated the help. The pavilion and volleyball pit have already been put to good use this month. The mayor said that the city will hire a person to help maintain the grounds. All we need now is rain!!!!



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Friends of the Friona Public Library annual basket raffle







Raffle tickets for basket drawings are available at the Friona Public Library. Tickets are \$1 each Tickets will be sold from June 15th – July 15th

There are 9 baskets that will be raffled, those include the following:

- · Imagine your storybook Garden Donated by Kitty Gallman
- When life gives you lemons make lemonade Donated by Milk House Market
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- Baskets shown above from left to right are the following:
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Thank you to everyone who donated these baskets!



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