



Workouts kick-off the week at FHS



Two-a-day workouts began this week for Friona High School volleyball and football athletes. Coaches welcomed back returning lettermen, future start-

ers, and even a few new faces. The process of determining what mix of players and strategies will yield the best results has officially begun.

Volleyball — The return of summer volleyball gave the Squaws the opportunity to improve their skills during the “off-season.” Head Volleyball coach Bryan

Masse said, “We were fortunate to be able to play a lot of games the past couple of months. The added experience will definitely help us improve as a team.” The

Squaws will scrimmage at Wildorado this Friday. On Saturday, August 7th, the team will host an alumni scrimmage involving former players. Starting around 6:00 p.m., Coach Masse and the varsity team will host a clinic in the main gym at the FHS Activity Center to explain the sport of volleyball including player responsibilities, strategies, and rules of the game. Everyone is invited to attend. After the clinic, the Friona Squaws will play the Alumni All-Stars in a scrimmage match.

state of Texas. The district is home to the current state champions, the Canadian Wildcats. The Spearman Lynx boast a highly recruited Division 1 prospect in their offensive backfield. Add perennial playoff teams Childress and Friona to the mix and you have yourself “one tough district” to compete in. Head Football Coach Jimmy Arias said, “We have a good mix of returning players and younger players. We do have a tough district, but we look at it as a challenge to become a better team.” The Chieftains will scrimmage at Sundown on August 13th at 6:00 p.m. and host Bushland for a scrimmage at 6:30 p.m. on August 19th.

Football — Once again, Division 2 District 3-AAA will be ranked as the toughest football district in the

Fall armyworms on the march across Texas

By Adam Russell

Cooler temperatures and widespread rain events across Texas have forage and crop producers scrambling to fight armyworms, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Vanessa Corriher-Olson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension forage specialist, Overton, said inquiries about the pest have inundated her office after dry conditions were followed by a cool front and rain events — ideal conditions for armyworm outbreaks.

“I spent all of Friday taking calls on armyworms. The entire day,” she

said. “So, it is an issue. I’m hearing from Central to North Texas mostly and have not heard from anyone in West to South Texas. But with most of the state out of drought and temperatures where they are, it’s hard to imagine they are not everywhere.”

Corriher-Olson said irrigated fields like most forage production meadows in the Panhandle may be especially susceptible to the pest because of forage quality and quantity.

Harvesting forages can be a quick solution to climbing armyworm numbers because they do not con-

sume dry plant matter, she said. They will, however, consume freshly cut grass, and should be treated when armyworm numbers are beyond three or more caterpillars per square foot.

Corriher-Olson said it is critical that producers have pesticides ready for applications as soon as armyworm numbers near the recommended threshold. Armyworms in those numbers should be treated immediately because they consume 85% of their diet in the last two or three days of their larval stage.

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Keep Friona Clean Roll-off box to open up for waste items

The City will open up the roll-off box this Saturday, August 7, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please come by to dump those items that don’t belong in your dumpster and do your part to help Keep Friona Clean!

Examples of items not allowed in dumpsters, but allowed in roll-off box includes: steel and metal, mattresses and furniture, refrigerators/AC units, paint cans (with or without liquids), electronics and appliances, drums/barrels, brick, wood and concrete, railroad ties.

The roll-off box is located at East 8th and



South Jackson Ave. It is a free service provided to Friona residents.

Items not accepted in the roll-off box are tires, oil and tree limbs. The area southeast of the softball field is designated for tree limbs only! Security cameras are in place and those who do not comply could face fines.

To dispose of tires & oil, please contact the City office at 806-250-2761.

Book Shop open Wednesday afternoons

The Friends of the Library Book Shop, located at 618 Euclid, will resume regular hours this week. It will be open on Wednesday afternoons ONLY from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. and by appointment. Call 265-5811 to schedule an appointment.

The book shop hosted six grandparent-grandkid groups this summer. All the kids were visiting Friona for “Grammy Camps” or Drama Workshop. Several grandparents conducted VBS type lessons, and the kids enjoyed field trips. The book shop also welcomed several teachers from area towns shopping for their classroom libraries.

Thanks to all these volunteers who worked

on Thursday mornings: Kelley Jo Ashcock, Melanie Montoya, Leslie Wright,

Angie Constancio, Anita LaFuente, and Valencia Meier.

Books of all kinds sell

for only one dollar a bag. All funds collected benefit Friends of the Library activities.



Ten kids from Momma V Camp visited Connie Slagle at the Friends of the Library Book Shop recently. Each one left with a bag of puzzles, picture or chapter books, and biology or sports books. And a sucker!

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Community Calendar

Send Calendar information to: frionastar@wtrt.net
call (806) 250-2211 or fax (806) 250-5127

- August 5**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- August 6**
• Snack Pak pickup from 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church
- August 7**
• PMC Back to School Health & Safety Fair
- August 8**
• First Baptist Church Shoe Giveaway at 3:00 p.m.
- August 9**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- August 12**
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
- August 13**
• Snack Pak pickup from 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church
- August 16**
• Meet the Teacher from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.
• Community Open House for Primary/Elementary from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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“The big question is how long will they be a problem, and the answer is until the first killing frost,” she said. “Armyworms are not a ‘spray once and they won’t be a problem’ kind of thing. This could be a two-, three- or four-spray situation if forage for hay or grazing is valuable to them.”

Armyworms – know your enemy

Armyworms are green, with brown or black colorations and can be identified by the white inverted Y on their head. They can grow up to 1 inch in length when mature.

The pest got its name because they appear to march across hay fields, consuming the grass in their path.

Armyworm moths can lay up to 2,000 eggs that hatch in two to three days, according to a 2019 report by Allen Knutson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension entomologist, retired.

Corriher-Olson said there are four to five generations that move throughout the state per growing season. They typically move north from Mexico and South Texas as temperatures warm in the spring. Generations will push further north into Midwestern states, but moths and larvae remain present throughout the state.

Drier, hotter conditions slow their life cycles, Corriher-Olson said. Moths lay fewer eggs and caterpillar



Armyworm caterpillars are the larval form of a moth that migrates by the millions northward in the spring and summer to lay their eggs. Infestations of the caterpillars can be extremely destructive to home gardens and forage and row crops from Bermuda grass to corn and rice. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo)

lar growth is slowed. But rainfall and cooler temperatures can trigger major infestations when local populations, new hatches and migrating moths descend on areas with quality food sources.

“They are there the whole time, we just may not see them due to their size, numbers or both,” she said. “It just takes the right weather conditions, and you can see an explosion in a matter of days.”

Corriher-Olson said armyworm caterpillars are picky eaters and prefer high-quality, fertilized forage typically found on fields maintained for hay production. They are a common pest of Bermuda grass, sorghum, corn, wheat, rye grass and many other crops throughout Texas.

Producers should scout each morning for armyworms, she said. Armyworms are primarily night feeders unless conditions, such as cooler temperatures with overcast skies, allow, but they try to avoid warmer daytime temperatures.

Armyworms are extremely destructive, especially when infestations escalate out of control, Corriher-Olson said. Dalton Ludwick, AgriLife Extension entomologist, Corpus Christi, estimated two armyworms per square foot can consume 84 pounds of foliage per acre based on U.S. Department of Agri-

culture data.

“It’s important to act immediately because if armyworms are left unchecked, they can devastate a forage crop in a matter of hours,” Corriher-Olson said. “I’ve seen entire hay meadows that were consumed overnight.”

Be ready, be proactive

Pesticides are the only way to prevent armyworms from consuming existing stands or new growth post-harvest, Corriher-Olson said, and available products are directed at controlling armyworms in the larval stage

Corriher-Olson recommends insecticides labeled for armyworm control in pastures and hayfields, including pyrethroids, which are effective in killing the caterpillars. But a combination of pyrethroid and growth inhibitor is recommended.

“The pyrethroid only takes care of the ones that are in the field while the growth inhibitor provides a residual affect that will kill new hatches and any caterpillars that migrate into the field,” she said.

Applicators should always follow all label instructions on pesticide use and restrictions, she said.

Corriher-Olson said she was not aware of any pesticide shortages, but suggested producers should have products on hand and be prepared for immediate action when armyworms near threshold.

“I thought there might be short supplies due to trucking or workforce, but I have not heard any complaints from producers or concerns among suppliers regarding product availability,” she said. “But you want to have products on hand and ready. Just follow the proper storage directions and it will be fine.”



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Supply List - 2021-2022

4th Grade
1 - 1 1/2" - 3 ring binder
1 - 1" - 3 ring binder
1 - Zipper pencil bag
2 - Packages tab dividers (8 in pkg)
24 - Ticonderoga wooden #2 pencils
2 - Erasers
2 - Liquid Elmer's Glue 4oz
1 - Crayola colored pencils 12 count
2 - Boxes Kleenex tissue
2 - Packages index cards 4x6
1 - Package dry erase markers
1 - Gallon size Ziploc bags (boys)
1 - Quart size Ziploc bags (girls)
1 - Set of headphones - inexpensive
\$2 - for cost of folders and composition books

ACROSS

- 1 Mineral Wells AM before it was KVTT
- 5 debt documents
- 6 restore to health
- 7 Kerrville FM
- 8 TX Gary Morris' "___ It Takes" (1991)
- 17 La Grange is seat of ___ette County
- 18 TXism: "hard as putting ___ back in the tube"
- 21 noted UH violinist, Fredell (init.)
- 22 strong rush of wind
- 23 TXism: "can't teach an ___ new tricks"
- 24 portable weapon that launches shells
- 29 TX Dennis Quaid film: "The Night the Lights ___ Out in Georgia" (1981)
- 30 in Bell County on I-35
- 31 TXism: "got knocked down a peg ___ two"
- 32 Carnival is one that has departures from Galveston (2 wds.)
- 34 TXism: "___ the fat" (talk)
- 35 TX George Strait's backup: "___ in the Hole Band"
- 36 "Dandy Don" was ___ in baseball and football
- 37 TXism: "___ been ringed" (engaged)
- 38 coagulated blood
- 39 TXism: "he's got ___ the Bill of Rights" (rich)
- 41 mechanic's implements
- 42 make a mistake
- 43 TXism: "took everything but the ___ my lungs" (robbed)
- 44 challenged
- 45 a hankerin'
- 46 TXism: "___ a donkey fly?" (no)
- 47 aches
- 48 how some people sing
- 50 ___ Rose Lee
- 51 TXism: "still wet behind the ___"
- 52 TX soldier in 1861
- 53 noted TX sculptor, Elisabet

DOWN

- 1 what Cowboys and Texans want to go for a TD (2 wds.)
- 2 Clyde newspaper
- 3 election poll, e.g.
- 4 "___-fulfilling prophecy"
- 9 TXism: "tight enough to pick ___ on" (good fence)
- 10 "___ Maples State Natural Area"
- 11 cattle fattening yard: feed ___
- 12 TXism: "dab ___ on"
- 13 Clear Lake ___, Texas
- 14 TXism: "sweating like ___ mule"
- 15 ___ Bird Johnson
- 16 a hallucinogenic drug (abbr.)
- 19 TX Mark Chesnutt album: "___ at Home" (1990)
- 20 Texas coastal birds "cattle ___"
- 22 hereditary
- 24 TX-based 1983 film: Lone Wolf ___Quade"
- 25 TXism: "don't give a hoot ___ holler"
- 26 "Golden ___"
- 27 El Paso mayor, Bill (1991-93)
- 28 TXism: "___ as a tenderfoot on a cattle drive"
- 29 TXism: "playing ___ cold deck"
- 30 Jason Aldean tune: "___ Don't Know"
- 33 fall behind
- 34 this movie Charlie never solved a murder in Texas
- 35 succulent plants
- 37 TXism for "lie" (3 wds.)
- 38 state fair ___ dog
- 40 easternmost city in Texas
- 41 TX Buck's "I've Got a Tiger by the ___"
- 44 this Tim starred in "Ambush in Waco"
- 47 TX Larry McMurtry novel "Horseman, ___ (1962)
- 49 shopping ___

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North to the pole

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith



On August 3, 1958, USS Nautilus, the world's inaugural nuclear-powered submarine, turned into the first seagoing vessel to reach the North Pole from Point Barrow, Alaska, to Iceland.

According to History.com, "Much larger than the diesel-electric submarines that preceded it, the Nautilus stretched 319 feet and displaced 3,180 tons. It could remain submerged for almost unlimited periods because its atomic engine needed no air and only a very small quantity of nuclear fuel. The uranium-powered nuclear reactor produced steam that drove propulsion turbines, allowing the Nautilus to travel underwater at speeds in excess of 20 knots."

In those days, readings that exceeded 85 degrees north of the equator, along the eighty-fifth parallel—sometimes—became messy; to counter that condition, Sperry Rand built a special gyrocompass to stabilize the risk.

For more information, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends *The Ice Diaries: The True Story of One of Mankind's Greatest Adventures* by Captain William R. Anderson, the first skipper of the Nautilus.

Source: History Matters: Showing our children that their past is prelude to their future at the gratefulamericanbookprize.com website.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(7/26/21) Atilano Garcia, 47, of Farwell was arrested by the Farwell Police Department on charges of Possession CS Pg1 < 1g in Drug Free Zone, pending Grand Jury; and Violation CS (Forgery), pending District Court.

COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk
Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from July 22, 2021 to July 29, 2021

(7/22/21) Sheets and Sheets LLC — Frank Baker, Andrea Baker — Lots 14, 15, and 16 of Blk 59 Original Town of Farwell in Parmer County

(7/22/21) Martha Ann Turney, CMM Trust — Jason Wright, Melissa Wright — All of the NW 1/4 of Sec 35TWN 1 N Range 3E of a Capitol Syndicate Subdiv of Parmer County 156 Ac and being part of Capitol League No 471 of Parmer County

(7/22/21) Steven Smith — Justin Smith — All of L 20, 21, 22, and 23 Blk 41 Original Town of Farwell in Parmer County

(7/22/21) Steven Smith — Steven B. Smith, Tammy Sue Smith — 135.225 Ac out of Sec 44 Blk A CFL and 31.634 Ac out of Sec 48 Blk A CFL in Parmer County

(7/22/21) Jimmy Meeks, Lawanda Meeks — Tonya Von Hoebe — A 0.277 Ac Tract of Land in Garden Lot 28 Sec 31 T9S R1E Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County

(7/22/21) Jimmy Meeks, Lawanda Meeks — Debbie Richardson, Paul Meeks — A 0.78 Ac Tract of Land in Garden Lot 28 Sec 31 T9S R1E Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County

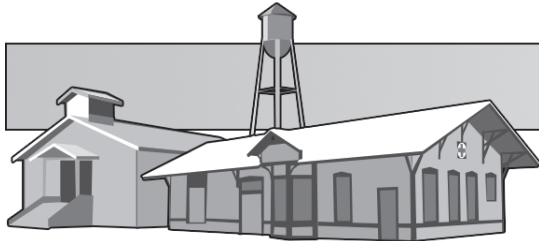
(7/23/21) Patricia Joy White — The Public — All of W 1/2 of Sec 75 and all of the W 1/2 of Sec 75 All in Blk H Kelly Subdiv in Parmer County

(7/23/21) Rodney D. Lacewell, Roxie D. Morison, Billy Link Lacewell, Dallas A. Creson, Jimmie J. Davis Lacewell — Arlin Leroy Hartzog Jr., Truday Falkenberg Hartzog — 80 Ac of Land being the E 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Sec 13 Blk B of the Rhea Bros. Subdiv. of Capitol Leagues in Parmer County 15 168 Ac in C.L. No 459 and 64.832 Ac C.L. 458

(7/27/21) Martha Ann Turney — Britt L. Conklin, Lee Ann Conklin — Being a 1839.73 Ac Tract of Land out of Secs 20, 21, 27, and 28 Township 2 N R 3 E Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County

(7/28/21) Maria Gomez Zapata — Manuel Gomez Zapata — All of S/2 of L 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 in Blk 64 of the Original Town of Bovina in Parmer County Vol 2 Pg 2

(7/28/21) Elida Gomez, Elida Flores — Celia Flores — All of Lot Num 4 Eastview Addition to the City of Bovina in Parmer County



TOWN TALK

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Cindy Hooley, the Heritage Estates Housing Manager has given an update about the renovations at the building. All of the showers that are being replaced have had the old inserts removed and they will be tiled showers now. Heritage Estates will also be transitioning from an assisted living facility to senior apartments during the fall. A coffee shop that serves coffee, tea, and pastries in the morning and afternoon will also be added. The details such as price and what is included are still being worked on.

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Prairie Acres Administrator says that the new beds are being put together and that the furniture is slowly being delivered. Prairie Acres is monitoring the recent upswing in Covid cases but is still allowing visitors. A call ahead of the visit is still required and visitors must wear a mask as well as be screened at the front door.

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A reminder that registration for the 2021-2022 school year is available on the parent portal for returning students. If help is needed for registration you can call or go to the Junior High on Thursday, August 5th, between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. New students must take all the required documents to get registered.

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The Friona Volunteer Fire Department has added an online payment link to their website for the 50 for 50 Gun Raffle. Tickets can also be purchased from Friona Firemen, 4-Way Pump, CHS, Property Associates, or by calling 806-265-7268. The drawing is scheduled for September 11, 2021. For more information about the rules or the prizes visit www.frionafire.com.

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The Chamber of Commerce has announced that the 65th Annual Miss Friona Scholarship Pageant and Little Miss Friona will be on Saturday, September 4th, 2021. The pageant is open to all eligible Friona girls classified as sophomore, junior, or senior in High School. Packets and more information will be available in the Chamber Office.

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Don't forget that the First Baptist Church will be having a shoe giveaway on Sunday, August 8th, for students in Kinder-High School. For info see ad on next page.

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The Friona Public Library closed temporarily for renovations on Monday, August 2nd until further notice. They are hoping to reopen Friday, August 6th and can't wait for the public to see the changes.

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The 64th Annual Maize Days Parade will be on September 11, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The theme for this year's parade is Boots & Bling so make plans to enter your floats! Vendor forms are also available in the Chamber Office or online at www.frionachamber.com.

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Friona Youth Sports is excited to announce that boys flag football and girls volleyball registration for 1st-6th graders is now open on their website! Registration closes August 25th! www.frionayouthsports.org

Registration is ONLY open to Parmer County residents or athletes who are currently enrolled in a Parmer County school for the 2021-2022 school year. Homeschool athletes are welcome. *Proof of residency or school enrollment may be required.

FYS need lots of volunteers to make the season run smoothly. Please consider coaching or helping out with other tasks. They are also looking for a representative from each Parmer County community to sit on the board of directors.

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National Days

- August 5- Underwear Day
- August 6- Water Balloon Day
- August 7- Purple Heart Day
- August 8- Sleep Under the Stars Night
- August 9- Book Lovers Day
- August 10- S'mores Day
- August 11- Raspberry Bombe Day

We are so busy having fun that... ...we don't even think about T.V. Kids: color stuff!

Newspaper Fun!

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Summertime Action

1 Echo, why are you bothering to learn how to canoe?

2 Well, I'm already a great swimmer, so I'm trying something new!

3 Don't you feel a bit like a fish out of water?

4 Nah! As you know, dolphins aren't fish. We're mammals. We are warm-blooded. Unless, of course, you are talking about the dolphin fish, which isn't really a dolphin. It's a cold-blooded animal. It's found in warm waters such as those around Hawaii and is commonly called Mahi-mahi.

Summertime Fun!

Can you fill in the crossword with these words about summer fun?

Hey, stop making waves!

Boy, Billy bug bobs beautifully!

Swimming, fishing, camping, canoeing, hiking, picnicking, stargazing, tubing.

Cheese will please these guppies!

Yuck!

Why did the banana use sunscreen? It didn't want to peel.

ANSWER:

Where Do You Go?

There is lots to do during the summer months! Match the summer activities to the spots you might visit to do them:

1. town fairs	A. woods, mountains, peaks
2. baseball games	B. roads around town, tracks
3. running races	C. fairgrounds
4. nature hikes	D. gazebos, town greens, parks
5. outdoor concerts	E. sports stadiums

Unplug, Then Spring Into Action!

Unplug from everything, then spring into action. Fill in the missing vowels to spell the names of things that you can unplug from. Next, match it to a fun activity to replace it!

Then Spring Into Action:

A. write letter, address envelope, mail it
B. research reference books at library
C. study paper maps, a globe
D. visit and have a chat in person
E. enjoy a play at a theater or a school

Water Toys!

Swimming is a big sport during the summer months. Connect the dots to see some toys to play with in the water.

Use the full activity page (top and bottom) to find and circle:

- A. one word that rhymes with "biking"
- B. two words that rhyme with "know"
- C. 4 words that rhyme with "you" and
- D. 2 words that rhyme with "lots."

Weather Watch!

The summertime is full of unsettled weather. Sometimes there are **floods** from too much **rain**. Some areas of the country may hurt from **drought** caused by a lack of rain. **Tornadoes** may wreak havoc on homes and stores. **Lightning** streaking through the air and booming **thunder** will send us scurrying into our houses on **hot** summer afternoons. While having fun, keep an eye on the sky!

Find and circle the underlined weather words:

SE O D A N R O T N E D C F G N T
L J U K T F D O J H F S E Q A O H
B H F D X D N M O U G R D T L J U
M T O L I G H T N I N G F H O I N
J H U T E S W M E R S Z G G X A D
S K I Y G E V R E C S A O U L J E
N B F L O O D S E V T D S O K L R
P K J R E S A D C O L K U R G E D
P O S H T G C N I A R N B D L O U





National Mustard Day

National Mustard Day is celebrated the first Saturday in August. Mustard, one of the world's most ancient spices, is thought to have first been harvested in India around 3000 BC.

The Romans later used it as a condiment and a pickling spice. They also took the mustard seed with them and planted it in the Burgundy region of France. French monasteries

mastered the making of mustard and used it as a source of income. I found a few recipes using mustard to help us celebrate National Mustard Day this weekend.

Pork Medallions in Mustard Sauce

www.tasteofhome.com

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons thawed apple juice concentrate
- 4-1/2 teaspoons stone-ground mustard
- 1 pork tenderloin (1 pound), cut into 1/2-inch slices
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 teaspoon cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons cold water
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh parsley

Directions

In a small bowl, mix broth, apple juice concentrate and mustard. Sprinkle pork with salt and pepper. In a large nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Brown pork on both sides; remove from pan. Add garlic to same pan; cook and stir 1 minute. Add broth mixture, stirring to loosen browned bits from pan. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, 6-8 minutes or until liquid is reduced to about 1/3 cup. Return pork to pan; cook, covered, over low heat 3-4 minutes or until a thermometer inserted in pork reads 145°F. Mix cornstarch and water until smooth; stir into pan. Bring to a boil; cook and stir 2 minutes or until thickened. Sprinkle with parsley.

Spicy Honey Mustard Green Beans

www.tasteofhome.com

Ingredients

- 1/2 pound fresh green beans, trimmed
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced red onion
- 2 tablespoons spicy brown mustard
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 tablespoon snipped fresh dill or 1 teaspoon dill weed

Directions

In a large saucepan, bring 6 cups water to a boil. Add beans; cook, uncovered, just until crisp-tender, 3-4 minutes. Drain beans and immediately drop into ice water. Drain and pat dry; transfer to a small bowl. In another bowl, combine onion, mustard, honey, and dill. Pour over beans; toss to coat.

Sweet Mustard Salmon

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Ingredients

- 4 salmon fillets (6 ounces each)
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons yellow mustard
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar

Directions

Place salmon on a 15x10x1-in. baking pan coated with cooking spray. Drizzle with lemon juice; brush with mustard. Sprinkle with brown sugar. Bake, uncovered, at 375°F for 12-15 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork.

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Strong demand pushes gas prices up

By GasBuddy

Texas gas prices have risen 1.4 cents the past week, averaging \$2.84 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Gas prices in Texas are 3.5 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 97.9 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$2.49 while the most expensive is \$3.49 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline has risen 1.7 cents in the last week, averaging \$3.16 per gallon. The national average is up 3.8 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 98.2

cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

"The downward move in the national average last week was short-lived with the national average rebounding last week on continued strong gasoline demand in the U.S. which has pushed oil prices back up after a brief lull," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

De Haan continued, "According to GasBuddy data, demand last week set another 2021 high, eclipsing the previous week's record as we head into the prime of the summer driving season. For the next week or two, we may continue to see gas

prices inch higher, but once schools begin reopening and vacation season ends, we'll likely see demand trail off, allowing for gas prices to decline gently heading into Labor Day."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. 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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Lest We Forget

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

Now where did I set my keys? This has been my plight since I got my driver's license. Most of the time it was a flat surface, and yes, they were always where I had left them last. Memory is a funny thing. I can remember details of lessons learned in my childhood, I can remember where I was when certain historical events occurred and yet I may not remember where I parked at Walmart.

I have watched friends and loved ones go down a road most of us fear. A road that blurs the further you go. It is a heart-breaking road that only those who have ever dealt with dementia or Alzheimer's can truly appreciate. If this is you then you know the value of a single memory.

Much of who we are is based on the experiences we have had and the things we remember. Lessons learned, doing things the way we do them, our personality traits, and even our thoughts of others. All is bouncing around in our little brains to be recalled in a split second, until we can't. Then comes the fear and anxiety, until those are no longer remembered. It is a difficult thing to experience when one who should know

you no longer does. Their identity is lost to an illness that can take the greatest of minds.

These are not easy things to write about, but to those who understand, you are in my prayers because although your loved one may not know who they are, you still do, and I pray for your strength to keep on loving, keep on sharing, keep on giving. Because now their identity has been entrusted to you.

God sees this play out every day in the spiritual lives of His creation. People forget who He is and in so doing forget who they are, as well. It, however, is not an illness it is a choice. To choose to forget spiritually cuts deeper than physically losing memory due to illness. Yet people do it every day. Greater still is the fact that God still shows up, caring, comforting, and loving, because we may have forgotten who we are, but He has not. Our identity is found in Him. He chose us before the world began, even though we would forget, He would remember.

Love those who physically can't remember, but remember you are made in the image of God, lest we forget.

Limping along...

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Have you ever had to limp along? Maybe you broke a leg, sprang an ankle, fractured a toe or had a surgery and you were limited to limping along and hobbling around. Running, fast, walking, and jumping were all out of the question, because you were detained to a limp. Imagine, though, how ridiculous it would be if someone was capable and able to walk properly, yet chose to continue using a crutch to limp along as they walked. Maybe they liked the attention, or maybe they were fearful to stop limping, but the point is that they chose to continue limping along. In 1 Kings 18, just before the showdown on Mt. Carmel between Elijah and the false prophets, the Lord accuses the Israelites of limping along spiritually. Verse 21 holds this indictment saying, "How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, then follow him."

The peoples' spiritual limping came as

a result of trying to merge God's ways with the World's, yet the reality is that God was not impressed with this sinful ambition to ride the fence. The peoples' unwillingness to pursue the Lord alone, caused a spiritual limp that called for judgment from God, not blessings from him. Even worse than the indictment, though, is the people's response, "And the people did not answer him a word," v21. Deafening silence filled the air as Elijah's condemnation was leveled on the people who were hedging their bets on the Lord and the false god, baal, but in the end they would come up bankrupt.

Instead of choosing the Lord's side, the Israelites limped along, trying to merge God with the World, truth with error, and in the end came up lacking. In a similar way today, if you are limping along between two opinions spiritually its time to quit riding the fence and either stand on the truth and promises of God, or flee to the ways of the world.

Computers and God's Word

By Teena Hughes

Anyone who knows Feller and me KNOWS that we are NOT the most computer savvy people in the world. Feller knows far more about computers than I do!!!

For me, computers are complex and complicated. When I use one, I NEED it, and I usually can't afford to make a mistake, so fear of making a mistake, fear of messing up the computer, and anxiety set in. I admit I have gotten a tiny bit better about trying to figure out things when I do make mistakes. When we were in Friona, Becky McLellan Stanberry was always nice to come out and help me. Now, we just depend on Lauren to help us when she comes home, but her patience is somewhat limited with us.

Speaking of Lauren, last week, she, Feller and I were having a discussion about forgiveness. I had heard and read some things on the subject, and I wasn't sure how I felt about them. So, the three of us had a great visit about it. Dur-

ing our conversation, I made the point that I think some people make God's Word more complicated than it really is, just like I do with the computer.

I don't believe most people try to make it complicated; I just think they want to know the exact meaning of God's Word, and I believe most of us are seeking truth. So, people try to delve into what God means when He says something they don't fully understand by going through something similar to journalism's 5 W's and H--who, what, where, when, why, and how.

When God put His Word together, I don't think He meant it to be confusing, complicated, or complex. I do believe He wants us to wonder, ponder, think about what He says; He wants us to use His Words to direct our lives; to get to know Jesus better; to help make us the people He intends us to be! I do think where we are in our walk with Him helps determine how con-

fused or complicated or complex we think His Word is.

I don't understand everything about Christianity and God's Word, but I do understand Christianity and God's Word better than I understand computers. I also understand that the more I study the Bible, the easier it is to know God and understand His Word. The same is true with computers; the more I use them, the more I learn about them and understand them. It doesn't matter if it is the Bible or a computer, the more you use something, the better off you are!

Whatever you are having difficulty understanding, whether it be the Bible, computers or something else, don't fear it, ask Jesus for help. Then, get involved with it; look at it as a challenge to be met and conquered. It will help you face other difficulties that you can overcome, just by asking for help and facing them head on!

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Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



Questions for Mother Goose the next time I see her:

--I know that Jack fell down and broke his crown, but you really don't tell why Jill came tumbling after. What up with that? Was the hill some sort of death trap? Did she do so in order to make Jack feel less a clutz? Was concussion protocol enforced before his next trip to fetch water?

--Why in the name of all that is holy did you have Jack jump over a candlestick? Did you not think kids would try this, much to their peril? Was this the same Jack who fell down the hill because if it is, I know now he did suffer a concussion.

--Did you intend for this little piggy to actually be a toe?

--Four and twenty blackbirds in a pie? No, thank you. Dove, quail, pheasant, chickens.... all of these would have tasted much better, especially wrapped in bacon served with hot-cross buns.

--And speaking of Sing a Song of Sixpence, thank you for giving the Queen bread and honey to eat instead of that yucky pie her husband got. But, again, did it serve any purpose to end that rhyme with the maid having her nose snipped off by a blackbird while the king was counting his money? Your rhyme just perpetuates the notion that the working class (she was out hanging out clothes to dry, for Pete's

sake) is targeted.

--Could you not have called in a surgeon to help Humpty Dumpty? What made you think the King's horses could put him back together? This makes no sense and left Humpty just a shell of his former self.

--First, the little baby whom you hushed with don't say a word can't talk anyway. But why continue to enable this infant with mockingbirds, diamonds, a dog, etc.? If Papa keeps buying that baby stuff, I can guarantee he or she will not grow up to be the sweetest little baby in town but some spoiled brat.

--When it was raining and pouring and the old man

was snoring, did he die from bumping his head or sleep apnea? Also, little children could be traumatized by this rhyme knowing that he did not wake up in the morning. Be more thoughtful.

--No question with Little Miss Muffett. I totally get where your headspace was when you wrote this nursery rhyme. Thank you for acknowledging arachnophobia as a valid condition. And what is curds and whey exactly? Update this with Captain Crunch, and you have the perfect nursery rhyme.

--Were Polly and Sukey hard of hearing or just in subordinate children? I myself repeated instructions only

once. After that, it was bust-your-hiney time or go sit in the corner with Little Jack Horner.

--Finally, speaking of Little Jack, did you really think it was that cute to have him stick his thumb in a pie? Girl Goose, if my children had done that, I'd found one of those darn blackbirds to recreate the clothesline scene.

Mother Goose—in earnest, her little rhymes remain fun to recite. Introduce them to a new generation with rewrites, fun voices, giving kids opportunities to ask questions like this to debate, and hear them laugh—even if they don't know what a hot-cross bun is.

Take 5 A Friona Star Interview with Amy Linzey, CEO of WTRT

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative (WTRT) held its 66th Annual Meeting in the new Hereford Civic Center on June 8th. Sy Olson, Corbin Riethmayer, Charles Christian, and Cody Grimsley were elected to the Board of Directors. CPA Lauren Young gave the Financial Report and told attendees that WTRT was in strong fiscal condition. Amy Linzey, CEO of WTRT, gave the Manager's Report. The following interview covers a portion of that report and a look to the future.



Amy Linzey

to help us deploy fiber in our rural service area over a 10-year period.

When will we get fiber?

The WTRT service area covers nearly 3,000 square miles, with a population of less than 1 person per square mile. Once deployed, the fiber will cover an estimated 1500 linear miles. We have installed approximately 1300 miles so far. When completed, our service area will be one of the few in the country to have fiber to the premises (your home or business). This project should be completed by mid-2022.

We are also in the process of installing fiber to the areas around the communities of Friona, Bovina and north Hereford. The community leaders of Friona and Bovina approached WTRT after the passing of the Telecom Act of 1996 in an effort to obtain better communications service for their communities. The Act allowed companies like WTRT to form competitive subsidiaries (like WT Services). WTRT was the first to do this in the state. It would appear that beyond these cities, the rural area would be part of WTRT. However, the exchanges of Friona, Bovina, and Hereford extend to an exchange boundary that meets the service area boundary of WTRT. WT Services is in the process of installing fiber to these areas,

providing much needed broadband internet to approximately 300 customers.

Friona will be served with fiber (as it is today - we have some areas that already have fiber to the schools, business or homes) as well as fiber to the node. Aerial fiber will be used from our fiber fed nodes to your homes and businesses. We are awaiting approvals from the energy company to install our fiber on its poles and facilities. We have the equipment, fiber, and electronics available to begin the project as soon as the approvals are received. We have installed aerial fiber in another area and we are aware of several companies who have done the same - Vega and Texline are served with aerial fiber and it is working very well. Aerial is stable in areas where the lines are relatively protected. It is also fairly quick to install, we don't have to tear up streets, yards, alleys, or other infrastructure. Best of all, if you need a GigE, you will be able to purchase a GigE.

What is Redundancy and why is it important?

Redundancy is the ability to have duplicate routing and self-healing networks. For example, we have intentionally built our network in "rings" so that not all of our service area is impacted in the event of a fiber cut on our network. If a fiber cut were to occur, the systems in our network would reroute the traffic (data and voice) in another direction.

We recently experienced a fiber cut on our fiber in Amarillo, when a contractor cut our facility while digging with a backhoe. *Because we have redundancy in our*

network, you weren't aware of the cut. Our Construction Team, traveled to Amarillo, dug around the cut and restored the outage in about 7 hours - shortly before storms hit the area. The traffic was automatically rerouted from where the cut occurred in Amarillo, over our facilities, through neighboring small rural telephone company facilities, to Lubbock and on to Dallas. In the past, we would have experienced a lengthy outage until our Team was able to get the cut restored.

In the past 6 months there have been two outages caused by fiber cuts on AT&T's network, one was a cut in a major artery in Waco, and the other between Post and Snyder. We contract with a database service that places caller id on your calls. What occurred as a result of these cuts, was that none of the calls in the Panhandle or in the state (in the Waco cut) could process a call. We contacted AT&T and requested that they provide redundant routing so this doesn't happen again. The order to reroute one of the links was worked on June 8th.

Besides fiber, what else is on the drawing board for WTRT and WT Services?

Currently, it is all about the fiber. We have a lot of competition from Elon Musk's "Better than Nothing" internet via satellite, numerous "Fixed Wireless" competitors, and some companies that are installing fiber. We want to be sure that you are served with state-of-the-art communications technologies and served well. The satellite and fixed wireless providers cannot compete with fiber-to-the-premise. The technology isn't compa-

ble. You've had better than nothing communications, step up to fiber.

In the last 2-3 years, we upgraded Friona and Bovina with VDSL technology that allows us to send our state-of-the-art IPTV stream from Hereford to Friona and Bovina. Our system includes Cloud DVR, program restart, and many other features. We have community channels in Friona, Bovina, Hereford and now the Cooperative service area (channel 806 has been designated for the Cooperative). We place community announcements, business of the month, school events, community events, programming (films/sports events), and we are able to broadcast local sports, graduation events, etc. *These are broadcast as a community service at no charge.*

PLEASE NOTE; We need everyone to convert to the new IPTV system. We are no longer updating, supporting, or repairing the old system as it is end-of-life. It will be retired in the very near future.

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We are always working to provide you with more services. We now have an app on iTunes and Android, *WT Smart Home*. This app allows you to place parental controls on your children's or grandchildren's electronic devices - you can restrict sites that you don't want

them to visit, control the times they are allowed on the internet, and restrict their gaming times. This works in concert with our WIFI Wizard. If you upgrade to our Experience IQ, your WIFI Wizard will protect any device that operates through the WIFI from hackers, malware, etc. - even your Ring doorbell.

We are offering cloud storage in our Friona Central Office. This office is designed to withstand an F-5 tornado. We would place a server for your storage, which you can update at any time and your data *would never* reach the internet.

What makes WTRT such a strong and vibrant company?

Our strength is in our Team members, our collective knowledge about our industry, technology, regulation, regulators and legislators, professionalism, etc. During the Covid pandemic, our Team members kept working. They wore protective gear and we never shut down. Their work allowed students to submit their school work via WIFI Hotspots. We partnered with local school districts to provide several "hotspots" throughout Friona, Bovina, and Hereford at no charge.

We also provide scholarships each year to deserving high school graduates in our service area. We are glad that we are able to support our communities.

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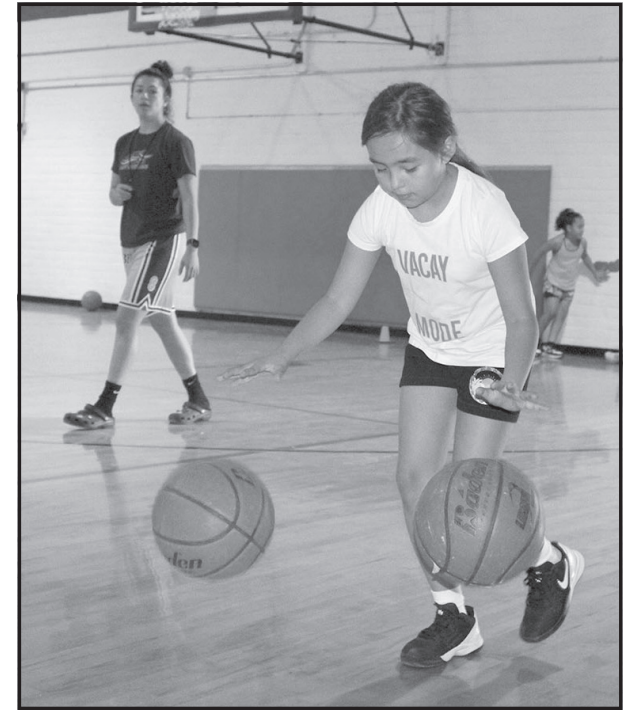
SPORTS



Friona Youth Sports Highlights



A Friona Youth Sports team and a Friona JV team competed in a basketball tourney this past weekend. Both teams finished 2nd in their respective divisions.



Friona Youth Sports hosted a basketball camp with guest instructor Mia Castañeda. Mia is a member of the Oklahoma Lady Outlaws which is a professional women's basketball team. The Outlaws play in the Independent Professional Women's Basketball League.



Friona Youth Sports hosted a volleyball camp with guest instructors ENMU Assistant Coach Katie Burnett and ENMU player Erin Moss.



FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



HOW TO FILL OUT A TICKET is the subject here, as Chief of Police Ben Moorman, center, talks over plans with Friona Boys Scouts who will be policing the town Wednesday. Scouts of Troop 56 will be stationed at various locations throughout the town and will issue citations for minor traffic

violations. All fines will be in the form of a \$1.00 donation, with all money collected going to the Scouts. Moorman is discussing a specially-prepared citation with Jim Bob Jones, Jerry Stevens, and Jimmy Kreig. Looking on is Hayden Cason, scoutmaster. (Friona Star, Thursday, August 3, 1961)

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Friona Squaw Volleyball Schedule 2021

Date	Day	Opponent	Team	Time	Location
Aug. 6	Fri.	Wildorado-Scrimmage	C/JV/V	TBA	Away
Aug. 7	Sat.	Alumni-Scrimmage	V	7:00	Home
Aug. 9	Mon.	Holy Cross/Ft. Elliot	V	10/12	Away
Aug. 10	Tues.	San Jacinto	JV/V	5/6	Home
Aug. 13/14	Fri/Sat.	Shallowater Tourney	V	TBA	Shallowater
Aug. 13/14	Fri/Sat.	Trinity Tourney	C	TBA	Lubbock
Aug. 17	Tues.	Shallowater	C/JV/V	5/5/6:30	Away
Aug. 19-21	Thur/Sat.	Littlefield Tourney	C/JV/V	TBA	Littlefield
Aug. 24	Tues.	Open		TBA	
Aug. 26/28	Thur/Sat.	Denver City Tourney	V	TBA	Denver City
Aug. 27/28	Fri/Sat.	Shallowater Tourney	JV	TBA	Shallowater
Aug. 31	Tues.	Estacado	C/JV/V	5/5/6:30	Away
Sept. 2-4	Thur-Sat.	Border Bash Tourney	C/JV	TBA	Home
Sept. 7	Tues.	All Saints	JV/V	5/6:30	Home
Sept. 7	Tues.	Holy Cross	C	5:00	Home
Sept. 11	Sat.	Open		TBA	
Sept. 14	Tues.	Wildorado	C/JV/V	5/6/7	Away
Sept. 18	Sat.	Highland Park	C/JV/V	11/12/1:00	Away
*Sept. 21	Tues.	Brownfield	C/JV/V	5/5/6:00	Away
*Sept. 25	Sat.	Lamesa	C/JV/V	11/11/12	Away
*Sept. 28	Tues.	Dimmitt	C/JV/V	5/5/6:30	Home
*Oct. 2	Sat.	Littlefield	C/JV/V	11/11/12	Away
*Oct. 5	Tues.	Brownfield	C/JV/V	5/5/6:00	Home
*Oct. 9	Sat.	Denver City	C/JV/V	11/11/12	Away
*Oct. 12	Tues.	Dimmitt	C/JV/V	5/5/6:00	Away
*Oct. 16	Sat.	Lamesa	C/JV/V	11/11/12	Home
*Oct. 19	Tues.	Littlefield	C/JV/V	5/5/6:00	Home
*Oct. 23	Sat.	Denver City	C/JV/V	11/11/12	Home

*District Games

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State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$3.4 Billion in July

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said state sales tax revenue totaled \$3.39 billion in July, 13.5 percent more than in July 2020. The majority of July sales tax revenue is based on sales made in June and remitted to the agency in July.

"July state sales tax collections again strongly surpassed both year-ago and pre-pandemic levels, with continued vigorous growth from non-retail sectors," Hegar said. "The sharpest increase from a year ago was in receipts from oil and gas mining, as the higher crude oil prices of recent months support increased drilling activity, albeit still well below the pre-pandemic

pace. But receipts from retail trade sectors continue to be the most highly elevated, as resurgent consumer spending following the lifting of pandemic-related restrictions and supported by increasing employment, federal income support policies and low interest rates does not appear to have begun to slow."

Hegar continued, "Within retail trade, the greatest growth in receipts from a year ago was from clothing and clothing accessories stores and electronics and appliance stores – retailers especially hard hit by the pandemic. While receipts from sectors that had increased sales following the onset of the pandemic – food and bev-

erage stores, furniture and home furnishings stores, and sporting goods and hobby stores – had no growth compared to a year ago, receipts remain strongly above pre-pandemic levels. And receipts from other retail sectors that grew strongly last year – big box and online general merchandisers and building materials stores – continued to have robust growth."

Year-over-year increases for most tax revenues continue to be affected by base effects: year-ago revenue collections to which this year's collections are compared were suppressed by the pandemic. Year-over-year growth in July sales tax collections, how-

ever, is not attributable to such base effects, as sales tax revenue was surprisingly strong in July 2020. Compared to July 2019, sales tax collections were up 18.4 percent.

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in July 2021 was up 20.2 percent compared to the same period a year ago and 13.9 percent compared to 2019. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 59 percent of all tax collections.

Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes, most of which were up sharply from a year ago due to base effects: (1) motor vehicle sales and

rental taxes — \$577 million; up 24 percent from July 2020, and up 19 percent from July 2019; (2) motor fuel taxes — \$315 million, up 4 percent from July 2020, and up 1 percent from July 2019; (3) oil production tax — \$377 million, up 102 percent from July 2020, and up 21 percent from July 2019; (4) natural gas production tax — \$187 million, up 408 percent from July 2020, and up 45 percent from July 2019; (5) hotel occupancy tax — \$60 million, up 79 percent from July 2020, and up 4 percent from July 2019; and (6) alcoholic beverage taxes — \$132 million, up 20 percent from July 2020, and up 12 percent from July 2019.

DPS Makes History with Largest Texas Highway Patrol Recruit Graduation

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) commissioned 145 new Texas Highway Patrol Troopers from its A-2021 recruit class during a graduation ceremony on Friday, July 30. It's the largest recruit school graduation in DPS history and also one of the most diverse. The keynote speaker at Friday's graduation was Texas Gov. Greg Abbott.

"Texas is exceptional because of the people who call our state home, and it is your fellow Texans that you have sworn to protect and serve as you join the most elite state law enforcement agency in the nation," Abbott said. "On behalf of the Lone Star State, we are so grateful for

your sacrifice and commitment to serving your communities. You will face challenges along the way, but never forget that what you do matters. It matters to the over 29 million Texans who depend on you every single day to keep our communities safe. And I have no doubt that after today, our state will be made safer by the brave men and women in this room."

The ceremony was held at the Great Hills Baptist Church in Austin. This was the department's 167th recruit class, with recruits ranging in age from 21 to 50 years old. This year's class included 21 females graduating, the most in one recruit class.

"These recruits worked



hard in challenging circumstances during the pandemic to get where they are today. We are thankful they've chosen to dedicate themselves to this career path and know they represent our state well," said Texas Public Safety Commission Chairman Steven P. Mach. "We are also grateful to Gov. Greg Ab-

bott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and House Speaker Dade Phelan, as well as our Legislature, for their continued support of DPS and all that it does. It is with their support that DPS is able to continue protecting this state and the people in it."

This year's recruit class includes 16 people from other states, includ-

ing Florida, Pennsylvania and Missouri. Most though are from cities throughout Texas, including El Paso, Georgetown, Eastland, Waco, McAllen and Stinnett.

"Class A-2021 is reflective of DPS and the many backgrounds of those within our department," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "I'm pleased to have such a large recruit class to further bolster the Troopers already serving our state. These men and women underwent a rigorous process to become Texas Highway Patrol Troopers, and I welcome them to DPS."

There are 40 veterans and 22 recruits with prior law enforcement experience in Class A-2021. The graduating class includes

a former geophysicist, a former employee of the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, a former sky crane operator, someone whose spouse is in the FBI Academy and several who are third- and fourth-generation Troopers.

During their 27-week training academy, the recruits underwent regular COVID-19 testing. Additional preventative measures were taken to minimize contact between recruits and staff members, including being divided into multiple classrooms, being socially distanced during meals in the cafeteria and being spread out in the barracks.

The recruits will report to their individual duty stations on August 23rd.

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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Eight proposed amendments on November ballot

The order has been drawn for eight proposed amendments to the much-amended Texas Constitution that will appear on the Nov. 2 ballot. The proposed amendments were approved by at least two thirds of both houses of the state Legislature. According to the Austin American-Statesman, they include:

- Allowing families to designate an “essential caregiver” to have access to loved ones in nursing homes and other long-term facilities. The issue came up when visitors were banned from such facilities during the pandemic.

- Banning all government entities — state, cities, counties, etc. — from limiting or preventing religious services, also an issue that arose during the pandemic.

- Providing property tax exemptions to spouses of soldiers killed in the line of duty.

- Barring attorneys whose law license has previously been suspended or revoked from serving as judges, and requiring district judges to be practicing lawyers for at least eight years. The minimum required now is four years.

- Allowing counties to issue bonds to finance transportation or other infrastructure projects in blighted or unproductive areas.

- Allowing the state’s professional rodeo associations to raise money through raffles, as other charities can do.

- Authorizing the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, which investigates complaints against judges, to also oversee the conduct of judicial candidates.

- Allowing school taxes to continue to be reduced for those 55 and older upon the death of a spouse with a disability.

As the Statesman reported, Texas voters to date have approved 507 amendments, making

the Texas Constitution one of the longest in the nation.

Advice on trees recovering from Winter Storm Uri

As August arrives, landowners wondering about trees stricken during Winter Storm Uri in mid-February can quit wondering what to do about trees that are still completely bare: they are almost certainly not going to come back.

Specialists with the Texas A&M Forest Service, along with Neil Sperry, a widely known gardening and horticulture expert, teamed up last May to urge Texans to wait until mid-July before cutting down leafless trees. The vast majority of trees that were slow to leaf out have mostly recovered.

“The waiting was important, because we’re just now beginning to differentiate between those trees that are obviously not going to survive; those that are wounded and we hope will survive; and those that are definitely going to survive, but are going to take a little while to come back,” Sperry said,

Gretchen Riley, the Urban and Community Forestry Program Leader at Texas A&M Forest Service, said if a tree is bare and hasn’t put out a single leaf, it is almost certainly dead. This also applies to palm trees, which were especially hard hit by the storm.

“Anything green means that the tree has a chance for recovery,” Riley said. “But a single small frond should have grown and opened on palm trees by now. No green means it is dead and has already started rotting internally.”

She added that trees that lost much of their canopy may or may not survive. A good rule of thumb is imagining a circle around all a tree’s branches. A fourth of that circle should be filled in with leaves. If not, the tree is most likely doing to die, Riley said.

State reports first West Nile case

The state’s first case of illness caused by West Nile virus this year was reported in Dallas County, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

The virus is transmitted through bites from infected mosquitoes. While most people exposed to West Nile don’t get sick, about 20% develop symptoms such as headache, fever, joint and muscle aches, nausea and fatigue.

DSHS urges Texans venturing outdoors to wear long sleeves and pants and apply insect repellent. The agency also recommends removing standing water from tires, toys, buckets

and other items.

Over the past five years, the state has had 805 cases of West Nile virus and 63 deaths.

TCEQ plans to use drones during disasters

The next time a hurricane or other natural disaster hits Texas, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality plans to use drones to help staff survey land difficult for personnel to visit by foot or in a vehicle.

TCEQ now has 25 drones equipped to allow live-streaming video during disaster events. More than two dozen staff members have completed classroom instruction, with 17 having passed the

FAA exam for what are formally called Unmanned Aerial Systems.

DSHS awards \$10 million in grants for vaccine efforts


As COVID-19 vaccination rates lag and cases of the delta variant spike, DSHS will award \$10 million to local groups working to promote vaccination efforts. The grants of \$50,000 to \$150,000 will go to a wide range of organizations providing vaccine education across the state.

A total of 6,251 lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients were in Texas hospitals as of Sunday, according to DSHS. That is quadruple the number reported a

month ago and the most seen since February.

The Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University reported 62,722 new cases in Texas during the past week and 271 deaths — a five-fold increase from a month ago. A total of 12.67 million Texans are fully vaccinated — about 43% of the state’s population.

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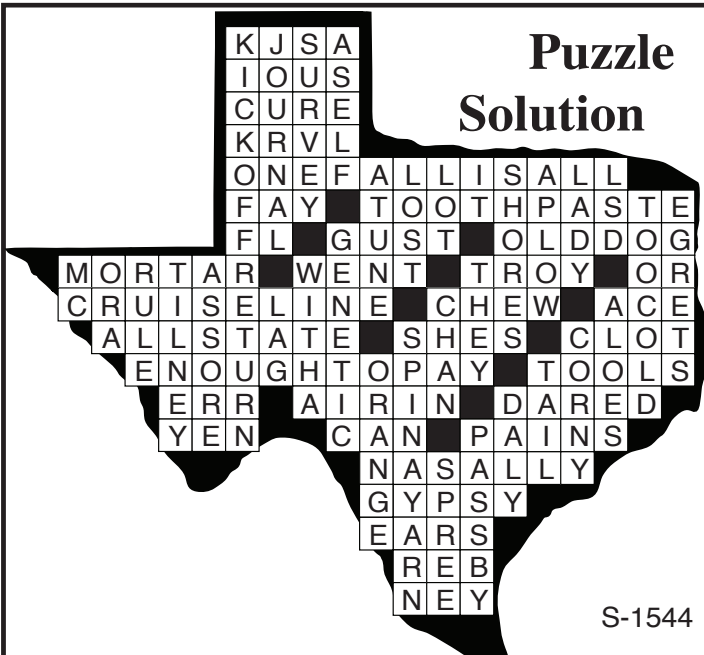
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Books & Bites says Bye

The Friona Public Library and Texas AgriLife Extension wrapped up their Books & Bites program on Thursday, July 29th, with the book Groovy Joe, Ice Cream & Dinosaurs. Books & Bites was a reoccurring event each Thursday morning in July that was designed to teach children between 2nd and 5th grade about food and nutrition through reading. The program began with a storybook and was followed by a hands-on activity and a snack. After reading Groovy Joe, Ice Cream & Dinosaurs, the girls made Ice Cream in a Bag. They started by putting the ingredients for vanilla ice cream (1/4 cup of sugar, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla, 1 cup of milk, and 1 cup of

whipping cream) into a 1-quart zip-lock bag, sealing the zip with duct tape, and putting it into a 1-gallon zip-lock bag full of ice, ice cream salt, and water. To freeze the ice cream the girls took turns shaking the bag for 10 minutes and even asked the adults for help when they were tired. After enjoying their ice cream, the girls were surprised with gift bags that included the utensils they used during the program such as recipe books, water bottles, measuring cups, and more. The girls were also surprised with a WOW Pass as a prize from the Library. Texas AgriLife Extension hopes to bring the Books & Bites program back next year so more kids can participate!



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