



Flag Day is Sunday, June 14

Parmer County COVID-19 stats

As of Monday, June 8, 2020

Tested at Parmer Medical Center

363



Negative Results from Parmer Medical Center

248

Positive Results from PMC

88

Pending Results from PMC

27

Parmer County Residents Positive Results From All Test Sites

99

Wheat harvest is underway!



At the Reeve Farm home place, fifth generation farmers, brothers Hadley and Jarrett White, combine their skills to help bring grain to market!

★WHEAT HARVEST is in full-swing in Parmer County. A good portion of the crop around Friona has already been harvested while the farmers in the northern and western parts of the county are just getting started. Friona

Wheat Growers Assistant Manager Darrin Gilley said that this year's crop is showing good quality. Test weights are 61-62 pounds and protein levels are around 12-13. Moisture levels have been low due to high tempera-

tures and high winds during the past few weeks. The late freezes may affect some yields, but apparently have not impacted the quality of the crop. Most of the 2020 harvest should be finished by the end of the month.

June 2nd, 1995 Tornado Chase

By Lead Forecaster Bill Gargan

While attending the University of Oklahoma's graduate program in meteorology I had the opportunity to participate in project VORTEX (Verification of the Origins of Rotation in Tornadoes Experiment) during 1994 and 1995. I was assigned to drive Probe 1—a sedan that had meteorological instrumentation mounted to the roof of the car. There were 8 to 10 such vehicles that were part of the VORTEX armada. Each Probe was assigned to a specific point around a severe thunderstorm to sample the environment. The instrumentation on each Probe measured wind speed, wind direction, surface pressure, temperature and relative humidity. Probe 1 was assigned to follow the Forward Flank baroclinic zone (a boundary that often develops between a supercell's precipitation core and the warm moist inflow that feeds the storm) towards the center of the storm's updraft. I was teamed up with the famous severe storm and tornado researcher Dr. Bob Davies-Jones. I was responsible for driving the Probe 1 vehicle and Bob was navigator and communicator.

On June 2, 1995 Project Vortex-95 targeted the dry line across the western Texas

Panhandle. The forecast was for an upper level trough over the desert southwest to move east into West Texas. Gulf moisture was poised to move north ahead of the dry line across west Texas during the afternoon hours. The Vortex Armada left the Severe Storm Laboratory in Norman, OK around 11:00 AM with an initial target of the dry line about 50 miles southwest of Amarillo, TX. During our journey west on I-40, we entered the eastern Texas Panhandle and noticed that storms had already formed on the east side of the axis of deep gulf moisture. During the Vortex-95 intercept this day, the P-3 Orion Hurricane Hunter aircraft with an onboard radar gave the field command live Doppler Radar from flying around the storms that day.

Initially these storms looked to have elevated bases but one storm right along the interstate about 40 miles east of Amarillo developed a rotating wall cloud that we sat and watched for about 5 minutes. The armada continued to push west knowing that storms that developed later during the afternoon along the dry line had a chance to become more intense supercell thunderstorms. We con-

tinued west to the dry line which was located west of Clovis, NM at 4:00 PM. The Vortex Armada instrumentation sampled the dry line for about half an hour before Towering Cumulus clouds started to develop along the dry line.

Eventually a cumulonimbus cloud developed south of Clovis. As the new storm moved northeast along Highway 60 into TX, it became severe and produced quarter size hail. The storm was high based and didn't develop a wall cloud. The VORTEX-95 field commander was Dr. Eric Rasmussen, who informed us that the storms that developed over the eastern Texas Panhandle earlier in the afternoon had produced an outflow boundary that was moving southwest into the western Texas Panhandle. North and east of the outflow boundary, the moisture was richer and temperatures were cooler, though the instability was greater. Both Bob and I hypothesized that once the storm crossed the boundary they would really intensify and the bases of the storms would lower and provide a better chance for the supercell to spawn tornadoes.

As we moved northeast



Looking back to the west as the tornado heads east out of Friona

towards the town of Bovina, TX the severe high based thunderstorm we were chasing began to intensify and a wall cloud started to form. We both knew the storm must have been crossing the outflow boundary and was tapping into the higher moisture east of the boundary.

As the storm continued to push northeast, the wall cloud began to rotate. We could also see convective clouds within the updraft become crisper—even the south side of the storm's anvil became very sharp and pronounced looking. Most of the other Vortex

vehicles south and west of the storm were reporting near zero visibility due to blowing dust as the inflow into the storm increased.

Since our probe (Probe 1) was northeast of the updraft, we weren't bombarded with much blowing dust. As we approached the updraft, our east winds became a bit weaker. We were nearly under the wall cloud 5 miles southwest of Friona, TX and noticed that there was rapid rotation developing. We let our field commander know about the rapid rotation and he relayed this report to the

National Weather Service in Amarillo, TX. We continued to stay just ahead of the rotating wall cloud as we drove northeast on US Highway 60. The storm was moving parallel to the highway toward the town of Friona. Suddenly, we saw a funnel dip down from the wall cloud. Then all of sudden, we saw dirt being kicked up in the air (see photo 1). We reported the tornado to our field commander who passed the first report of a tornado 3 miles southwest of Friona to the National Weather Service in Amarillo.

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Emergency Siren System: Alternating tone • Firefighters only | Weather Warning: 1 long tone • take cover — 3 short blasts • all clear | Tested 1st & 3rd Thurs. at 7 p.m.

Friona Weather June 11-17	T ☀️ 94 62 S 15-25	F ☁️ 94 60 SSW 15-25	S ☁️ 94 62 SSW 20-30	S ☁️ 94 62 SSW 20-30	M ☁️ 96 63 SSW 15-25	T ☀️ 98 63 SSW 10-20	W ☀️ 100 65 SW 10-20	Precipitation June 0.00 Year 3.98	Burn Ban: Yes
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Community Calendar

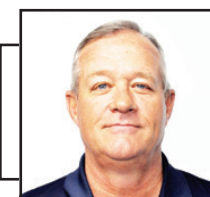
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- June 14**
Flag Day
- June 21**
Father's Day
- July 4**
Independence Day

COVID-19 News

Coronavirus cases confirmed

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| <p>Texas Panhandle:
5,062 cases, 78 deaths
2,359 recoveries</p> <p>Armstrong County: 3
Briscoe County: 1
Carson County: 6
Castro County: 35
Childress County: 2
Collingsworth County: 5
Cottle County: 4
Dallam County: 34
Deaf Smith County: 176
Donley County: 27
Gray County: 105
Hall County: 2
Hansford County: 20
Hartley County: 13
Hemphill County: 1
Hutchinson County: 44
Lipscomb: 5
Moore County: 852
Motley: 1
Ochiltree County: 52
Oldham County: 4
Parmer County: 99
Potter County: 2,766
Randall County: 740
Roberts County: 2
Sherman County: 30
Swisher County: 18
Wheeler County: 15</p> | <p>Eastern New Mexico:
119 cases, 1 death</p> <p>Curry County: 64
Quay County: 5
Roosevelt County: 45
Union: 5</p> <p>Oklahoma Panhandle:
982 cases, 6 deaths,
933 recoveries</p> <p>Beaver County: 27
Cimarron: 1
Texas County: 954</p> <p>Texas:
77,253 cases
1,853 deaths
51,140 recoveries</p> <p>United States:
2,040,000 cases
114,267 deaths
788,916 recoveries</p> <p>Worldwide:
7,040,000 cases
404,895 deaths</p> |
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Mayor's Minutes by Ricky White

The month of June is being recognized across the region as "National Dairy Month". Dairy farmers contribute in innumerable ways to Friona as well as Parmer County's economic prosperity. Dairy farmers produce 106,353,047 pounds of milk annually accounting for nearly 10% of the Texas milk supply. The landscape, economy, health and nutrition of Friona would not be the same without our dairy farmers. This national celebration of these accomplishments highlights the dairy industry in June. We want to recognize and thank all of the dairies in our community for the great things they do for our community.

The City of Friona was awarded \$216,370 from the Corona Relief Fund CARES ACT. (This is \$55 per capita). The focus of this money is on local government expenditures related to COVID-19. Eligibility can include not only the City, but also FISD, Parmer Medical Center, and small businesses in Friona. We will be given a 20% lump sum in the coming weeks (\$43,274). Every city in Parmer County and the County was awarded money — (1) Parmer County = \$139,590 (2) Bovina = \$99,385 (3) Farwell = \$72,930. More information to be

passed on as we receive the funds and how the funds will be allocated and spent.

The City offices will be open on June 15th. This will include Judge Campbell's Court, Library, Police Station, and City Hall. Masks will be required when entering the city offices. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parmer County has a total of 99 COVID cases. This was the total count on Tuesday June 9th. We continue to rapidly increase in positive cases. We must continue to do the things that are within our control, wash hands frequently, social distancing in public places and wear a mask in public places.

Housing Project going up quick!! The 1st phase is projected to be completed by the end of October. Phase 2 will begin in February 2021. If anyone is interested in moving into one of the apartments once completed, you can get all of your questions answered by emailing seascrolls9909@gmail.com.

EMS building is almost completed. The plan is to be moved in and operational by July 1st. Ceramic tile is being laid and the cabinets need to be installed. It's looking very good and the EMS staff is excited

about getting their operation up and running in their new building.

Visitor Impact Community Center has been completed with the new roof and the central/heating unit being installed. This will make future events more enjoyable. Replacing the swamp coolers will make a huge difference controlling the temperature of the building. Also, there are plans drawn to update the kitchen area with new appliances and remodeling. Also, plans drawn to reconstruct and update the restroom facilities. These are things that we are looking at for the future. City Manager, Lee Davila is researching possible grants that will help facilitate our plans.

On April 10, 2019. The city council took action to approve the submission of a Texas Community Block Grant for the purchase of a brush truck for the fire department. When the city council received word that they did not qualify, the city council entertained the option of financing a new truck at a total cost of \$106,546. The fire department received the new brush truck last week. This will make a great addition to the current fleet when fighting grass fires.

Your Mayor

June 2nd, 1995 Tornado Chase

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Our forward speed slowed down as we passed through the town of Friona. I didn't notice that Highway 60 took an eastward jag through the town. The tornado was about 1 mile south-southwest of us as we went through the west side of town. As we approached the east side of Friona, the tornado was much closer to us. We could actually see the tornado clearly pick up debris in the form of pieces of buildings as it began to close in on us. Since I thought we were traveling to the northeast I was concerned that the tornado had picked up forward speed and started to turn a bit farther north. I was worried that the

tornado would over take us shortly. Then, I noticed that the road took a turn to the left, and finally realized that we had been heading due east and now we were headed northeast.

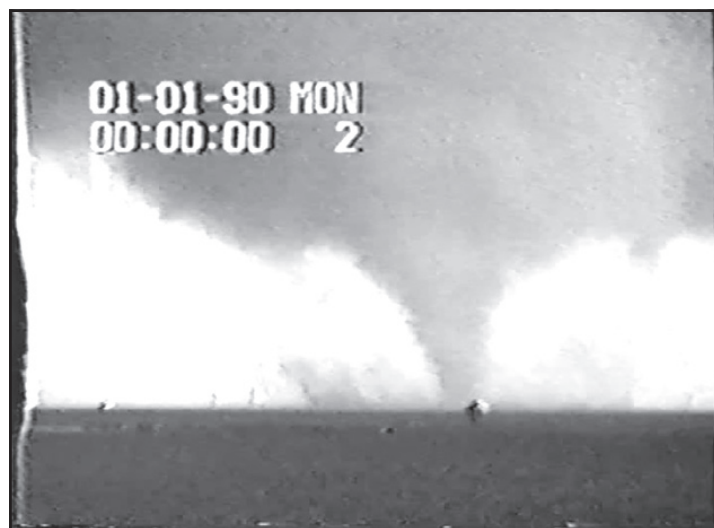
Now, the tornado was just behind us, and a Purina [Hi-Pro] feed mill in the path of the tornado toppled to the ground just a few thousand feet back. I knew I couldn't stop driving the car, or else we would get hit by the tornado. I tried to pick up speed. The inflow winds into the tornado were so strong from the northeast that the car was barely able to accelerate at all. I started to worry as I pushed the accelerator to the floor



(photo 2) Tornado crosses Highway 60 and hits Benger Aero Spraying and the Friona Cemetery.

and we were not picking up much speed. In fact, my foot started shaking on the accelerator when I realized how strong the inflow winds must have been to have kept the car from picking up much forward speed. The realization that the tornado may overtake us became even more clear. Finally, the car slowly began to pick up speed as the tornado crossed US Highway 60 directly behind us.

We got out ahead of the tornado by about one half of a mile and pulled over along the side of the road. We watched the tornado turn from a stout barrel shaped funnel into a half mile wide wedge in a mat-



(photo 1) Tornado touches down west of Friona.

ter of minutes (see photo 2). We watched the tornado for about 10 minutes as it moved about 2 miles to our north. We then got into our vehicle and continued to stay with the large tornado as it tracked to the northeast. We were looking for some paved north/south road options in order to get closer to the tornado—but almost every road we passed was a wet and muddy dirt road. Finally, the tornado became rain wrapped north of Summerfield, TX.

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Wash your hands
Stay 6 foot away
Wear your mask
Stay at home if sick

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TEXAS CROSSWORD

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<p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 actor Nolte of "North Dallas Forty" (1979)</p> <p>5 TXism: " _ _ dog don't get no biscuits"</p> <p>6 bucket</p> <p>7 TX singer, Lovett</p> <p>8 dir. from Azle to Dallas</p> <p>9 TXism: "thick as hair _ _ back"</p> <p>16 foot garment</p> <p>18 TXism: "flag waver"</p> <p>21 TX Holly's "Rave _"</p> <p>22 calf meat</p> <p>23 Astro player, e.g.</p> <p>24 a yankee man: _ _ _ from a Texan</p> <p>30 in Leon County on FM 3 and FM 39</p> <p>34 Alamo's Travis: "I shall never surrender _ retreat"</p> <p>35 everyone off the running back, e.g.</p> <p>36 police officers, in slang</p> <p>37 in Fort Worth, former Lusk/_ is now Cavender's</p> <p>39 TXism: " _ _ _ cakes" (sell a lot)</p> <p>43 TXism: "horse _ _" (sensible)</p> <p>44 "manifest _ _"</p> <p>45 when repeated, British "adios"</p> <p>46 what tobacco chewers do</p> <p>47 what a Texan pays to go to college</p> <p>49 TX Tanya's "Blood Red _ _", Down" (1973)</p>	<p>52 star of TX-based 1963 film "Hud" (init.)</p> <p>53 hot _ (jacuzzi)</p> <p>54 TXism: "hitched _ _ in a double harness" (married)</p> <p>55 fancy "honky tonks"</p> <p>58 this is used to steer a ship</p> <p>59 actress McGraw of film "Love Story" with TX Tommy Lee Jones</p>	<p>DOWN</p> <p>1 in Morris County on U.S. 67</p> <p>2 "if _ _ myself"</p> <p>3 appetizer eaten with chips: _ _ _ queso</p> <p>4 in Hays County on I-35</p> <p>9 this Otto directed TX Tierney in 1944 "Laura" (init.)</p> <p>10 in Grimes County on highway 105</p> <p>11 _ _ gallon hat</p> <p>12 Guadalupe Street beside the University of Texas: "The _ _"</p> <p>13 Houston's NFL team before the Texans</p> <p>14 TX Jim Reeves hit: "He'll Have to _"</p> <p>15 oil or gas additive</p> <p>17 TXism: "I'm gonna _ _ _ cross-eyed" (threaten)</p> <p>19 TXism: "too many _ _ _ the fire"</p> <p>20 girdle</p> <p>24 2006 Miss Texas, Shilah Phillips, attended this black univ. in Wash. D.C.</p> <p>25 junior naval commissioned rank (abbr.)</p> <p>26 went 60 in a 40 zone</p> <p>27 a boned fish</p>	<p>9 10 11 12 13 14 15</p> <p>16 17 18 19 20</p> <p>21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34</p> <p>35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43</p> <p>44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51</p> <p>52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61</p>	<p>TEXAS CROSSWORD</p> <p>by Charley & Guy Orbison</p> <p>Copyright 2020 by Orbison Bros.</p> <p>P-1483</p> <p>solution on page 3</p> <p>33 TXism: "he could shoot the _ _ of a mosquito"</p> <p>38 " _ _ and needles" (nervous)</p> <p>40 ignited a fire</p> <p>41 "I'm _ _ to win it"</p> <p>42 tease or torment</p> <p>48 TX Linda Ellerbee was co-host of " _ News Overnight"</p> <p>50 grad sch. test</p> <p>56 TXism: "he'd have to study up to be _ _ wit"</p> <p>57 contradict</p>
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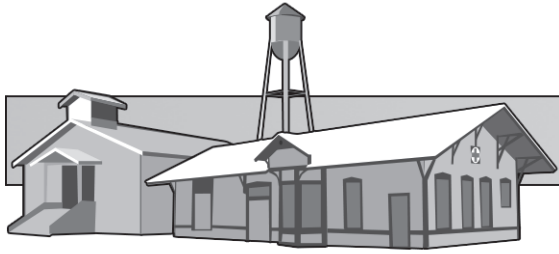
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The chamber office will open on the 15th with some restrictions. Transactions will be by Check or Money Order only. NO Cash Accepted. Also, only one person in the office at a time and you must wear a mask in order to come into the office.

Tom & Barbara Mason are moving to Granbury, Texas. Barbara said that her and Tom had lived in their home for the past 60 years. They will now be in the same neck of the woods as Larry & Linda Knowles.

The Friona Community Blood Drive is Thursday, June 11th from Noon until 7:00 p.m. Please try to schedule an ap-

pointment by calling 806-331-8833, or visiting yourbloodinstitute.org. Coffee Memorial is bringing extra personnel for this drive. Walk-ins are still welcome.

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.

Mayor Ricky White and Aldermen Greg Lewellen and

Brent Loflin were sworn in during last week's online city council meeting. All three are incumbents and will serve 2-year terms. Greg is also the Mayor Pro Tem.

The Friona High School Class of 1970 is planning their 50th Reunion. The date is set for September 25-27 and will be held at the Hyatt Place in Lubbock, Texas. Classmates are asked to text their name, address, phone number, and e-mail to Roxanne Hurst @ 806-265-7106. Please indicate if you are planning to attend the reunion. Your contact information is needed whether you plan to attend or not. You can also contact Kay Rogers

at 806-786-7758 or at LNKR@SWBELL.NET. More information to follow.

Check out the rainfall data and the Water Weekly map on the back page. Friona and Parmer County are definitely in a drought again. We were off to a good start moisture-wise during the first three months of the year, but since the April snowstorm it has been all downhill. The rainfall of 0.14 was the lowest for the month of May since 2011 when we received only 0.07 of rain. Our average May rainfall is 2.46 inches. We are dry!!!

School Board members were given an update on the

progress of the construction project at their regular meeting last Monday night. New windows are being installed at the Junior High and High School as well as interior work at both campuses. The Elementary building will receive new windows next summer. Concrete footings are being installed at the High School and new Primary School locations. The trustees were reminded that the two new storm shelters

would be able to withstand a hit from an F5 tornado.

- June 11 — German Chocolate Cake Day
- June 12 — Red Rose Day
- June 13 — Weed Your Garden Day
- June 14 — Flag Day
- June 15 — Smile Power Day
- June 16 — National Fudge Day
- June 17 — Eat Your Vegetables Day

COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from May 28, 2020 to June 4, 2020

(6/2/2020) Kitty Daylene Black Gallman — Cathy C. Christesson — All of N 35 ft of L 7 and all of L 8 in B 9 of Staley Addition to the City of Friona in Parmer County Vol 93 Pg 569 of Parmer County

(6/3/2020) Dion Michael London — Matthew H. Schwertner, Kellie Schwertner — L 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 14, 15, and 16 of Sec Township 16S R 1 E of a Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County and S/2 of Sec 4 Township 16S R 1 E of a Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer

(6/3/2020) Matthew James, Jonathan James — Angelita Perez — All of L Nos 3, 4, and 5 and the NE 60' of L Nos 6 and 7 I B 12 in Original Town of Bovina in Parmer County

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(6/3/20) Domingo Mejia, 20, of Hereford was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charges of DWI and Resisting Arrest, pending County Court.

(6/3/20) Carlos Mejia, 26, of Hereford was arrested by the Friona Police Department on charges of Evading Arrest, pending County Court.

(6/4/20) Don C. Lovelady, 48, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on charges of Assault, Alcohol Beverage in Dry Area, Permit required in Wet Area, pending County Court.

(6/5/20) Mick Vasquez, 25, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of Aggravated assault w/ Deadly Weapon, pending Grand Jury.

(6/6/20) Darla Jo Sealey, 56, of Bovina was arrested by the Bovina Police Department on a charge of Harassment, pending County Court.

(6/7/20) Steven Noriega, 21, of Bovina was arrested by the Bovina Police Department on a charge of Assault, pending County Court.

Friona Flashbacks

RIBBON CEREMONY.... Friona's Chamber of Commerce officials participated in another ribbon cutting ceremony to welcome the opening of Friona's first T-shirt and Trophy store. From the left are Bob Hurst, Janet Buske, John Blackwell, Helen and Jerry Lewis and daughters Tiffany, ten, and Tara five; Rhonda Schueler, Mike Hanes, Bob Beville and Mayor Wright Williams. "The Winner's Choice" is owned and run by the Jerry Lewises. (Friona Star, August 8, 1982)



We're meeting today to start a club... ...that will be all about super heroes! Kids: color stuff in!

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Super Heroes!

No need to rush too much, Glade. I can see that Pinch is inside his bubble force shield and has the insane shark situation in hand!

Zoom!

Super heroes are make-believe people who constantly help or protect others. Oh, and they have super powers that let them do it!

You can find superhero stories in books, comics, cartoons and movies.

ZAP!

Ouch!

Heigh Ho! Heigh Ho! Off to another day of work at the Super Hero hideaway I go!

Whew! It's been a long night. Let's go home.

Ice and Fire Duo!

gadgets comic fight protect signals transportation symbol powers identity costumes

sidekicks 3 4 5

changed 6

hideout 7

crime 8

1 2

9 10 11

12 13 14 15

1. have super _____ like invisibility or super strength

2. use powers to _____ for what's right!

3. get to the scene of the crime using speedy _____

4. have an amazing story explaining how they _____ from regular people into heroes

5. have a secret _____ for laying low, storing their equipment

6. use high-tech _____ to give them an edge

7. dress in flashy _____ so people know who they are

8. train _____ to help them take on the bad guys

9. put themselves in harm's way to _____ people

10. watch for _____ from the police or listen for a ringing hotline

11. put a _____ on their chests so they are easy to spot

12. may be found in graphic novels, _____ books or cartoons and movies

13. fight _____

14. use a secret _____ so no one knows who they are

15. may work alone, but often are part of a _____

Super Power Fun!

My super powers are a combination of cold, water, and ice. Obviously, the cold does not bother me!

SPLASH!

SHWOOSH!

1. flight

2. telekinesis

3. invisibility

4. healing

5. mind control

6. laser vision

A. shooting beams of energy from eyes

B. cannot be seen

C. hover and travel above the ground

D. control people's will

E. recover from injury quickly

F. move things with your mind

This is a 2-part puzzle!

1. Match the super powers to what they let the super hero do.

2. Next, find and circle all the super powers in the Super emblem.

1. telepathy

2. speed

3. X-ray vision

4. immortality

5. force field

6. teleportation

A. move amazingly fast

B. see through walls

C. cannot die

D. protective wall of energy

E. instantly move anywhere

F. read minds, communicate without talking

C L O D F A S P I U F D G S G

V M I N D C O N T R O L T W X

S X D K G P F O R C E F I E L D N

F F A B Z M L Q E N L W X C S X P O

P J L T E L E P O R T A T I O N W W I

I E W Q G T P W U J N S K M Y R Z M T M

G F W R C V H J V U O I Y B Y S E S Y E H

A D L R F U J F O O I S U H T O N A J W L S B

G L M X L N S E J L I E I S C E D E V N

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Y N S L R A O M Z Z U J P F F L V G Y G

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V P I R T K P N K U A X G P F J K

Q W T J H H C R E I T Y E Q

F I Q Q N V U T W I R Y G B N

Who Are These Popular Super Heroes?*

Fill in the blanks to spell the names of famous super heroes!

1. S _ p _ r m _ n

2. W _ nd _ r W _ m _ n

3. H _ lk

4. N _ nj _ T _ rtl _ s

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Virtual Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course set for Aug. 3-5

Expert-led sessions, live animal demonstrations, trade show planned

By Kay Ledbetter

The annual Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course is going virtual this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. While it may be hard to 'virtually' eat the famous prime rib dinner associated with the event, the educational aspect will still be provided as it has been for the past 65 years to ranchers who need basic beef cattle production informa-

tion and the latest on hot issues concerning their operations. The three-day online event is set for Aug. 3-5. Cost will be \$99 before July 1, \$129 after July 1 and \$149 after the conference is over. Registration is open now as well as the opportunity to join the mailing list for continual updates. "Participants can still

learn from beef industry experts, only they will be in the comfort of their home, learning at their own pace and able to watch sessions over and over again if they want," said Jason Cleere, Ph.D., conference coordinator and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service beef cattle specialist in College Station. The short course is the

largest beef cattle educational event in the country and typically attracts more than 2,000 beef cattle producers from Texas and abroad to College Station, Cleere said. It is hosted by AgriLife Extension and the Department of Animal Science at Texas A&M University. "We still plan to offer more than 20 sessions covering basic practices, new technologies and hot topics, along with a virtual trade show and live cattle demonstrations," he said. "Participants will be able to ask questions live during the sessions, and they'll have the option of receiving a paper copy of the proceedings."

he said. "The live concurrent sessions will be recorded, which will allow our participants the option to see all of the sessions on forage and beef cattle management, health, nutrition and reproduction, record-keeping, genetics, purebred cattle and much more." The demonstrations will be on cattle handling, chute-side calf working, brush management, fence building, tractor safety and beef carcass value determination.

"The goal of the short course each year is to provide the most cutting-edge information needed by beef cattle producers, and that won't change this year even with the new format," Cleere said. Participants can earn nine or more Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide continuing education units if they are already licensed, he added. For more information, go to <https://beefcattleshortcourse.com/> or call 979-845-6931.

Texas Doctors Laud Fort Worth Physician installed as AMA President

When Fort Worth allergist Susan Rudd Bailey, MD, became president of the American Medical Association (AMA) this week, it was the natural culmination of an exceptional physician's outstanding career, Dr. Bailey's Texas colleagues said. "Dr. Sue Bailey is one of the most impressive physicians I have ever known, and I've known her for many years," said Texas Medical Association (TMA) President Diana L. Fite, MD, of Houston. "She is highly intelligent, she is empathetic, she is down to earth when talking to patients and physicians alike. I cannot imagine a better person to be the president of our highest-level organization, the AMA." Chosen unanimously last year to be the AMA's 175th president, Dr. Bailey had planned to take the oath of office this week in a huge ballroom packed with guests in formal attire. Then came COVID-19 with its social distancing requirements and physicians far too busy to gather in Chicago for a five-day convention. Instead, they watched online, scattered across the nation, as she de-

livered her installation address from a Fort Worth studio. Dr. Bailey's organized medicine resume includes stints as president of TMA and the Tarrant County Medical Society as well as speaker of the TMA and AMA House of Delegates. She says she feels prepared to take office amidst the worldwide COVID-19 health emergency. "Being president of the TMA when the Affordable Care Act was passed is good training for being president of the AMA during the coronavirus pandemic," she said. Gary Floyd, MD, chair of the TMA Board of Trustees and a Fort Worth pediatrician, agrees. "Sue is always willing to listen, develop consensus, and solve problems," Dr. Floyd said. "She's a remarkable leader and encourager of others. I'm privileged to call her 'friend.'" Robert Rogers, MD, who has been Dr. Bailey's partner in Fort Worth Allergy & Asthma Associates for more than 30 years, said the country needs a medical leader now with Dr. Bailey's training and background. "Virtually ev-

erything that's going on with this virus one way or another has to do with evaluating the immune response to it," he said. "We're incredibly fortunate that she has decades of experience translating that into a language non-medical people can understand." Dr. Bailey is the sixth Texas physician to serve as AMA president and the first woman president and AMA president. She is the sixth woman physician - and the third in a row - to lead the AMA. "Sue is a true Texan: a hard, dedicated worker with a true heart," said David Henkes, MD, of San Antonio, chair of the Texas Delegation to the AMA. A Houston native, Dr. Bailey received her medical degree with honors as part of the charter class at the Texas A&M University College of Medicine. She completed her residency and fellowship training at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine. Dr. Bailey has been in private practice in Fort Worth since 1988. She is a mother and grandmother, and is married to Fort Worth attorney, Doug Bailey.

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Census News



2020 Census Self-Response Rate Information - June 10, 2020

National Response Rate	60.8%
Texas Self-Response Rate	55.5%
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Book Blessings

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

The rate of change in our world is taking place at a dizzying pace, yet believers in vocational ministry will be served well by remembering that their commission from the Lord remains steadfast even as the context in which they minister may be transforming. One source of encouragement and strength in this regard is a book titled "Being a Pastor: A Conversation with Andrew Fuller," by Michael Haykin and Brian Croft.

The conversation with

Fuller, a Baptist pastor in England who lived from 1754-1815 takes place in the form in many of his ordination sermons that he preached to other ministers. His exhortations echo Acts 20:28, "Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made your overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood." The need for holy, called, passionate, gospel centered ministers is great in our age, as it was in Full-

ers. In his short ordination sermons scriptural truths are expounded and ministers are called to fidelity to God's Word, caring for their own soul, and the church they minister to. In fact, God's expectations for the minister, which Fuller so clearly explains are the same for ministers today. Ministers and Christian leaders who take time to read the 200 page work will be blessed, convicted and strengthened by the scriptural call to be faithful, holy and fruitful ministers.

Listening to Those with Different Opinions

By Teena Hughs

I don't like admitting it, but sometimes I am not very tolerant of other people's opinions or viewpoints, especially when it comes to politics. I tend to avoid people, discussions, television shows, and reading material I know I don't agree with.

However, one of the people I cannot avoid is my daughter, Lauren. She and I simply think differently. She is a deep thinker. She analyzes situations; reads about them; researches them. And, she talks to Jesus about what is right or wrong. When she posts things on Facebook, I often look for what is wrong with her thinking. (I think part of my reaction is the fact that I am her mother, and I don't want her to "go off the deep end" with what she thinks. It is also my pride at work, because I worry about what others will think.)

Anyway, I do not form opinions like Lauren does. I may sit and think about something and work it out

in my mind, but I seldom read about it or research it. I guess I am one that wants instant knowledge, instant gratification, instant answers to questions and problems rather than taking the time to really study and process an issue before forming an opinion.

Last week, Lauren posted that the men who wrote "all men are created equal" in the Declaration of Independence were actually owners of men. I think the men who wrote the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were brilliant, so the hair stood up on the back of my neck. Then, I thought about it, and she was right...some of the men who wrote that document were slave owners.

The thing of it is, if I stop and actually think about what Lauren says, I usually end up agreeing with her.

I have to be honest and admit I do not like my opinions and viewpoints challenged. I am not sure why, because some of the things I

am most thankful for are the things God has changed my thinking on, like Camp New Dawn. Maybe I fear being proven wrong about what I think, and that could lead to having to change my thinking on other things, too.

Here lately, I have been trying to be a better listener to friends, to be less quick to jump in and say something while they are trying to talk to me (something I am bad about doing, too). I am also trying to ask questions that show I genuinely care about them.

I need to do the same thing when it comes to people and their opinions and viewpoints. It doesn't mean I will change my opinion every time, but it will help me understand someone a little better by being educated and learning a different perspective on an issue. This just helps me be more understanding and more tolerant of others with differing views, and it helps me solidify my own viewpoints and opinions.

Panhandle Parables

"A Fruit of Faith"

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

Whether deciding to plant an orchard or just one fruit tree, you have an ultimate goal in mind for the tree(s)-- to produce fruit. There is much time involved, especially, if the tree you are planting is but a twig or even a seed. Time, care and effort are required in this process. It will need a little fertilizer, water and some occasional pruning. It may take years for your tree to finally produce the fruit you have desired. You then pick that first little peach or apple and it is amazing as to how "You have never tasted one any better." You put forth the effort

and worked against many odds to grow a tree that produced fruit. We are all partial to the things that we have worked hard on, regardless of what it may be.

What about your faith? Faith is not unlike growing a fruit tree. It requires time, care and effort and is an ongoing process. The Seed is planted and then must be allowed to grow and develop. It will need to be fed God's Word, and some occasional admonishment (pruning if you will). Something that profoundly encouraged me about faith producing fruit happened several years ago with the pass-

ing of my grandfather. Paw-Paw was a faithful dedicated servant of the Lord. When told of his condition he faced it with courage. Courage is a product of faith. He was ready to go Home. But more than that, as his feeble body left I began to understand, what he told me for all those years about remaining faithful to God. Faith made complete is an eternal home with God. Death has no power over that type of life. The fruit of faith is courage simply to face and know that God is there and when one finally completes a life of faith the fruit is truly sweet.

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State Capital Highlights

By Ed Sterling



Storm preparations begin while state continues to battle COVID-19

AUSTIN — As Tropical Storm Cristobal moved north in the Gulf of Mexico from the Yucatan Peninsula toward Louisiana, the weather system's potential impact on East Texas grew and Gov. Greg Abbott on June 5 addressed the situation in a news conference.

Abbott said preparedness is the key in any hurricane season. He added that the Texas Department of Emergency Management and a roster of state agency departments, local responders and FEMA were ready. Meanwhile, he said, the state's ongoing efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19 also continue and East Texas residents in particular should be extra mindful of both threats.

Cumulative figures posted June 6 by the Texas Department of State Health Services showed that some 74,978 people in Texas had been diagnosed with COVID-19 and 1,830 deaths resulting from the virus pandemic had been confirmed.

Officially, hurricane season started June 1 and will continue through Nov. 30. While Cristobal is not expected to generate hurricane-force winds, it may bring high winds, heavy rain and flooding.

State extends SNAP

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission will provide approximately \$177 million in emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program food benefits for the month of June in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Gov. Abbott announced June 4.

More than 900,000 SNAP households will see the additional amount on their Lone Star Card by June 12. The emergency June allotments are in addition to the \$414.7 million in benefits previously provided to Texans in April and May, Abbott added.

Fomenters are warned

Gov. Abbott and Texas-based U.S. Attorneys John Bash, Erin Nealy Cox, Stephen Cox, and Ryan Patrick warned June 1 that individuals "who come to Texas from out of state to en-

gage in looting, violence or other destructive acts in violation of federal law" would be subject to federal prosecution and transferred to federal custody.

"Today's announcement will ensure there are harsh consequences for those breaking the law and that they will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law," Abbott said.

Ruling draws comments

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on June 4 commended the New Orleans-based U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit for unanimously ruling to block a San Antonio federal district court order allowing all qualified voters to vote by mail.

"I applaud the Fifth Circuit for staying the federal court's erroneous decision and preventing widespread mail-in balloting while the case proceeds," Paxton said.

Gilberto Hinojosa, chairman of the Texas Democratic Party, disagreed with the ruling, saying, "We find ourselves in the midst of a once-in-a-century pandemic. Voters who are rightfully worried about the safety of in-person voting should have the option to vote by mail. The Constitution prohibits divvying up our rights by our age, gender or race and the Fifth Circuit decision of today would allow voters of a certain age different voting rights than the rest of us."

Party holds convention

The Texas Democratic Party conducted its first digital, online convention June 1 to June 6.

Over those days, the party took up a slate of issues such as vote-by-mail, education, textbook censorship, racism, religious freedom, LGBTQ rights and reproductive rights.

Virtual attendees participated in live panels, training and regular party business.

A virtual debate was held June 6 between state Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, and former Air Force helicopter pilot M.J. Hegar. The two are in a runoff to decide who will face Republican U.S. Sen. John Cornyn in the November general election.

Cenotaph move opposed

State Rep. Kyle Biedermann,

R-Fredericksburg, last week asked Gov. Abbott to halt the relocation of the Alamo cenotaph, a 60-foot-tall stone sculpture erected in 1939 to honor the defenders of the Alamo in the historic 1836 battle.

Under a \$450 million plan to redevelop the historic zone approved by the state and the City of San Antonio, the cenotaph would be moved from Alamo Plaza to a spot by the Menger Hotel, a short distance away.

Biedermann, in a June 4 letter to Abbott, complained that the proposed site to relocate the cenotaph is outside of the Alamo battlefield footprint. Biedermann asked the governor to insist that the cenotaph remain in place. The governor's office did not respond to a request for comment before the press deadline.

Revenue total droops

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on June 1 announced state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.61 billion in May, an amount 13.2% lower than the total reported for the month of May 2019, marking the steepest year-over-year decline since January 2010.

Declines in sales tax receipts hit all major economic sectors except telecommunications services, Hegar said. The steepest decline was in collections from oil and gas mining as energy companies cut spending on well drilling and completion following the recent crash in oil prices, he added.

Also, Hegar said, business closures and restrictions and stay-at-home orders due to the COVID-19 pandemic spurred deep drops in collections from restaurants, amusement and recreation services, and physical retail stores. Those declines were offset in part by increases from big box retailers and grocery stores that remained open as essential businesses, online retailers and restaurants that could readily pivot to takeout and delivery service.

Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



Many of us are cautiously re-entering the world as we knew it before March 2020. These past three months modified our schedules, radically for some. Suddenly, this commodity called time was thrust upon us. The usual summer routine of sleeping later, watching television, and reading came three months early. March, April, and May became the best of times and the worst of times, particularly for those with tax-deductible offspring.

The best? Maybe you and your family reconnected. The spring semester in school is by far the busiest, and many families found themselves with kids at home instead of after-school practice for sports or one-act. Rodeos and part-time jobs were put on hold. Because of this, your family unit may have rediscovered meals (and conversation) around the table. Perhaps movie night was every night during the pandemic. Gasoline was saved, eating out minimized, and brothers and sisters actually interacted.

The worst? Missing out on spring sports and theater and academic competition put your kids in the worst of moods. When in the worst of moods, the last thing they wanted to do was interact with their siblings or parents. The online learning was a recipe for procrastination, and missing out on proms and end-of-school awards banquets just blew up what little chance small-town kids had for a formal social gathering.

Now that the worst is presumably behind us—barring a second wave—it might be beneficial to really examine what we ingested during this unprec-

edented moment. With what did we fill our time? How did we keep our sanity? What was our go-to when it came to entertainment or physical activity? Was there any structure to your circumstances in March, April, and May? Instead of dwelling on what you had to shut out (anxiety), I hope it was a chance to use the slow down to fill up empty tanks.

Author C.S. Lewis gave us a jewel of a story with *The Screwtape Letters*. Lewis formatted the book as correspondence from Screwtape (the Devil) to his nephew Wormwood (demon-in-training), instructing Wormwood on how to steal the soul of a new Christian convert. In Chapter 4, Screwtape offered Wormwood a provocative observation: "It is funny how mortals always picture us as putting things into their minds: in reality our best work is done by keeping things out."

Many people grow up being cautioned what not to read or watch or imagine because it might make them go to hell. That might apply to pornography and drugs. But, I had friends who could not watch *The Wizard of Oz*, students who could not read *Harry Potter*, and acquaintances that

refused to acknowledge any other religious writing other than the Bible.

By keeping things out, Screwtape reasoned, a person is less likely to be aware. A person will miss out on knowledge that exposes evil. A person may deny themselves the chance to learn and grow. This is exactly what Screwtape wanted.

We do not have to wait until a pandemic to broaden our world. Yes, too much cooking and baking will broaden us in other ways, but it will not matter if you gain ten pounds eating homemade cookies because you will be en-"lightened." Start that workout, take up some form of art, read a controversial book and decide for yourself, or get out in the shop and build something. One thing I tried during the past few weeks was watching documentaries or movies made by reputable film makers such as Ken Burns or Steven Spielberg. Their portrayals of real-life events reinforced but also awakened new perspectives about the Roosevelts, the Dust Bowl, Jewish history, and the Civil War.

Put Screwtape and Wormwood out of business. Nurture yourself this summer and find a little heaven on earth.

Dearest friends,

Thank you for all the love and support you have shown to our family during our time of loss. Words cannot express how grateful we are for the food you brought, the encouragement you offered, the acts of service you performed, and memories you shared.

We are forever blessed.

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Burn ban is back

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Tuesday, June 8th at 10:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom of the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, Texas. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.

There were no public comments. Minutes from the May 26th meeting were read and approved. Commissioners approved the payment of the accounts payables as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May. The Treasurer's Report was also approved.

Commissioners approved an upgrade to the office of Justice of the Peace Pct. 2 Deena Leuea. The \$3,375.00 project will include adding some plexiglass, a new door, and other detail work. The office is located at 301 Gardner St. in Bovina.

Due to the increasing drought conditions in the county, a burn ban was approved by the Court. The 90-day ban on all burning in the county went into effect at 12:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 9th. **NOTE: If the wind speed is less than 10 miles per hour, you can still schedule a burn by calling the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and the appropriate local fire department.** Burning during the ban without calling local authorities can result in a \$500 citation and the possibility of other legal liabilities.

Sheriff Randy Geris reported that he was currently

housing 22 inmates in the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center. Commissioners approved a \$9,881.00 computer software agreement for the Center. Consideration of the agreement had been tabled at the last meeting.

Parmer County Judge Trey Ellis said that as of Monday, June 8th there were 99 reported cases of COVID-19 in the county. The numbers by city were 19 in Bovina, 7 in Farwell, and 73 in Friona. These numbers include people who also live outside of a particular city limit area. The number of recoveries is difficult to estimate because those who have tested positive have been reluctant to speak with local health department officials when contacted. **Judge Ellis would still like to encourage everyone to wash their hands often, wear a mask, and stay 6' away. Stay safe!!!**

Work is progressing on the Highway 60 construction project from Farwell back east to Wilcey Switch. On the horizon is the Parmerton to Bovina project. Also, all of the utility work has been done on the FM 145 project so it is now ready for the road crew.

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



4-Layer Dessert



Ingredients

Homemade Dairy Whipped Topping:

- ¼ cup water
- 1 teaspoon unflavored gelatin
- ½ teaspoon cream of tartar
- 2 cups whipping cream, divided
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

First Layer:

- 1 stick (½ cup) butter, softened
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup chopped pecans

Instructions

For Topping: Combine water and gelatin in a small saucepan; let sit until gelatin softens, about 5 minutes. Place pan over low heat and stir until gelatin dissolves; cool completely. In a large deep bowl combine cream of tartar and 1 tablespoon whipping cream; mix until cream of tartar is completely dissolved. Add remaining cream and sugar. Whip mixture until soft peaks form, about 2 minutes. Slowly add gelatin mixture and whip until stiff peaks form, about 1 minute. Add the vanilla.

For First Layer: Preheat oven to 350°F. In a bowl beat butter and sugar. Add flour and beat until mixed well; add pecans. Press into a 9x13-inch pan. Bake for 15 minutes; cool.

For Second Layer: Beat cream cheese with powdered sugar. Fold in half of topping. Spread over crust.

For Third Layer: Beat pudding mix and milk for two minutes. Spread over second layer.

For Fourth Layer: Spread with remaining half of topping and sprinkle with pecans. Refrigerate several hours before serving.

Photo/Recipe courtesy of Dairy MAX

Summer is here, and so is the heat! This four-layer dessert is a treat to cool you off and sure to be a hit at your next backyard barbecue. From the bottom, up: a crunchy pecan layer, then a cheesecake-like layer, a chocolate pudding layer and topped off with a made-from-scratch dairy whipped topping. Stick this dessert in the refrigerator several hours before serving for maximum chill.

Second Layer:

- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- ½ Homemade Dairy Whipped Topping

Third Layer:

- 2 (3.9-ounce) packages chocolate instant pudding mix
- 3 cups milk

Fourth Layer:

- ½ Homemade Dairy Whipped Topping
- ¼ cup chopped pecans



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1. Superman	7. Spider-Man	1. telepathy, F
2. Wonder Woman	8. Thor	2. speed, A
3. Hulk	9. Captain America	3. X-ray vision, B
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5. TeenTitans Go	11. Iron Man	5. force field, D
6. Wolverine	12. The Incredibles	6. teleportation, E

Plant science discovery may help treat allergies and immune deficiencies

Texas A&M AgriLife research study sheds light on first steps of immune defense against microbes

By Olga Kuchment

A collaboration led by Texas A&M AgriLife researchers has identified an early immune response step that could have broad-ranging implications for crop, animal and human health.

The work could lead to positive impacts in both agriculture and medicine by uncovering new ways to improve immune responses. For example, the work creates new ideas for treating allergies and immune deficiencies.

"We discovered a fine-tuned mechanism for how the host recognizes microbial components and quickly activates the immune response," said Libo Shan, Ph.D., the study's corresponding author and director of the Institute for Plant Genomics and Biotechnology, Texas A&M AgriLife Research. "It's a phenomenon that is conserved in plants, humans and animals."

The study results were published in the scientific journal *Nature* on May 14. Coauthors included Ping He, Ph.D., professor in the Texas A&M Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics, and colleagues from Ghent University in Belgium, the University of Missouri-Columbia, Oregon State University and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. Grants from the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation and the Robert A. Welch Foundation supported the research.

Two types of immune responses

Humans constantly come across disease-causing germs, but we can fight off most of them. In fact, we are born with the ability to defend against a broad range of bacteria, viruses and fungi.

This part of our immune defense, known as innate immunity, also exists in plants and animals. It kicks in minutes after our cells perceive a microbe. A few days later, another level of defense, the adaptive immune system, also builds up. This level of defense occurs in animals and humans.

The innate immune system can be ineffective and unable to fight off diseases, or it can overreact in different ways that are detrimental to good health.

Because the building blocks of innate immunity are conserved across species, Shan and her collaborators decided to conduct their study on a small model plant,



Arabidopsis, the model plant used in the study. Photo by Keith Weller, USDA Agricultural Research Service

Arabidopsis, that is easy to grow and manipulate genetically.

Creating a new paradigm

The team performed cellular, biochemical, genetic and transgenic experiments on Arabidopsis, following clues from their previous work. The results paint a picture of the very first steps of Arabidopsis' immune response to a bacterial infection.

To understand that picture, imagine soldiers steadfastly watching for attackers from a castle wall. If invaders attack, the soldiers take them prisoner and send a message to the king. This message is the first response to an imminent invasion.

Something similar happens in an Arabidopsis cell, which is like the castle in the anecdote. Specialized proteins at the cell wall 'watch' for evidence of invasion. When they detect a part of a bacterium's swimming mechanism, a flagellum, they grab the flagellum. To send a message to the 'king,' or the cell nucleus, the 'soldiers' use different approaches. One approach, the recent study discovered, is to attach a small protein, ubiquitin, to a messenger protein called BIK1.

When the signal is relayed

to the cell nucleus, the message is deciphered. Reinforcements are sent to the cell wall and beyond.

"This immediate response allows the cell to quickly respond by mobilizing a signaling relay and cellular energy and making metabolic changes," Shan said.

Agricultural and human applications

"Our study fills a critical gap in the early signal transduction step," Shan said. "So, from both the agricultural perspective and the human health perspective, this discovery holds potential for strategic development."

The rapid signal the team discovered might help monitor the immune response in humans, Shan said. "Our study lays the foundation for screening drug targets involved in ubiquitin modification," she added.

And, in agriculture, the discovery could help breed plants with stronger resistance to a broad spectrum of infections, Shan said.

"This will generate impacts in both agricultural practice and human health, to fine-tune immunity," she said. "We provided fundamental knowledge contributing to general science advancement."



OBITUARIES



Norma Charlene Russell Whitten

Norma Charlene Russell Whitten, 86, of Bovina peacefully passed and went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on June 2, 2020, in Amarillo, Texas. Viewing was held from 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Thursday, June 4, 2020 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home with family visitation from 5:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. Celebration of Life Graveside Services were held 10:30 A.M. Friday, June 5, 2020 at the Bovina Cemetery with Steve Friskup of Muleshoe officiating. Burial following by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Norma was born on September 9, 1933, in Miami, Texas, to Charley B. and Alene Coffee Russell. She attended school in Miami until her junior year of high school when she and her family moved to a farm south of Claude in Armstrong County. She graduated from Claude High School in May 1951. She then attended West Texas State College, now West Texas State A&M, in Canyon, graduating in 1958 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Education.

Norma married Earl F. Whitten of Carey, Texas, on November 11, 1954, in Claude. In 1965, they were blessed with their only son, Bret. They made their home in Amarillo until 1966 when they moved to Bovina. She



would spend the next 54 years in Bovina, serving the community she loved in many capacities. She served on the Bovina School Board for 12 years and was President for several years. She also served the district as a substitute teacher and was a Club Scout Den Mother. She was active in her church, helping with VBS for many years. She emceed pageants and other civic activities and was active in the Women's Study Club for many years. Norma was honored by this community in 1974 as "Woman of the Year."

She loved being outside and had one of the most beautiful yards and flower gardens in town. She also loved to sew and enjoyed making her family members outfits and blankets.

To many she was Norma. To others she was Mrs. Whitten. But to those she loved so dearly she was Mom, Maka, and Nannie. Her love for and

impact on her family will always be a presence, influencing generations to come. She will also be remembered for her strength through numerous health trials, including being a twice-survivor of breast cancer.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Kay Hungate and her husband Larry Hungate.

She is survived by her husband of over 65 years, Earl, and her son, Dr. Bret Whitten and wife Sherri of Bovina; three grandchildren, Megan Whitten Taylor and husband Jared of Canyon; Colby Whitten of Farwell, and Chloee Whitten of Bovina; and a precious great-grandson Kyler Taylor of Canyon. She also had a host of nieces and nephews and a very special friend/caregiver, Debbie Smith, whom she loved very much.

The family requests memorials be made to Parmer Medical Center, 1307 Cleveland St, Friona, TX 79035; Prairie Acres Nursing Home / Heritage Assistant Living Estates, 201 E 15th St, Friona, TX 79035.

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

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Gaspar Jimon Tipaz

Gaspar Jimon Tipaz, infant son of Isabel Jimon Hernandez and Maria Tipaz AC of Friona passed away June 3, 2020 in Friona. Viewing was held beginning at 6:30 P.M. on Friday June 5, 2020 at Iglesia Evangelica Nueva Jerusalem in Friona with Celebration of Life Services set for 10:00 A.M. Saturday, June 6, 2020 at Iglesia Evangelica Nueva Jerusalem with Pastor Benito Mejia, officiating. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



Survivors include his parents of Friona, 1 sister- Tomasa Tipaz AC, grandparents- Miguel Jimon Ortiz of Friona, Simona Hernandez Miranda of Guatemala and Gaspar Tipaz Perez of Cactus, Texas.

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Hansard Family
Funeral Home

Margie Roberts Herring

Margie Roberts Herring, 95 of Friona passed away June 8, 2020 in Lubbock.

Viewing will be held 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Thursday, June 11, 2020 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home with Celebration of Life Graveside Services set for 10:30 A.M. Friday, June 12 in the Friona Cemetery with family officiating. Burial following by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Margie was born Oct 14, 1924 in Ladonia Tx to Jim and Mamie Roberts. She had 6 siblings that she remained close to all their lives. She especially cherished her time and close relationship with her sisters Wanda and Evelyn. Their spirit and fun filled every room they were in. Her family moved to the South Plains where she was valedictorian of her 8th grade class in Fieldton. She graduated from Amherst, Tx where she met and fell in love with D.C. Herring. They married April 22, 1944 and began a wonderful life that started with her being a war bride and working and traveling from base to base as D.C. trained. When the war ended they had a new baby, Glen, and Carolyn and Tim soon followed. After farming a bit, they moved to Friona where she has lived for the last 71 years. There she was an active part of their business, Herring Imp. Co. for 40



years She also was involved with numerous organizations, her children's activities, church, & the school. But her greatest involvement was with her family. She cherished them all and set a wonderful example of love, kindness, patience, strength of character, intelligence, generosity, living, and fun.

She was a friend to all and a giver of her time, talent, compassion, friendliness, wisdom, and warmth. She shared food, money, laughter, a listening ear and grace with so many. She especially loved and was good at dominoes, traveling, and living life to the fullest.

She loved the Lord, DC, her family, her friends, America, and Friona...and has been a gift beyond measure to all who've been blessed to know her. There has never been an easier person to love or be with. We cherish our wonderful time we spent with her. Her legacy includes her 3 children and their spouses, 10 adored grandchildren, 25

great children and 2 great, great grandchildren. Now that's a life worth cherishing!

She is preceded in death by her parents, her brothers and sisters, her beloved husband of 67 years, D.C. Herring; and 2 precious granddaughters Jill Herring Cotoia, and Jamie Herring. Margie is survived by her children, Glen and wife, Mickey Herring, Carolyn and husband, David Carson & Tim and wife, Judy Herring.

Grandchildren and families Richie, Blaire Herring & Will, Macy, Zoe, Charlie and Stevie Jill; Kriste and Neil Haile & Holly, Conner and Trevor; Jennifer and Stephen Ogle & Carson, Cooper, and Sunny J; Wade and Kim Carson & Kate, Libby, and Brady; Jay Fred and Jenny Carson & Max, Margie, and Case; Terry and Dean Malone & Kennedy, Skeet, Charlie Jen, and Molly; Kellie and Casey Renner and Scott, Grant and Cameron, and Hayley Herring & Blake and London Also Jill and Scott Cotoia's children, Kyle, Colby, and Jake. Great granddaughters; Presley Jill, and Allie.

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Hansard Family
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PARMER COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Parmer County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2021 fiscal year.

The Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Parmer County Appraisal District Office Boardroom, 305 3rd Street, Bovina, Texas

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget is \$629,459.00.

The total amount of increase over the current year's budget is \$43,800.00.

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be 4.

The number of employees compensated under the current budget is 4.

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the Parmer County Appraisal District Board of Directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school district, and cities served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for the public inspection at the Parmer County Appraisal District Office.


Parmer County Appraisal District

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I help my family by helping my Mom clean my chinchilas cage We open his cage thing and we take the board out and clean it and wash it then put it back. He even has wood chips in there so his feet won't hurt.

Alariah Pena
PreK 1st Place


Colt Carthel
1st Place Kindergarten



Elian is a great friend. Because he lets me be the boss of the game. He helps me when I need it and I help him with Math. And Today he helped me open my locker and I said Thank you. The first day of school and we played and we have a great time we share stories together. He loves me.

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And Today I w pind mi loc and I sed Thacw you on the first day av scool and we pae and we hav a grar tim We shre stries twgth and lve m

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Yuvia Arias
1st Grade 1st Place

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Mighty Writers

Kindness Poem! Alizah Dominguez
5th grade 1st place

- 1 Kindness, kindness in the air,
- 2 In the sky is blue color,
- 3 Share, share never glare,
- 4 Sharing is good, that is care,
- 5 Helping, helping that is good,
- 6 Giving, giving people food,
- 7 Always supporting, protecting,
- 8 You always there, you are caring,
- 9 I love you as a friend,
- 10 You always there to defend,
- 11 When people bother you and stare,
- 12 You'll have a friend that'll be there,
- 13 If you ever feel a little pain,
- 14 I'll always be there to take away the pain,
- 15 Sometimes you may look at you thomb,
- 16 But sometimes it might be a bum,
- 17 When you are feeling to cry,
- 18 Always look up at the night sky,
- 19 When you have a mean bully,
- 20 They act very fuly,
- 21 Tickle, tickle at my feet,
- 22 Never, never get a bully treat!

TREAT OTHERS THE WAY YOU WANT TO BE TREATED! NEVER BUNY!

The day people were happ Analee Aragon
3rd grade 1st Place

One day I saw this homeless man under a tree at the park. I said would you like some food. He said yes. So I bought him food. He was so happy he had a huge smile on his face. I said pass it on being nice to three more people. He said I will. So we both said bye to each other. So he went to go find someone who needs help. This woman needed help finding her phone. He said I will help you. He found her phone in the bush. She said thank you so much. He said your welcome. He also said can you please being nice to two more people she said okay. So she told some people if they needed help find there was a man who really wanted a hotdog. But he didn't have enough money. He only needed two more dollars. So the woman gave him the money. He said thank you so much. She said your very welcome. So she told the man to be nice to one more person. He said sure. So he found a little girl stuck in a tree. He got the little girl down. And she went back with her mom.

The Day of Kindness. Owen Daniels
2nd grade 1st place

One day somebody lost there car keys in the park. I looked for a few hours then I found them! They were in the slide. Then that person went to find a person who needed some help. He helped the mare who dropped his bread case. Then the mare went to find a nother person that needed help. The mare found a boy named billy. His bike had flat tire. The mare found a air pump to blow up the tire. Then billy went to find another person who needed help. Billy found a girl named Abby and she was lost in the woods. So billy showed Abby the way out and Abby went to find a nother person who needed help. Abby found a boy that was Home less so she said I can give you a home on main street. The boy said Thank you very much. Then the boy went to find some one who needed some help the boy found a girl named Abby.

A Kid pushed her and she skrape Her knee. The boy said Are you ok? yes. Abby said where do you live? asked the boy I live on 10th Street. she said well lets take you home he said. And All threw that day Every one was being kind!

Student Name: Kennedy Ashlock 4th grade 1st Place
Date: 2-28-20
Subject: Writing

From zero to hero! One dog's journey from stray to hero.

One morning as we were getting ready for school I went out to feed my dog, Shooter. When I opened the door he didn't come in. My mom and dad went to see where he was. Six, seven minutes later they came in and asked what was wrong and they said Shooter was dead. I was too young to understand what was going on but mom explained and I cried and pink. When I got to school I didn't do much. I sat in the corner and didn't talk. My teacher asked me what was wrong. When I said my dog was dead she gave me a stuffed dog because she knew how it felt to lose a dog. School started and Cristil asked why I was blue. I shared with her and she started crying. She knew Shooter very well.

The next day came there was a knock on my door. I went to see who it was. I was Cristil and she had a dog with her. She found a stray dog and took him home. Her mom said she couldn't keep him. She said, "I'm sorry your dog died and she gave me the best. I was thinking my mom would take the dog to the pound, but she loved him. We named him teddy. I loved teddy. He was my best friend. Mom even let him sleep in my room at night.

One night teddy would not settle down. He kept going to the door and whining while I was trying to sleep. I finally gave up and went to let him out. There was smoke everywhere. teddy ran though the house barking. he went to mom and dad's room then to my brother then back to me. We all got outside safely. teddy saved us. teddy is a hero. even Dad said so, and he doesn't like dogs!

Gas Prices Rise For Sixth Straight Week

By GasBuddy

For the sixth consecutive week, the national average price of gasoline has risen, posting a gain of 4.3 cents per gallon over the last week to \$2.02 according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million individual price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country. The average price of diesel rose 0.1 cents to \$2.41 per gallon over the same period.

"It's no surprise that gasoline prices have increased for the sixth straight week as gasoline demand has hit its highest level since early March as Americans are returning to the roads," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "With OPEC extending its large oil production cuts until at least July, oil prices continue to rally. In Sunday eve-

ning trade, a barrel of WTI crude oil briefly touched \$40 per barrel, the highest level in months thanks to rebounding demand for oil and gasoline as well as the previous production cuts. While I don't see oil's strength holding too long given that oil demand remains 20-25% below a year ago, I believe the anxiety pushing oil prices up is coming from the fact that the economy may be recovering quicker than most anticipated. For now, motorists will likely continue to see gas prices rising for the weeks ahead."

Crude oil prices continued to rally over the last week on positive economic data. In early trade Monday morning, a barrel of West Texas Intermediate crude oil reached \$38.62 per barrel, up from \$35.38 per bar-

rel and after briefly hitting \$40 in overnight trade. Brent crude oil re-took the key \$40 threshold and was last trading at \$41.50, up from \$38.09 per barrel a week ago. Optimism has played a key role in boosting oil prices: OPEC+ has extended production cuts for now while demand continues to rally globally as economies begin to re-open in North America, Europe and Asia. However, Saudi Arabia reminded the market it may not hold its most severe production cuts beyond June to keep oil's rally in check and likely in hopes of holding off a return of U.S. oil production.

At gas pumps across the country, prices continued their rise in nearly all states, albeit a relatively slow rise. The most common U.S. gas price encountered by motor-

ists stood at \$1.99 per gallon, unchanged from last week. The average cost at the price-

est 10% of stations stands at \$2.84 per gallon, unchanged from a week ago, while the

lowest 10% average \$1.57 per gallon, up 4 cents from a week ago.

Notice of Public Hearing

**PARMER COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
2021-2022 REAPPRAISAL PLAN**

The public hearing will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2020, At 6:00pm at the Parmer County Appraisal District Office, located boardroom, 305 3rd Street in Bovina, Texas.

A summary of the Reappraisal Plan is available at the Parmer County Appraisal District Office.

If approved by the Parmer County District Board Members, The Reappraisal Plan will be in effect for 2021-2022.

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Rio Grande Valley watermelon prices and quality high

By Adam Russell

Texas' watermelon growers in the Rio Grande Valley are getting excellent prices and producing high-quality fruit amid low supplies, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert. Juan Anciso, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension vegetable specialist, Weslaco, said watermelons in the Rio Grande Valley were getting to market later than usual, but that quality and prices are setting the stage for a good 2020 season.

Anciso said watermelons there were two weeks behind schedule. He suspects the spread of viral disease via white flies in hoop house crops, which were planted earlier than traditional wa-

termelons, slowed their progress. Harvesting of watermelons under hoop tunnels was supposed to begin April 1 but didn't begin until April 15, he said. By that time, watermelons grown by traditional method in open fields had caught up and were ready for harvest. "We didn't have colder-than-normal weather, so the only thing to explain the crop being behind schedule is the spread of a virus in the earlier-planted crop," he said.

Anciso said the quality of watermelons, especially their brix counts, which measures sweetness, has been high. Brix measures of 7.8-8.2 is somewhat sweet, where 8.3-9 is sweet and anything above 9 is

very sweet. "The melons I've cut in the field and at home have had brix counts between 11 and 13, which is off the charts," he said. "So, quality is way up. It's one of the best seasons as far as quality that I have seen."

High quality creates more questions regarding the delayed maturity, he said. Typically, a viral disease stress will hurt quality and yield if those plants survive. Yields were down, he said, but farmers were reporting adequate amounts per vine to make 2020 a good year at market. High prices could help watermelon growers in the Rio Grande Valley make up for losses during a bad 2019, he

said. Last year, wholesale watermelon prices were 14-16 cents per pound, and farmers incurred losses of \$1,000 per acre on average.

This year, wholesale prices have been steady at 24-25 cents per pound, he said. "We were worried about COVID-19 affecting watermelons because it is a 'social' fruit, but these prices could help producers make up for last year,"

he said. Anciso attributed the high prices to low supplies due to below normal production in Mexico and Florida. Mexico had serious production problems, he said, and very few watermelons were being exported to the U.S. The delay could allow Rio Grande Valley watermelons - which are typically going to market in April and May - to ride the wave of even higher prices

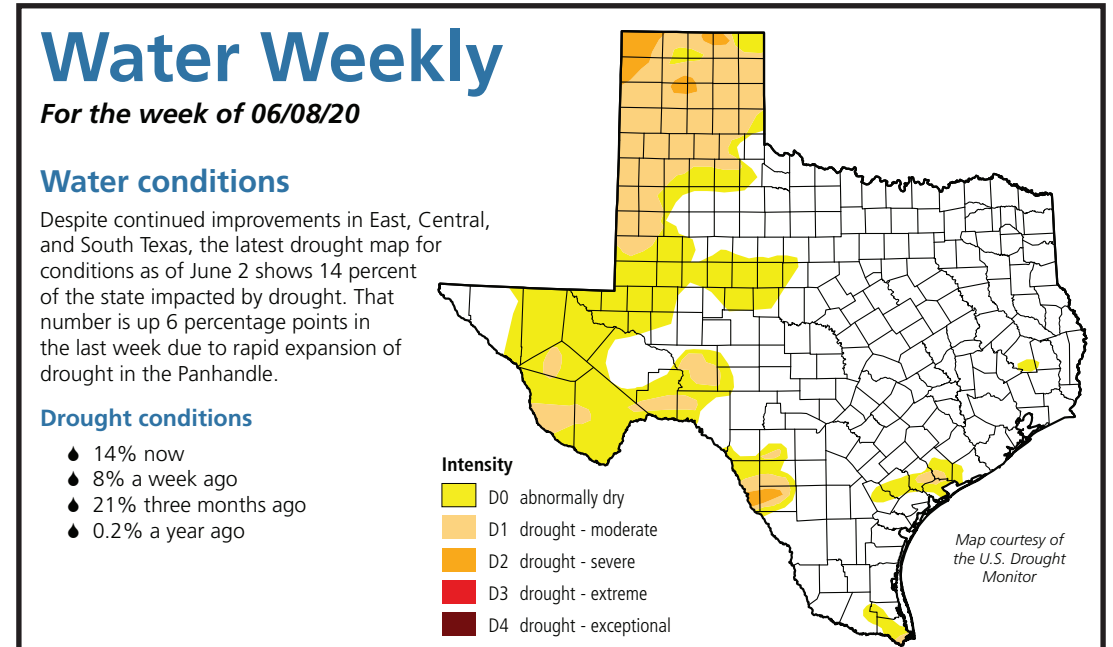
around the Fourth of July holiday week.

"The delay may actually allow some producers to capitalize on the Fourth of July window that historically is the best time to market watermelons," he said. "Despite all the question marks surrounding this season and why watermelons performed the way they did, we expect growers to report a strong season."



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	2017	2018	2019	2010-19 avg.	2020
January	1.63	0.00	0.13	0.60	0.57
February	0.00	0.12	0.42	0.58	0.67
March	1.61	0.18	1.85	0.62	2.10
April	2.36	0.70	1.63	0.81	0.53
May	1.54	1.24	3.15	2.46	0.14
Total	7.14	2.24	7.18	5.07	4.01



Dairy Month Op/Ed:

Dairy farmers and workers are always essential workers

By Darren Turley

As non-essential businesses closed their doors and millions of workers across the country shifted to working online from home during this COVID-19 pandemic, dairy farmers and workers have stayed on the job, on the farm. You can't turn off a cow to put milking on hold, and you can't feed livestock over Zoom.

Just as Texans haven't stopped eating, Texas dairy farms haven't stopped producing healthy, wholesome milk and dairy products to

feed them.

June is National Dairy Month, and it's a great opportunity not only to enjoy milk, ice cream, cheese and other dairy products, but to recognize that dairy farmers and employees are essential workers - not just during this coronavirus crisis, but always.

Dairy farms, milk processors, milk transporters and others in the food supply chain have continued to operate over the recent months, unlike many businesses. But,

like these other businesses, dairies also have been financially hurt during this coronavirus crisis even as they've continued to operate.

In the early weeks of the pandemic, demand for milk, cheese and other dairy products plummeted as exports were disrupted and as restaurants and other food service businesses - which purchase large quantities of milk, cheese and other dairy products - were ordered shuttered.

Dairy farmers found them-

selves with more milk on hand than they could sell, with the national milk supply exceeding demand by 10%. That's a bigger gap than consumer purchasing at the grocery store could fill. And, as mentioned earlier, you can't just turn off a cow; they must be milked at least twice a day. Unfortunately, that caused a short-term dumping of milk by some dairy farmers. Thankfully, this was more widespread in other parts of the country than in Texas.

It's gut wrenching - not to mention a hit to finances - for a dairy farmer to watch his or her milk flowing down a drain, especially at a time when milk was disappearing from grocery stores and a growing number of people

were losing their jobs and needed help to buy food. Dairy farmers and employees work long hours and take a great deal of pride in feeding consumers.

Thankfully, the picture has stabilized some in recent weeks. Farmers are eligible for some federal financial relief, restaurants and other food service businesses are reopening and starting to restock their milk and dairy, and the dairy industry has formed partnerships to supply its products to food banks and other organizations to feed those in need.

Still, these remain difficult times for dairy farmers, who are being forced to make tough decisions in addition to worrying about keeping their families and their

workforce safe and healthy. Yet today, tomorrow and every day after, dedicated dairy farmers and workers across Texas and the nation will get up before the sun rises and start another day of feeding and milking their herds.

The Texas Association of Dairymen hopes you'll join us in thanking them for keeping us all fed, in good and bad times. And during National Dairy Month, you can show some extra support and beat the summer heat by enjoying an extra glass or two of cold milk or your favorite ice cream, cheese or other dairy product.

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TEXAS DAIRY FACTS

- There are **56 DAIRY PROCESSING PLANTS** throughout the state of Texas
- The total amount of milk produced in Texas is about **13.9 BILLION POUNDS**. That's equal to **1.6 BILLION GALLONS**
- Within the United States, Texas is **5th IN MILK PRODUCTION**
- Each dairy cow in Texas provides an average of **2,861 GALLONS OF MILK PER YEAR**. That's equal to **7.84 GALLONS PER DAY**
- The average herd size of those Texas dairy farms is approximately **1,487 MILKING COWS**
- Which places Texas **5th IN NUMBER OF MILK COWS**
- In 2019, the cost of a Texas dairy cow was about **\$1,325**
- The average value of the milk a Texas dairy cow produces in one day is about **\$11.95**
- Cash receipts for the sale of milk by dairy farmers amounted to **\$2.2 BILLION**
- In 2019, Texas dairy exports totaled **\$321 MILLION**

All facts are based on 2019 USDA data. Brought to you by the dairy farm families of Texas. LEARN MORE AT DAIRYMAX.ORG

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