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NEWS BRIEFS

Shark Week Teen Night

The Friona City Pool will host Shark Week Teen Night for Junior High and High School students on Saturday, July 29 from 7-10 p.m. For \$5 enjoy the swimming, a hot dog, coke and watch "Jaws".

Cross Country begins Aug. 1

FHS Cross Country coach Cindy Moreno reminds the students that plan to be on the Cross Country team that practice begins Tuesday, August 1 from 6-8 a.m. or 2-4 p.m. Students must have their physical packet completed before starting practice. Packets can be picked up at the FHS gym from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

FYD service projects needed

Service projects are needed for Friona Youth Dayz Saturday, August 5. If you need something done at your home—tree limbs removed, light bulbs replaced, something hauled to the roll-off, etc.—please contact Teena Hughs at 250-2377. There will be students willing to work, so please don't hesitate to call.

FHS announces schedule pickup

Friona High School Principal Erika Montana announced this week that students are welcome to pick up their schedules during the following dates in the office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.:

Seniors-Monday, August 7

Juniors-Tuesday, August 8

Sophomores-Wednesday, August 9

Freshman Orientation/Open House/Title 1 meeting-Thursday, August 10.

"Upperclassmen, we welcome you and your parents to the Open House and Title 1 meeting!" stated Montana. "Freshmen, you and your parents are welcome pick up your schedules and spend some time in your new building. Enjoy the rest of your summer!"

Friona Youth Dayz August 4-6

Friona Youth Dayz will be held Friday, August 4-Sunday, August 6. All middle school and high school students are welcome to attend any or all activities. Admission is free for all activities.

Friday kicks off at 6 p.m. at the city pool with a See You at the Pool Swimming and Pizza Party. At 8 p.m., the group will go to the first tee of the golf course and hear music by Daniel Hutchins. Featured speaker is Shelby Hutson Mata.

Saturday, everyone is asked to meet at 4 p.m. at Friona Middle School to perform community service projects. Circle of Love hamburgers and Lion's Club fries will be served at 7 p.m. A concert featuring Lifeless 2 Life, a Christian band from Amarillo, will start at 8 p.m.

Sunday, activities will kick off at 6 p.m. at the Friona Middle School with watermelon. At 7 p.m., music will be provided by Victory Church, followed by a message from Turok Tarango, a student and leader at the WT Wesley Foundation.

For any further information, please contact Teena Hughs at 250-2377.

Parmer Co. Courthouse turns 100 years old



By Gladys Spring, Chair Parmer County Historical Commission

The Parmer County Historical Commission will be celebrating the 100th birthday of the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell. The Courthouse was built and occupied in 1917.

The historical commission plans to recognize this milestone with special events at each of the county celebrations.

The first celebration will be Border Town Days in Farwell Saturday, July 29. A special guided tour of the courthouse will be sponsored by the historical commission at 1:30 p.m. To tour the courthouse you must sign up at the historical commission table in front of the courthouse before the tour begins. Only those signing up will be allowed on the tour of the courthouse.

A short history with a photo of the new courthouse in 1917 will be available for visitors at the table in Farwell.

The history books and cemetery book sponsored by the historical commission will be available for sale as well as mounted copies of the painting of the courthouse by Johnye D. Cruse.

The historical commission also sponsors the brick walk at the courthouse around the 1936 monument. Check this out and order a brick or two if you have not done so.

Texas Sales Tax Holiday is Aug. 11-13

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds shoppers they can save money on certain items during the state's annual sales tax holiday. This year, the sales tax holiday is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 11-13.

The law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced below \$100 from sales tax, saving shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend during the weekend.

"Most folks won't hear the back-to-school bell for another month, but it's never too early to take advantage of the opportunity to save money on everything from ball caps to ballpoint pens," Hegar said. "As the father of three young children, I know how these expenses can add up."

Lists of apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax-free can be found on the Comptroller's website at TexasTaxHoliday.org.

This year, shoppers will save an estimated \$87 million in state and local sales taxes during the sales tax holiday.

Texas' tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999.



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THE WINNERS OF THE GOLDEN HAMMERS ARE...The jungle construction team led by, back row, l-r, Cody Stowers, Caden Bunker and Seth Murphree took home the Golden Hammers at the 2nd Annual Kidz Building Camp held last week. Members of the team were, front row, l-r, Aubree Bunker, Cason Stanberry, Bryer Stanberry, Boston Hand and Jett Hand.

A heartfelt journey

Transplant recipient meets donor family

Almost four years ago the Jackson and Samarron family lost their wife, mother, sister, daughter and friend when Delia Jackson succumbed to a brain tumor November 9, 2013 in Amarillo at Baptist St. Anthony Hospital. Delia left behind her husband Billy, a daughter Megan, her brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Delia was an organ donor and there was a four-hour window from the time that Delia passed away and the actual transplant to insure the viability of the heart.

This past weekend Delia's heart returned to Friona in organ recipient Wendy Tarver of Nacogdoches, Texas. This was the first time that Delia's family had met Wendy.

Wendy had had her own journey to being healthy again. Her first heart attack had killed her heart and she was given a heart pump. The heart pump began to give out after seven months just as she got the call that a heart had been located. She made the trip to Houston and Delia's heart was transplanted.

After the transplant, Wendy wanted to know who had donated their heart for her to live. She was told that she needed to wait until the grieving process had passed before contacting the family. So, she waited.

In the meantime, she made a trip to Friona and visited the cemetery. Wendy wasn't sure where Delia was buried but she and her husband split up to find the grave. She told the family

later that she saw a jackrabbit and walked toward it. The rabbit was sitting on Delia's headstone. Wendy left a letter and flowers at the gravesite.

About a year after the transplant, Wendy had another heart attack and had to have a bypass done to her new heart.

Wendy got into contact with Delia's husband Billy and Delia's nieces Cassie Tapia and Bianca Arellano on Facebook and has kept in touch.

Last weekend, Saturday, July 22, family and friends gathered to welcome Wendy, her husband Charles and son Ryan. They met at the home of Richard and Vickie Samarron.

The family celebrated the life Delia had lived and the life that Wendy continues to live due to

Delia's generous donation. Family and friends enjoyed a barbecue lunch.

"It was an amazing weekend," said Richard. "Every time I hugged her it felt right."

There was nothing uncomfortable about the meeting. It was as if Delia was there. Wendy told the family that she felt like she was at home.

An interesting fact that came of the meeting was that Wendy's birthday is December 29, 1971 and Delia's birthday was December 30, 1971.

She admitted that she thought of Delia's daughter Megan all the time even though she had never met her until last Saturday.

After a cookout and time to talk, Wendy, her family and Delia's family went to the cemetery where Wendy laid flowers on her grave.

"I am very, very grateful to the family," said Wendy.

Richard took Wendy and her family to Parmer Medical Center and spoke with Dr. Felipe Jubay, Monia Ann Venhaus and Joshua Beare, friends of Delia. Delia was a Certified Nurse's Aide at PMC.

There were plenty of tears and laughter throughout the day but also a bond was made that will not be broken.

Wendy and her family left Friona on Sunday for a vacation in Colorado.

"On behalf of the Samarron and Jackson families, we want to thank Wendy and her husband for coming to visit us. We are grateful they are part of our family now. We will see you soon Wendy," stated Richard.

To learn more about organ donation go to page 6 for information from the National Foundation for Transplants.



Family and friends came together last Saturday to welcome Delia Jackson's heart recipient Wendy Tarver, right in pink. Pictured are Richard Samarron, Elvira Arellano, Megan Jackson, Billy Jackson, Bianca Arellano, Maria Jass, Vickie Samarron, Cassie Tapia, Anthony Tapia, Desiree Rando, Daniel Valdez, Danhia Rando, Wendy Tarver and Charles Tarver.



Delia Jackson's daughter Megan, left, posed with Wendy Tarver during the barbecue held at Richard and Vickie Samarron's home on Saturday. Wendy, above placed a bouquet of flowers on Delia's grave at the Friona cemetery.

Community Calendar

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

July 27-28

*Squaw Volleyball Camp at FHS Gym 9-11:45 a.m.

July 28

*Shelia Barton at Prairie Acres at 3 p.m.

July 29

*Shark Week Teen Night at the Friona City Pool 7-10 p.m.
*Farwell Border Town Days

July 30

*St. Ann's Annual Jamaica in Bovina

July 31

*"Sew Much Fun" sewing workshop from 6-7:30 p.m. at Bovina XIT Recreation Center

August 1

*Volleyball Two-a-Days begin at 8 a.m. (All participants must have completed physical packets.)
*Cross Country practice begins at 6-8 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. (All participants must have completed physical packets.)

August 4

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

*Friona Youth Dayz Pool & Pizza party at the Friona Swimming Pool at 6 p.m. At 8 p.m. music by Daniel Hutchins and speaker Shelby Hutson Mata.

August 5

*Bovina Bull Town Days
*Friona Youth Dayz service projects at Friona Middle School at 4 p.m. Hamburgers and fries at 7 p.m. Lifeless 2 Life concert at 8 p.m.

August 6

*St. Teresa of Jesus Church Annual Jamaica in Friona
*Friona Youth Dayz watermelon feed at 6 p.m. Music by Victory Family Worship Center followed by speaker Turok Tarango

August 7

*FHS Varsity Volleyball at WT/Holy Cross (Dual) 10a.m./12 p.m.
*FHS Senior Schedule pickup 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

August 8

*FHS JV/C Volleyball vs Tulia at home 3 p.m./4 p.m.
*FHS Junior Schedule pickup 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

August 9

*FHS Sophomore Schedule pickup 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

August 9-16

*Teacher In-service

August 10

*FHS Freshmen Orientation/Open House/ Title 1 Meeting 5:30 p.m. in Auditorium

Country Thoughts

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Thursday, July 27, 2017

To potty or not to potty

The Bathroom Bill has dominated the news for months now. Everyone has an opinion either for or against.

When did it become such an issue? Is it because we have become a country filled with people that have their last nerve exposed?

Is it because we are no longer a country filled with thick-skinned people that mind their own business?

It seems like all we do is look for the one thing that bugs us the most and then focuses on it to the point that we are now telling people where to go to the bathroom. Maybe we need to learn not to pick at the sore and let it heal.

Have we become so self-absorbed that we cannot even use common sense?

I remember my grandmother talking about someone and saying they were 'book-learned' and did not have a lick of common sense to their name.

We have a swamp in Washington that

is filled with 'book-learned' politicians that have forgotten any common sense they may have had before heading out for the bright lights and big city.

Now they are listening to these exposed nerve people and making mountains out of molehills.

I don't want a man in the ladies' room but how many times have you been in the ladies' room and actually known the real sex of the person in the stall next to you?

Do I want a man in the same restroom as my granddaughter? No. Nevertheless, once again, how do we know who the person really is in that stall?

I have had a number of times when the need was desperate and had to go in the men's room before having an accident. I cringed but made sure that it was a one potty bathroom, no man was in sight and locked the door.

The Texas Senate is debating this is-

sue this week. There is no telling what they will come up with as a solution.

Other states have debated and passed resolutions that got very large sporting events and boatloads of money moved away from their state.

What is the answer?

If they build alternative bathrooms, how much will that cost? How much will our taxes and event tickets cost us? Will the restrooms be used the proper way?

Will they have to hire bathroom monitors? What are the questions that a bathroom monitor can ask without stepping on a person's civil rights? Will they have to frisk people before they can enter? Will we need to carry our birth certificates in our purses and wallets?

Will there be 20-page form to be filled out and submitted before going into a public restroom?

How far will they go?

Will this issue go so far as to interfere

with bathrooms in the home?

There are so many variables that have to be addressed. In addition, so many ridiculous questions that need to be asked and answered.

In the end, we will still have to use the restroom. Maybe we can use those 20-page forms as toilet paper and save money.

Who knows? Maybe we just need to use the bathroom in our homes and pray we don't need one when we are out in public.

I see an awful lot of cross-legged people hopping around on one foot hoping they don't have an accident while figuring out if it is safe to go to a public restroom or if they are in the right restroom.

Good luck out there!
"The greatest weapon against stress is our ability to choose one thought over another."~ William James



courtesy photos

Seven Friona Volunteer Fire Department firemen were in Hereford last weekend for training. They worked with the Hereford Fire Department on a number of practice drills.



Texas.gov offers personalization with more enhanced website

The Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) and Texas NIC are pleased to announce a revamped Texas.gov that is focused on delivering an experience that users can tailor to their specific needs. As the state's official website, Texas.gov offers a simple, straightforward, and service-focused design that lets Texans take care of their government business online with ease and convenience. Recently, Texas.gov added some new features that let users further personalize their experience and share it with others.

These new features include:

•Favorites: Users can "favorite" links they use on a regular basis by clicking the star next to many popular services on the site, such as driver license/ID renewal, vehicle registration renewal, vital records, popular occupational and professional licenses, and more. These favorites are stored in the tools area of Texas.gov for quick and easy access later.

•Themes: Two new themes are now available on Texas.gov - Texas State Parks and High Contrast. Texas State Parks was the winning theme from a Twitter poll that Texas.gov conducted earlier this year. This theme features several crowd-sourced photos showcasing the beauty of Texas' parks. And, in keeping with Texas.gov's commitment to provide an accessible website for all Texans, the High Contrast theme better accommodates users with visual impairments.

•Share: This functionality lets users share via email or Twitter the sections of Texas.gov that they find useful or interesting. The website offers more than 1,000 services that can be completed online, as well as direct access to other helpful resources including an agency directory, map, and more. By enabling users to share areas of the site with their "network", the state is continuing to grow awareness and use of this secure, convenient resource.

•Popular Searches: Texas.gov's already powerful search function was further enhanced to provide immediate access to three of the most-searched services on the site: vehicle registration renewal, driver license renewal, and birth certificate request.

•Back-To-Top: Texas.gov's single page, long-scrolling layout now offers users the ability to quickly return to the top of the page with a simple click of the back-to-top button.

In addition to the new features, Texas.gov continues to welcome users with a friendly, approachable tone, delivers an organized, filterable "Find It" table for access to more than 2,500 government services and information links, and offers responsive design and styling to fully accommodate users visiting from a mobile device.



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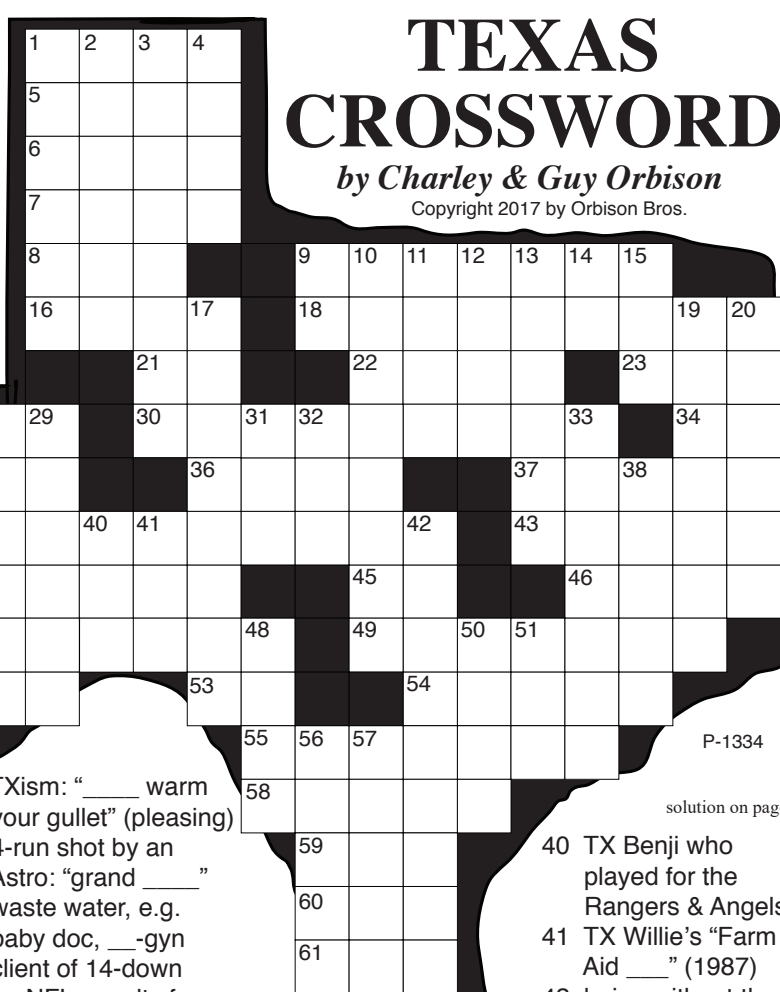
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- ACROSS**
- this Gramm was a U.S. Congressman and Senator from TX
 - TX "Big Bopper" hit: "Chantilly _____"
 - _____ gallon hat
 - TX Tanya Tucker's "_____ Cowboy Lovin' Night" (1977)
 - TXism: "_____ worth didley squat"
 - original NASA astronaut, Gus
 - TXism: "_____ slinging drunk"
 - TX George Foreman won his first in 1973 (2 wds.)
 - Andrews was named for this 1st fatality of TX Revolution (init.)
 - Gulf crab pincer the limit is 75 of these on some TX highways (abbr.)
 - this flew when TX Simone Biles won gold in 2016
 - "Polo on the Prairie" is yearly event at TX _____ Brothers'
 - "Lazy 3 Ranch"
 - Baird High class
 - TX Max McGee was at this university before Green Bay
 - Robert De _____ was in "Cape Fear" with TX Joe Don Baker
 - TXism: "_____ sack" (burlap bag)
 - TX Freddy Fender 1976 hit (3 wds.)

- wear away
 - TX Kenny's 1987 TV film "The Gambler, _____"
 - Chris _____ Doux's first rodeo was in TX
 - fly high
 - this Bobby was SMU coach when "death penalty" was imposed section
 - TX Dennis Quaid 1999 film: "_____ Given Sunday"
 - TX-born film cowboy, Austry (init.)
 - TXism: "heavy as the front end of a John _____"
 - tall, wiry, and thin _____ Jo, TX
 - Larry, Curly, & _____ doctor degrees
 - TXism: "does a wet dog stink?"
- DOWN**
- Cross _____, TX
 - Raymond of 1939 film "Cowboys from Texas"
 - very rare in the Valley (2 wds.)
 - singer Horne
 - this actress Tierney lived her last 30 years in TX (init.)
 - TX team that won 2003 College World Series
 - TXism: "_____ warm your gullet" (pleasing)
 - 4-run shot by an Astro: "grand _____"
 - waste water, e.g.
 - baby doc, _____ gyn
 - client of 14-down
 - an NFL penalty for deriding a player
 - TXism: "_____ 'em juice" (coffee)
 - TX Brynn of 1988 "Hero and the Terror"
 - Austin univer.
 - _____ Ross State
 - "don't _____ your lid"
 - Port _____, TX
 - golf club usually used in a fairway (2 wds.)



solution on page 4

- TX Benji who played for the Rangers & Angels
- TX Willie's "Farm Aid _____" (1987)
- being without the necessities of life talk back to
- this Pete wrote "North Dallas 40"
- actress Ryan
- this Wynette was married to TX George Jones
- TX Simone Biles won gold in _____ Janeiro in 2016

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Friona's official weather guy, John Gurley, reported that Friona received .46 of rain on Monday evening and .54 for the first five days. "So exactly an inch for the month, so far!" Thanks John.

Two-a-days are just around the corner for FHS football, volleyball and cross country. Volleyball and cross country start next Tuesday, August 1 and football begins Monday, August 7.

If you need trees limbs hauled off, light bulbs replaced, something hauled off to the roll-off boxes, remember to call Teena Hughs to book a time during Friona Youth Dayz on Saturday, August 5. Call her at (806) 250-2377 to reserve a time.

Ron has been spending time at Parmer Medical Center while he was awaiting kyphoplasty scheduled for today, July 27, in Amarillo. He had a compression fracture to his spine that was causing him extreme pain. Kyphoplasty is a procedure to insert cement between the compressed vertebrae to relieve the pain. He will be back in Friona on Friday. Please keep him in your prayers.

New Friona Primary students and parents need to remember to register Monday, July 31 or

Tuesday, August 1. If your child was registered in April 2016 or your child is a returning student there is no need to register again.

New enrollees are asked to bring their child's Social Security card, birth certificate, shot record, parent or guardian identification, proof of address and, if registering for Pre-K, last year's W-2 or proof of income.

If you are looking for something to fill your weekend, head on over to Farwell for Border Town Days on Saturday or St. Ann's Jamaica in Bovina on Sunday.

If you are a caregiver, make plans to attend the next Caregiver Coffee Break on Friday, August 4 at the First National Bank Community Room. The break starts at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and donuts followed by encouragement at 10 a.m. All area caregivers are invited to take a break!

Keep the Action for an Ambulance Fund in mind. They are collecting funds for a new ambulance to service this area. Contact Kitty Gallman, Kathryn Gurley or Sharon White for more information.

The County Historical Com-

mission will have tours of the Parmer County Courthouse at Border Town Days on Saturday. The tour begins at 1:30 p.m. and you must be signed up to be on the tour. The courthouse is officially 100 years old this year.

Harvest Days in Dimmitt is coming up Saturday, September 9. If you want a booth contact Donna at (806) 647-2243.

If you are junior high or high school age, head on over to the Friona Swimming Pool from 7-10 p.m. Saturday, July 29 for Shark Week Teen Night. For \$5, you get to swim, enjoy a hot dog, coke and watch the epic shark movie "Jaws". Sounds like a fun time.

The Friends of the Library Book Shoppe is having a Christmas in July event. Any book related to Christmas is free during the event. The Book Shoppe is open on Thursday from 10 a.m.

to 12 p.m. They will be closed Thursday, August 10. If you are looking for a book or a gift, stop by and check out the selection. Books are sold for \$1 a bag.

I would like to take a moment and thank all the contributing writers to the Friona Star. They are doing an awesome job with their columns and additions to the Star. Thank you!

The mammography coach from Harrington Breast Center in Amarillo will be in Friona at Parmer Medical Center, 1307 Cleveland Ave. on Tuesday, August 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-377-4673 to schedule your mammography.

According to AgriLife Extension Service, farmers need to be ever vigilant in their hunt for bollworms. I have never seen a bollworm but they are a pretty tough customer when it comes to the destruction of cotton.

Last week at the Senior Health Fair, Parmer Medical Center was giving out brains. They were small and blue squeeze balls shaped like brains. They were also handing out adult coloring books and map colors to exercise my brain.

PMC will be offering an Exercise Your Brain seminar on Monday, August 14 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Speech Language Pathologist Lynsie Cleavinger will be conducting the seminar.

Last Thursday afternoon, I received a call from a supposed government agency that offered to give me a Federal Grant for \$9,500. No charge and I didn't have to pay it back. I figured it was fishy but took down the information the foreign sounding man gave me. I was to call a phone number to have my number activated. Still sounded fishy.
So I called the number and got

a foreign sounding woman that told me I needed to go to a Moneygram location and purchase a \$250 gift card to be turned over and I would receive my \$9,500 plus my \$250 would be returned. I did not have a spare \$250 to blow, so I told her I needed to pass. She assured me that they could keep my account open until I came up with the money. FISHY!

After a brief discussion, I hung up and went to the Friona Police Department. Sure enough I was right, it was fishy and a scam.

Beware of strangers offering you free money...it isn't free.

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." - Mark Twain

iPad checkout schedule

Attention parents of 6th-10th graders! iPad Checkouts will be held at Friona High School Cafeteria.

August 3rd @ 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

August 12th @ 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Parents must attend checkout with student, and can attend without student if the student has other obligations. New students must be registered to attend school before checking out an iPad.

Castro County Fair booths

If you are interested in a booth at the Castro County Fair / Harvest Days on Saturday, September 9, 2017 in Dimmitt, TX, please contact Donna at 647-2243 or dsr60@windstream.net. Remember it is first come, first served, and booths inside the Expo go fast. Booths range from \$30 to \$45 depending on where they are, and if you need electricity.

Cheerleading Camp

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Friona Flashbacks



News from the week of July 27, 1967

*Work is progressing at Missouri Beef Packers, with construction approaching the height of activity.

At present time, 24 men are working full time on various states of construction. Within 30 days, Rufus Davis, plant manager, says he expects to have 70 men working in a daytime shift and 70 working a night shift, when things really reach "high gear."

*Mike Wooley, co-captain of the 1966 Friona Chieftains football team, has been selected to play in the 1967 Greenbelt Bowl at Childress August 12.

Kathy Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cook, has been nominated by Wooley as Friona's entrant in the Greenbelt Bowl Queen's Contest.

*Official moisture measured by the City of Friona for 1967 has surpassed that measured in the city for a comparable period in 1966.

*Coach Dale Houlette was feted with a surprise "Thank you" party by members of the BJ Bees baseball team in his home Monday night.

Those present besides Houlette were J. Cranfill, Wade Jameson, Johnny Rando, Phillip

Duggins, Randy Melton, Donald Menefee, Don Maynard, Johnny Jones, and Donald Miller.

*FOURTEEN NAMES ADDED... These members of the local library reading club completed reading the required number of books to merit having their names added to the clubs honor roll. They are Debbie Fallwell, Terry Wilcox, Pam Hensley, Dan Dean, Mark Edelson, Mark Dean, Randh Boeckman, David Woodard, GiGi Spring, Pam Jarecki, Angela Horton, Sherri Grant and Eddie Allen. Fifty-nine names are now on the honor roll.

*Rev. I.S. Ansley has been the pastor of the Calvary Baptist Mission since 1955. His congregation now numbers 57 members, with 46 members enrolled in Sunday School. Rev. Ansley has been preaching for 26 years, and has held pastorships in other area cities.

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WTAMU helps former students complete degrees

Former students who left West Texas A&M University just short of graduating now have the option to return and earn their bachelor's degree through the new "It's Never Too Late" (INTL) program. The deadline to apply for INTL is August 4 for the 2017 fall semester.

The program is designed for those who have completed at least 90 college hours and attended WTAMU in the last 10 years. Flexible class options are available, and a special INTL adviser will work with students to develop a graduation plan.

"We've identified more than 1,000 former students who have completed a majority of their coursework but never graduated," Dr. Walter Wendler, WTAMU president, said. "We want to help them realize their dream of earning a degree, and our "It's Never Too Late" program can certainly do that for them. INTL is a flexible path to graduation, and we are excited to offer this option to our students whose studies were interrupted, for whatever reason." Getting started in the INTL

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Why Worry?

By TEENA HUGHES

Why do we worry about the unknown? Why do we create problems in our minds? Why don't we trust God to handle things for us? Last week, I ended my column saying I was going to be with a group of people that were neither spiritually or politically in agreement with me, and it was bothering me. I also said that God had told me to show them grace. I prayed I would be grace to them, do and say exactly what God would have me say and do, and as a result, He would be glorified. God came through for everyone. Not only did I not say anything I would have taken back or was sorry I said, no one in my presence did either. It was a very pleasant, enjoyable weekend, with very few comments about politics or God. Feller spoke about absolute truths in our mini church service. I know some of them do not agree with his statement about homosexuality and abortion, but no one seemed upset about it. Even the most liberal-minded person told him he did a good job. He simply spoke God's truth, and he encouraged them to read God's Word and get to know Him. I don't feel like I had to show much grace this weekend, mainly because everyone was respectful of everyone else. Hopefully they listened to Feller's message and will start thinking about God more, reading their Bible more, being more loving and grace-providing themselves. We hope we obeyed God, and we are going to let Him handle the rest. Feller and I are a minute part of God's plan; we just had to be willing to do what He asked. And, look what happened? It turned out to be a great weekend!!! I had nothing to worry about after all.

Divided?

REV. JOE SCHULTE, Pastor, Union Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

It doesn't take much to see how greatly our country is divided. Watch news clips. Read social media. Talk with family. There are chasms between conservative and liberal, the coasts and middle America, rich and poor, religious and non-religious, one religion and another religion... The list goes on and on. The differences have gotten to the point where they are fueled by anger and derision. Some families have even told me they cannot discuss the issues of the day without devolving into shouting matches. It seems more about winning than seeking solutions to our problems. For me it has become a depressing state of affairs. Will this continue? Will our divisions become deeper and more exacerbated? As a person of faith, I hope not. Actually, as I've reflected upon my faith, I've seen some possibilities for healing. First, when we look at each other, particularly those who are different than we are, we must not see them as "other." If we move away from strict categorization, we can look into the eyes of others and see that they, too, are creations of God who deserve to be treated with dignity. They are human beings like us, who have many shared needs and desires. My faith has also taught me to seek to be a good listener. I must admit this is not always easy, but it is the goal. When someone speaks to us, how many times do we find ourselves not hearing what they say, but rather calculating our snappy retort? To really understand another, we can listen beyond a person's words to the meaning behind them. We might find ourselves being able to state their case at least as well as they can. Let me be clear: this doesn't mean we agree. It does mean we might begin to see that we share the same needs and hopes. The other thing Jesus taught me was to begin with a vision. He came speaking of the kingdom of God being near, and spent his life, words and deeds embodying that vision. I wonder if one of the reasons for our great divides is that we have lost the sense of what can be. There seems to be little sense of the greater good. It seems that we want to isolate ourselves from others. We want what is best for us as individuals, and have forgotten we're all in this together. What if the founders of our country had said, "Look, I'm rich and comfortable. Why would I risk that in the long-shot hope that we will win independence from England?" If we start with a shared vision, we might find shared solutions. My faith lets me know that God hurts when we are divided. That's why I pray for the healing of divisions and a renewed sense of unity for all. Maybe one day families can sit down to dinner and calmly discuss the issues of the day.

~Psalm 44~ Why, Lord?

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Sometimes life just doesn't add up, according to our calculations, especially when devastation moves in and we are left searching for answers. The death of a loved one, financial ruin, natural disaster, betrayed relationships and much more can leave you in a place of defeat and despair, but when you find yourself in such circumstances call on the Lord. Psalm 44 is the psalmist's lament after a disastrous defeat. The specifics of the situation are not revealed, but what is revealed is that you can cry out to the Lord in light of difficulty. Crying out to the Lord, in Psalm 44, begins with a decision to recall God's faithfulness and power in days gone by, as well as recommit to trust the Lord today. Such a recalling and recommitment are essential, because in difficulty you must not lose sight of the truth that God is sovereign, even over your most difficult days and worst nightmares. As you proceed in the Psalm, though, there are extremely difficult questions asked to God regarding why the disaster took place. "Why, Lord?" is okay to ask, but in your asking, remember that He is not forced to give a response the way you may want. In fact, you might not like His response, or even His silence, but will you trust Him still? Regarding difficult times remember this powerful quote, "God in His providence and mysterious love may not always choose to explain. But he has chosen to care," (Truth Matters: Confident Faith in a Confusing World, by Kostenberger, Bock & Chatraw). God's care is not cheap or shoddy, but so costly that His own Son died in your place, so that in your pain you can lean on the Lord and rest in His Sovereignty and unfailing care.

What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?

Mark 8:36 NIV

Panhandle Parables

"Freckles": A Lesson In U-Turns

By JEFF PROCTER, Minister, 6th Street Church of Christ

I cannot remember ever not having horses around our place. A friend of the family had a horse that she wanted a lot of kids to ride in hopes of making it a "kid" horse. She introduced us to him as "Freckles." As I recall Freckles was not a bad horse, maybe a little barn sour. You had to work to get him away from the barn. On one occasion, dad put a bridle on Freckles and put us up on him bareback. I mentioned earlier he was hard to get away from the barn, especially if he was the only one going. After a few circles and a good pop with the reins, we were off down the rode. We hadn't quite gone 800 yards when it dawned on Freckles he had left his billfold back at the barn and did a u-turn that would have made a cutting horse proud. We were not ready for that and as my sister goes flying off the back I am hanging on hoping not to lose the horse when this little hand from behind me grabs my belt loop and off I come too. Then in a show of love I hit my sister for pulling me off. As we walked back towards the barn, here came dad with Freckles in tow. Yes, we got back on and yes, we rode a little longer. My only regret was hitting my sister, she wasn't trying to pull me off, as much as, she was just trying to stay on. Sometimes life does that doesn't it? Your riding along, have overcome a few little things, then BOOM, life makes a u-turn and you find yourself sitting in the dirt looking for someone to hit. Sometimes, it seems like it would be good if there were no problems, no losses, no heartaches or pain, but God has a way of using them in the process of working out good. We learn to take good days along with bad days and anchor ourselves in Christ, having a faith that keeps us from hitting others when we fail. Peter reminds us, "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7 NIV So when life throws you a u-turn and you fall off, don't hit anybody, look up and watch as your Father comes walking up the rode to give you another chance to grow.

OBITUARY

David S. Terrazas



David S. Terrazas, 60 of Wichita, Kansas, died Saturday, July 22, 2017 in Bovina. Rosary services will be held 7:00 p.m. Thursday, July 27, 2017 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina with Mass of Christian burial services scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 28, 2017 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina with Rev. Anthony Swamy Aakula as celebrant. Burial will follow in the Bovina Cemetery under the direction of Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona. David was born October 28, 1956 in Mexico to Jose Ramon and Eva Enriquez Terrazas. He was a car dealer in Wichita, Kansas. He was a music promoter in every sense of the word. He loved his family, giving advice and playing poker. He is survived by his wife Rosalba of Wichita, Kansas; two sons, David J. Terrazas and wife Ashley of Kansas City, Kansas and Erik Terrazas of Wichita, Kansas; one daughter, Monica Sanchez of Kansas City, Kansas;

one sister, Leticia Garcia and husband Eddie of Bovina; two brothers, Sergio Terrazas and wife Aurora of El Paso, Texas and Dago Terrazas and wife Mary of Amarillo; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. You may sign the online register book at www.blackwellmullins.com



My child, obey your father's godly instruction and follow your mother's life-giving teaching. Fill your heart with their advice and let your life be shaped by what they've taught you. Their wisdom will guide you wherever you go and keep you from bringing harm to yourself. Their instruction will whisper to you at every sunrise and direct you through a brand new day.

~ Proverbs 6:20-22

Teacher Bonus & TRS Care Boost-First Bill to pass after sunset

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick issued this statement following the passage of Senate Bill 19 on second reading with a strong bipartisan 28 to 3 vote. Final passage of the bill will be later this evening: "Just before Special Session began, I announced it was my priority to direct more of our education funding to teachers. I also made a commitment to shore up the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) Care for retired teachers. I am proud to announce that the Texas Senate passed Senate Bill 19, by Senator Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, which will achieve both those goals. This is the first bill the Senate passed after the requisite Sunset Bill. "Currently, over half the state budget goes to K-12 and higher education but only 32% of all revenue received by schools goes to teachers. Senate Bill 19 will provide a career bonus in 2018 of \$600 to teachers who have been teaching 6 to 10 years and \$1,000 to teachers who have been teaching 11 or more years. Senate Bill 19 also directs \$212 million to TRS Care to reduce out-of-pocket health-care costs for retired teachers. Teachers are the most valuable educational resource in the classroom and it is essential that we move deliberately to get more educational funding directly to our teachers. I congratulate Sen. Nelson for her hard work on this bill. We continue to work on the teacher pay increase called for by Gov. Abbott and supported by all of us in the Senate."

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TJC statue recovered by FHS graduate

The bronze statue of Tyler Junior College (TJC) President Dr. Harry Jenkins was stolen Easter Sunday, April 16, 1995 and no one had seen it since that time. According to police reports, at least two people were involved in the theft and had used a sharp cutting instrument to remove the statue from its footing.

The statue might have been lost to history if not for the efforts of the TJC criminal justice student who launched a new investigation in August 2011. News coverage of the new investigation eventually led to the recovery of Dr. Jenkins statue.

Bernardo "Berny" Trevino, former Friona graduate, had possession of the statue after finding it in an apartment in the Austin complex he managed ten years earlier.

When he arrived to clean out the apartment he found the

300-pound bronze statue and found himself conflicted when it came to disposing of the item. His instructions were to send all belongings left behind to a trash compactor.

"There was no way I was going to put him in a trash compactor," said Trevino.

Trevino called a few friends and took him home.

Trevino and roommate Matthew Remington spent years searching for the rightful owner but as time passed their hopes faded and the statue became a member of their family. They named him "George" and he resided on their patio.

George attracted attention and he became a part of every party and holiday. At pool parties he wore a lei, at Halloween he was decorated and at Christmas he wore Santa outfit.

When Trevino lost his job in



Berny Trevino

2011, he placed "George" in a garage sale and came close to selling him but decided to try one more time to find the rightful owner.

Dr. Jenkins was president of Tyler Junior College from 1946 to 1981. Jenkins direction grew TJC's enrollment from 400 to 7,000 students. He played a large role in establishing the college's athletic programs and expanded the technical and vocation programs. Due to his efforts, Jenkins' presidency TJC was a multi-million dollar campus.

His statue was commissioned by board member Watson W. Wise and sculpted by John Harper after Jenkins' death in 1983. The statue was placed outside the Wise Cultural Arts Plaza.

With the return of the statue by Trevino, the statue now permanently resides in the east foyer of Jenkins Hall.

TJC Campus Police Chief Randy Melton and Criminal Justice Professor and Department Chair Jason Waller went to Austin to confirm the identity of the statue.

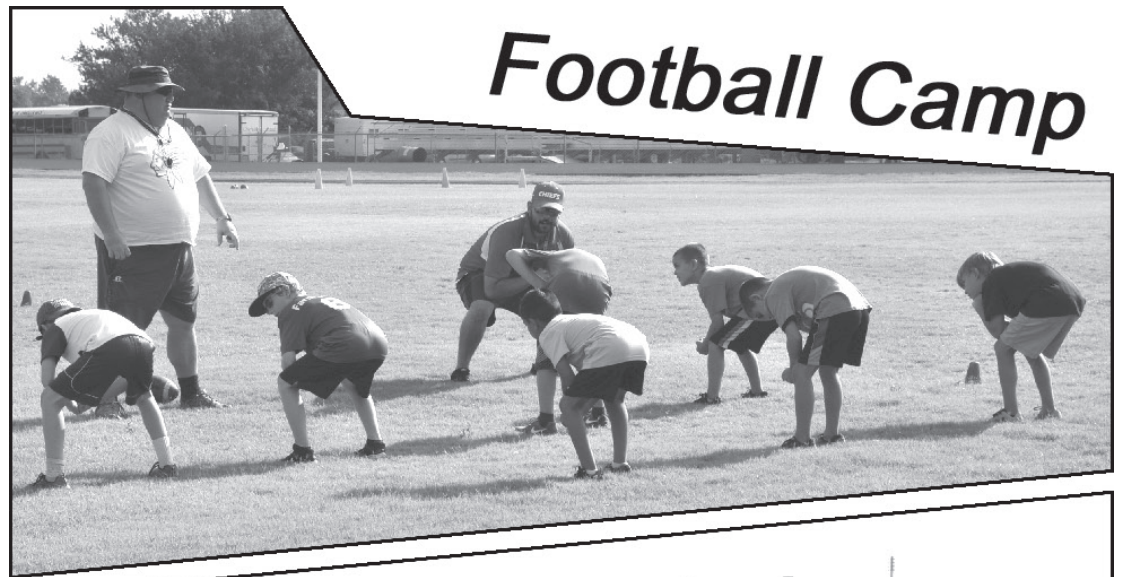
"We are grateful to Mr. Trevino and Mr. Remington for their interest in finding the statue's rightful owners and arranging for its return to TJC," Melton said.

The statue was cleaned and repaired and re-introduced as a TJC campus landmark.

According to reports, the statute of limitations on the theft of the statue has expired, so no criminal charges can be pressed for the crime. One question is still asked: Who took the statue all those years ago?



Tyler Junior College President Dr. Harry Jenkins statue



Football Camp



Basketball Camp



dana jameson photos



National Foundation for Transplants organ donation facts:

Today, there are more than 121,000 patients waiting for their lifesaving organ or tissue transplants. Every 11 minutes, another name is added to the list, but only 45% of Americans have registered as organ donors.

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* Almost anyone can be an organ donor, regardless of age or medical history.

* All major religions in the U.S. support organ donation.

* Donors can still have open casket funerals, and organ donation doesn't cost the donor's family any money.

* If a person is hospitalized, the medical staff provides the best possible care, regardless of organ donor status. Donation is only considered after a patient has died.

* Donors are needed for all races and ethnic groups. Transplant success rates increase when organs are matched between members of the same ethnic background.

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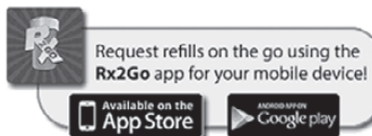
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Parmer County Treasurer's Report

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JURY FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2017.....	\$92,143.41
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	814.67
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....	1,399.76
06/30/17 Balance.....	\$91,558.32

GENERAL FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2017.....	\$3,550,453.78
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	354,348.09
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....	938,256.89
06/30/17 Balance.....	\$2,966,544.98

FARM TO MARKET FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2017.....	\$2,051,897.48
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	338,378.06
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....	394,820.19
06/30/17 Balance.....	\$1,995,455.35

CONTINGENCY FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2017.....	\$265,634.85
Amount Received since Last Report.....	10,001.28
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....	0.00
06/30/17 Balance.....	\$275,636.13

PARMER COUNTY FORFEITURE FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2017.....	\$35,737.56
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	22.28
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....	0.00
06/30/17 Balance.....	\$35,759.84

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2017.....	\$156,525.38
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	2,684.89
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....	111,581.69
06/30/17 Balance.....	\$47,628.58

REVENUE FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2017.....	\$128,876.61
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	43,053.99
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....	38,467.28
06/30/17 Balance.....	\$133,463.32

JUVENILE PROBATION FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2017.....	\$3,856.92
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	192.16
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....	322.50
06/30/17 Balance.....	\$3,726.58

COUNTY ATTORNEY - CHECK COLLECTION FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2017.....	\$6,746.95
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	204.33
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....	0.00
06/30/17 Balance.....	\$6,951.28

DISTRICT CHECK COLLECTION - 287TH FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2017.....	\$3,256.61
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	1,481.99
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....	1,400.00
06/30/17 Balance.....	\$3,338.60

DISTRICT ATTORNEY FORFEITURE FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2017.....	\$57,177.24
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	35.73
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....	0.00
06/30/17 Balance.....	\$57,212.97

COUNTY ATTORNEY FORFEITURE FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2017.....	\$4,753.18
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	2.64
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....	0.00
06/30/17 Balance.....	\$4,755.82

INTEREST & SINKING FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2017.....	\$112,169.13
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	9,263.77
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....	0.00
06/30/17 Balance.....	\$121,432.90

LATERAL FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2017.....	\$0.00
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	0.00
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....	0.00
06/30/17 Balance.....	\$0.00

PARMER COUNTY ATTORNEY PRETRIAL DIVERSION FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2017.....	\$4,227.75
Amount Received Since Last Report.....	70.34
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report.....	41.90
06/30/17 Balance.....	\$4,256.19

RECAPITULATION

Jury Fund.....	\$91,558.32
General Fund.....	2,966,544.98
Farm To Market Fund.....	1,995,455.35
Contingency Fund.....	275,636.13
Parmer County Forfeiture Fund.....	35,759.84
Permanent Improvement Fund.....	47,628.58
Revenue Fund.....	133,463.32
Juvenile Probation Fund.....	3,726.58
County Attorney - Check Collection Fund.....	6,951.28
District Check Collection - 287 th Fund.....	3,338.60
District Attorney Forfeiture Fund.....	57,212.97
County Attorney Forfeiture Fund.....	4,755.82
Interest & Sinking Fund.....	121,432.90
Lateral Fund.....	0.00
Parmer County Attorney Pretrial Diversion.....	4,256.19
TOTAL	\$5,747,720.86

LIST OF BONDS AND OTHER SECURITIES ON HAND

Certificate of Deposit	
General Fund	
Jury	
Permanent Improvement	
Investments	
TOTAL	

TREASURER'S REPORT

PARMER COUNTY, TEXAS
THE STATE OF TEXAS}

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Altha K. Herington, County Treasurer of Parmer County, who by me duly sworn, upon oath, says that the within and foregoing report is true and correct.

Altha K. Herington
County Treasurer

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 24th Day of July, 2017.

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Bovina native keeps one of the Navy's most advanced aircraft flying

By Kayla Good, Navy Office of Community Outreach

A 2009 Bovina High School graduate and Bovina, Texas native is serving with a U.S. Navy electronic attack squadron that flies one of the Navy's newest and most technologically-advanced aircraft, the EA-18G Growler.

Airman Sandra Ortiz is an aviation electrician's mate with the "Black Ravens" of Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 135, one of 14 Navy electronic attack squadrons based in Whidbey Island, Washington.

As an aviation electrician's mate, Ortiz is responsible for all electrical work and wiring aboard the jets.

"I like the learning aspect of my job," said Ortiz. "Every day I get the opportunity to learn something new."

Taking off from and landing on Navy aircraft carriers, as well as supporting expeditionary land-based operations around the world, Growler crewmembers engage in electronic warfare, one of the most important components of modern air combat, according to Navy sources.

The EA-18G Growler is the fourth major variant of the F/A-18 family of aircraft that combines the proven F/A-18F Super Hornet platform with a sophisticated electronic warfare suite, complete with advanced receivers, jamming pods and satellite communications. The electronic warfare mission involves jamming enemy radar and communications systems to render air defenses ineffective.



Airman Sandra Ortiz

"I like being able to travel with this command," said Ortiz. "It's cool to be able to see new places and learn about their cultures, like Japan and Korea."

As a member of one of the Navy's squadrons with the newest aircraft platforms, Ortiz and other VAQ-135 sailors are proud to be part of a warfighting team that readily defends America at all times.

"We're in the warfighting business, and we're here to win," said Capt. Tabb Stringer, Commodore of Commander, Electronic Attack Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet. "We operate the most advanced and capable electronic attack aircraft in the world and our sailors are the most highly trained, innovative, and critical thinking

teammates I have ever worked with."

Sailors' jobs are highly varied at VAQ-135, according to Navy officials. Approximately 65 officers, 400 enlisted men and women, and 110 civilian contractors make up and keep all parts of the squadron running smoothly -- this includes everything from maintaining airframes and engines, to processing paperwork, handling weaponry, and flying the aircraft.

Serving in the Navy, Ortiz is learning about being a more responsible leader, sailor and citizen through handling numerous responsibilities.

"Serving in the Navy means I will be able to provide for my husband and my son," added Ortiz.

AgriLife warns of the dangers of leaving children alone in or around cars

Now that we are into summer in Texas, children are spending more time outdoors, which increases the danger of children being left alone in, and around, cars. When we think of children being left alone in cars, our first thought is the danger of children dying in hot cars due to heatstroke. But in addition to heat risks, there are other safety concerns with unsupervised children around cars — including back-overs, the risk of children releasing the gear shift or engaging electric windows, and even becoming trapped inside vehicles or trunks. According to the Safe Kids Worldwide, approximately 39 percent of back-over deaths occurred at home. Drivers in back-over and front-over deaths are often family members or family friends of the child.

Children are more at risk for heatstroke because a child's body temperature rises 3 to 5 times faster than an adult's. A heatstroke can occur at body temperatures above 104 degrees. Even mild outside temperatures can pose a threat, but with Texas summer temperatures climbing into the upper 90's each day, the danger becomes even greater. The problem is that temperatures in parked vehicles rise very quickly. According to figures from San Francisco State University's Department of Geosciences, in just 10 minutes, the temperature inside of a vehicle can increase by almost 20 degrees.

To reduce deaths from heatstroke, Safe Kids USA has launched a campaign titled ACT, which stands for: Avoid heatstroke-related injury, Create reminders, and Take action. The campaign is designed to link together these simple heatstroke prevention steps. It is important that parents and caregivers are on alert to avoid a heatstroke death, and that they share the ACT campaign steps with spouses, grandparents, babysitters, and other caregivers. Any change in schedule for drop-off or pickup of a child can lead to a deadly mistake. In more than half of the cases of heatstroke, the death was due to the child being "forgotten" by the caregiver. Such

deaths are preventable when parents take precautions to make sure that children are not left alone in vehicles and cannot gain access to unlocked vehicles.

So far this year, 18 child vehicular heatstroke deaths have occurred in the U. S., including seven in Texas. Although many parents may think that this will never happen to them, it is a tragedy that can and has happened to many families.

Wendy Case, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agent, Parmer County reminds parents to be extra vigilant to make sure that children are never left alone in or around parked vehicles. Follow these safety tips in this article to be sure that children cannot be harmed in a vehicle.

Children Left in Hot Vehicles

- Never leave infants or children in a parked vehicle, even if the windows are partially open.
- Make a habit of looking in the vehicle — front and back — before locking the door and walking away.
- Carefully check all seats in the van or bus to make sure there are no children sleeping on the seats or hiding under seats.
- Do not let children play in an unattended vehicle. Teach them that a vehicle is not a play area.
- Check with the family when a child does not show up for day care to be sure a parent has not forgotten a child in their vehicle.
- Always lock vehicle doors and trunks — and keep keys out of children's reach.
- If a child is missing, check the vehicle first, including the trunk or storage area.
- If a child is in distress due to heat, get them out as quickly as possible. Cool the child rapidly, then call 911 or your local emergency number immediately.

Children around Parked Vehicles

- Walk all the way around your parked vehicle to check for children, pets, or toys before getting in the car and starting the engine.
- Make sure young children are always accompanied by an adult when getting in and out of a car.
- Identify and use safe play areas for children away from parked or moving vehicles.
- Designate a safe spot for children to go when nearby vehicles are about to move.
- Firmly hold the hand of each child when walking near moving vehicles and when in driveways, parking lots, or sidewalks.
- Teach children not to play in and around vehicles.

Children Left in Running Vehicles

- Lock vehicles at all times, even in the garage or driveway.
- Never leave keys in the car.
- Store keys out of children's reach.
- Engage your emergency brake every time you park.
- Check to see if your vehicle has a Brake Transmission Safety Interlock (BTSI), which is a safety technology to prevent children from accidentally putting a vehicle into gear. Check your owner's manual to see if your vehicle is equipped with BTSI. After Sept. 1, 2010, all vehicles with an automatic transmission with a PARK position must have BTSI.
- Use drive-thru services when available.
- Use your debit or credit card to pay for gas at the pump.
- Lock the power windows so that children cannot play with and cannot get caught in them. Power windows can strangle a child or cut off a finger.

Following these safety tips can make all the difference in avoiding a needless tragedy.

West Texas cotton producers should be on the lookout for bollworms

By Steve Byrns

A Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service entomologist is advising West Texas cotton farmers to remain vigilant in their hunt for bollworms.

"I haven't come across any significant bollworm activity in the region yet," said Dr. Suhas Vyavhare of Lubbock. "But blooming cotton coupled with new growth following recent rains in our area makes for an especially enticing combination for bollworm moths seeking egg-laying sites. So it's important for growers not to let their guard down."

Vyavhare's warning was prompted

by reports from South Texas of the pest breaking Bt shields there and in other parts of the country. He said treatable levels of bollworms, also called headworms when they affect sorghum, have been spotted in some South Plains sorghum fields.

"I wouldn't rush insecticide applications on Bt cotton just because bollworm eggs are present or worms less than a quarter inch are found, because they have to feed on the plant for the genetic technology to work," he said. "Similarly, I wouldn't pull the trigger and spray non-Bt cotton

based on egg lay, as natural controls often help keep bollworm numbers in check. It's always best to give the Bt trait technology and the beneficial insect predators a chance to work their magic first."

That's not to say growers should become lax in scouting for cotton pests, but boll damage and the presence of live bollworms should be taken into account before making decisions on whether to apply insecticide, he said.

"The threshold to apply insecticide is when 6 percent of the bolls, post bloom, are damaged with live worms present," he

said. "Some of the old data indicates pyrethroid insecticides may still work against cotton bollworms, though we have no recent susceptibility data available from the High Plains region.

"The diamides, trade names Prevathon and Besiege, are the most effective. Besiege contains both a diamide and a pyrethroid, so it would be the better choice if stink bugs are present too. If stink bugs aren't an issue, Prevathon is a better option, as it's always good to avoid unnecessary pyrethroid applications, because they also kill beneficial insects that otherwise

could keep secondary pests such as aphids and spider mites at bay."

Overall though, Vyavhare said the cotton crop looks good, though there is a wide range of cotton in different growth stages out in the fields.

"Early planted cotton fields are in bloom while some of the late or replanted cotton is a little behind," he said. "Overall though, insect pest pressure remains light across our region."

For more information, contact Vyavhare at 806-746-6101, Suhas.vyavhare@ag.tamu.edu.

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Estate planning webinar offered for families with special needs

By Kay Ledbetter

"Estate Planning for Families with Special Needs" is the topic of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Texas Military Program webinar on Aug. 15.

The one-hour webinar will begin at 10 a.m. and is free and open to anyone interested, but registration is required, said Andrew Crocker, AgriLife Extension program specialist in gerontology and health, Amarillo.

The presenter will be Dr. Martie Gillen, assistant professor and Extension specialist for the department of family, youth and community sciences in the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida.

Planning for the future is something everyone should devote substantial time and thought to, but especially families with special needs, said Rachel Brauner, program coordinator with the agency's Texas Military Program in College Station.

"This session will explore the importance of this type of planning and decision-making," Brauner said. "We will explore estate planning considerations across the life cycle for families with special needs. We will also discuss documents such

as powers of attorney and trusts, including a revocable living trust and a special needs trust.

"Lastly, we will look at considerations for needs-based public benefits such as Supplemental Security Income or Medicaid," she said.

This and other webinars are offered through AgriLife Extension's Military Program to provide professional development and interactive resources for those unable to leave home for training, Crocker said.

The Military Families Learning Network Military Caregiving concentration will apply for continuing education credit from the University of Texas School of Social Work for credentialed and licensed professionals. Certificates of completion will also be available for participants interested in receiving training hours.

In addition, this webinar is approved for 1.5 general continuing education units for FinCert Certified Personal Finance Counselors. Accredited Financial Counselor-credentialed participants can earn 1.5 CEUs.

To join the session or for more information go to: <https://learn.extension.org/events/3012>.

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gymnasium equipment support into our agreement," added Salay.

The goal of the UIL is to provide quality equipment to student-athletes at state and regional tournaments. For more information on Spalding as the "official" ball provider of the UIL and their gymnasium equipment offerings please visit the UIL website.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR LAND APPLICATION PERMIT FOR INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER MINOR AMENDMENT

PERMIT NO. WQ0001350000

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Cargill Meat Solutions Corporation, P.O. Box 579, Friona, Texas 79035, which operates Cargill Meat Solutions, a slaughterhouse, beef packing plant, and rendering facility, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a minor amendment without renewal to TCEQ Permit No. WQ0001350000 to authorize the construction of a new brine evaporation pond to replace an existing brine evaporation pond to manage the wastewater generated from hide processing. The draft permit authorizes the disposal of process wastewater, utility wastewater, domestic wastewater, and vehicle wash water, not to exceed a total flow of 71.3 million gallons for any 30-day period from the facility to the playa lake and an application rate not to exceed 2.8 acre-feet per acre per year via irrigation on a combined area of 2,865 acres of various crops; and the disposal of brine and pickling wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 21,000 gallons per day via evaporation. This permit will not authorize the discharge of pollutants into water in the state. The TCEQ received this application on January 17, 2017.

The facility is located at 1530 West Highway 60, immediately south of U.S. Highway 60 and the Santa Fe Railroad, approximately 3.3 miles southwest of the City of Friona, in Parmer County, Texas 79035. The disposal areas are located on various tracts of land with approximately 10 miles south of the facility. The facility and disposal areas are located in the drainage area of Frio Draw, which flows into Tierra Blanca Creek, and thence to Upper Prairie Dog Town Fork Red River in Segment No. 0229 of the Red River Basin. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=34.598895&lng=-102.7738&zoom=13&type=r>.

The TCEQ executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comment or to ask questions about the application. Generally, the TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html within 30 days of the date this notice is mailed.

After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on a mailing list for this application.

MAILING LISTS. In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. You may request to be added to: (1) the mailing list for this specific application; (2) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and (3) the permanent mailing list for a specific county. Clearly specify which mailing list(s) to which you wish to be added and send your request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Unless you otherwise specify, you will be included only on the mailing list for this specific application.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Any personal information you submit to the TCEQ will become part of the agency's record; this includes email addresses. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

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Summer Drama Workshop has another successful run

The 2017 Summer Drama Workshop was a huge success with approximately 60 children attending the two-week workshop.

Thirty-two children were directed by Allison Johnston in the elementary play "Haphazardly Every After". The play told the story of King Barnabas (Jarrett White) and Queen Mildred (Elaina Procter) and their efforts to help their two princes and two princesses to leave the castle. Hilarity ensued as they attempted to cast spells on their children and the subsequent mix up. Fairies and the royal family sing their way through this comical fairy tale.

Members of the cast were Reese Stowers, AJ London, Luke Butler, Yeslie Faudoa, Mary Plant, Eden Mills, Elaina Procter, Jarrett White, Grace Stadler, Amy Montana, Grayson Gutierrez, Nicholas Gutierrez, Jacie Hamilton, Cade Stowers, Matthew Riethmay-

er, Sophie Lewellen, Knoxon Procter, Reyna Arias, Aimee Jimenez, Caetlie Field, Lily Simmons, Lillian Cramer, Shelby Lewellen, Yaseline Faudoa, Landry LaFrance, Aubree Arzola, Jayleigh Contreras, Jayden Choate, Jordan Davidson, Anna Butler, Audrie Field, and Harley London.

Support staff were Brooklyne Johnston, Casey Bowden, Mary Kate Ratliff, Lydia Alexander, Angel Mills, Kat Thompson, James Anthony, Gay Taylor, Jamie Lewellen, Friena Drama Department, parents, grandparents, aunts, Mia Bonds, Riley Davidson, Lucas Dickson, Drew Montana, Sfrona Procter, Kamryn Riethmayer, Colton Riethmayer, Breanna Rivera, and Brooklyn Simmons

Fifteen children performed in the Junior High production of "The Miser" directed by Joy Morton and Zac Carr. The Miser is the tale of a miserly old

man that attempts to hide his money from his children and many other interested parties, all the while planning his marriage to his son's fiancé. Humorous situations and slap stick comedy entertained the audience.

Members of the cast were Riley Davidson, Breanna Rivera, Brooklyn Simmons, Sfrona Procter, Colton Riethmayer, Kamryn Riethmayer, Amy Montana, Brooklyne Johnston, Mia Bonds, Lucas Dickson, Grace Stadler, Lydia Alexander, and Drew Montana. Support staff included Lydia Alexander, Brooklyne Johnson, Harrison Alexander, Angel Mills, Katherine Thompson, Gay Taylor, Amy Montana and Grace Stadler.

Twelve children were directed by Erika and Tenna Montana in the High School production of "Still Life with Iris". The play is set in Nocturno and the Great Island and tells the story of

Iris who has her memories taken from her but has them returned by her father at the end of the play.

Members of the cast were Mia Bonds, Brooklyne Johnston, Drew Montana, Casey Bowden, Colton Riethmayer, Lydia Alexander, Angel Mills, Lucas Dickson, Mary Kate Ratliff, Harrison Alexander, Bryce Lewis and Braydon Lewis. Support staff were: Tenna Montana, the cast, Kat Thompson, Angel Mills, Erika Montana, Tenna Montana, Lydia Alexander, Gay Taylor, Friena High School Drama Department and the cast.

The directors, cast and crew extend their special thanks to their very generous donors. "Without your gifts of time and money, we would not be able to exist. Thank you for your gift of two weeks of magic!"

Each year the workshop is held in loving memory of Jason Slagle and

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