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# **School Board receives update** on construction project

The Friona ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, July 8th in the Board Meeting Room of the FISD Administration Building at 909 E. 11th Street, Friona, Texas 79035. The meeting began with a call to order, invocation, and an open forum.

Mike Baker, of Parkhill, Smith, & Cooper, gave the Board an update on the FISD Construction/Renovation Project. Mr. Baker said that the project is in the Schematic/Design Phase. He said that representatives from PS&C would be meeting with teachers during July to discuss the three design concepts that have been developed for the new Primary and Elementary School complex. He emphasized that the teachers and staff would have the final word on how the facilities would look and function. For example, one of the designs is more of an "open air" feel versus a "compartmentalized" feel. The next stage of the project will be the Design/Development Phase.

Vince Vialle updated the Board on the selling of the bonds to finance the school project. He said that on August 1st the FISD would receive a credit rating. The rating will be in two parts. The first rating will be on the Permanent School Funds and those funds should receive a AAA (superior) rating because those funds are backed by the state of Texas.

The second rating would be based on the FISD itself and the financial track record that it has accumulated the past few years. Potential bidders for the bonds will take a close look at both of the credit ratings and well as current interest rates in making their offers. On August 27th the bids will be unsealed and the lowest interest rate will be chosen. On September 24th the process will be closed and the funds will be deposited in the designated financial institution. That money will be used by the FISD to pay for the Construction/ Renovation Project.

Next, the Board discussed and approved the Consent Agenda which includes approval of the Minutes, accounts payable, maintenance reports, and fund balances. Changes were also approved for the Academic Achievement Class Ranking system. These changes will begin with the Freshman Class of 2019-20 and will not be fully in effect until their senior year. Possible early graduation for six students was also approved.

The board then went into Closed Session to discuss employee matters, potential litigation, real property matters, and student discipline.

This is only a brief summary of the meeting. Any questions should be directed to the FISD Board of Trustees. The agenda for this meeting can be found at frionaisd.com and by clicking on the Boardbook link.



Mayor Ricky White presents a key to the city to Congressman Jodey Arrington (TX-19) at the Cheeseburger Festival & Cookoff last Saturday. Rep. Arrington will hold a Town Hall Meeting in Friona at 10: a.m. on August 6th at the Friona Senior Citizens Center.

# **Commissioners discuss the Running Water Draw**

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, July 22, 2019 at 10 a.m. in the County Courtroom of the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, Texas. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Texas Flag.

The meeting began with an open forum for public comments. Todd Christian, Chairman of the Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors, addressed the Court in reference to an agreement the Court had with the Conservation District concerning the maintenance of dams in Parmer County located along the Running Water Draw. The Commissioners confirmed that there was agreement between the Court and the Conservation District but more research was needed in order to determine the scope and limitations

of the ongoing maintenance project. That original agreement was developed in the early 1960s in response to repeated flooding in and around Plainview. A 1960 flood caused approximately one million dollars of damage.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Approval was also given for the payment of the Accounts Payable. County Treasurer Sharon May presented the treasurer's report and the quarterly report. The Court approved both reports.

A policy change was made to the Parmer County Employee Handbook. Under the old policy, sick leave and vacation time had been available to both full-time and part-time employees. The policy update makes the sick leave and vacation time available only to full-time employees.

The Court approved a 6-year exten-

sion to the Inter-Local agreement for the provision of equipment and consumables by the state that allows the county to process services for state entities such as license plates, stickers,

Sheriff Randy Geries reported that currently they were housing 22 inmates at the Law Enforcement Center. He also said that the Sheriff's Office organized a cooking team that participated in the Friona Cheeseburger Cook-off and Festival last Saturday.

All meetings are open to the public. The Commissioner's Court reserves the right to go into Executive Session at any time. The agenda may be found on the Parmer County website. Information in this article is only a summary. Any questions concerning specific actions should be directed to the Commissioners Court.

# **Texas A&M AgriLife Research** instrumental in helping spawn new coastal industry

At the intersection of legislation and science, a new opportunity for an ecologically and economically sustainable oyster aquaculture industry is being spawned on the Texas Gulf Coast.

For years, Dr. Joe Fox, a Texas A&M AgriLife Research scientist with a joint appointment at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi through the Harte Research Institute, HRI, has been at the center of the oyster aquaculture effort. His involvement has ranged from working with legislative and business leaders to helping draft legislation to investigating different types of oyster cages for use in aquaculture.

"Due to overfishing, excessive freshwater inflow and loss of infrastructure mainly due to hurricanes, Texas oyster harvests have been trending downward and have experienced a 43% loss in the past three to four years," Fox said. "Oyster aquaculture is a \$200 million-plus industry in the U.S. and currently exceeds fishing yields, but Texas was the last coastal state in the nation to allow commercial oyster aquaculture."

The Texas legislature recently made commercial oyster aquaculture a real possibility for Texas by passing two bills that will become law on Sept. 1, at which time Texas Parks and Wildlife Department rules and regulations relating to oyster aquaculture will be developed, Fox said. Actual aquaculture production is expected to begin around September 2020.

Fox has received \$6.6 million in funding to establish the Oyster Resource and Recovery Center in Palacios for aquaculture, reef restoration and outreach and education starting this fall. He also received \$750,000 in funding from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration through the TPWD as part of Texas' Disaster Relief Funding to establish an oyster farming evaluation project in Matagorda Bay, also slated to begin this fall.

Another effort Fox was involved with was a recent study led by Dr. Hugo Magaña, an AgriLife Research associate research scientist at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research Mariculture Laboratory in Corpus Christi. Magaña recently made the first attempt to spawn oysters in a laboratory setting in more than 27 years.

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# **Happy 50th Anniversary SDW!!!**



If you were going to establish a Summer Drama Workshop Hall of Fame, these five individuals would be at the top of the list as inductees. (1-r) Joy Morton, Allison Johnston, Del Lewis, Hollis Horton, and Erika Montana. Hollis was on the committee that founded SDW back in 1969. Del, director emeritus, was the driving force behind the early success of the program. Joy, and her protégés, Allison and Erika, have continued the legacy and were the directors of the shows this year.

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# **Community Calendar**

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#### **July 25**

-Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

## **July 26**

-Snack Pack Fridays at Methodist Church (north entrance) at 10:00-10:30 a.m. Garage Sale at First Baptist Church from 5 to 9 p.m.

#### **July 27**

- The 11th Annual Pudge Kendrick Memorial Golf Tournament Garage Sale at First Baptist Church from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### **July 28**

-The 11th Annual Pudge Kendrick Memorial Golf Tournament

#### August 1

- -Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.
- Lions Club meeting at noon at Friona InterBank

#### **August 2**

-Friona Heritage Estates Mental Health Seminar, 10 a.m. - noon -Snack Pack Fridays at Methodist Church (north entrance) at 10:00-10:30 a.m.

#### **August 3**

-Cargill Job Fair at Friona plant 8 a.m. to noon

#### August 6

-Town hall meeting with Rep. Jodey Arrington at Friona Senior Citizens Center at 10 a.m.

## **August 8**

-Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

# **August 9**

-Snack Pack Fridays at Methodist Church (north entrance) at 10:00-10:30 a.m.

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# Summer Drama Memories

**By Connie Slagle** 

Although Summer Drama Workshop began the summer I graduated from high school, I was unaware of it until my kids were in school. We attended a play directed by Denise Green, and immediately knew it going to be Jason's "sport." My memories are those of a stage mom, not an actual performer, and may not be 100% accurate. Here are a few of my favorites.

Jason was in the junior high show "Once Upon a Clothesline" directed by Tal Lostracco. With his usual precision, Tal had a beautifully constructed set. Old quilts stretched across a line at the front of the stage. Jason was supposed to stand up on a block, appearing from behind that wall of quilts. Somehow as he stood up, the whole thing collapsed. There were gasps and giggles, and time stood still as I imagined Tal making repairs to the set and starting over. But no, the next second, Jason stood up again and gave his first line. And so the show began. I think Jason was teased quite a bit for the flub, although he said the edge of a quilt was accidentally placed under a block, which caused it to slide when he stood up. I was proud of him for being able to continue with a smile on his face.

My second memory was from an elementary show. Although Jason didn't have much trouble memorizing lines, he was having a hard time with one part. We worked and worked on it. During the performance, the play's little narrator forgot to pause for his part and moved right on to her next lines. I looked toward the back of the stage to see him standing there bewildered that his main lines were skipped. I told him he should have interrupted and delivered his lines anyway, but he said it was okay. (I think he had a crush on the little narrator, so that may have been a factor.)

My last memory involves my daughter, Jamie, in The Miser. She had a funny part as one of the three maids. She was supposed to say "Rain" as money was thrown across the stage. This line, her only line, was cut. She said she understood because it interrupted the action on the stage. But her mama was disappointed.

If you think this sounds like a bunch of negative memories from a disgruntled mom, you would be wrong. From these three experiences, my kids learned some valuable life lessons, all during a fun, secure, and positive environment.

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when you fall, and everyone is laughing, it doesn't matter who made the mistake. Just get back up, keep going, and do the best you can. And don't forget to smile.

2. Sometimes you struggle to do your best. Just when you feel confident and prepared, an unforeseen event stops you cold. Your "lines" are skipped. That's when you remember all the fun you had preparing, the friendships and skills you gained along the way. Those are the best

and longest lasting rewards.

3. Finally, there are times you put the good of the group above yourself. You make a small personal sacrifice to reap a greater reward for your friends or family. Jamie, for example, lost that line. But her troupe bonded and matured, and so did she. The next year she gained another single line, "Water," receiving several acting awards as Helen Keller.

For those who don't know, Jason - Jason Slagle - is the young man mentioned at the bottom of the Summer Drama Workshop programs. He was bright, funny, and talented, and usually got back up after a fall. If only he had worn a seatbelt, who knows what he would be doing today. Thanks to the Summer Drama organizers for remembering him each year, and parents, please teach your children all forms of safety and model them yourself.

All the world's a stage. Bless be the tie.



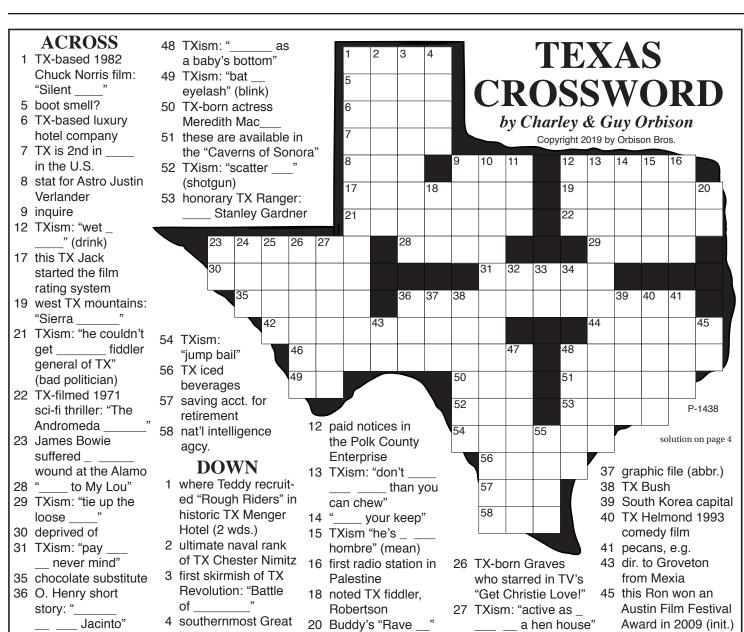
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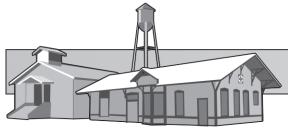
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# TOWN TALK

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Dale & Donna Schueler are leading a 9-day bus trip in late October to the "Arc Encounter (Noah's Ark Replica) & Creation Museum" in Cincinnati Ohio. It should be a very enjoyable trip. If you have ever wanted to go but you don't want to plan and drive by yourself, this trip is for you. Call Dale Schueler at 806-265-7433 or Donna Schueler at 806-265-5960. Information can be picked up at the First Baptist Church office at 404 W. 5th in Friona.

\*\*\* Congressman Jodey Arrington will hold a town hall meeting on Tuesday, August 6th in the Friona Senior Citizen Center at 1410 Washington Ave. in Friona, Texas. The event will start at 10:00 a.m. and be sure to check in at the table when you arrive.

A reminder to all Friona High School students who are involved in sports and/or marching band that you must have a physical exam by August 1st in order to be eligible to participate in those programs.

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The 11th Annual Pudge Kendrick Memorial Golf Tournament will be held July 27-28 at John Pitman Golf Course in Hereford. The tourney benefits the Parmer County and Hereford Cancer Coalitions. Please see the Community Assistance Program form below to see if you or someone you know might be eligible to receive the \$500 to help cover expenses. The application form can also be found at www.frionaonline. com and clicking on the forms

Sheep and Goat Validation tag orders are due August 25th. The fee is \$17.00 and covers county and major shows for the 2019-2020 show season. Thanks, Deena Leuea

\*\*\* Last chance!!! The Friona Public Library is currently ac-

cepting applications for their Library Director. Those interested in applying for the Friona Public Library Director job must complete an employee application, provide a cover letter and resume before the July 26, 2019 deadline. The City's recruitment brochure and application are accessible online at: https://www.cityoffriona. com/library or can be picked up at Friona City Hall. The application and all required supporting documents must be mailed, emailed, or delivered in person to Friona City Hall at the below address. Applications can be emailed to cityinfo@frionatx.us. For questions, please call (806) 250-2761.

The Friends of the Library Book Shoppe, located at 119 West 6th, is open from 10 a.m. till Noon every Thursday morning during the months of June through September.

\*\*\* Don't forget the seminar

at Friona Heritage Estates on Friday, August 2nd from 10:00 a.m. until Noon. Lunch will be catered by Canna Ray and the guest speaker will be Andrew Crocker, M.S., who will discuss health related issues concerning older adults and caregivers. Bluebonnet Home Health & Hospice and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension are sponsoring

the event.

The 2019 Friona Squaws Little Spikers Volleyball Camp will be held from 8:00 a.m. till Noon on July 29-31 at Friona High School. The fee is \$30. Go to www.frionaonline.com and click on the "forms" tab to view and print the registration form. \*\*\*

Celebrate these designated days!!!

July 25th - National Chili Dog Day, July 26th - National Aunt and Uncle's Day, July 28th - National Milk Chocolate Day, July 29th - National Lasagna Day, July 30th - National Cheesecake Day, July 31st - National Avocado Day

# FRIONA FLASHBACKS From the Friona Star Archives

#### July 16, 1999

A "monsoon" hit the Friona area last Friday afternoon, and deposited from two to four inches of rainfall in the area.

The measurement in the city's official gauge was 2.05 inches, although reports from the western side of town indicated 3.25 inches (the official gauge is near the northeastern edge of town).

The rain hit about 4:15 p.m., and soon turned into a downpour. It continued at that pace for at least an hour, accompanied by wind and lightning. There was hail reported in the western half of town, while the eastern half was spared from that.

#### July 23, 1994

The Friona ISD Board of Trustees, in a called meeting

July 13, hired Frank Belcher as principal of Friona High School for 1994-95.

Belcher has served as Assistant Principal and Athletic Director at FHS for the past two years. He will be replacing Cliff Stephens, who resigned to accept the position as principal at Monahans High School.

In other personnel moves, James Morton will serve as Athletic Director as well as head football coach. Bryan Hanna will assume the Assistant Principal's position at FHS. He will also continue to serve as an assistant coach.

#### July 8, 1979

Lisa Edelman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Von Edelmon, is one of three young people from the state of Texas who

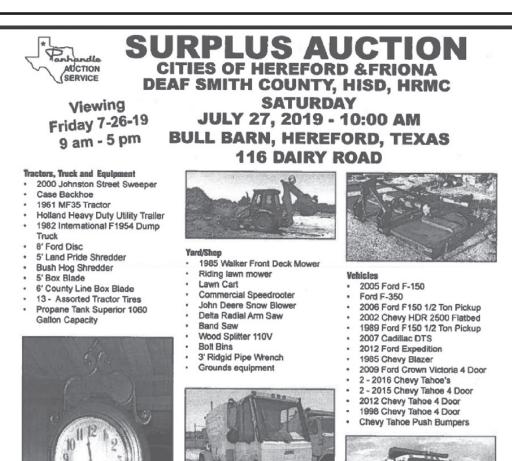
has been selected to participate in the Lions Club International Exchange Student Program.

Lisa left Thursday morning to join the group of over 70 young people and their sponsors from Virginia. The group will fly from New York to Paris, where they will spend three days sight-seeing. The group will break up with each of the students traveling to their chosen country.

Lisa will be spending a month in Switzerland. Two weeks will be spent with a family which owns a resort hotel in Slims. Then she will travel to Thur and spend two weeks with a teacher and his family. Both Slims and Thur are near the Rhine river and German is the predominant language spoken there.

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a (BF) Beer Retail Dealer's Off-Premise License and (P) Package Store Permit by B&T Investments, Inc. dba The Windmill, to be located at 3356 FM 2298, Hereford, Deaf Smith, Texas. Officers of said corporation are Jimmy Carolyn Johnson, President; William Brent Johnson, Vice President; and Thomas Brent Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer.







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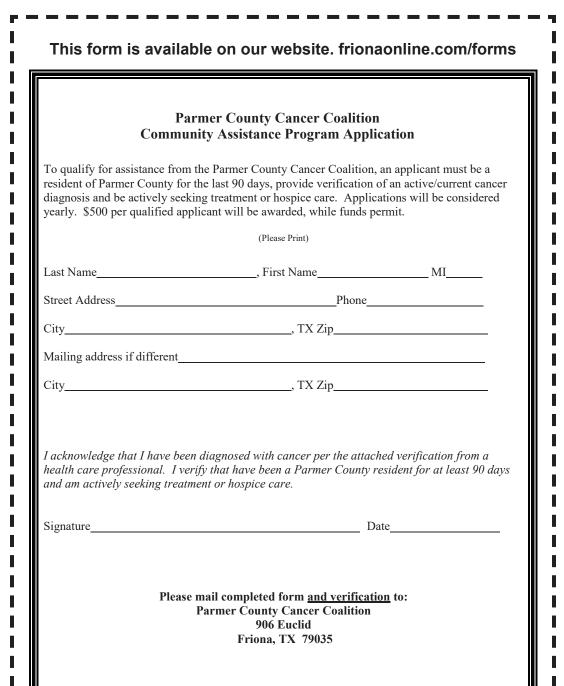
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To have your birthdays listed in the newspaper, email them to frionastar@wtrt.net or call @806.250.2211

# 2019-2020 Friona ISD Back to **School Student Registration**

#### **Returning Students:**

All returning students must update their registration for the 19-20 school year using Parent Portal. Students will not be given a schedule or their child's teacher until their registration has been updated.

Where: Friona Junior High When: July 29th - 30th **Time:** 8 am - 4 pm

What to bring: Parent Portal login information

\*\*\*Parent or guardian must complete the registration update For more information, email fisd-registration@frionaisd. com

#### **New Students:**

Any student that did not attend school, in Friona, during the 18-19 school year. Students must register for school to receive their schedule or classroom teacher.

Where: On the campus the student will attend

Primary, Grades PK - 1st, 802 Euclid, (806) 250-3935 Elementary, Grades 2nd - 5th, 200 E. 8th, (806) 250-2240 Junior High, Grades 6th - 8th, 1001 Euclid, (806) 250-2788 High School, Grades 9th - 12th, 7th & Etta, (806) 250-3951 When: July 31st - August 2nd

**Time:** 9 am - 3 pm

What to bring: birth certificate, social security card, shot record, proof of address, parent/guardian ID, W-2 or pay stub for Pre-K students, personal email account information to set up a Parent Portal

\*\*\*Parent or guardian must complete the registration For more information, contact the campus or

Go to frionaonline.com/forms to find and print this form.

# Castro County Fair booths available

If you are interested in a booth at the Castro County Fair/ Harvest Days on Saturday, September 7th, 2019 in Dimmitt, TX please contact Cathy at 806-869-7550 or Maegan at 806-647-2524. It's always first come, first served, and booths inside the Expo go fast. Booths range from \$35 to \$45 depending on where they are, and if you need electricity.



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

7/16/19 - Victor Rodriguez, 50, of Farwell was arrested by Farwell police for DWI, pending county court.

7/18/19 - Ricky Soto, 39, of Amarillo was arrested by Friona police on a Potter County warrant, posted bond and released. 7/18/19 - Gabriel Rodriguez, 36, of Lubbock was arrested by DPS on an Atascosa County warrant, pending transport.

# **Texas Weekly Fuel Update and Outlook**

Texas gas prices have risen 1.5 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.51 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 15.1 cents per gallon higher than a month ago, yet stand 11.8 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

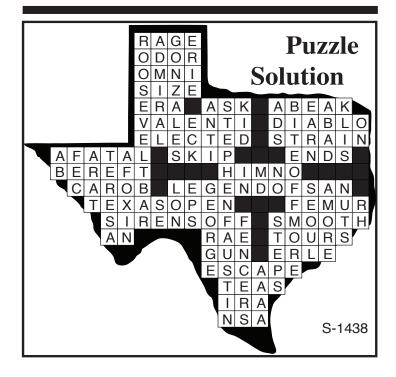
According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$2.25 while the most expensive is \$3.19 per gallon. The cheapest price in the entire country today stands at \$2.06 while the most expensive is \$5.49 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 3.5 cents in the last week, averaging \$2.76 per gallon. The national average is up 10.9 cents per gallon from a month ago, yet stands 6.7 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

"Average U.S. gas prices drifted lower this week as oil's downturn has picked up steam thanks to a smaller than expected decline in U.S. oil inventories and concerns remain over the strength of the U.S. economy," said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "Oil largely ignored Iran's attempt to make waves in the Strait of Hormuz last Friday but we may see some impacts in the week ahead, though over the weekend some behind the scenes signs emerged that some parties were trying to de-escalate the rising tensions.

Motorists will likely face a mixed bag at the pump in the week ahead. Gas prices are likely to drift lower for the first part of the week, with the exception of Great Lakes states, but may perk up closer to the weekend or early next week should oil prices exhibit strength that pushes them close to \$60 per barrel."

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## **Panhandle Parables** What Do You See?

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

What do you see? I remember reading a sign similar in the mall one day several years ago. Underneath the sign was a basically blank picture that looked like grainy sand. I thought that's an odd question and was just about to dismiss it when a salesclerk standing near the picture asked me the same question. I smiled thinking I was probably fixing to be a Candid camera victim and said, "I see blue sand." He smiled and said keep looking at that sand. Now I was sure either something wet was about to fall on my head or this guy was nuts. Yet, I did as I was told and stood there looking at a picture of blue sand for what seemed an eternity, but it was more like two minutes, when out of the sand appeared a dolphin breaching the ocean on top of a wave IN 3D!!!. I blinked and it was back to blue sand, then there it was again the same dolphin. The look on my face must have shown amazement to the scene because the salesman asked the question again. This time I answered a dolphin. He smiled and said, "Sometimes to really see something you have to take a longer look." I smiled and agreed and

went on my way. It was impressive and I wondered how they did that, but wasn't going to ask, but appreciated the comment.

When you look at our world what do you see? Do you see greatness or despair? When you look at your neighbor do you see a friend or just someone else taking up space on the planet. We are often so quick to judge things based on what we think we can see, yet what we see may be far more than a canvass of blue sand. Usually, we are to busy to notice much beyond the screen we keep in our face. People no longer see people. People no longer see friends and friends are lost as casualties of our technology.

I want to encourage you to see. See the world again, see the people again. There may just be someone out there needing to be noticed. Needing hope, needing life. If you claim to be a follower of Christ, I pray you see not only people, but what they need. Jesus did and it made a tremendous impact on the ones He saw.

# **OBITUARY**

# Alfredo Lafuente

Alfredo Lafuente, 82 of Hereford, Texas son of Pedro Lafuente Sr., and Leonor Lafuente passed on to his Spiritual Life due to natural causes while surrounded by his family on 23 July 2019.

Alfredo (Freddie) is preceded in death by his Daughter, Veronica Lafuente, survived by his 11 Children, Joe Lafuente of Friona TX, Mary Cardenas of Lubbock Tx, Tony Lafuente of Clovis NM, Harvey Lafuente of Lubbock TX, Sonia Rios of Dallas TX, Jack Lafuente of Lubbock TX, Jerry Lafuente of New Deal TX, Freda Lafuente of Abilene TX, Jerard Lafuente of Lubbock TX, Diandra Lafuente of Eula TX, and Ely Ramos of Farwell TX, 32 Grandchildren and 13 Great-Grandchildren. 8 Brothers and Sisters, Arnold Lafuente of Amarillo TX, Gonzalo Lafuente of San Antonio TX, Henry Lafuente of Oceano CA, Linda Dominguez of Hereford TX, Mary Lugo of Lubbock TX, Armandina Vera of Irving TX, Nora Perez of Hereford TX, Dora Rodriguez of Dallas TX. And many Loving Nephews, Nieces as



well as extended Family.

A Special Thank You to the staff at BSA Hospice at Bivins Pointe in Amarillo for their loving care and support during his final days. Also, the family would like to extend a sincere Thank You to Hereford Heritage Funeral Home for being accommodating and understanding during this difficult time.

Visitation and viewing will be from 12 noon to 8:00 pm at Heritage Funeral Home on 25 July 2019. Mass of Christian Burial will be at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Hereford, TX on Friday 26 July 2019 at 10:00 am. He will be laid to rest at St. Anthony's Catholic

erally won't let me snuggle up the cultural confusion of who next to her, or give her a big God is, what salvation is, and hug and kiss if I'm stinky, dirty how one is made right with and exhaling horrid breath. him. The world says every-Can you believe that!?!? Abone gets a ribbon, everyone is solutely you can, at least the right with God, but God says that we are all messed up and ladies can, because if I am going to draw near to my amazbroken. The world resounds ing an awesome wife, I need of the brokenness we expeto clean up and brush up. In rience apart from God, yet a similar fashion, when one the false prophets of our day seeks to draw near to God you proclaim that all roads lead must draw near according to to heaven, and that God is happy with all religious viewhis standards and not yours. Psalm 131 is a short Psalm points or even the ones that of David that reminds us of are more atheistic in nature. Have you noticed that the fur-God's standard in drawing near to him. If you will draw ther people get from God and near to God, first you must his Holy Word, the Bible, the resist the seduction of pride. more of a mess we see? Its

to Him!

Psalm 131—Drawing Near

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Its crazy, but my wife gen-

Pride will seduce your soul

into thinking you are 'hot

snot on a silver platter' but

in comparison with God, you

are 'just cold burgers on a pa-

per plate." James 4:6-10 says

"God resists the proud, but

gives grace to the humble,"

and if you will draw near to

God you must humble your-

A huge example of people

self and come on his terms.

Therefore, may we turn to God in humility and holiness that flows from a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. As we draw near, and stay near to the Lord, may we see the Lord's peace rest upon his people, and for his salvation to go out across our city and our world.

not a coincidence but a con-

sequence of not drawing near

assuming they can draw near **Live It** 

#### **By Teena Hughs**

Last week, I attended the funeral of my cousin's husband in O'Donnell. Kenneth Pearson was a really good man. He was quiet, had a firm handshake, loved Jesus and lived his life that way. Ten years ago, he was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. He spent the last six months of his life in a VA facility in Big Spring.

He had been a deacon at First Baptist O'Donnell for over 60 years. He took his deacon responsibilities seriously, and mentored newlyelected deacons. He was an encourager, too. When times were tough at deacons' meetings, it was Kenneth who told everyone ev-

erything would be ok. The deacon who gave the message at Kenneth's funeral said twice that he didn't have to preach about Kenneth, because "he lived it!" I told my family I didn't think there was a higher compliment in the world than to

have it said of you that you lived God's Word.

Can people say the same thing about you and me? First of all, I think it depends on how people look at us. Some people have differing thoughts on what it means "to live it", while others have differing expectations of us.

It is never too late to start living like God wants you to live. Jesus died on the cross so we can be forgiven, repent, and be redeemed. It is a choice we have to make, but it is never too late, no matter the stage of life you are in.

Talk to God. Ask Him to show you the areas of your life that you need to change; then, do it. Read your Bible, study it, and get to know God. Be determined to live for God, and only God, and

then follow through. If you want people to think you "live it", that is exactly what you have to do: you have to "live it".

## Texas A&M AgriLife Research instrumental in helping spawn new coastal industry

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"The ability to emulate the natural spawning of local oysters in a laboratory setting bodes well for Texas oyster mariculture," Magaña said. "That way there will be no need to collect oysters every year to produce larvae. And these oysters can be retained over their lifespan and produce year after year, providing us oysters with known genetic traits."

Magaña said in late March about 200 adult oysters from Copano Bay near Corpus Christi were brought to the AgriLife Research facility in Flour Bluff. Another 500 or so adult oysters were brought in on June 14 to increase the "broodstock" sup-

Male oysters were examined bi-weekly to ascertain their spawning condition. Oysters deemed to be at peak maturation were placed on a spawning table and water was heated to about 86 degrees. Male and female oysters were placed in separate containers to collect genetic material.

"Flow was commenced, and within 15 minutes a male oyster began to release his genetic material, inducing other oysters to follow suit," Magaña said. "The genetic material from the male and female oysters was mixed together and within minutes the fertilized oyster eggs began cell division. Within an hour blastula, or multiple cells, were present, and within several more hours trochophores had developed and were then considered free-swimming

The larvae were deposited into tanks filled with filtered seawater and provided with aeration and algae. On the fourth day, they were emptied to be evaluated and enumerated.

"Another benefit of spawning oysters in a lab setting is that we can provide seed oysters to commercial aquaculturists all year long and have a dependable source for producing oysters for restoration," he said.

Fox said Magaña will be continuing the research in Flour Bluff to spawn oysters and produce juvenile or 'seed' oysters for cage-farming research.

"Some additional steps toward making oyster aquaculture a reality for the Texas Gulf Coast include submitting one proposal to the Texas Sea Grant for oyster hatchery training and another to develop models to identify the best potential sites for oyster aquaculture along the coast," he said.

Dr. Larry McKinney, HRI senior executive director at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, said while the new laws will pave the way for the development of oyster aquaculture in Texas, other gulf states such as Alabama, Louisiana and Florida already have a significant head start.

Cemetery in Hereford.

"The development of a viable and competitive oyster aquaculture industry will not only create jobs and economic growth for the beleaguered Texas coast, it will also provide supplemental benefits," McKinney said. "Oyster reefs provide tremendous ecosystem services to humans by recycling nutrients, cleaning the water, protecting shorelines against storm surge and erosion, and in terms of carbon sequestration."

Even in cages, oysters can perform many of these services and most importantly, reduce pressure on our natural reefs."

He also noted Texas is well-positioned to launch the oyster aquaculture industry because of its healthy coastal ecosystem and miles of coastline.

"Done properly, oyster aquaculture will help us fulfill our mission to balance a healthy Gulf of Mexico with a healthy coastal economy," he said. "We can grow this industry if we all work together to ensure it is both economically and environmentally sustainable."

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# **ECE**

- Backpack
- Large Boxes of Kleenex
- Spiral Notebook
- Box of Ziploc Bags (Gallon size)
- Change of Clothes

# PRE-K

- School Box
- Elmer's School Glue (4 oz.)
- Boxes of 24 Crayola Crayons (Regular size)
- **Watercolor Paints**
- Pair Fiskar Scissors
- Large Box of Kleenex
- Big Backpack (without wheels)
- Package of Blank 3x5 Index Cards Roll of Paper Towels 1
- Change of Clothes

# KINDERGARTEN

- Elmer's School Glue (4 oz.)
- Boxes of 24 Crayola Crayons
- Pair of Fiskar Metal Pointed Scissors

Box of Ziploc bags (Boys- Gallon Size, Girls- Quart Size)

- Large Box of Kleenex Pencils #2 lead
- Big Backpack (without wheels) Elmer's Glue Sticks
- Roll of Paper Towels
- Large White Eraser **EXPO Dry Erase Markers**
- Plastic Folder with brads
- Mead K-2 Primary Writing Journal
- Change of clothes
- Water Bottle with Secure Lid

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- Pair of Fiskar Metal Pointed Scissors
- Yellow Pencils #2 lead Boxes of 16 or 24 Crayola Crayons (Regular size)
- Large Boxes of Kleenex 2 Glue sticks
- 3 Box of Ziploc Bags (Gallon size)
- Dry Erase Markers fine point Large Pink Eraser
- Pair of Headphones (NO EARBUDS PLEASE) School Box
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- MEAD K-2 Primary Writing Journal
- Container of Playdough
- Container of Antibacterial Wipes Backpack (without wheels)
- Change of clothes

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## 2nd Grade

- 1 Zipper pencil bag
- 20 Glue sticks (Elmer's only) 1 - Fiskar's sharp pointed scissors
- 48 Pencils #2 yellow only
- 1- Crayola colored pencils (12 count)
- 2 Boxes Crayola crayons 24 count 3 - Spiral notebooks 70 page wide ruled (1 black, 1 green, 1 blue)
- 6 Boxes Kleenex tissues 1 - Package dry erase markers 4 assorted colors
- 1 Box Ziploc bag (Girls-gallon size / Boys-quart size)
- 1 Large pink or white eraser 1 - Package highlighters 4 assorted colors
- 1 Set of headphones inexpensive

# 3rd Grade

- 1 Zipper pencil bag or school box
- 1 Elmer's school glue 4oz
- 2 Elmer's glue sticks
- 1 Fiskars sharp pointed scissors
- 24 Pencils #2 Yellow only 1 - 1" Binder 3 ring
- 1 Package dry erase markers assorted colors
- 2 Red pencils
- 3 Spiral notebook -70-page wide rule only (1 blue, 1 green, 1
- yellow)
- 3 Large boxes of Kleenex tissues
- 1 Package of notebook paper- wide rule only
- 2 Highlighters
- 1 Crayola colored pencils 12 count
- 1 Crayola crayons box of 24
- 2 Pink Pearl brand erasers
- 1 Package eraser caps
- 1 Box of Ziploc bag Boys-Gallon size
- 1 Box of Ziploc bag Girls-Quart size
- 1 Set of headphones inexpensive

# 4th Grade

- 1 1 1/2" 3 ring binder
- 2 Packages tab dividers (8 in pkg)
- 1 Zipper pencil bag
- 24 Ticonderoga wooden #2 pencils 1 - White eraser
- 2 Liquid Elmer's Glue 4oz
- 1 Crayola colored pencils 12 count
- 2 Boxes Kleenex tissue
- 2 Package notebook paper wide ruled
- 1 Set of headphones inexpensive

# 5th Grade

- 1 Red plastic folder with pockets and brads
- 2 Yellow plastic folder with pockets and brads 1 - Green plastic folder with pockets and brads
- 1 Blue plastic folder with pockets and brads
- 1 3 subject spiral notebook with plastic cover 3 - Package index cards - ruled
- 1 Composition book any color
- 1 Elmer's liquid school glue 3 - Glue stick
- 1 Scissors sharp point 1 - Box of 24 count colored pencils
- 1 Red pen

- 3 Package wide-ruled notebook paper
- 1 Black Sharpie
- 6 Dry erase markers
- 1 Large zipper pencil pouch
- 4 Package of 24 pencils #2
- 1 Box of 24 crayons
- 1 Large eraser
- PLEASE MARK ALL SUPPLIES WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME

# **Parmer County Treasurer's Report**

REPORT OF Sharon A. May County Treasurer of PARMER County, Texas, of Receipts and Expenditures from April 01, to June 31, 2019 Inclusive:

#### **JURY FUND**

Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2019	113,277.64			
Amount Received Since Last Report	1,390.51			
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	1,128.50			
06/30/19 Balance\$	113,539.65			
GENERAL FUND				
Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2019	1,421,598.61			

#### Amount Received Since Last Report......329,085.37 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report ......826,022.41

06/30/19 Balance	\$	3,924,661.57
FARM TO MARKET FUND		
Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2019	•••	.2,248,028.53
Amount Received Since Last Report	•••	278,629.32
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	•••	498,610.06

#### 06/30/19 Balance ...... \$ 2,028,047.79

**CONTINGENCY FUND** Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2019 ......379,728.47 Amount Received Since Last Report......11,238.41 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report ......42,049.00

#### 06/30/19 Balance ......\$ 348,917.88 PARMER COUNTY FORFEITURE FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2019 ......30,419.80 Amount Received Since Last Report......70.55 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report ......4,690.00 06/30/19 Balance ......\$ 25,800.35 PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2019 ......147,128.94 Amount Received Since Last Report......3,086.29

#### Amount Paid Out Since Last Report ......49,518.83

06/30/19 Balance .....\$ 100,696.40 **REVENUE FUND** Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2019 ......157,254.12 Amount Received Since Last Report...... 50,958.03 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report ......52,940.26

06/30/19 Balance .....\$ 155,271.89

#### JUVENILE PROBATION FUND Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2019 ......4,297.38

Amount Paid Out Since Last Report ................ 0.00 06/30/19 Balance ......\$ 4,619.77 COUNTY ATTORNEY - CHECK COLLECTION FUND

#### Amount Received Since Last Report......872.12 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report ...... 480.00 06/30/19 Balance ......\$ 3,614.48

Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2019 .................3,222.36

**DISTRICT CHECK COLLECTION - 287TH FUND** Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2019 .................6,287.81 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report ......4,057.00 06/30/19 Balance ...... \$ 2,567.08

DISTRICT ATTORNEY FORFEITURE FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2019 ......53,106.43

#### Amount Received Since Last Report...... 137.20

**COUNTY ATTORNEY FORFEITURE FUND** Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2019 ......4,776.71 Amount Received Since Last Report......12.87

#### Amount Paid Out Since Last Report ...... 0.00 06/30/19 Balance ......\$ 4,789.58

Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2019 ......100,919.93 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report ......0.00 06/30/19 Balance ......\$ 110,598.29 LATERAL FUND

INTEREST & SINKING FUND

#### 06/30/19 Balance .....\$ 0.00

#### PARMER COUNTY ATTORNEY PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed March 31, 2019 ......11,226.91 Amount Paid Out Since Last Report ......1,496.66 06/30/19 Balance ......\$ 10,893.04

RECAPITULATION Jury Fund ......113,539.65 Permanent Improvement Fund ......100,696.40 Revenue Fund ......155,271.89 Juvenile Probation Fund ......4,619.77 County Attorney - Check Collection Fund ......3,614.48 District Check Collection - 287Th Fund ......2,567.08 District Attorney Forfeiture Fund......50,267.05 County Attorney Forfeiture Fund.......4,789.58 Interest & Sinking Fund......110,598.29 Parmer County Attorney Pretrial Diversion......10,893.04

#### **TOTAL**.....\$ 6,884,284.82 LIST OF BONDS AND OTHER SECURITIES ON HAND

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

GENERAL FUND

TOTAL

**JURY** PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT **INVESTMENTS** 

#### TREASURER'S REPORT **PARMER COUNTY, TEXAS** THE STATE OF TEXAS

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

#### Sharon A. May **County Treasurer**

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 22nd Day of July, 2019.

# Trey Ellis

**County Judge - Parmer County, Texas** 

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# **AVISO**

Se está avisando que PARMER COUNTY SSA tiene intención de destruir documentos de estudiantes que recibieron servicios de Educación Especial antes y durante el Año 2011-12. Los únicos documentos que van a ser destruidos son los que están en la oficina de PARMER COUNTY SSA localizada en la calle Main Número 618, en Friona, Texas. Documentos en esta oficina son de estudiantes que recibieron servicio en los siguientes distritos: Bovina ISD, Farwell ISD, Friona ISD and Lazbuddie ISD. Padres/guardianes legales o estudiantes adultos con incapacidades fisicas/mentales pueden pedir copias de sus documentos. Pueden llamar o escribir a Carrie Arias, Directora de Educación Especial, en la oficina de PARMER COUNTY SSA, 618 Main Street, Friona Texas 79035, Número de teléfono es (806) 250-3315, antes del dia 2 de Agosto del 2019. RECUERDEN QUE ESTOS DOCUMENTOS PUEDEN SER NECESARIOS PARA EL SEGURO SOCIAL.

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Fresh peaches are an especially sweet

and delicious treat. Even canned or fro-

zen, there is no comparison to a fresh

peach. In the United States, we associate peaches with the state of Georgia,

affectionately known as the Peach State.

However, the peach traveled long and

far before it reached not only Georgia,

Peaches originated in China and have

been cultivated since 1000 B.C.E. In

China, peaches are symbols for immor-

tality and unity. In fact the peach tree

is considered the tree of life. Peaches

then travelled west on the Silk Road to

Persia. Alexander the Great discovered

them and introduced the peach to the

Greeks. The Romans have had peaches

since 50-20 B.C.E. They called them Per-

sian Apples. In many languages, even

today, the word for Persia and peach

are quite similar. From Rome the peach

was transported to France and Spain in

Europe. From there the Spaniards car-

ried peaches to South America. How the

peach made its way to the United States

is a little bit "fuzzy." Some reports claim

that the English brought the peach to

Jamestown and to Massachusetts while

others say the French brought the peach

up through Louisiana. Other reports

claim that Columbus brought them with

his arrival to the Americas, while still

others say the Spaniards brought them

to Florida where monks planted trees on

St. Simmons and Cumberland Islands in

1571. The Cherokee Indians then culti-

vated peaches in the mid 1700s. Another

report states that George Minifie planted

the first peach tree in Virginia. In 1851

Raphael Moses was the first to market

peaches. He devised a way to ship them

in champagne baskets and ice filled

Although Georgia is known as the

Peach State, it is only ranked fourth in

the U.S.. Most peaches are grown in Cal-

ifornia followed by South Carolina, and

New Jersey. China remains the largest

producers of peaches in the world while

There are two kinds of peaches: the

clingstone and freestone. As each name

suggests, the flesh on the clingstone

peach clings to the stone or seed while

the freestone flesh readily twists away.

Both types of peaches are available in

white and yellow versions. Suppos-

edly the best peaches are from France

called pêches de vigne, and are small

red, fleshed fruit. The outside is covered

in grayish down, but these peaches are

Peaches are a good source of vitamins

A, B, and C. A medium sized peach has

around thirty-seven calories. A good

way to ripen a peach is by placing it in

a brown paper bag for two - three days.

One important reminder about peach-

es is the pit contains hydrocyanic acid

which is a poisonous substance.

Italy ranks second.

said to taste excellent.

train cars to preserve their freshness.

but the Americas.

# **State Capital Highlights**

By Ed Sterling



Top officials attempt to clarify new hemp law for prosecutors

AUSTIN - Some district and county attorneys reportedly have begun to dismiss misdemeanor marijuana possession cases following the Texas Legislature's passage of House Bill 1325, a law creating a legal path for the cultivation and marketing of hemp and hemp prod-

Gov. Greg Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, House Speaker Dennis Bonnen and Attorney General Ken Paxton on July 18 sent a letter informing prosecutors that the Texas law, which takes effect Sept. 1, adopts the definition that differentiates between hemp and marijuana in the 2018 Farm Bill passed by Congress last year.

The farm bill, which delegates authority over the regulation, production and sale of hemp to the states, differentiates hemp from marijuana by setting a tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) threshold concentration of 0.3 percent for hemp and anything above 0.3 percent for marijuana.

HB 1325 directs the Texas Department of Agriculture to pass rules requiring hemp producers to be statelicensed and to test their products to ensure 0.3 percent or less THC concentration.

The Texas law also requires a shipping certificate that confirms the product in transport is legally compliant hemp. Failure to have the required certificate during transport is

a misdemeanor. Some counties reportedly have raised an issue over the cost of lab testing that must be conducted on hemp to determine if seized samples are legally compliant or not. To address that issue, Abbott, Patrick, Bonnen and Paxton wrote that prosecutors could use "circumstantial evidence" and, "As more companies enter the testing marketplace, the costs of the tests will certainly decline."

# Economy adds jobs in June

The Texas economy added 45,000 seasonally adjusted non-farm jobs, the Texas Workforce Commission announced in a July 19 news release.

Also, the unemployment rate fell to 3.4 percent in June, the lowest rate recorded since 1976, when the state started tracking the unemployment rate. The previous low unemployment rate of 3.5 percent was recorded in May.

"June's unemployment rate is a historic win for employers and workers across the state," said TWC Chair and Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. "It is a reflection of our excellent businesses, skilled workforce and the hard work of every Texan."

The Trade, Transportation and Utilities industry led job growth in June, adding 10,500 jobs. Leisure and Hospitality was second, adding 10,000 jobs.

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area recorded the lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs in June with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 2.1 percent, followed by the Amarillo, Austin-Round Rock and Odessa MSAs, each of which recorded a rate of 2.7 to tie for second place.

#### UT ups tuition assistance

The University of Texas System Board of Regents on July 16 voted unanimously to establish a \$160 million endowment from a distribution of the state's Permanent University Fund that will generate money for financial assistance beginning in fall 2020.

"Recognizing both the need for improved access to higher education and the high value of a UT Austin degree, we are dedicating a distribution from the Permanent University Fund to establish an endowment that will directly benefit students and make their degrees more affordable," UT Regents Chair Kevin Eltife said after the vote. "This will benefit students of our great state for years to come."

The new endowment will be used to expand UT Austin's Texas Advance Commitment program for instate undergraduate students to:

-Completely cover tuition and fees for students from families that earn up to \$65,000 a year who have financial need, and,

-Provide some assured tuition support to students from families with incomes of up to \$125,000 who have financial need.

## AG intervenes in lawsuit

Attorney General Paxton on July 19 announced his intervention in a lawsuit filed by a dozen business organizations against the city of San Antonio to strike down the city's paid sick leave ordinance.

The ordinance is scheduled to take effect Aug. 1. In court papers filed in a Bexar County state district court, Paxton explained that the state constitution gives the Legislature the authority to set the minimum amount of compensation established for workers, including the minimum amount of paid time off.

"The Legislature established the minimum amount of compensation for workers, and the Texas Constitution prohibits local municipalities from ignoring the Legislature's decision," Paxton wrote.

# Disaster declaration granted

President Trump on July 17 granted Gov. Abbott's July 10 request for "Individual Assistance" for those in severe weather- and flood-stricken Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy

counties in the Rio Grande Valley. Individual Assistance provides up to \$34,000 per household for dam-

# Small Town Cookin By Jeri Lynn White

#### **Peaches**

To read more about peaches visit www.thenibble.com, www.froghollow. com, and www.gapeaches.org.

This weeks recipes include a couple of sweet uses of the fruit and a savory salsa to use with chips, chicken, or fish.

#### No Bake Fresh Peach Pie www.thepeachtruck.com

#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 10-inch prepared graham cracker pie crust

1 3-ounce package peach-flavored gelatin

¼ cup granulated sugar zest of one lemon

1 cup boiling water

7 peaches whipped cream, optional

In small mixing bowl, add the peach-flavored gelatin, sugar and lemon zest. Add boiling water and stir until sugar and gelatin are dissolved. Set mixture aside to cool to room temperature. While the gelatin mixture is cooling, prepare your peaches. Start by peeling the peaches. Bring medium saucepan of water to a boil and prepare a bowl of ice water. Using the tip of a paring knife,

make a small X through the skin on the bottom of the peach, taking care to not cut deep into the flesh. Using a slotted spoon, place the peach in the boiling water for 10-15 seconds before removing it placing it in the bowl of ice water. Once cool, the skill will easily peel way with a paring knife by starting at the corners of the X and peeling towards the stem. Once all the peaches are peeled, remove the pit, cut into thin slices and place in a large mixing bowl. Pour the cooled gelatin mixture on the peaches, toss to combine fully and transfer to the prepared pie crust. Arrange the peaches to evenly fill the crust if needed, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 2-3 hours until fully set. Slice with a sharp knife dipped in hot water and serve with a dollop of whipped cream if desired.

#### **Peach Dumplings**

By Ree Drummond www.thepioneerwoman.com

#### **Ingredients**

2 cans Crescent Rolls 16 whole Frozen Peach Slices 1-1/2 stick (3/4 Cup) Butter 1-1/4 cup Sugar 2 teaspoons Vanilla Extract Ground Cinnamon, For Sprinkling 1 can Sprite, 7-Up, Or Mountain Dew Extra Butter, For The Pan Whipped Cream, For Serving

#### **Preparation**

Butter a 9 x 13 inch baking dish. Roll each peach slice in a crescent roll.

add sugar and barely stir. Add vanilla, stir once or twice, then pour the entire mixture over the rolls/ peaches in the pan. Pour 3/4 of the can of Sprite around the edges and in the middle of the pan. Sprinkle with cinnamon and bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Remove from the oven and let sit 10 minutes before serving. Serve with ice cream or whipped cream, and spoon some of the sweet sauces from the pan over

Place in the pan. Melt butter, then

# Fresh Peach Salsa

By: Sylvia Fountaine - www.feastingathome.com

# **Ingredients**

3 large peaches- ripe (but not overly soft) diced into ½ inch dice, skins ok ½ a medium red onion, very finely diced (about ¾ cup)

½ a red bell pepper, finely diced ( for color and texture)

1 medium tomato, finely diced 1 jalapeno, very finely diced 1 cup chopped cilantro, tender stems

1/4 cup fresh lime juice (1-2 limes) 1/4 teaspoon salt and pepper more to

1/4 teaspoon chipotle powder - optional, more to taste (will add a pleasantly smoky heat)

## Instructions

Gently rub peaches with a terry cloth towel to help remove peach fuzz, then rinse under cold water. Dice peaches, tomato, onion, bell pepper, jalapeño, and cilantro and add to a medium bowl. Add lemon juice juice, salt and pepper, gently toss to combine. Adjust lime and salt. Add optional chipotle powder, starting conservatively with a 1/4 teaspoon. Taste, and and adjust according to preferences. You want a delicious balance between sweet, salt, lime and heat. Serve with chips or over fish or grilled chicken.

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Congratulations to 4-H'er Angelica Valencia. She was a first-year livestock presenter and has received a \$6,000 San Antonio Livestock Scholarship over the next four years.

Her parents are Vicki and Tony Vasquez. She will be attending college at WTAMU in Canyon.

Angelica also went to Florence, Athens, and Rome on

an educational tour with 4-H in early July. There were three other students from our area on the tour. Parmer County is so proud of how she represents us here and abroad!





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