



Grand Old (new) Flags



Brothers Jim & John Taylor have worn a lot of hats through the years. Fire chief, police chief, mayor, well-driller, and diviner just to name a few. You can now add "flag builder" to that list. Jim's daughter Amanda saw someone building a wooden flag on social media and she knew that her dad and uncle would be interested. They were.

To construct 2 flags, the brothers begin with 32 2x4s, a template, a special bit, and some stain & paint. They then add in approximately 10 hours of grit, elbow grease, and power tool experience for each flag. The finished products are beautiful works of art ready to be "flown" at home or at work. There is already a waiting list.

Droughtbuster



The 4+ inches of rain this past week has brought an end to our extreme drought and to the county burn ban. Weather statistician John Gurley reported that Friona received 4.16 inches of precipitation during the 5-day rain event. Total rain for the month of June is 5.11 inches and 8.31 inches is our grand total so far this year. In the photo, you can see that the western section of Reeve Lake has returned in style. The firework show will actually be "smoke on the water" this year. See page 9 for details.

Burn ban is lifted

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, June 28, 2021 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.

Kirk Frye, Precinct 1 Commissioner, officiated the meeting in place of Judge Trey Ellis who was absent for medical reasons. All four commissioners were in attendance.

There were no public comments. Minutes from the June 14th meeting were read and approved. Commissioners approved the payment of the accounts payables as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May. The Treasurer's payroll report was also approved.

No action was taken concerning the Parmer County Burn Ban because it was not on the agenda. Public notice must be given for all Commissioners' Court meetings. The agenda was sent out last Thursday before it started raining. Only the county judge has the power to lift or institute a burn ban without Commissioners Court action. **On Tuesday morning, Judge Ellis released a statement lifting the burn ban until further notice.**

Sheriff Randy Geries reported that he was currently housing 25 inmates in the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center which includes 2 inmates being housed for Deaf Smith County. Sheriff Geries also made a request concerning special operating expenses. The Court said that the request was in line with normal budgetary procedures and that no special action was needed to pay the expenses.

A motion was made to purchase a new, smaller generator for the courthouse instead of moving the larger, used generator over from the jail. Estimated moving expenses were higher than anticipated and the used generator was just too powerful for what the courthouse needed. The used generator will now be used as a trade-in.

The next scheduled Commissioners Court meeting is Monday, July 12th.

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.

Rep. Arrington Honored with Farm Bureau Golden Plow Award

On June 21st the American Farm Bureau Federation and Texas Farm Bureau presented Rep. Jodey Arrington (R-Texas) with AFBF's Golden Plow award. The Golden Plow is the highest honor the organization gives to sitting members of Congress.

"In just a short time in Congress, Congressman Arrington has shown himself to be a strong advocate for farmers and ranchers," said AFBF President Zippy Duvall. "He knows there is no time to waste on the issues impacting our farmers and ranchers today."

Congressman Arrington has been a leader on a number of key issues facing agriculture, including trade, regu-

lation and tax reform. "Thanks to Congressman Arrington's efforts, the estate tax exemption was doubled," Duvall said. "He continues to work toward the goal of full repeal of the estate tax, which threatens the economic sustainability of our farm and ranch businesses."

The Texas Farm Bureau endorsed Arrington for the award in honor of his tenure serving rural America in Washington, D.C., since he was elected to the House of Representatives in 2016.

Texas Farm Bureau President Russell Boening said, "Congressman Jodey Arrington fights hard for farmers and ranchers in Texas and across the country. He is extremely deserving

of the American Farm Bureau Federation's prestigious Golden Plow award. Since taking office to serve Texas' 19th Congressional District in 2017, Congressman Arrington has been a steadfast advocate for farm and ranch families across the state and nation. He has led efforts to strengthen the farm safety net, promote international trade, improve tax policy, reduce government regulations and expand rural infrastructure, among others. He is a leader who truly understands the determination of those involved in agriculture and works each day to provide more opportunity for rural America. Texas Farm Bureau thanks him for his ser-

vice and congratulates him on this honorable achievement, which is awarded to only one member of the entire U.S. House of Representatives annually."

AFBF's Golden Plow

award recognizes members of Congress who exemplify agricultural leadership and support of Farm Bureau policies. Recipients are chosen for having a philosophy or record that demonstrates

a commitment to sound agricultural policies supported by Farm Bureau, the private enterprise system, fiscal conservatism and reduced federal regulation of businesses and individuals.



AFBF President Zippy Duvall, Rep. Jodey Arrington (R-Texas), TFB President Russell Boening

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Friona Weather July 1-7	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	Precipitation June 5.11 Year 8.31	Burn Ban No
									
	86 64 SW 10-15	79 63 ENE 10-15	80 63 SSE 10-15	85 63 SSW 10-15	84 64 S 10-15	83 63 S 10-15	84 64 S 10-15		

State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Community Calendar

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July 1
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
• Books & Bites program from 9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m. at Friona Public Library

July 2
• Snack Pak 4 Kids bag pickup from 1:30 p.m. -2:00 p.m. at North entrance of First United Methodist Church

July 3
• Small Town, Big Parade at 8:30 a.m. at 1606 W. 10th St.

July 4
• Independence Day
• Firework show at Reeve Lake beginning at dusk

July 5
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
• Noon Lions Club meeting at The Farm Wife Kitchen at Noon

July 5-17
• Summer Drama Workshop

July 8
• Senior Citizens meal at noon in the Senior Citizens Center
• Books & Bites program from 9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m. at Friona Public Library

Democrats sue over defunding of legislative branch

House Democrats filed a petition with the Texas Supreme Court on Friday, seeking to overturn Gov. Greg Abbott's veto of funding for the legislative branch.

As the Austin American-Statesman and other media outlets reported, House Democrats were joined by the AFL-CIO and caucuses representing Black and Latino lawmakers in asking the court to determine the governor's actions were unconstitutional.

Abbott used his line-item veto power to abolish funding for the legislative branch in the next biennial budget, which takes effect Sept. 1. He was angered by the last-minute walkout of House Democrats to stop consideration of various voting law changes pushed by the governor and Republican legislators.

"Abbott's veto is an abuse of power, an act of legislative coercion and a threat to democracy, the result of which is clear and immediate harm to the people of Texas," said Chris Turner, D-Grand Prairie, chair of the Texas House Democratic Caucus.

"The Legislature is a co-equal branch of government and the separation of powers is enshrined in our state constitution," Turner said. "The governor doesn't get to simply cancel another branch of government when he doesn't get his way."

Abbott's veto struck \$410.2 million allocated for the Legislature and numerous agencies that provide support to lawmakers.

Besides state lawmakers, who make \$600 a month, Turner said the veto could affect up to 2,000 employees of the Texas Senate and House and those agencies.

failed.

On Friday, Abbott urged county judges across Texas to submit their two-year projected budget for expenses related to what he terms the "ongoing border crisis." The projections, submitted online, will be used by the state to request additional border security funding during the upcoming special session.

On Friday, the governor also urged jailers statewide to assist border sheriffs with operating detention facilities and providing jail beds for people arrested on state charges related to crossing the border illegally.

PUC outlines disconnection procedures as moratorium ends

The Texas Public Utility Commission met Thursday with its newest member, Lori Cobos, being sworn in by Chairman Peter Lake.

As previously reported, the PUC has ended the moratorium on disconnections in effect since February. The first day for potential disconnections is June 29. Customers have specific rights under PUC rules when it comes to potential disconnections for nonpayment.

The PUC publishes a "Know Your Rights" page on its website, which can be accessed here: <https://tinyurl.com/6byxdy97>.

The PUC also said the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which it oversees, will have to release information about power outages more quickly.

Right now, the state's main power grid operation has 60 days to release information about power plant outages, such as occurred recently during a June heat wave. That has been reduced to three days.

However, as the Texas Tribune reported, ERCOT could include which power plants were down and for how long, but not much more detail about why the outage occurred.

Number of vaccinated Texans edges upward

The number of Texans fully vaccinated has reached 11.7 million or 40 percent of the state's total population, according to Texas Health and Human Services.

Meanwhile, hospitalizations in the past week of lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients in Texas stayed roughly the same as the previous week at 1,481. New cases of COVID-19 in the state in the past week totaled 8,825 with 167 deaths recorded, little changed from the previous week.

TCEQ assists Aransas Pass with water contamination

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is working with the city of Aransas Pass after its water system was apparently chemically contaminated by a backflow from a local business. Antifreeze is the possible contaminant, according to published reports.

As of Sunday, the city's tap water should not be used for drinking, cooking, bathing, brushing teeth, making beverages or ice or dishwashing. It can still be used for doing laundry, flushing commodes and watering outside.

TCEQ sent 40 pallets of bottled water to the city and is onsite taking samples from the municipal water system. It is unknown when the water will be considered safe for consumption again.

The city is holding a self-serve drive-thru behind its civic center where residents can pick up water.

Supreme Court: Academy can't be sued over shootings

The Texas Supreme Court threw out four lawsuits filed against Academy Sports and Outdoors by survivors and family of the victims of the mass shooting at a Sutherland Springs church in 2017.

The Austin American-Statesman reported the court ruled Friday that the suits were prohibited by a federal law protecting retailers from legal action stemming from crimes committed by third parties.

The shooting, at a church in a small community about 30 miles east of San Antonio, left 26 people dead. The gunman was killed after leaving the scene.

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Farmhouse to Your House

Special session set for July 8

Abbott has called for a special session beginning July 8, his office announced last week. He said in a press release that the items to be addressed "will be announced prior to the convening of the special session."

Abbott had said previously that he would ask legislators to work on two priority election bills that died when the Democrats walked out, as well as a bail bill that also

ACROSS

- Abilene Dyess base's mil. branch
- Oldham County seat
- it's taken at a wedding (2 wds.)
- "and mean"
- this org. was the Alamo caretaker
- May birthstone
- TX Vikki Carr album: "Homres"
- Lone Star unit: "National Guard"
- TXism: "he's spring chicken" (old)
- chili is the Texas state
- TXism: "is the Pope Catholic?"
- TXism: "dull week's news"
- take a break in the action (2 wds.)
- Cowboys first head coach, Tom (init.)
- book: "Texas War"
- "The Tyler Rose," Campbell
- Mexican "north"
- TXism: "don't get a knot" (calm down)
- "don't cry over milk"
- TXism: "at the hat"
- TX retired pro wrestler: "Stone Cold" (init.)
- concept
- snobbish attitude
- racehorse checks?
- Gov. Dan Patrick
- TX-based TGI Friday's has sites in wan
- TX Lyle Lovett album: "It's Not Big It's"
- TXism: "looks good enough sermon" (dressed well)
- far west Texas: "Pecos"
- part of "pick" or "wit"

DOWN

- TX hometown of Matthew McConaughey
- cuts off
- TXism: "hungry as concrete pasture"
- baby deer
- actress in 1956 TX epic "Giant" (init.)
- TX Michael Johnson at 1996 Olympics, e.g.
- egress
- saddle sore?
- TXism: "rare teeth"
- Cotulla is the seat of Salpe County
- town where alcohol cannot be sold
- TXism: "judge in court"
- qualities of fortitude
- oldest in Texas: "Mission"
- Ken Paxton's TX title (abbr.)
- a TX crop: beans
- John Mac was Mavericks head coach (1987-89)
- "thing" (no doubt about it)
- TX Tanya hit: "San Antonio"
- TXism: "mad enough nails"
- the jalapeno is less than the serrano
- "you don't know the half"
- TXism: "he couldn't drive a snow bank" (inept)
- Astro or Ranger glove
- Dallas pro BB team, for short
- anger
- "Ripley's Believe It or Not" in Grand
- positive investment results

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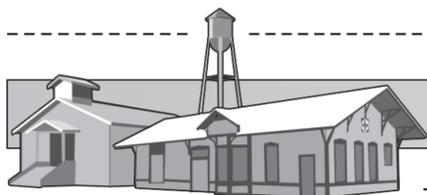
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Independence Day- Each year on July 4th, the United States celebrates Independence Day. This federal holiday commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain. For nearly 250 years, the country has been celebrating a day in history that inspires us still today.

★★★
The Small Town, Big Parade will take place on July 3rd at 1606 W 10th Street. This parade is open for anyone who wants to participate or attend and there will be free ice cream. Line-up will be at 8:15 and the parade will start at 8:30.

★★★
Don't forget to go to Reeve Lake for the Friona Firework show around dusk on July 4th! Personal fireworks will only be allowed at the Reeve Lake area so take your

fireworks with you to have fun after the show.

★★★
Milk House Market is having a sale in honor of their 7 year anniversary. The sale features 20% off storewide and 30% off on furniture and lighting in the store. There will also be a barn sale, which features 50-75% off of everything in the barn. The sales start on Thursday, July 1st.

★★★
The first day of the Summer Drama Workshop is on Monday, July 5th, registration is \$25 per child. Directors this year are Allison Johnston, Joy Morton, and Shawn Oakley Farrar. Rehearsal times are as follows at the Junior High Auditorium: Elementary show from 9:00 a.m. till noon, Junior High show from 1:30 p.m. till 4:30 p.m., and High School show from 7:00 p.m. till 10:00 p.m.

★★★
The Friona Volunteer

Fire Department will conduct a 50 for 50 Gun Raffle this year with the drawing scheduled for September 11, 2021. Tickets will go on sale next week. Visit www.frionafire.com to find information about rules & prizes.

★★★
Parmer County Cancer Coalition and Hereford Cancer Coalition have raffle tickets available for the chance to win a Kubota Side-By-Side & Trailer. Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. All proceeds benefit grants for cancer patients in Parmer County and Hereford. To purchase a ticket, call or text 806-206-0743.

★★★
If you want to keep a brick from the Primary School as a memento, you can pick them up at the northwest corner of the property. You can also ask one of the workers to give you a brick if there isn't any at the pick-up area.

★★★
July is the seventh month of the year in the

Julian and Gregorian Calendars and one of seven months with a length of 31 days. July was named in honor of Julius Caesar, who decided to change from a lunisolar calendar to a solar calendar, which led to the 12 month- 365 day calendar that we use today.

★★★
Mike Blackburn recorded his first hole-in-one golf shot last Saturday at the Muleshoe Country Club. The "ace" was made at the 9th hole, a 110-yard par 3. Mike hit an 8-iron which bounced once and then found the bottom of the cup. The memorable shot was witnessed by Kirk Wright. Mike is the owner/operator of Blackburn Hardware and has been playing golf for about 15 years. Congratulations, Mike!

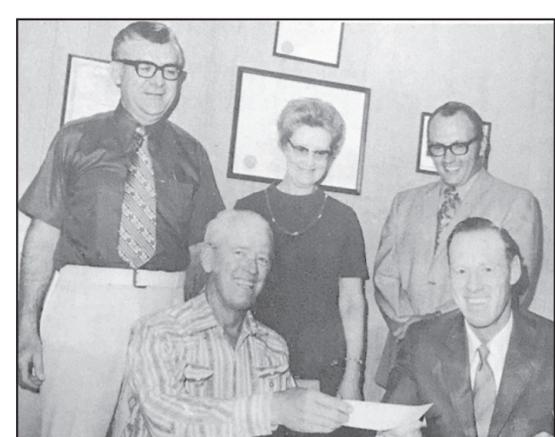
★★★
Friona City and Chamber of Commerce offices will be closed on Monday, July 5th, for the Independence day holiday. They will reopen on Tuesday.

★★★

- National Days**
July 1- Postal Worker Day
July 2- Anisette Day
July 3- Hop-a-Park Day
July 4- Independence Day
July 5- Workaholics Day
July 6- Fried Chicken Day
July 7- Strawberry Sundae Day

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



BUILDING TRANSACTION...Principals involved in a transaction the past week which saw the former Johnson's Grocery building purchase by Friona Texas Federal Credit Union are shown above. Seated, Ray Landrum, president of the Credit Union's board, presents a check to John Bingham, one of the partners who owned the building. Standing is attorney Richard Collard, Credit Union treasurer and manager Geneva Williams and Dr. Jon M. Roden, the other partner involved in the transaction. (Friona Star, Thursday, June 22, 1972)

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

(6/21/21) Christopher Shuffelberger, 38, of Portales, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of Theft, pending District Court.

(6/21/21) Salvador Herrera, 20, of Friona was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of License carried/Exhibited on Demand 3rd, pending County Court.

(6/23/21) Evan Paiz, 22, of Muleshoe was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a MTR (DWI), probation revoked, serving 120 days in jail plus days for fines and court cost.

(6/25/21) Cecil Cooper, 41, of Clovis, New Mexico was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a FTA (Possession CS), posted bond and released, pending District Court.

(6/25/21) Guadalupe Robledo, 59, of Bovina was arrested by the Bovina Police Department on a charge of DWI, pending County Court.

(6/26/21) Ramon Banda, 28, of Bovina was arrested by the Bovina Police Department on a charge of DWLI w/previous, pending County Court.

(6/26/21) Imanol Lopez, 19, of Amarillo was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on a charge of Possession CS Pg2 < 1g, pending Grand Jury.

COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from June 17, 2021 to June 24, 2021

(6/17/21) Luis Estrada, Rosa Estrada — Andres Loera, Mickie Loera — 1.06 Ac of land out of the NE corner of SW 1/4 of Sec 4 Blk E of a Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County

(6/17/21) Liliana Lara — Jose Gregoria Morales Cuellar — All of L 10 Blk 43 Original Town of Friona in Parmer County

(6/21/21) Danny Hand, Jiselle Hand — Optima Dairy Texas LLC — The S/2 of Sec 23 Township 4 S R 4 E of a Capitol Syndicate Subdiv in Parmer County

(6/22/21) Hal Dean Blackburn, Marvine Blackburn — Thomas Rae Garcia, Iris Anahi Saucedo — N 5' Lot 7 and Lot 8 Block 6 Staley Addition Unit No 1 and Lot 2 Block 13 Staley Addition Unit No 2 City of Friona

(6/23/21) Mary Irene Jones, Brad Jones — Quincy James, Lamichah G. James — Lots 1-4 of Blk 58 of the Original Townsite of Farwell in Parmer County

(6/23/21) H2 Land LLC — Route 77 Dairy — The N 1/2 of Sec 2 less 20 Ac being the S 20 Ac of the NE Quarter of Sec 2 and the NE Quarter of Sec 3 all in the Blk E Capitol Syndicate Subdiv

(6/23/21) Pamela M. Carpenter — Sergio M Vasquez, Luz Mayela Vasquez — Lots 7-10 Blk 14 Original Town Addition City of Farwell in Parmer County

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...firecracker cake with berry sauce!
Kids: color stuff in!

Fourth of July!

The Fourth of July is when the U.S. celebrates its independence and all the freedoms its people enjoy. It's a day for picnics, parades, swimming and fireworks. Have a ton of fun, everyone!

Do you know about the events that led up to the American colonies making a declaration to break away from British rule to be independent? It was a time of unrest and war, then peace and freedom. **Fill in this puzzle about key events:**

- Before the American Revolution the _____ colonies in America were under British rule.
- King George the III was only _____ years old when he claimed his throne.
- King George wanted to raise some _____.
- He placed too many _____ on the colonies, which had no vote in Parliament.
- One day, angry colonists threw rocks and other items at British soldiers. The soldiers shot into the crowd, killing some people and wounding others. This event is called "The _____ Massacre." (1770)
- Next, the King insisted that people pay their taxes on tea. Angry colonists dressed up like Native Americans boarded the British ships. They threw the tea into the harbor. This event is called the Boston _____ Party. (1773)
- In 1775, the people of Lexington and Concord, Mass., gathered with guns to face arriving British soldiers. These clashes were the first of the _____ Revolution.
- George _____ became the leader of the American armed forces.
- The colonies of America declared themselves free from British rule on July 4, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of _____.
- The colonies became the United _____ of America.
- The _____ surrendered to George Washington in October 1781, at Yorktown, VA.
- A _____ treaty between America and Britain was finally signed in September 1783!

Picnics! Parties!

Find and circle these favorite Fourth of July foods:

red flame grapes	S E P A R G E M A L F D E R U I L C
corn on the cob	O E E P N F R E W S A Q D T F G O
fried chicken	N K T G I L O K N J H Y G L O K R
barbecued ribs	A S D F H C O I U Y T R E H G J N
hamburgers	B H E R K J K O I J H G T R D S O
potato salad	N G C I J N O L E M R E T A W J N
iced tea	C I E L J H G E K J H G F D S T
pickles	J F D B G D R S S K O J Y H G H
clam bakes	N H C S P I H C O T A T O P J E
watermelon	F H Y R D E S A Q X H L K O C
ice cream	N I U Y H G F R L J N B F D O
hot dogs	J C S B I R D E U C E B R A B
lemonade	S K Y G R F M I U H Y T F D S
cherry pie	G E U Y T O P O I U Y T R E W
potato chips	O N H G N J N M V C D S Z A S
	D N U A J G E I P Y R R E H C
	T G D K G S M A E R C E C I T
	O E J N M B V C Z S A D F G H
	H V C L A M B A K E S K J H G
	O J E R S R E G R U B M A H
	P O T A T O S A L A D O L P

Parading Down Main Street

The Fourth of July parade is passing along Main Street. Can you start at the float and find your way to the picnic in the park?

Fireworks!

What do you **see** when you go to the fireworks show?

Fill in the words with the vowels that are missing:

Ooooo! Ahhhh!

What do you **hear**?

P _ W

B _ N G

P _ P

C R _ C K

W H _ S H

C H _ _ R S

What do you **smell**?

S _ L P H _ R

S M _ K _

G R _ S S

F R _ _ D D _ _ G H

Small Town Cookin'

Ice Cream Flag Cake



- Level: Intermediate
- Total: 3 hr 55 min
- Prep: 3 hr 10 min
- Cook: 45 min
- Yield: 12 to 14 servings

Ingredients

- Cooking spray
- 1 16-to-18-ounce box white cake mix (plus required ingredients)
- 2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
- 28 drops royal blue gel food coloring
- 4 drops violet gel food coloring
- Unsalted butter, for the pan
- 3 pints raspberry sorbet
- 2 1/2 pints vanilla ice cream
- 2 pints heavy cream
- 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar

Source for recipe: www.foodnetwork.com

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F; coat a 9-inch-round springform pan with cooking spray. Prepare the cake mix as directed, adding the cocoa powder and food coloring to the batter. Transfer to the prepared pan and bake until done, about 45 minutes.
2. Let the cake cool, then remove from the pan; level the domed top with a serrated knife. Use a 5-inch circle of parchment paper as a guide to cut a circle from the center of the cake (you won't need the small circle). Freeze the large cake ring.
3. Cut a 6-by-30-inch strip of parchment paper. Clean the springform pan, then butter it and line the side with the parchment as shown; the paper will extend above the rim of the pan so you can build a tall cake.
4. Let 1 pint sorbet soften slightly at room temperature. Spread in the prepared pan, then lay a piece of plastic wrap on top and use the bottom of a measuring cup to pack the sorbet into the pan in an even layer. Freeze until firm, at least 30 minutes.
5. Let 1 pint vanilla ice cream soften; spread in the pan, cover with plastic wrap and press evenly with the measuring cup. Freeze until firm, then repeat to make 1 more layer each of sorbet and ice cream (4 layers total). Freeze until firm.
6. Place the blue cake ring on top of the ice cream, pressing gently; return to the freezer while you prepare the next layer.
7. Cut off the top 1 1/2 inches of the remaining sorbet carton; remove the carton and wrap the sorbet loosely in plastic wrap. Press into a 5-inch round, then place the flattened sorbet into the hole in the cake, smoothing as needed. Freeze until firm.
8. Cut off the top 1 1/2 inches of the remaining ice cream carton (you won't need the bottom). Flatten as you did the sorbet; place on top of the raspberry layer. Repeat with the bottom section of sorbet. Freeze until firm.
9. Beat the heavy cream and confectioners' sugar with a mixer until stiff peaks form. Remove the springform ring and parchment collar from the cake. Cover the cake with the whipped cream. Freeze until ready to serve.

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Gas prices rise due to strong demand

By GasBuddy

Texas gas prices rose 3.4 cents in the past week, averaging \$2.78 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Gas prices in Texas are 5.6 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 90.2 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$2.49 while the most expensive is \$3.49 per gallon. The national average price of gasoline rose 2.5 cents in the last week, averaging \$3.09 per gallon. The national average is up 4.7 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 92.1 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

"With oil's continued push higher, fueled by continued strong demand globally and production only slowly answering, gasoline prices have had no choice but following the national average last week setting a new 2021 high," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

De Haan continued, "As we approach July 4, it appears the only way forward is for gas prices to continue their rise as Americans insatiable demand for gasoline continues to be the catalyst for the rise in price. With hurricane season soon coming into its prime, we have plenty of catalysts for a rise in price, and few that could restrain the situation. Motorists should prepare to dig deeper for the second half of the summer, unfortunately."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data is accessible at <http://FuelInsights.GasBuddy.com>.

Hospital Announces Scholarship Recipients

Parmer Medical Center is pleased to announce the recipients of the annual Parmer Medical Center Community Scholarships. The purpose of the scholarships is to promote service excellence in health care for Parmer County by assisting capable and qualified students interested in pursuing healthcare related professions. There were seven applicants competing for the four scholarships. The selection committee was

comprised of school staff, hospital staff and the public at large. They selected four deserving students to each receive a \$2,500 award. Emily Amaya attended Friona High School and will attend South Plains College to pursue a nursing career. Jasmine Ramon is a Bovina High School graduate and will attend Texas Tech University to become a trauma surgeon. Another Bovina High School graduate, Gabrielle Medrano, will at-

tend The University of Texas in San Antonio for her nursing studies. The other deserving graduate, Trudy Fehr, is from Farwell High School. She will be attending WTAMU and pursuing a nursing career.

The PMC Board of Directors and staff all wish a hearty congratulations to each of the scholarship recipients. Parmer County can be proud of the young people in our area.



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Congressman Mike Conaway inducted into Farm Credit Bank of Texas Academy of Honor

Former U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway was inducted into the Farm Credit Bank of Texas (FCBT) Academy of Honor at the 2021 FCBT Annual Stockholders Meeting on June 16. The award establishes a \$25,000 scholarship that will be presented in Conaway's name to students attending a university of his choice.

Established in 1968, the bank's Academy of Honor recognizes outstanding individuals for their service and contributions to agriculture and to Farm Credit. To date, 62 people have been inducted into this prestigious group.

Conaway represented the 11th congressional district of Texas for 16 years, beginning in 2005. For six of those years, he was chair or ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee. He did not seek reelection in 2020.

"Throughout his eight terms in the U.S. House of Representatives, Rep. Conaway was an advocate for agriculture and rural communities, and a friend to Farm Credit," Jimmy Dodson, FCBT board chair, said in presenting the award.

"As chair, he presided over the writing

and passage of the farm bill in 2018. In so doing, he was the first chair in nearly 30 years to introduce and pass a farm bill in the same year — virtually an unheard-of task," Dodson said.

An Army veteran with a background in accounting, banking and petroleum, Conaway was appointed to the House Agriculture Committee, the House Armed Services Committee and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. He also served as the deputy Republican whip.

"We appreciate Congressman Conaway's leadership, guidance and strong voice for farmers and ranchers over the years. And while we will miss having him on the House Agriculture Committee, we take pleasure in inducting him into the Farm Credit Academy of Honor — a distinction well-deserved," Dodson said.

Farm Credit Bank of Texas is a cooperatively owned wholesale bank that provides financing for agriculture and rural communities. The Austin-based bank is a part of the Farm Credit System, a nationwide network of rural lending co-ops that was established in 1916.

"The Rock on which our republic rests"

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Do you know "the rock on which our republic rests" according to President Andrew Jackson? It's not the democrats or republicans, or even the principles of liberty and freedom, but the rock is none other than the Bible, the Word of God written to men. The key to America's founding and preservation is the Bible. In fact, President Abraham Lincoln said of the Bible, "It is the best gift God has given to men. All the good the Savior gave to the world was communicated through this Book. But for it, we could not know right from wrong." President Ronald Reagan said, "The Bible and its teachings helped form the basis for the Founding Fathers' abiding belief in the inalienable rights of the individual..."

In today's time we need to be reminded that "The grass withers, the

flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever," Isaiah 40:8. Since the Word of God stands forever, and since you and I are like a fading flower, will you take time and celebrate our nation's founding by giving thanks to God? As you give thanks for our country though, also seek him through His Word and walk in His ways. The "rock on which our republic rests" is also that rock on which your life should rest, lest you be swept away by the current of the world. The Word of God remains, although nations rise and fall; the Word of God sustains in each and every storm; the Word of God guides, even when the world's compass spins wildly. As you stand on the Word of God, may you be like the wise man who built his house on the rock, because he heard and obeyed the truth of God.

What Makes You Smile?

By Teena Hughs

Last Wednesday night, I went to sleep, thanking God for humor, good humor that makes me laugh a really good laugh!

I had been watching the Reno (Nevada) Rodeo on the Cowboy Channel. John Harrison was the clown, and he made a few comments that weren't politically correct, but from my perspective, they were true, funny and clean. I admire someone who goes against the spin of today's liberal media, speaks truth and makes people laugh.

I had my junior college reunion Saturday night, and I found out that a life-long friend has cancer. It isn't good, but my aunt had the same kind of cancer, and while the treatments were very difficult to endure, she survived and has lived a quality life for many years.

My friend isn't finding humor in anything right now, and while I can't blame her in some ways, I am also disappointed because she is depressed, and her attitude is not good. Her home life hasn't been what anyone would call quality, but worst of all, while she believes there is a God, she doesn't know Jesus. Bottom line, she is angry, very angry!

Proverbs 17:22 tells us that "A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones." Ecclesiastes 3:4 tells us there is "a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance." Maybe now is the time for weeping and laughing, mourning and dancing. Sadly, I fear her spirit is crushed, and I am not sure she will allow anyone to help her, and I am not sure she

will listen to anyone. For sure, she isn't laughing or dancing.

Right now, I don't have answers for what I am going to do for my independent, do-it-all-myself friend, so I am praying for her and what I am supposed to do to help her. I just know that tough times are so much easier to get through with humor, a good attitude and with Jesus guiding and helping you through any and all tough times! My friend needs all three right now; she especially needs peace that comes from all three.

No matter what we are going through, we do need to remember that a joyful heart is always good medicine for what is ailing us. Take care, have a great July 4th weekend! Enjoy the good times and good laughs with your family and friends!

Texas Insurance Tips

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Don't post on social media. It's wise not to post online that you're away even if you think only friends and family can see your social media updates.

Lock doors and win-



dows. This seems obvious, but it's easy to overlook. Before you leave, walk around the house to make sure everything is locked.

Unplug TVs and computers. It's Texas. So you never know when an electrical storm could cause a power surge. To protect expensive electronics, unplug them or

plug them into a surge protector.

Turn off the main water supply to your home. Even a minor leak can cause major damage if no one is home to catch it.

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4-H District 2 Shotgun Meet



Kayl Schueler, Peyton Schueler, Nate Rushing, and Ethan Rushing

Kayl Schueler, Peyton Schueler, Nate Rushing, and Ethan Rushing competed in the 4-H District 2 shotgun shooting sports in Post and Seminole, Texas this past weekend. The results are as follows: **Trap** — Ethan (4th), Peyton (6th), Nate (7th); **Skeet** — Ethan (4th); **Whizbang** — Ethan (4th), Peyton (6th), Nate (10th); **Sporting Clays** — Peyton (6th), Nate (10th); **Overall** — Peyton (6th), Ethan (7th).

Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



The Games of the XXXII Olympiad begin July 23 in Tokyo.

While watching the U.S. Olympic trials recently, my family's excitement about the upcoming sports event has spread over to the youngest generation, most of whom were not around during the 2016 Summer Games.

My granddaughters now know that a small splash in the diving competition is better than the big splash. They are super fans of Simone Biles and anyone with a Texas A&M logo on his or her uniform (track and field and swimming had some Aggie representation). Their Old Navy Olympic t-shirts are bought, so now all we must do is get that world map finished so we can add little gold stars to the countries with athletes who take first place. (Their maternal grandmother loves history and geography, so this is a compulsory move).

Lillie and Ellie will rep the country patriotism with the innocence of children—caring not if an American is brown, white, black, or purple. They watched women's gymnastics last night and witnessed the team that will represent our country—a beautiful mix of Anglo, Black, and Asian American faces.

Lillie and Ellie will go through school learning about their native country as most of us did, in that positive light of the courage and determination of the Patriots during the American Revolution. Their Texas pride will be bolstered by their Fourth Grade Texas History lessons about the Alamo and the Battle of San Jacinto. The nation's sacrifices during World War II as men and women did what must be done to defeat the Axis Powers will be in their high school history curriculum. As with many of us, my grandchildren will be given plenty of reason to be proud to be called Americans.

If this is all they are taught, though, my fear is their education will be incomplete. Pride in one's country should not prevent it from reality checks. Age-appropriate lessons—those which tell "the rest of the story" as Paul Harvey used to say—are just as vital.

What if the Bible left out the graphic, gory details of the Old Testament? What if we feared to teach the young about Peter's mistakes? About Judas's betrayal? What if a church forbade talking about how the Jews crucified Jesus because it would make Jews look bad?

The hard truths, with the proper context and accuracy and details, cannot be swept away. Rather than work with the Native Americans, the Europeans claimed this country's land. Enslaving people, tearing them from their families, and denying them human rights happened. Cherokees who had assimilated to the Anglo culture in dress and language in Georgia were forced to move by an American president who defied a Supreme Court decision—all because gold had been discovered on their land. This country turned away Jews who had fled Germany, took property and businesses from Japanese Americans, and denied much of the G.I. Bill benefits to Black veterans after World War II. As for lynchings in our country, both Hispanics and Blacks know a thing or two about that piece of American history.

This is the reality of our melting pot.

The word "American" should be inclusive of all the stories we have—the good, the bad, and the ugly. It is good that we used our differences to defeat a common enemy--think Navajo Code Talkers. It is bad that this country had previously forced many of these same Native Americans to assimilate to "American ways" by taking them from families to attend government-run or religious boarding schools. It is ugly that these children were punished for speaking in their Native Navajo tongue.

Fortunately, we have grown as a country. If Simone Biles wins gold again, she will return home to the United States and sleep at any hotel she chooses and drink from any water fountain she wants and receive endorsements that will set her up financially. Contrast this to Jesse Owens who won four track and field gold medals at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. Americans were horrified when he was snubbed publicly by Adolph Hitler. When Owens returned home, however, these same Americans would have been horrified if Owens had tried to enter a restaurant through the front door or had taken a drink from just any water fountain. He was an Olympic hero, but he was a Black Olympic hero.

Let people tell their stories. Our American Olympic athletes from all backgrounds will have tales to tell next month. Some will include adversity, hard work, inspiration, love, failure, or even luck. We need to be open to history—as long as it is true, it is real. And if nothing else, we Americans ought to champion the truth, not a half-truth or a truth from a singular perspective.

This is what I want for my grandchildren—to be familiar with their country's entire history, to celebrate with pride our many "gold medal" moments and work hard to prevent the return of previous "unsportsman-like" eras.



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Front Row: Kevin Jesko (Bootleg F.D.), Montana Owens (Bootleg F.D.), Randy McCasland (Friona F.D.), Stran Guernsey (Rhea F.D.), Juan Samarron (Friona F.D.), Danny Campbell (Fire Chief, Friona F.D.)
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Public Notice

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Obituaries



Donald Olin Shelton

Donald Olin Shelton, 80, of Dimmitt, passed away at Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friona Texas on June 9, 2021.

There are no services scheduled at this time. Disposition was handled by Boxwell Brothers in Amarillo, Texas.

Donald was born on September 14, 1940 to Olin and Thelma Denton Shelton on a farm near the Hackberry community in Lynn County.

Donald dreamed of farming while growing up and fulfilled that dream in Castro County. He enjoyed going to farm auctions, drinking coffee



and spending time at family gatherings. He raised Texas Longhorns and loved Golden Retrievers. He was a veteran of the United States Army.

Donald was preceded in death by his wife, Jan-

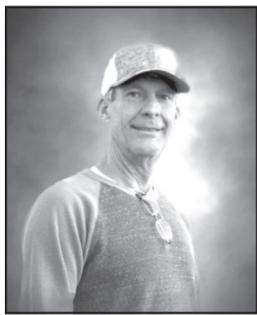
ice Shelton; parents Olin and Thelma Denton Shelton; and sisters Laquita Griffith and Melba Conard.

Donald is survived by his son Kyle Shelton and wife Judy of Granbury; his brothers Leland Shelton and wife Mary of Hereford, Jerry Shelton and wife Beth of Tullia; two grandchildren and four great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.



Denver Ross Riddle

Denver Ross Riddle, 50 of Bovina passed away Saturday June 26th 2021. Viewing was held Tuesday, June 29, 2021 from 9:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. with family visitation from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of HANSARD FAMILY. Celebration of Life Services were scheduled for 10:30 A.M. Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at the Bovina Church of Christ with Mike Prather, officiating. Cremation and arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.



He was a devoted worker where he spent the last several years enjoying life. He had been blessed working in the family business Riddle Inc. with his father Jon Lin Sr. and mother Brenda of Bovina Texas. Denver was the proud father of two daughters Harlie Riddle of Powell, Wyoming and Torilin Riddle of Granada Co. He was the loving stepfather of Tanner Coy and his 3 grandchildren, and Mason Ecklund of Granada, Co. Denver is also survived by his brother Jon and Niki Rid-

dle and family of Dimmitt, Texas and loving sister Casey and Toby Lirot and family of Lakewood, Washington.

There are many things in life that make you wonder why things happen when they do, but one thing we don't have to wonder about is the love Denver had for family and friends and the love that we will always have for Denver. One of many quotes remembered about Denver was, "He never met a stranger."

Rest in peace Denver you will never be forgotten.

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



Early Settlers Day Rodeo is July 9-11

UPRA event to be held in Levelland

A United Professional Rodeo Association sanctioned rodeo will be held Friday, July 9 and Saturday, July 10 with team roping scheduled for Sunday, July 11, all at the Mallet Event Center in Levelland.

The Early Settlers Day Rodeo pays tribute to early settlers of the region and will feature 12 rodeo events, three of them open to youth.

The rodeo will be the same weekend as the O'Donnell Rodeo and cowboys and cowgirls are expected to compete in both, especially because of the added prize money of \$10,000 which is being offered at the Early Settlers' Rodeo in Levelland.

The gate will be \$10 for adults with kids eight and under admitted free.

The rodeo will begin at 7 p.m. each night with a mutton bustin' competition. Entry fee will be \$10 and belt buckles will be awarded to the winners both nights.

That event will be followed by bareback riding, steer wrestling, calf roping and break-away roping. A calf scramble during which contestants try to pull a ribbon off the tail of a calf will be the sixth event. Belt buckles will be awarded to the calf scramble winners each night.

Saddle bronc riding, ranch bronc riding and team roping will be followed by the third youth competition, youth steer riding for those 13 and under. Entry fee will be \$20 and buckles will be awarded.

Barrel racing will be

the 11th event and bull riding will conclude the rodeo.

Entry fee for all of the adult rodeo contests is \$100.

Add-on money of \$1,000 will be paid in the bareback and saddle bronc riding and \$500 added for the ranch bronc riding. An add-on of \$1,500 will be paid for the bull riding and \$750 added for the steer wrestling, calf, break-away and team roping and barrel racing.

Team roping will be held Sunday. Entry for that competition is \$120 per roper.

For more information, call rodeo organizer Randy Mulkey at 891-8654, his daughter, Jennifer Cunningham at 891-1725 or Cole Garner at 893-9340.

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Retail beef prices remain high due to increased demand

By Adam Russell

Consumers can expect higher beef prices at grocery stores despite a recent dip after the typical seasonal peak around Memorial Day, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

David Anderson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension economist, Bryan-College Station, said retail beef prices remain above the five-year average, as supply and demand factors continue to contribute to higher-than-normal prices.

Retail beef prices are lower than this time last year at the height of the pandemic, when panic buying and packing plant closures drove prices upward, Anderson said.

Anderson said choice retail beef prices were \$6.96 per pound compared to \$7.59 per pound a year ago during the pandemic. While prices are lower than a year ago, they have been on the rise this year. Choice average beef prices have increased from \$6.41 to \$6.96 per pound since the first of the year.

The recent price changes for beef are consistent with historic seasonal peaks and valleys, but prices remain above the five-year average of \$5.82 per pound. Anderson said he expects market conditions to keep prices up.

Cuts like rib-eye steaks skyrocketed this spring through Memorial Day weekend, which typically marks the kickoff to grilling season and the annual seasonal peak for retail beef prices, Anderson said. Rib-eye cuts were \$13.18 per pound wholesale heading into the holiday and settled at \$10.36 per pound this week.

"We're seeing tighter supplies across the board on all proteins as there continues to be strong demand here at home and booming exports," he said. "Beef

cuts calmed down a little after the typical season price spike around Memorial Day, but it looks like higher prices at grocery stores are here for the foreseeable future."

Extraordinary demand for retail beef

Anderson said the economic recovery continues to drive strong demand for beef. Restaurant demand for beef has put increasing pressure on supplies – especially higher-value cuts like rib-eye and tenderloin – as people look for opportunities to dine out.

Demand for beef at grocery stores has not waned as restaurant capacities rise, he said.

"There is extraordinary demand right now," Anderson said. "We're coming out of the pandemic, and people want to get out, and restaurants are meeting that pent up demand. But purchases at grocery stores hasn't slacked off, even with the reopening. The combination is fueling higher retail prices as a result."

But higher costs to produce beef and move it through the supply chain to grocers and restaurants are also feeding higher costs for consumers, he said. The same market factors are affecting other proteins like chicken and pork.

Feed, fuel and labor costs are all higher on the supply end as lower unemployment and economic growth push demand higher, Anderson said.

"I would argue that the problem is still a lingering bottleneck in terms of a shrinking herd, packing capacity, trucking capacity to move product around the country, and all the moving parts that get us from the farm to the plate," he said. "Part of that is the turmoil we've experienced during the pandemic and

the volatility it introduced to the market. I think this is the latest round of volatility that we're working through after a year and a half."

Calf prices, high production costs

At the supply end of the chain, beef producers have seen calf prices rise some, especially in certain weight classes, but prices remain below the five-year average.

Anderson said high feed prices – mainly corn and soybean meal – have stymied price gains at local sale barns across the state. Feedlots are willing to pay more per pound for higher weight calves – 700-800 pounds – that do not require as much feed to finish out, while calves 400-600 pounds or lower are not fetching top dollar.

"Gains from grass cost less than corn right now, and so feedlots are willing to pay a little bit more for heavier calves," he said.

The fact that most cow-calf operations have better grazing conditions than a month ago has also settled the market some as well, Anderson said. Producers

were culling their herds deep and selling calves early when they were looking toward severe drought and a hotter, drier summer forecasted ahead.

"A couple months ago, there were no buyers and a lot of sellers, and prices went down," he said. "Now there's more grass, so nobody is under pressure to sell and there are more buyers looking to restock or take advantage of good grazing."

The rainfall that reduced drought levels across Texas likely steadied the market a bit for producers. But Anderson said contraction of the Texas beef cattle herd was expected to continue due to feed costs, continued threat of drought and the fall seasonal dip in demand that triggers reduced beef production.

"We are producing a lot of beef, but we could see less production year over year," he said. "I think we'll continue to see retail prices come down from peaks overall, but not below last year or even 2019. Consumers will get some relief, but it's hard to say that we'll see overall prices decline."

Adam Russell is a communication specialist for Texas A&M AgriLife.

Post 206 bids farewell to the Willards



Farewell Dinner at Leal's (l-r): Augustin Andrade, Sharon White, Shelby and Gaylon Rhodes, Billy Smith, Richard and Elida Villarreal, Connie and Dee Willard

On Monday, June 21, the Parmer County American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary Post 206 hosted a farewell dinner at Leal's Restaurant in Muleshoe, Texas in honor of two members, Dee and Connie Willard, who are moving away. Dee and Connie have lived in Friona since 1970 and are moving to Justin, Texas. They have three grown daughters.

James Dee Willard served in the U.S. Army for two years from 1966-1968 in the 1/14 FA 2nd AD at Ft. Hood, Texas. He has been an active member of the PCAL Post 206 for the past 9 years. Connie Willard has been a member of the Parmer County American Legion Auxiliary.

Post Commander Richard Villarreal said, "Dee has been a great asset to the organization along with his support, commitment, and dedication. We thank him for his military service and we thank them both for being members of the Parmer County American Legion and

American Legion Auxiliary Post 206. They will be greatly missed."

The PCAL also welcomed a new member, Augustin Andrade, who recently transferred to Post 206. Augustin is retired from the US Army after 24 years of service, with rank of Sergeant First Class (SFC). He served as both Infantryman and Special Operations Medical NCO, with deployments that include Bosnia and Iraq.

Significant assignments: 4th Infantry Division, 25th Infantry Division, 1st Armor Division, 10th Mountain Division, 1st Cavalry Division, and 12th Special Forces Group (Airborne). 8 years, in Afghanistan, as a US military advisor for the Afghan Commando/Special Forces program. Currently the Equal Opportunity Director at Cannon, AFB, as a US Air Force Civilian.

Augustin has 4 adult children: 3 daughters; ages 39, 37, 36; and a son, age 35.

Opportunity for all

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

"No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." As obvious as it sounds, this only became a law of the land on June 23, 1972, with the rather bland moniker of Title IX.

According to History.com, the reason Title IX was enacted was, until its passage: "few opportu-

nities existed for female athletes. The National Collegiate Athletic Association [NCAA], which was created in 1906 to format and enforce rules in men's football but had become the ruling body of college athletics, offered no athletic scholarships for women and held no championships for women's teams. Furthermore, facilities, supplies and funding were lacking. As a result, in 1972 there were just 30,000 women participating in NCAA sports, as opposed to 170,000 men."

Eventually, the legislation evened out the opportunities; in 1972, less than 300,000 high school girls were engaged in sports; now, there are more than 2.6 million.

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends **Women in Sports: 50 Fearless Athletes Who Played to Win** by Rachel Ignotofsky.

Source: *History Matters, a feature of The Grateful American Book Prize: Showing our children that their past is prelude to their future.*



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Independence Day Quiz

1. How many people were living in the newly independent United States when the Declaration of Independence was signed?
 a. one million b. 500,000 c. 2.5 million
2. Who was King of England on July 4, 1776?
 a. King George III b. King William IV c. King Edward VII
3. Who was president of the Second Continental Congress in 1776?
 a. George Washington b. John Hancock c. Thomas Jefferson
4. Which future president was chosen to draft the Declaration of Independence?
 a. John Adams b. Benjamin Franklin c. Thomas Jefferson
5. Who sewed the first American Flag?
 a. Betsy Ross b. Abigail Adams c. Dolley Madison
6. How many stars and stripes were on the first American Flag?
 a. 50 stars and 13 stripes
 b. 13 stars and 13 stripes
 c. One star and 13 stripes
7. What two presidents died on Independence Day in 1826?
 a. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams
 b. John Adams and George Washington
 c. George Washington and Thomas Jefferson
8. How many signed the Declaration of Independence?
 a. 56 b. One c. 13
9. Who was the first person to sign the Declaration of Independence
 a. George Washington b. Thomas Jefferson c. John Hancock
10. When was Independence Day declared a legal holiday?
 a. 1776 b. 1830 c. 1941

- Answers:**
1. c. 2.5 million
 2. a. King George III
 3. b. John Hancock
 4. c. Thomas Jefferson
 5. a. Betsy Ross
 6. b. 13 stars and 13 stripes
 7. a. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams
 8. a. 56
 9. c. John Hancock
 10. c. 1941

July 4th Weekend Events Schedule

Saturday, July 3rd Small Town, Big Parade

8:15 — Line up
8:30 — Parade

The hometown patriotic parade returns after being cancelled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Line-up begins Saturday morning at 8:15 a.m. at 1606 W. 10th Street. Parade will start at 8:30 a.m. and travel around the block and return to the starting area. Free ice cream will be served.

Sunday, July 4th Fireworks Show at Reeve Lake

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(1) The Fourth of July commemorates what important historic occasion?

- A. The end of the Revolutionary War
- B. The signing of the Declaration of Independence
- C. Adoption of the Declaration of Independence by Congress
- D. The signing of the Constitution

(2) In which city was the Declaration of Independence signed?

- A. Boston
- B. New York
- C. Philadelphia
- D. Washington

(3) Which of the following did not sign the Declaration of Independence?

- A. Thomas Jefferson
- B. John Adams
- C. William Whipple
- D. George Washington



(4) Which of the following was included in the Declaration as a complaint against King George and the British Parliament?

- A. Allowed only British tea to be sold in America
- B. Imposed taxes without consent
- C. Appointed liberal non-originalist judges
- D. Gave charters to Church of England only, not other religious bodies

(5) Which memorable phrase is not included in the Declaration of Independence?

- A. Give me liberty or give me death
- B. Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.
- C. The laws of nature and of nature's God
- D. Supreme Judge of the world

(6) The original Declaration of Independence is housed in:

- A. Independence Hall in Philadelphia
- B. Library of Congress
- C. Smithsonian Institution
- D. National Archives

(7) How many delegates from the 13 colonies signed the Declaration of Independence?

- A. 13
- B. 26
- C. 39
- D. 56

(8) Which two presidents died on the Fourth of July?

- A. George Washington and John Adams
- B. John Adams and Thomas Jefferson
- C. Thomas Jefferson and James Madison
- D. Herbert Hoover and Franklin Roosevelt

(9) Which president was born on the Fourth of July?

- A. Calvin Coolidge
- B. Howard Taft
- C. Dwight Eisenhower
- D. Richard Nixon

10. According to the Declaration of Independence, the people have the following right:

- A. The right to bear arms
- B. The right to equal protection of the laws
- C. The right to alter or abolish their government
- D. The right to a free education

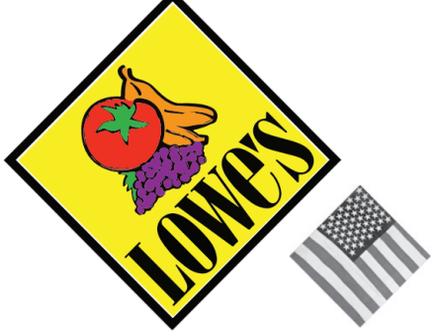
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