



Third Court of Appeals Rules in Favor of Rural Telecommunications Providers

By Mark Seale
TTA Executive Director

Austin, Texas - The Public Utility Commission (PUC) must immediately restore over \$200 million in past-due support to rural telephone providers from the Texas Universal Service Fund (USF), a state program designed to ensure reliable and affordable telecommunications connectivity in rural Texas, according to a judgment from the Third Court of Appeals issued June 30, 2022.

The Court ruled that the PUC “acted without legal authority” when it stopped paying more than 70% of its TUSF obligations in January of 2021. Justices said the PUC’s interpretation of the law would lead to an “absurd result.”

“For two years, rural Texans have faced the uncertainty of whether their local phone companies would be able to ride out the financial storm created when the Public Utility Commission stopped funding universal communications services for rural areas of the state —

and whether they might face dramatic increases in their phone bills or lose service altogether as a result,” said Rusty Moore, General Manager and COO of BBT Telecom and Board President of the Texas Telephone Association. “Today we are thrilled the court has agreed with us — USF is a fundamental building block of a connected rural Texas.”

Moore described the Court’s ruling as the first step to restore needed funding for rural communications and committed to working with the Texas Legislature to ensure stable and appropriate funding for the future. USF is funded through a surcharge on telephone services and is not part of the state’s general budget.

The USF was created in 1987 because costs to build and maintain the telecommunication network over large rural areas are much higher than in densely populated urban areas, meaning many rural Texans could not afford service without

a cost balancing mechanism.

Almost 4 million rural Texans rely on USF to support their affordable access to the telecommunications network, which enables voice and broadband service and powers rural cellular service.

“We look forward to working with the new commissioners at the PUC to quickly follow the court’s directions, recoup the money owed to these companies, and move on with the business of providing reliable and affordable telecommunications to all of Rural Texas,” said Moore.

About Texas Telephone Association 43 Rural Texas telecommunications providers comprise the Texas Telephone Association. Its members include telephone cooperatives and both privately held and publicly traded companies that serve over 3 million rural Texans across almost half of the total landmass of Texas (145,000 square miles - an area the size of Montana).



July begins with a bang!

A July 4th parade, along with multiple fireworks displays, kicked off a very busy month of July. The annual neighborhood patriotic parade held in the “Western Addition” began around 9:15 a.m. Monday morning and included almost every mode of transportation possible. The Friona Volunteer Fire Department led the parade which encompassed West 9th and 10th streets. The festivities included free snowcones for everyone courtesy of Fire & Ice.

Reeve Lake was packed Monday evening for the annual fireworks display

conducted by the fire department. Everyone had the opportunity to light their own fireworks, watch the big display, and then pop more fireworks until midnight. Dynamite Fireworks reported that they were extremely busy all day and that everyone was enjoying the cooler weather.

Friona Cheeseburger Festival week begins on Sunday with the FCCLA Pancake Dinner. Events are planned for every day of the week leading up to the Cheeseburger Festival on Saturday. See schedule on back page.



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Obituary



Community Calendar

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July 7

• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

July 10

• FCCLA Pancake Dinner from 11:00 a.m. till 1:30 p.m. at Friona Community Center

July 11

• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

July 14

• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

July 16

• Cheeseburger Festival from 11:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. at Reeve Lake Park and Friona Community Center

July 18

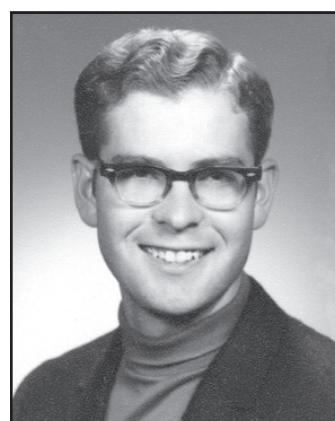
• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center
• Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at The Farmwife Kitchen

July 21

• Senior Citizens meal at noon at Senior Citizens Center

David Lewis Smith, 73, passed away Tuesday, May 3, 2022. He is preceded in death by his parents, Lewis L. Smith and Frances (Bolding) Smith, his brother Dale W. Smith, and his loving wife of almost 48 years, Krystyna (Miesak) Smith. Left to cherish his memory are her sons, Winter J. Smith and his wife Kellie, Zachary A. Smith and his wife Meredith; grandsons Aiden Smith, Ryan Smith, and Isaac Smith; niece Amber Miertschin and her husband Bill; nephew Toby Smith and his wife Sabra; grandnieces Lindsay Smith and Morgan Smith; and a host of other family and dear friends.

Born in Friona, in the heart of west Texas, David grew up on the family farm, having adventures and getting into a little trouble with beloved cousins and friends. David received his bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees in Physics, Electrical Engineering,



and Pulsed Power Engineering from Texas Tech University, where he met and married his wife Krystyna. After graduation, they moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico where David served in the Air Force at Kirtland Air Force Base and was honorably discharged with the rank of captain. After discharge, he continued working at Kirtland Air Force Base with Sandia National Laboratories for his entire career, where he put his pulse powered engineering degree to work. When asked what he did for a living, his typical cheeky response was, "the government won't allow me to tell you," deflecting the

question like any good employee with DOE Clearance would. So even his own family couldn't confirm (or deny) that he wasn't a secret agent versus an engineer.

Not only was he a captain and a doctor of philosophy, but most of all, David was a great husband and father. He coached his sons' soccer teams from early elementary to high school. He encouraged their continued academic success, and he supported their interest in music by sharing his experience as a trombone player in the marching band. He enjoyed spending time with his family - hiking and skiing both in Red River, New Mexico and the adjacent Sandia Mountains, where he would never admit to getting lost. David instilled a deep appreciation of board games in his sons from an early age, simplifying rules to complicated games until they were old enough to discover that the rules

kept changing! This love of gaming grew with his sons such that they now share this experience with their own sons. He enjoyed taking the family dogs on long walks over the years, and neighbors still comment on his kind smile and friendly words. David allowed others to do most of the talking, but whenever he did speak it was always meaningful, wise, and witty (if you could look past the bad puns). Although a quiet man, he left a distinct mark in life creating long-lasting friendships and deep bonds with family. David leaves behind a huge hole in the hearts of so many.

A Memorial Mass for David was held on Thursday, May 12 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Helen Catholic Church, 2209 Old Alvin Rd., Pearl-land, Texas with Father José Alonso officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to a charity of your choice in David's name.

State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$3.7 Billion in June

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that state sales tax revenue totaled \$3.68 billion in June. This total represents a 16.4 percent increase over the June 2021 amount. The majority of June sales tax revenue is based on sales made in May and remitted to the agency in June.

As a result of a sustained period of historically high revenues, later this month Hegar will provide an update to the Certification Revenue Estimate published in November 2021. **That update will result in a significant increase in estimated revenue available for the 2022-23 biennium.**

"State sales tax collections surged in June, outpacing inflation, with strong growth in receipts from all major economic sectors," Hegar said. "The strongest growth was in sectors driven primarily by business spending, with receipts from the mining sector nearly doubling collections from last year, and with receipts from the manufacturing, wholesale trade and construction sectors also up sharply.

"Receipts from restaurants and the services sector were strong once again in June, as consumers continue to spend more on live events with entertainment options becom-

ing available that were not available the last two years.

"While receipts overall from retail trade were strong, receipts from furniture and home furnishings stores, as well as sporting goods and hobby stores, declined from year-ago levels for the third straight month, another indication consumers are switching spending from goods to services."

Total sales tax revenue for the three

months ending in June 2022 was up 12.5 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 59 percent of all tax collections.

Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes: (1) motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$584 million, down 1 percent from June 2021; (2) motor fuel taxes — \$323 million,

up 3 percent from June 2021; (3) oil production tax — \$679 million, the highest monthly collection on record, up 87 percent from June 2021; (4) natural gas production tax — \$439 million, the highest monthly collection on record, up 176 percent from June 2021; (5) hotel occupancy tax — \$67 million, up 24 percent from June 2021; and (6) alcoholic beverage taxes — \$150 million, up 9 percent from June 2021.



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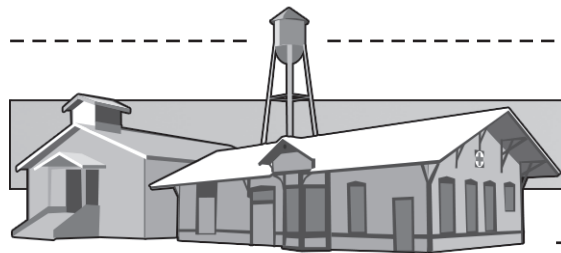
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TOWN TALK

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Keep Friona Clean — The City will open the roll-off box located at East 8th and South Jackson Avenue on Saturday, July 9th from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Thank you for keeping Friona clean!

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Thank you — Friona Vocational Agriculture Association members would like to thank everyone who supported their pulled pork lunch fundraiser last Friday. Funds raised will benefit 4-H, FCCLA, and FFA students.

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Pancake Dinner — Vo Ag members will also be on hand to help cook pancakes for FCCLA fundraiser on Sunday from 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the Friona Community Center. Proceeds will be used to cover the costs of traveling to San Diego for the national meeting. See you there!!!

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Prairie/Legacy News — the Resident Council at Prairie Acres has chosen to honor the memory of Jennifer Baize for the month of July. The news of her passing was difficult for both staff and residents. Jennifer dedicated 25 years of her life to serving the residents at Prairie Acres. Administrator Jeff

Procter said, "She was a blessing to all on so many levels and a treasure to work with in the care of our residents. We are truly at a loss."

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Friona Youth Camps — Friona Youth Sports will present a Volleyball Camp with ENMU July 12-15 at the Friona JH Gym. There will also be a Basketball Camp for Girls with WT Girls August 1-3 at the Friona JH Gym. You can register at www.frionayouthsports.org for both camps.

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Library turns 40 — The current Friona Public Library building turned 40 in June. An open house for the facility was held on June 13th, 1982. The new building was financed entirely by donations.

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Save the Date — The 14th Annual Pudge Kendrick Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled for July 30-31 at the John Pitman Golf Club in Hereford, Texas. The charity event raises money to provide grants to local cancer patients. Corporate and personal sponsorships are available. Go to the Parmer County Cancer Coalition facebook page for more info.

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COURTHOUSE NOTES

Susie Spring, County Clerk

Warranty Deeds recorded at the Parmer County Clerk's Office from June 23, 2022 to June 30, 2022

(6/23/22) Mike Chaney — Richard Bermea — All of Lots 15, and 16, of Block 61 of the Original Town of Friona, Parmer County Texas

(6/23/22) Lewis Dee Gore — Seth R. Murphree — 13.75 Acre of Land Out of Capitol League 461, Being Out of the North Part of Section 12, of Charles E. Hardings Subdivision in Parmer County

(6/23/22) Angela Sylvia Trevino — Richard A. Ramirez — Portion of Lots 6 and 7, Block 1 Welch Acres, City of Friona, Parmer County Texas

(6/24/22) Christy Boone, Jyl Grimsley, Jan Smith — Martha Barker — South 23' Lot 2 and North 57' Lot 4, Block 5, Lakeview Addition, City of Friona, Parmer County

(6/24/22) Richard Leon Ware, Shirley Joyce Ware — Michael Leon Ware — 320 Acres of Land Being the East 1/2 of Section No. 21, Block A, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision Out of a League No. 523, Abner Taylor, More Tracts in Document

(6/27/22) Heifer Hill Farms Inc. — Travis Birkenfeld — A 6.711 Acres Tract of Land Out of the Northeast Corner of Section 85, Block H, Kelly Subdivision Parmer County

(6/28/22) Laura N. Lee McDonald, David Mark McDonald — Midmar Farms LP — The South 197.24 Acres of Section 14 and the North 60 Acres of the Northeast One-Forth of Section 23, Township 5 1/2 South, Range 5 East of the Syndicate Subdivision Survey Out of League 514, State Capital Land, in Parmer Texas, More Tracts on Exhibit "A"

(6/26/22) Daniel Leslie Church, Lora M. Church — Jefery Jordan, Duarte Lorena Parra — A 2.168 Acre Tract of Land in the NE/4, Section 27, T9S R1E, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision Parmer County Texas

(6/28/22) Wuerflein Properties LP — Mark C. Parish, Gwen Parish — All of the Southeast Quarter of Section 6, Block W, E.K. Warren Subdivision No. 1 Parmer and Lamb County

(6/28/22) Gloria Torres — Elias Torres — All of Lots 13, 14, 15, and 16, of Block 18, of the Original Town of Farwell, Parmer County Texas

(6/29/22) Eric Vaughan, Estate of Kaye Vaughan — Eric Vaughan, The Kaye Vaughan Estate Trust — All of the North Half of Section 14, Township 15 South Range 2 East, Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, More Tracts on Document

National Days

- July 7 — Macaroni Day
- July 8 — Collector Car Day
- July 9 — Dimples Day
- July 10 — Kitten Day
- July 11 — Pet Photo Day
- July 12 — Paper Bag Day
- July 13 — French Fry Day

Friona Rainfall Data

2021

January	0.33
February	0.35
March	0.72
April	0.17
May	1.63
June	5.11
July	3.86
August	1.69
September	1.19
October	0.73
November	0.00
December	0.00
Total	15.78

2022

January	0.00
February	0.16
March	0.23
April	0.00
May	1.86
June	0.00
Total	2.25

By The Numbers

City of Friona
June 2022

Public Library

Days Open	22
Electronic Visits	909
Average Daily In-Person Visits	51
New Patrons	24
Number of Items Circulated	875
New Items Added	30

Police Department

Calls	119
Stops	102
Warnings	89
Citations	13
Arrests	4
Miles Driven	2,318

EMS

Transports (911)	21
Non-Transports (911)	15
Transfers	8
No Patient	1
Standby	2
Total Runs	47

Volunteer Fire Department

Date & Incident	Personnel and Vehicles
June 1 gas leak	6 and 2
June 3 wreck	7 and 2
June 10 wreck	8 and 3
June 13 wreck	6 and 2
June 14 alley fire	5 and 1
June 15 grass fire	6 and 3
June 17 rail car fire	6 and 3
June 18 wreck	9 and 3
June 22 grass fire	12 and 8
June 22 grass fire	11 and 4

A day at the beach with your family... ...is a day full of fun and excitement! Kids: color stuff in!

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A Day at the Beach

Cowabunga! The beach is a cool place to have fun with your family. Read the clues to fill in these beach puzzles!

Head for the beach, excited and happy:

- carry your share of stuff to the spot you choose on the _____
- set up blanket, chairs and _____
- blow up the beach _____
- check out where the _____ are stationed
- bob in the _____ and surf on your board
- unpack _____ from the cooler and share
- feed bread crusts to the _____
- put on more sun lotion and drink _____
- throw and _____ the beach ball
- read a chapter of your new _____
- walk on the _____ to visit people fishing
- watch the _____ and ships sail by
- shovel _____; dig moat around sand castle
- walk along shore to find cool _____
- gather all your stuff and carry out your _____

Head for home, exhausted and happy!

- fold the beach _____
- pack a lunch into a _____
- rub on _____
- gather folding _____
- wear flip-flops to protect _____
- grab beach _____ for drying off
- find a _____ with a brim
- grab fun beach _____
- pour cold water into _____
- put on _____ to shade eyes

Hunting for Treasure Treasure hunt! Comb the beach for the 5 treasures below. Start at the shovel and finish at the pail.

Sand Sculpture Contest! Did you know that there are people who are pros at building sand sculptures? Some are artists or architects who travel to different countries to enter championships or to bring fun and wonder to special events. Fill in the spaces below with the vowels to see what things are needed at a contest or festival:

- s _ nd
- w _ t _ r
- sh _ v _ ls
- good w _ _ th _ r
- lots of p _ _ pl _ watching
- pr _ z _ s

Ugh! You'd think being a crab would make me better at this!

The Giants are Coming Crabby gets scared when the "giants" come to play on the beach. He hides in the rocks. Pinch gets annoyed and acts naughty. Follow the color key to see what bit of trouble Pinch is about to get into:

B = Brown P = Pink T = Tan G = Green

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Check Your Mirrors

By Sue Jane Sullivan



Congressional Medal of Honor Society Website Worth a Visit

"Your Name is the most precious possession you have."
 --Hershel W. "Woody" Williams, Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient, when speaking to young people

--while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force; or
 --while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party.

"All of us have circumstances that happen in our lives that we have absolutely no control of. It's what we do as a result of those circumstances that is the most important thing. If something happens that is good, then we need to multiply that. If there is something that happens that is going to have an effect on our lives, then we must learn how to adjust to that. The most important thing to do is maintain our character. We must have character."

Last week, the passing of Mr. Williams did not register as much attention as the Heard/Depp verdict. As the final WWII Medal of Honor recipient to pass away, Williams was one of only 472 U.S. service personnel to have received this medal recognizing courageous actions from the 1941-1945 global conflict.

Naturally, eyewitness accounts must accompany the nomination process, which must take place within three years of the action itself. Williams' bravery at Iwo Jima on February 23, 1945, provided more than enough reason for the Medal of Honor to be draped around his neck.

The Congressional Medal of Honor Society website offers free on-line training for accessible classroom teacher resources (www.cmohs.org). It is user friendly for anyone wishing to learn more about the history of the MOH, stories and some videos of its 3,511 recipients since its inception in 1861, as well as the previously mentioned training information.

According to the Congressional Medal of Honor Society website, an individual receives the prestigious recognition by distinguishing himself or herself conspicuously by "gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his/her life above and beyond the call of duty"

The Medal of Honor website is a treasure trove of information regarding our country's highest military honor (www.cmohs.org). On it, viewers can pull up any past recipient (they prefer not to be called "winners").

After Williams passing, only sixty-three living recipients remain.

--while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States;

The website includes short videos, viewable at any time. Williams, in one such clip, spoke candidly about what mattered to him.

Happy Birthday

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| <p>July 7
 Kemal Tongate
 Noel White
 Jaclyn Peace
 David Gowens
 Fermin Reyes
 Suzanne Wood
 Matthew Riethmayer</p> | <p>July 11
 Aubrey Schueler
 Abigail Rushing
 Tristan Gayle
 Jamie (Stokes) Faber
 Jeremy Campbell
 Rogelio Palacios
 Frances Jennings</p> |
| <p>July 8
 Nathan Terry
 Greg Steen
 Tyler Talley
 Matthew Maberry
 Teresa McCoy
 Carrie (Cox) Zinck
 Yvonne Lucero
 Jack Dennis
 Evangelina Gonzales</p> | <p>July 12
 Jett Jerden
 Jimmy Maynard
 Eddie Allen
 Robert Lynn Alexander
 Hollye Pederson
 Kyndness Garza</p> |
| <p>July 9
 Christeene Mann
 Timothy Clark
 Megan Stone
 Kyle Mars
 Abraham Soto</p> | <p>July 13
 Laura Hart
 Ricky White
 Kevin Wiseman
 Terry Stanberry
 Lynn Copley
 Logan Tongate
 Collin Thompson
 Jan Whaley</p> |
| <p>July 10
 Melody Drake
 M'Kell (Jarecki) Jeter
 Elizabeth McLellan
 Phillip White
 Lavon Reeve
 Rex Hefner</p> |  |

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

Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

National Baked Beans Month

It just happens that July is National Baked Beans Month and Kristina mentioned at church she had a favorite recipe she likes to use. She agreed to share it with us. She said the recipe is multi-stepped, but it is worth it in the end.

Baked (Barbecued) Beans By Kristina Anthony

Ingredients

- 6 slices bacon, divided use
- 1 Cup minced onion
- ½ Cup minced green bell pepper
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 Cup packed dark brown sugar
- ½ Cup molasses
- ½ Cup ketchup or tomato sauce
- 2 T mustard
- 2 T apple cider vinegar
- 1 T liquid hickory smoke (optional)
- ½ Tsp crushed red pepper flakes
- ¼ tsp pepper
- 2 tsp salt, or to taste
- 1-pound cooked navy beans, plus 3 cups cooking liquid OR 3 cans (15.5 ounces each), undrained

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cut 3 slices of the bacon into 1-inch strips. In a skillet, cook the cut bacon until browned and crisp. Use a slotted spoon to remove to paper towels to drain.

In the same pan, sauté the onion, bell pepper and garlic over medium heat until tender and the onion is translucent, about 5 minutes. Stir in the brown sugar, molasses, ketchup, mustard, vinegar, liquid smoke (if using), red pepper flakes, pepper and salt. Mix well. Cook over medium-low heat until the sugar is dissolved, about 1 ½ minutes. In a large bowl, combine the beans, their liquid, the sauce, and the cooked bacon. Pour into a 9-by-13 baking dish, or a 3-quart casserole dish. Place the remaining 3 slices of bacon on top of the beans. Cover and bake 45 minutes. Uncover, increase the oven temperature to 425 degrees, and bake 15 minutes more to brown the bacon slices.

NOTE: We found the beans to be more liquid than we liked, so next time I will cut back on the "bean liquid". I also cheated and used the canned beans.

ALSO: I cut the remaining 3 slices of bacon and placed them around on top because both James and I figured it would be easier to dish up instead of trying to cut through the whole slices when dishing up a spoonful for your plate.

Gas prices continue downward trend By GasBuddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas fell 15.6 cents per gallon last week, averaging \$4.36 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. Prices in Texas are 19.2 cents lower than a month ago and stands \$1.55 higher than a year ago. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$3.69 while the most expensive was \$5.69 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 10.4 cents in the last week, averaging \$4.78 per gallon. The national average is down 7.2 cents from a month ago and stands \$1.66 higher than a year ago. The price of diesel has fallen 6.3 cents nationally in the past week and stands at \$5.72 per gallon.

"As expected, and for the third straight week, average gasoline prices have fallen to their lowest level in over a month. The price of wholesale gasoline has plummeted, providing price relief as millions of Americans hit the road for the holiday weekend," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

De Haan added, "While we may see prices decline into this week, the drop could fade soon if oil prices reverse, especially with strong demand over the holiday. For the time being, Americans are spending nearly \$100 million per day less on gasoline than when prices peaked a few weeks ago, and that's well-needed relief at a time when gas prices remain near records."

GasBuddy data is compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

The Stevens 5 Star Deal of the Week!

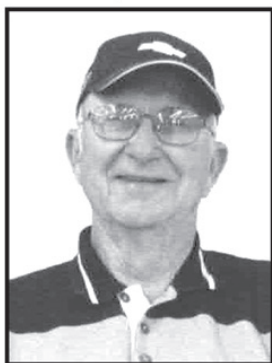
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The Weeds are Still Growing

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

It is so extremely dry in Friona. Although I did see some lightening to the south on the 4th of July, there was no rain that fell, and the grass continues to crunch as I walk across it. The situation is very serious and we must continue praying for an abundant, soaking wet spell to break the severe drought we are in. Although the dryland crops are non-existent due to the drought, have you noticed that the weeds are still growing? Bindweed, kochia and silverleaf nightshade seem to be leading the charge as the weeds seek to decorate the brown landscape with their various shades of green, but in reality, their growth only leads to further difficulty as they disperse their lineage to gobble up precious moisture and nutrients in the ground

in coming years.

Just like weeds will grow in a time of drought, spiritual weeds will continue to abound until Jesus returns. Spiritually, our nation is in a severe drought as people have turned from the Living Water, Jesus Christ, and have turned to an endless number of ungodly ideas, lifestyles and practices in hopes of finding satisfaction and fulfillment in life. We live in a day similar to Isaiah's where people "call evil good, good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!" (Isaiah 5:20). Since we have sown such godlessness, now we are reaping a harvest of difficulty and division. The spiritual drought in our city and in our land is at extreme levels, and the weeds of sinful lifestyles

in regards to sexuality and gender, pro-abortion, division, rejection of authority, socialist political and economic ideals and much more are trying so fiercely to promulgate their position and be a leading voice promising to lead our nation to the promised land.

In reality though, you can't combine kochia for grain, or chop bindweed for silage, or strip silverleaf nightshade for its fibers, and you can't find abundant and eternal life in the sinful ideas and practices our world exalts. In our society, where the weeds are growing, believers must abide in the Lord's presence, stay filled with the Holy Spirit, stay grounded on His truth in the Bible, and speak clearly and boldly in love and grace about the gospel and the issues of the day.

Panhandle Parables

Beyond The Blue

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

There was a time in the history of the world that it was believed that the world was flat. There was a time that man did not even fathom flying like a bird, yet this too has come to pass. How about television, telephones, electricity, heart transplants, computers, Internet... These too have come to pass. In all the changes mankind has seen, one thing can be recognized about the past...**God was.**

We marvel at the latest medical technologies. We live a life with daily schedules that boggle the mind. We attempt to do 48 hours of work in 24. Life is in perpetual motion. What happens in a life full of change, busy schedules, crisis, and unrest? In all this there is

one thing that remains the same...**God is.**

As we look to the future, many things have yet come to light. We prepare for space travel to become part of everyday life. We look to new frontiers to conquer, whether it is a final cure for cancer or a space colony on Mars. Nations will rise and fall. In the uncertainty of the future, there is one thing that is for sure...**God is to come.**

God knew man would need history for reference, present for experience, and future for vision. That is why He is in all three. When you look at yourself, has God been in your past? Is He in your present? God was, God is, God is to come! Is He in your future?

Reunions are for Second Chances

By Teena Hughes

Everyone has probably figured out that I LOVE reunions!!! It doesn't matter what kind of reunion it is, a class reunion, family reunion, friends reunion, I LOVE a reunion!!!

When I leave Camp New Dawn, I head to Denver City for the Po-teet Reunion. Next year will mark the 88th consecutive year for this reunion!!! Feller and I have been helping with this reunion for a number of years, and we enjoy it! Since I am an in-law, I like helping so that family members get more time to visit, rather than working all the time. Another in-law, whom I dearly love, and I take care of keeping things organized in the kitchen. It gives us a chance to spend time together and draw closer as friends!

Last weekend was my junior college reunion. We had so much fun!!! I judge how much people are enjoying the reunion by the noise level and how long people stay at the reunion. Well, the noise level was loud, and people stayed later than they have in a few years!

The highlight of the

evening for me was visiting with Faith. Faith graduated from high school the year after I did. We never talked to each other in high school. It wasn't anything personal; she had her friends in her class and I had my friends. I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed visiting with her.

While thinking about the reunion, I decided reunions are a good place for second chances. If Faith and her husband hadn't come to the reunion, we would have never gotten the opportunity to get to know each other. I am so thankful for the opportunity God gave us.

Life is short, and it is important to take advantage of the opportunities we are given to spend time with people. God made us to be in relationship with Him and others, and it just takes a little effort to form and grow those relationships.

I get a little irritated when people won't come to a reunion if certain people aren't going to be there, or they are going to be there. I really want to tell them to grow up!

By not going, you miss out on seeing people you haven't seen in a long time, or getting to meet people you may have missed out on meeting before.

This was the first year Faith and her husband came to the reunion. What a blessing I would have missed if they hadn't made the effort to come! I am eternally grateful!

So, this weekend, Feller and I are hosting a family reunion. My patience will be tested by some of the people attending, but that is ok. You may remember that I am working on my patience, so we will see how I do.

In August, Feller is going fishing, so three or four of my Fort Stockton friends are coming here for a reunion! I can't wait!!!

Then, in September, we will have our 50th class reunion. I volunteered to help with the reunion planning when they asked for volunteers, and I have made friends with a number of classmates I never had anything to do with in high school!

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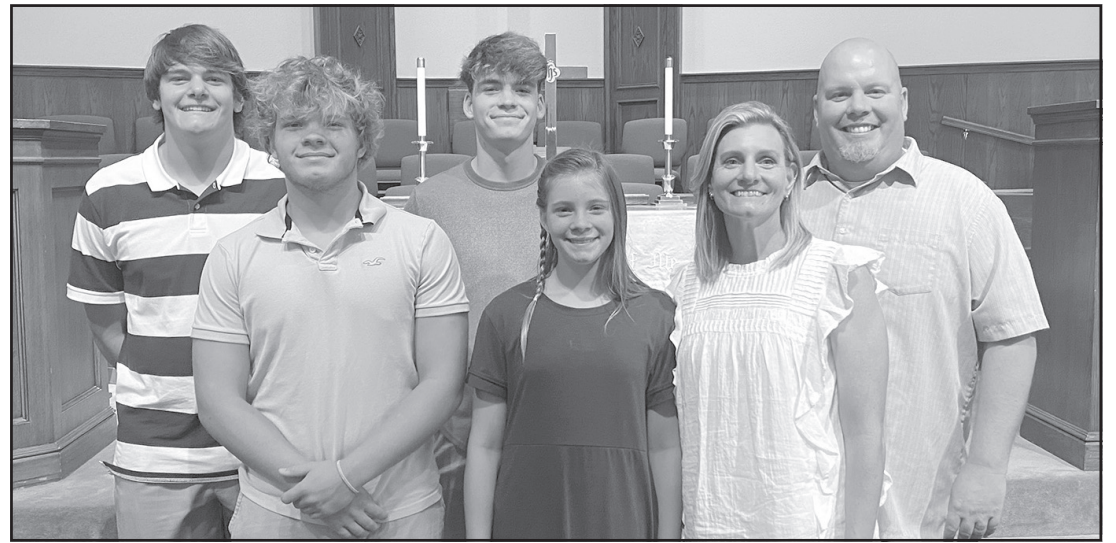
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Welcome to Friena - The Friena Methodist Church would like to introduce their new pastor, David McGaughy, his wife Rachel, and their family. They have just celebrated the twins', Walker and Wyatt, 18th birthday and are preparing to send them off to college at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas. Owen will be a sophomore at FHS, and Ellie is going into 7th grade. Rachel will teach 6th grade science at Friena Jr. High this upcoming school year.

Reunions are for Second Chances

By Teena Hughs

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I figure this reunion is going to be a great time to renew relationships and create some new ones. It just takes making up your mind to go to the reunion; having a great attitude about seeing everyone;

and, maybe forgiving a few people and forgetting a few things would help.

Friends, don't let the past keep you from seeing old friends and forming new friendships. When you don't go, Satan wins and you

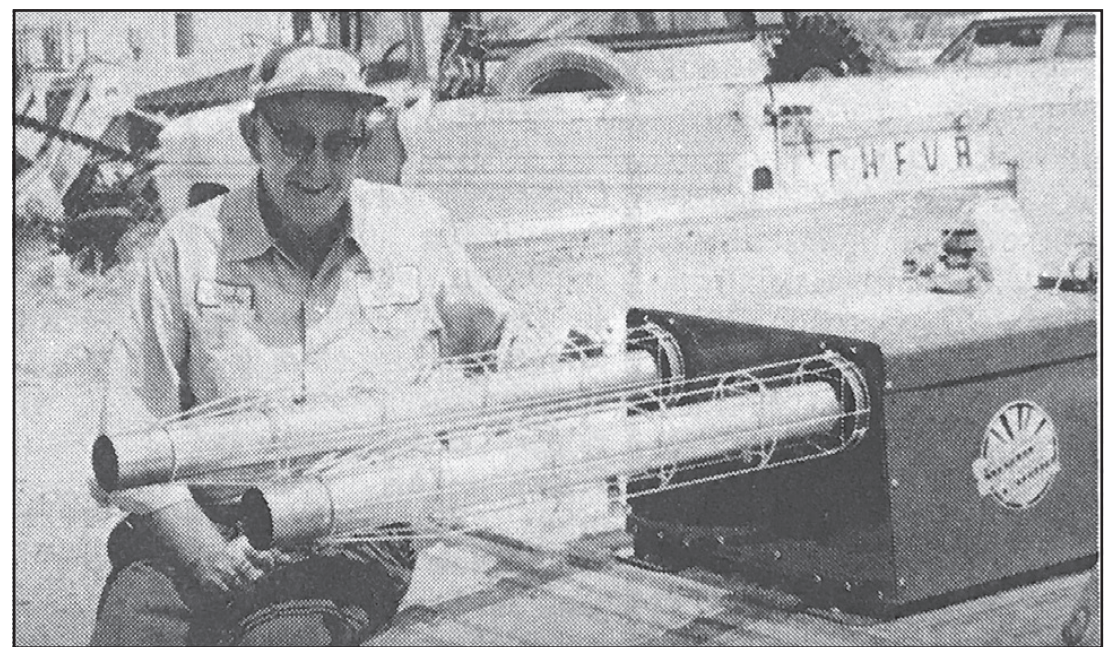
lose! Please don't let that happen to you!

Next year, I am working on a family reunion for my side of the family and one for the Girl Scout camp where I worked for four summers. I already can't wait to see everyone!!!



FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friena Star Archives



HERE AT LAST....Clyde Fields is shown with the city's new Dyna-Fog machine. The fogger was put to work Wednesday night spraying for mosquitoes and flies. (Friena Star, Sunday, June 30, 1982)

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Blanca Chavez, Nadia Snyder, and sponsor Erin Barnett at the FCCLA Nationals event in San Diego. Below, Nadia checks to see if the gold medal is real.

FCCLA News — Nadia Snyder and Blanca Chavez attended FCCLA Nationals in San Diego, California on June 28th - July 4th. Nadia is the new Level 2 Teach and Train National Champion and gold medalist!!! Blanca's position as President of Region I made her a part of the State Executive Council which allowed her to help on-stage at the State Awards Ceremony following the National Ceremony. Nadia and Blanca are hosting a Pancake Dinner on Sunday, July 10th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria to raise funds to offset the expenses of the trip.



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