

Friona Blood Drive June 22

Coffee Memorial Blood Center and the Friona Community will host a blood drive on Thursday, June 22, 2017 at Calvary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1500 Cleveland, from noon to 7 p.m.

The will be celebrating National Dairy Month by teaming up with Blue Bell, Dairy Max and Plains Dairy. The Friona Noon Lions will be grilling up cheeseburgers for all donors. Donors will also receive a Dairy Month themed t-shirt, a pint of milk, a cup of ice cream and a squeeze cow. Donors names will be put in a drawing for a year supply of milk from Plains Dairy.

Donors must provide a photo ID and be at least 17-years-old, 16-year-olds may donate with signed parental consent. To save time, complete questions online using Donor Express at www.thegiftoflife.org or make an appointment at (806) 331-8833 or visit yourbloodinstitute.org.

The Longest Day—Part 3

Bluebonnet Home Health & Hospice, the Alzheimer's Association and the Ellis Family encourage everyone to participate in The Longest Day on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 to advance research toward the first survivor of Alzheimer. This is the third and final installment of The Longest Day campaign.

Below is an excerpt of Carol Ellis' journal concerning her struggle with the effects of this debilitating disease, which afflicted the love of her life.

"I now understand how the military wives feel—those whose men are off serving in various wars around the world. They hope, but they do not know when or if their loved ones will return. Except in my case, I know my loved one will never return. He is with us now in body only."

"In the wee small hours of the morning—that's the time I miss you most of all."—Carol Ellis

To participate in the longest day follow these five steps:

Step 1-Select an activity you love

Visit alz.org/thelongestday to sign up and select an activity. Do something you love—to honor a caregiver, someone living with Alzheimer's, or someone you've lost by selecting his or her favorite hobby. From swimming to scrapbooking, you're limited only by your imagination.

Step 2-Pick a way to participate

Start or join a team, host an event, or register as an individual. Choose the way that works best for you.

Step 3-Raise money and move the cause forward

To advance critically needed research and provide care and support, each participant is asked to raise funds for the efforts of the Alzheimer's Association. Start fundraising early and you'll see you total skyrocket. Association staff and volunteer committee members can help with tools, tips and advice.

Step 4-Make plans for the longest day

If you're hosting an event or participating as part of a team, get organized now—send invitations, organize supplies and strategize for the big day. If you're participating solo, think about the support you need during your activity. A photographer? Cheerleaders? Ask friends and family to help.

Step 5-Participate—and celebrate!

On The Longest Day, you're part of a global movement to help end Alzheimer's disease. Share your photos; stories and fundraising successes on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to show your love across the world. Use #TheLongestDay and #ENDALZ.

To learn more, visit alz.org/thelongestday or call 800-272-3900.



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Wheat harvest is well underway in the area. Bobby Daniel was out on the combine Sunday afternoon cutting wheat eight miles south of Friona. He estimated that he was cutting 50 bushels an acre. He shrugged and said, "The Lord just gives it to you." Daniel is a Friona boy that moved away and has come back home. Farmers in the area are watching the weather forecast for any sign of rain and rushing to get the wheat crop harvested. Temperatures into the 100's are predicted with little or no rain in the foreseeable future.

Texas Dairymen celebrate June as National Dairy Month

The Texas Association of Dairymen – which represents Texas' 395 dairy farmers in legislative and regulatory issues – invites Texans to celebrate June as National Dairy Month.

National Dairy Month started in 1937 to promote drinking milk and has evolved into a celebration of the contributions the dairy community has made to the world.

"Texas dairy farmers work hard every day to feed our state and nation, create jobs and contribute to local and state economies, all while going to great lengths to protect our environment and the health of their livestock,"

said TAD Executive Director Darren Turley. "It's long, hard work, but dairy farmers love what they do and can't imagine any other profession. Thanks to Texans for allowing dairy farmers to live their passion not just during National Dairy Month, but every day of the year."

Texas dairy facts of note during National Dairy Month:

- Texas has 395 Grade A dairies with an estimated 487,078 cows.

- In 2016, Texas' dairy farmers produced more than 10.7 billion pounds of milk (about 1.25 billion gallons).

- Dairy's total economic impact in Texas is estimated at more than \$3.3 billion – milk is ranked third in Texas

agriculture commodities for its economic impact.

- Texas is the sixth largest dairy producing state in the nation.

- A Texas dairy cow produces an estimated 22,235 pounds of milk per year (about 2,585 gallons).

- The average Texas dairy farm's herd has 1,077 cows (eighth nationally) and produces about 94 million pounds of milk (almost 11 million gallons) per year (seventh nationally).

Learn more about the Texas dairy community at TAD's website, www.milk4texas.org.

Council/Ambulance Committee ready grant application

The Friona City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 12, 2017 in the Council Chambers.

The Action for an Ambulance Committee of Kitty Gallman, Sharon White and Kathryn Goddard met with the Council to discuss the progress they are making on the purchase of a new ambulance. The committee is working with City Manager Patricia Phipps to apply for a grant from the Amarillo Area Foundation. The required information will be ready by June 16 and sent to the foundation. The foundation will make their judgment in September after extensive study is made. The Committee

will be sending solicitation letters to all the businesses in Friona in the near future. Their goal is to raise \$220,000. The council approved the grant application.

The council approved a mission statement for Friona. It reads, "The mission of the City of Friona is to enrich the quality of life for our citizens by providing a safe community, being responsible caretakers of the public trust and delivering exceptional services."

Approval was given for Phipps to transfer up to \$60,000 from the Water Fund into the General Fund. She was also authorized to transfer up to \$90,000 from the Sanitation Fund to the General Fund.

Friona Police Chief Isidro Jimenez addressed the council and reported that the Police Department had made 7 arrests and 71 traffic stops in May. The department made 159 calls for service and 15 incident reports. Police, Fire, and EMS departments made 200 calls total. He informed the council that the police department is still locking the cemetery gates every night and the city is unlocking them every morning. This measure was taken after recent vandalism at the cemetery.

The city will be selling at auction the following: 2003 Chevrolet pickup, 2005 Chevrolet pickup, 2005 F-150 pickup,

2008 and 2009 Dodge Charger police cars.

The council approved a requested variance requested by Virginia Coronado at 408 Woodland to build a carport on the property line instead of the five feet required from the property line.

The council voted to approve the accounts payable and the financial statement for May before going into Executive session to discuss the annual evaluation of the City Manager.

The Friona City Council will meet on July 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers at 619 Main Street. All meetings are open to the public.

Board approves new phone system, discuss bond issue

The Friona Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, June 12, 2017 at the FISD Administration Building boardroom. They discussed a lengthy agenda highlighted by reports from High Road Clean Energy Managing Director Monty Humble, representatives of WTRT and Synetra, and the FHS Junior Class officers.

Former President of the Board Ricky Barnett and former board member Jose Cigarroa were honored with plaques for their service to the school system.

Jessie Galdean, new Friona Junior High Principal, spoke to the board and thanked them for the opportunity to serve them and the school system.

WTRT Representatives Billy Seaver and Rich Kendrick and Synetra Representatives Paul Ramirez, John Burk and Chris Farah presented detailed proposals for a new phone system. The board chose to go with WTRT for the updated system that will be installed throughout the school district and on all the campuses. The \$65,494 price tag will be paid from the Parmer County

Permanent School Fund.

The Board discussed the possibility of holding a bond election in May 2018. There are a number of concerns for the school district. New board president Becky Riethmayer was given the authority to appoint a steering committee of no less than seven and no more than fifteen people to determine the most important issues that need to be addressed for the bond election.

Monty Humble presented an update of the progress on the Mariah del Este Wind project which will be east of Friona. Work was halted on this project due to the Presidential election. They plan to meet with potential investors and be financed by the end of November 2017 with construction beginning in January 2018. The board approved the amendment to the Limitation on Appraised Value Agreement for the project completion date to be moved from December 2017 to December 2018.

The incoming Junior Class Officers and Sponsor Sandra Berend addressed the board concerning moving the Junior/Senior Prom from the Hereford

Country Club to Country Rose on May 12, 2018. The board approved the move.

In other business, the board approved agreements with Underwood Law Firm for legal services, Johnson & Sheldon for auditing services, Arnold & Associates Insurance Services for student insurance and ESC 16 for support services.

Superintendent Dr. Pam Ray informed the board that the new Guardian security system was fully installed and working 'wonderfully' in the Primary building. The board approved to have the security system installed in the Elementary building next at a cost of \$43,598.50, which will be paid from the Parmer County Permanent School Fund. The system will be installed in the main Elementary building, cafeteria, auditorium and gym as they are under the same roof.

Ray reported that enrollment was at 96.67 percent and they were down 20 children.

After a discussion it was determined that evaluation of the superintendent would be moved from January to July. This move



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New Friona Junior High Principal Jessie Galdean spoke to the FISD Board of Trustees Monday night. He outlined his plans for the upcoming school year.

was to make sure district numbers were available to do a fair and concise evaluation of the superintendent's achievements and goals.

The next FISD Board of Trustees meeting will be Monday, July 10, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Administration building. These meetings are open to the public.

Send Calendar information to:
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call (806) 250-2211 or fax (806) 250-5127

June 16

Aging and Wellness Workshop at Heritage Estates 11 a.m. followed by lunch for \$3

Father's Day Party at Prairie Acres at 3 p.m.

June 18

FATHER'S DAY

June 19-23

First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School at Prairie Acres Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30 a.m. & Saturday at 3 p.m.

June 20

Prairie Acres Family Bingo Night 7 p.m.

June 20-24

Carnival at Friona Community Center

June 21

SUMMER BEGINS

Summer Reading Program: Lazbuddie Robotics at 10 a.m. at FJHS auditorium

First Baptist Church Youth Volleyball Night at 6 p.m.

June 22

Blood Drive at Calvary Baptist Church-Noon to 7 p.m.

June 23

Summer Reading Program: Writing entries due today.

Summer Reading Program: Parmer County 4-H at 10 a.m. at FJHS auditorium

June 27-30

Templo Bautista Vacation Bible School 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

June 28

First Baptist Church Youth Picture Scavenger Hunt at 6 p.m.

Prairie Acres Health Fair 2-4 p.m.

June 29-July 1

First Baptist Church Boys Camp 2017 at High Plains Retreat Center in Canyon

June 30

Summer Reading Program ends today

July 4

FRIONA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT "50 FOR 50" DRAWING BEGINS AT 9 A.M.
Friona 4th of July Celebration

July 6-8

First Baptist Church Family Mission Trip to Eastridge in Amarillo

July 7

Fallen Law Enforcement Officer Day

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

Deadline for Cook Team signing up for the 12th Annual Cheeseburger Festival

Country Thoughts

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Participation Trophy

We live in a "Participation Trophy" world. Everyone is 'entitled' and to prove it they receive a participation trophy just for showing up.

This became glaringly clear recently when I realized that there are people out there that do not mentally or physically show up and are given a pat on the head and told they did a good job, given a paycheck for not even showing up for work.

A video was posted on Facebook this week of a young woman that had just graduated from Harvard on Saturday and partied until late on Sunday. She was expected at her new job on Monday and did not show up until 10:30 a.m. She was ranting about the fact that her white, male boss treated her horribly and fired her. He had good reason and she did not understand why he was being so oppressive.

Duh!

We have a generation or two of people that have been given participation trophies their entire life and expect that being a grownup is the same principal.

This generation was raised to believe that everyone wins and no one loses. Everyone is patted on the head and told they did well whether they were at every prac-

tice and every game or only attended a few games and practices.

They do not understand the work it takes for them to win. Life is made up of winners and losers, not participants.

When I was a kid, the winners were the only ones that received trophies, ribbons or awards. I knew that if I wanted one of those trophies, ribbons or awards I had to work a lot harder.

Winning can be the best high in the world. Losing can be the most depressing low in the world. Participating is neither high nor low. It is just a warm body filling a slot.

The participation trophy has given us a select group that believes in entitlement. This entitlement issue leads to groups protesting because they did not get what they thought they should have been given.

What would the world be like if we had a participation trophy world during World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, or even on September 11th? Who would receive participation trophies? Would the dead and their killers receive them as well?

I am not saying that all the younger generation is re-

sponsible for this mentality. It has been growing like a pesky weed for years.

It starts when we try to keep our children from being upset because they did not win. Then as they grow, we find ourselves reasoning a loss away as someone else's fault.

Life is not for the weak hearted. Life is an advanced education that needs a good foundation of winning and losing, hard and easy times. Participations trophies just do not figure into that education.

The idea of working for something and feeling the muscle strain are worth more than a piece of wood with a plastic figure.

Maybe participation trophies are like holidays that were created by greeting card companies. Trophy makers created this new world order for a profit.

Enjoy being a kid because being a grown up ain't easy.

"You cannot help people permanently by doing for them, what they could and should do for themselves." — Abraham Lincoln

"What separates privilege from entitlement is gratitude." — Brené Brown

Without the Cows, There's No National Dairy Month 2017

By Darren Turley

Since 1937, June has been either National Milk Month or National Dairy Month, a way to promote the drinking of milk and to observe the contributions by the dairy community. This year, the

Texas Association of Dairymen would like to use the opportunity to recognize those who are really responsible for the dairy products we are celebrating — our cows.

Let's face it, without the cows

— without their milk — there wouldn't be a National Dairy Month. So, on behalf of Texas' dairy farmers, I'd like to share a little bit about how our dairy community cares for about

487,000 dairy cows that last year produced about 1.25 billion gallons of milk.

For many people, those gallons of milk in their local grocery store are as close as they've ever been to a dairy cow.

It's important for these families to understand that raising healthy, comfortable cows using safe and ethical practices are both vital to a dairy farmer's business and a moral obligation.

Therefore, dairy farmers have a vested interest in the health of their animals so that they give as much high-quality milk possible. Dairy cows have access to feed and fresh, clean water 24 hours a day and eat a balanced, nutritious and scientifically diet developed by a nutritionist. While in the pasture, they have access to shade and shelter. In free-stall barns, cows are frequently provided fresh bedding and are able to eat, drink and sleep whenever they choose.

In the summer, cool cows are happy cows. To beat our Texas heat, barns are well ventilated and are equipped with fans and misters that blow cool air through the structure.

Veterinarians are frequent visitors to dairy farms, whether for checkups or to treat illness. It's important to note that any medicines are given to dairy cows only to treat illness. In that case, the cow is moved to a separate area, and her milk does not enter the food supply. In fact, milk is strictly tested for antibiotics both on the farm and at the processing plant — if it tests positive, it's thrown out.

Our dairy farmers not only care for their animals, they care about them. On family farms, cows are

part of the family.

No dairy farmer I know would ever tolerate the abuse of their animals. Our dairy community strongly supports the National Dairy FARM Program (Farmers Assuring Responsible Management), an industry-wide initiative that has set high standards of quality care provided to animals and the environment on dairy farms.

Sometimes, no matter how hard farmers try to nurture their animals, Mother Nature has other plans. When Winter Storm Goliath hit the Texas Panhandle shortly after Christmas 2015, record snowfall and hurricane-force winds caused the loss of about 15,000 dairy cows, despite the fact that dairy farmers took every precaution possible to protect their herds. It's unfortunate that some extremists used this disaster as an opportunity to criticize the farmers when they were down.

The losses were devastating to dairy farmers. Dairy farmers are passionate about farming and their animals, and losing cows that they raised and cared for took an emotional toll. As one dairy farmer hit hard by Goliath told a reporter, "I hate to watch the cows suffer. I'd keep them in my living room if it was big enough."

So as you enjoy milk and dairy products such as ice cream or cheese this month, please keep in mind that they are all thanks to the "girls" our dairy farmers care about so much on the farm.

Darren Turley is executive director of Texas Association of Dairymen (www.milk4texas.org).



Mayor's Minutes

by Ricky White

Quick update on the grant application to the Amarillo Area Foundation to help purchase an ambulance for the City of Friona: Kitty Gallman, Kathryn Goddard, Sharon White and Patricia Phipps have been busy filling out the application and gathering all of the required documents needed to file. It takes lots of work, coordination and time to complete. The grant is for \$50,000.00 and the goal is to have the application completed and filed by June 16, 2017. Thanks to Kitty Gallman and the ambulance committee for their desire and dedication to this project. The ambulance committee will receive notification from the Amarillo Area Foundation in September concerning the City of Friona being approved or not approved to receive the grant money.

There are three people enrolled in the EMS Basic Class that started June 1, 2017 in Muleshoe. The City of Friona paid the tuition cost for these individuals and they will be employed by the city to staff a third ambulance.

Judge Campbell had 31 new cases in May. There were 28

cases tried by the judge that pled guilty and five cases dismissed. There were two new juvenile cases filed. Total fines collected were \$7,981.89 and court cost equaled \$2,534.46.

EMS had 28 runs in May. There were six calls for 9-1-1, 15 calls for transfers and seven calls resulted in "no transport". Payments collected \$8,009.03 and billing equaled \$37,928.80.

The city pumped 19,542,800 gallon of water in May and sold 14,343,000 gallons. Payments totaled \$74,100.83 on 1430 accounts. The city is working on the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report and this has been mailed to all water customers.

Accounts payable equaled \$148,390.01 for May. All bills were paid and the city is in good standing. The city purchased and received two new pickups to replace the two oldest pickups. The city will send four city vehicles to be auctioned off.

Volunteer Fire Department responded to five emergency calls in May. There were two wrecks (one wreck occurred in

front of Cargill and the other on Highway 60 in front of A-1 Service). There were two fires (a dumpster fire in the alley on Cleveland and a pole fire on County Road 5). There was a gas meter ran over located at 9th and Columbia. The responders did a great job handling all five emergencies.

Chief Jimenez and officers responded to 159 calls in May. There were 71 stops, 46 warnings, 25 citations and 7 arrests. (2-no driver's license, 1-assault family violence, 1-interfering with an emergency call, 1-evading arrest, 1-aggravated sexual assault of a child and 1-sexual assault). The officers drove a total of 3,620 miles patrolling our city.

Lastly, during the city council meeting on June 12, 2017, the city council approved the mission statement for the city of Friona which reads: "The mission of the City of Friona is to enrich the quality of life for our citizens by providing a safe community, being responsible caretakers of the public trust and delivering exceptional services."

Your Mayor

- ACROSS**
- 1 it could be used for the word "bank"
 - 5 UH has won lots of ___ golf titles
 - 6 TXism: "you can write ___ ink"
 - 7 French explorer of TX: *Seur de ___ Salle*
 - 8 degree of many TX professors
 - 9 TXism: "got an ___" (saw a lot)
 - 15 Corpus Christi TV
 - 16 TXism: "crooked as a ___ snakes"
 - 18 former river channels in Rio Grande Valley
 - 20 a Texan flew scout for atomic bomber ___ Gay
 - 22 a Caribbean site for TX-based Grandy's
 - 27 TXism: "___ a soul"
 - 28 thrilled
 - 29 TX Earle was ___ & Bailey's "Tallest Man in the World"
 - 30 Italian POW who painted a mural in a Castro Co. chapel
 - 32 this Zapruder filmed JFK assassination (init.)
 - 33 TXism: "mad ___ ___ snake"
 - 36 TXism: "never ___ anything in the glow of a neon light"
 - 37 "Honest ___"
 - 38 Yugoslav Radisav ___ played for the Mavs in 1993
 - 39 TXism: "___ ___ little shut-eye" (naps)

- 41 TX Buddy Holly hit: "___ On"
 - 42 town in NE and TX
 - 45 thug
 - 46 words before Paso and Campo
 - 47 town in NV and TX
 - 48 TXism: "busy as ___ - armed paper hanger"
 - 49 TXism: "he don't ___ ___ but burn hay" (bad horse)
 - 52 TXism: "mad as a ___"
 - 53 a King Ranch Kleberg
 - 54 a cable network before it was called "Spike"
 - 55 TXism: "___ money" (change)
- DOWN**
- 1 NYSE symbol for TX-based Burlington Northern, Inc.
 - 2 TXism: "play possum"
 - 3 TXism: "I'll ___ hide to the barn door"
 - 4 newspaper in seat of Hemphill County
 - 8 pecan and pumpkin
 - 9 TXism: "___ ___ ducks on a pond"
 - 10 365 days (abbr.)
 - 11 TXism: "let '___ rip!"
 - 12 TX Roy Orbison duet: "That Lovin' You ___ , ___"
 - 13 arm bone
 - 14 stolen goods
 - 15 TX Benton directed "___ ___ Kramer"
 - 16 TXism: "a real ___ burner" (exciting)
 - 17 plant once thought to repel itchy pests
 - 19 government medical program: Medi ___
 - 21 axlike tool
 - 22 air gun ammo
 - 23 Friona High School class

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The 9th Annual Pudge Kendrick Memorial Golf Tournament is coming up July 29 & 30 at the John Pitman Golf Club in Hereford. This is a two-person scramble and the entry fee is \$250 per team. The proceeds will go to the Parmer County Cancer Coalition and the Hereford Cancer Coalition.

The Chamber office at 621 Main. Wristbands are \$7 and are designed so that you can try four different burgers in quarters or one whole burger from the cooking teams.

drums contact Braxton Upton at (575) 749-7790 or b.upton7790@gmail.com.

The Summer Reading Program continues with the Lazbuddie Robotics Team on Wednesday, June 21 at 10 a.m. and the Parmer County 4-H kids on Friday, June 23 at 10 a.m. at the Friona Junior High Auditorium.

The Friona Volunteer Fire Department has been very busy lately. Between fires and accidents the department has served the community and done an awesome job with every call they receive.

The Friona Blood Drive is next Thursday, June 22. Come on out and celebrate Dairy Month and give the gift of life. The Friona Noon Lions will be grilling cheeseburgers for the donors.

The Friona Volunteer Fire Department still has tickets for the "50 for 50" drawing to be held July 4 at the fire station starting at 9 a.m. All proceeds from the drawing will benefit the FVFD. Rules and regulations are available from any volunteer fireman or by contacting Jim Taylor at (806) 265-7264 or Randy McCasland at (580) 649-1437. This event is open to the public.

Father's Day is this weekend. Happy Father's Day to all our readers! Treat dear old dad to a day off filled with love.

The Chamber and the Action for an Ambulance fund committee are teaming up for Cow Patty Bingo during the Cheeseburger Festival to benefit the fund. There are 100 chances at \$25 per chance. Whoever picks the correct bingo square will win \$400. Chances are being sold in advance at the Chamber office. Get your square today.

The Gary Moore Amusement Carnival is coming to town June 20-24 at Reeve Lake. The carnival is sponsored by the Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture.

If you want to learn to play the

nors will receive a t-shirt, a pint of milk, a cup of ice cream and a squeeze cow provided by Dairy Max, Plains Dairy and Blue Bell.

Prairie Acres will host a Health & Wellness Fair on Wednesday, June 28 from 2-4 p.m. They will be offering free blood pressure testing, glucose testing, ear examinations, and Medicaid Assistance. They will also be serving snacks during the Health Fair. For further information, contact Elizabeth Romero at (806) 250-3922.

Plans are in the works for the 2nd Annual Kidz Building Camp. The theme for this year is "Let's go to the Jungle!" The organizers are looking for volunteers to work with the kids as they build a jungle at the Friona Community Center. Call the Chamber for more information.

Chris at the Chamber reports that they have five teams signed up for the Cheeseburger Festival. They are looking for 15 more to round out the competition. Call the Chamber to sign up by July 7.

The Drivers License office will still be located at 102 E. 8th St until further notice. As of right now they do not currently have a phone so if you need them you will need to go in person to their office on Tuesdays and Wednesday from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m. If you have any other questions and need to speak to someone, you can call their Hereford office at 806-364-6481.

The public is invited to honor

the area veterans at the Texas Panhandle War Memorial at Veterans Park, 4101 S. Georgia, in Amarillo on Sunday, June 25 at 2 p.m. They will be honoring World War II and Korean War veterans. The guest speaker will be Dr. Paul Matney. A wreath will be placed at the Battlefield Cross by veterans of WWII and Korea. For more information, contact Fred Rangel at (806) 674-0495.

Former Friona Chieftain Athletic Director Bob Ferguson and his wife Deidre are moving to Crane. Bob will be the defensive coordinator.

"Come with me, Mom says. 'To the library. Books and summer-time go together.'" — Lisa Schroeder, I Heart You, You Haunt Me

Action for an Ambulance Campaign in beginning stages

By Kitty Gallman

The reasons listed below explain why Friona needs to raise \$220,000 for a modern, well-equipped ambulance.

1. To have three ambulances in Friona is not an extravagance. If one of the two we have is down for repairs or out for any reason, service becomes critically limited. To maintain 911 certification, Friona must have one ambulance within its city limits unless that ambulance is on a 911 call. Should only one ambulance be available for 911 service, no transports from Parmer Medical Center can be made.

2. Parmer Medical Center is a Critical Access Hospital. PMC has become a hub of activity for medical care that requires ambulance service to higher levels of care. A hospital spokesperson stated: "The EMS is a vital link in the chain of care for our county. In a small rural area, it can be a challenge to have access to an ambulance to transfer patients to a higher level of care because on many occasions what is available is already in use. We are thankful for those who work with EMS and know they would greatly benefit, as would we, from having an additional ambulance in service to provide for the needs in our community."

3. City of Friona reports that the need for an ambulance for transport of patients from PMC to centers of specialized care has more than doubled in the past 18 months. Ambulances from surrounding communities bring their patients to PMC but do not transport them further; the Friona EMS does all ambulance transporting to larger facilities unless the transport requires airlifting. Often, the ambulance returns to Friona only to have to make another transport to Amarillo or Lubbock.

4. Local industries count on the availability of

emergency service. Our aging population needs access to ambulance services. An ambulance is present at school sporting events. Traffic accidents on Highway 60 and our farm to market roads are numerous. Farming is a dangerous business. None of us knows when we or one of our loved ones will need emergency care. The most excruciating wait in the world is waiting for medical help or medical transport. If a Friona ambulance is not available, support from surrounding communities is requested, but often is not available, or the wait to get an ambulance to Friona is extensive.

5. Both of the ambulances in service are older models; one is a 2008 and the other a 2009 model. Maintenance has become a regular issue. In addition, they are less efficient and not as well equipped to assist the EMS personnel in emergency situations. They do not have power lifts or loaders. Patients must be manually lifted by personnel into the ambulances, and life-saving equipment is not the latest and best. Neither of them has 4-wheel drive which would help maneuver dirt roads and slick pavements.

6. The Friona Economic Development and Parmer County Industrial Development Boards recognize the need for not just adequate but superior medical services for our rural communities in order to sell our area to potential businesses.

Friona has always been a generous, family-centered community and rightfully expects immediate, quality Emergency Medical Services. It is a tremendous challenge to raise \$220,000 in a rural community, especially when the population of the city of Friona is only 4,123. However, we are confident everyone will want to join in the "Action for an Ambulance." Together we can get it done.



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The Cousins Camp Lemonade stand was back this week with ice cold lemonade, homemade cookies and big smiles on Wednesday at A-1 Service Center. Pictured are, l-r, cousins Hailey Storey, Hannah Storey and Avery Dunn. The cousins are the grandchildren of Mike & Reta Martin

Library Corner

By Darla Bracken



Where is the flag?"

A few days ago, a young boy who is visiting with his grandmother for the summer asked us why we did not have the flags out as we used to do. I am sorry to say that after my fall, we had just gotten out of the daily habit of putting out the flags.

The flag is very important to me. I have very fond memories of learning the flag ceremony in Girl Scouts many years ago and 'presenting the colors'. I remember learning to properly fold the flag—my flag, our flag—the Flag of the people, the land, the government and the ideals of the people of the United States of America. I take very seriously flag etiquette and respect for the flag.

First called the 'Star Spangled Banner' in 1814 by Francis Scott Key but patriots have also called our flag 'The Red, White, Blue, and Old Glory'.

Several people over the years have shared special things about our flag. A sweet woman shared with us a copy of the meaning of the colors that she had carefully saved for many years. The American Legion had a printout when the library was located in the old Syndicate Hotel. I do not remember the date on that document, but it was a while back.

To those of us who have never experienced seeing our flag fly in a war zone where you have been fighting for your life, we cannot know the pride and comfort it must have brought our soldiers, both men and women. "I am your flag" is a poem we shared as our contribution to the first patriotic program sponsored by Friona ISD after 9/11. Alvin Petty, then a library board member, served as Uncle Sam for the event. This special patriotic event has come to be a very significant annual event for all of us.

When the Continental Congress first created the flag, they did not explain the colors and the symbols used. By June 14, 1777, they stated that the flag should have 13 stripes of alternating red, white, and 13 stars.

When they designed the Great Seal of the United States in 1782, they identified the colors and their meanings: white signifies purity and innocence, red hardiness and valor and blue vigilance, perseverance and justice.

By 1818, when they had a flag of 15 stripes and 15 stars, they realized that that practice would not work forever, but agreed to add a star for each state added on July 4 following its admission.

The pledge of allegiance created in 1892 states our allegiance to our country.

Abraham Lincoln refused to have the stars representing the southern states removed from the flag during the Civil War. The 50th star added July 4, 1960 represented Hawaii.

Puerto Rico, a U.S. territory since 1898, now desires to become the 51st state, but the Congress must first approve that. America celebrated the first Flag Day created by President Woodrow Wilson on June 14, 1916. Respect and honor your flag.

New on the bookshelf: Into the water by Paula Hawkins; No Where Near by Teddy Jones; Come Sundown by Nora Roberts; Full Wolf Moon by Lincoln Child; Dragon Teeth by Michael Crichton; Democracy by Condoleezza Rice; Curious Minds by Janet Evanovich; Fast & Loose by Stuart Woods; No Easy Target by Iris Johansen.

Memorial Donations have been made by Marilyn & Bill Stovell, Kitty & JeDon Gallman to LOU ANN HOUGH; Darla Bracken to MARGARET IRBY NICHOLS.

Friona Flashbacks



News from the week of June 15, 1961

*The first load of wheat delivered to Friona was from John Renner, who farms southwest of town, to Friona Wheat Growers.

Edward Schilling, who farms 2 1/2 miles southeast of Black, delivered the area's first load of wheat to the Tri-County Elevator.

*The Parmer County Commissioners Court Monday voted to contribute \$750 annually to each of the Friona, Bovina, and Farwell fire departments for fighting fires outside of city limits.

*At a business meeting of stockholders of Friona Wheat Growers, Inc. Tuesday night, it was announced that dividends to be paid this year total \$540,068.13. The average payment was \$334.10.

* "I think it's going to be a bad year," said Dr. Paul Spring, County Health Officer, and he advises everybody to take mosquito control measures.

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Seale first VA nurse to get full practice authority

By Lauren Koski

Reprinted from the Amarillo Globe News

A Friona native who started her education at Amarillo College and West Texas A&M University is now the first nurse practitioner in the state who can perform a set of functions that previously required supervision.

Charlene Seale, a certified family nurse practitioner at the Thomas E. Creek VA Medical Center in Amarillo, is the first nurse practitioner to be granted full practice authority, meaning she can now do things such as make a diagnosis.

According to the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, Texas and 11 other states still hold restrictions on nurse practitioners, requiring “supervision, delegation, or team-management by an outside health discipline in order for the NP to provide patient care.”

Though the private sector in Texas is not eligible to grant full practice authority to NPs, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs gave its health care systems the ability to do so in December 2016. The Amarillo VA Healthcare System was the first to take this step, with Seale being the first NP to be granted the authority.

“It allows nurse practitioners to individually authorize the testing of medications and make the diagnosis of the veteran’s condition and sometimes we would see it took a little bit lon-

ger when we had to go through another layer of approval and so now the nurse practitioners can make those decisions and proceed,” Seale said.

Each NP must apply for full practice authority. The Amarillo VA’s medical staff analyzes each candidate’s competence and previous experience.

“I felt very fortunate,” Seale said about being chosen as the first NP with full practice authority.

“So now we are working with the other 31 nurse practitioners to put them through that same application process and hope to have them through the process by the end of the summer.”

For the approximately 23,000 veterans served by the Amarillo VA, privileging NPs will also open more slots for veterans to receive care, Seale said.

“Now, nurse practitioners are not physicians, we don’t have all of the knowledge and expertise that they have so when we encounter something we’re unfamiliar with, we still work as a team with our physicians here in the facility to make sure our veterans get the best care. But it basically streamlines the care process,” said Seale. “The thing that we hear from veterans is they are very excited because — and it seems like a simple thing but to them it’s a big thing — ‘I can get my medications filled much easier now.’”

Seale’s been busy at the med-



ical center, exercising her new independence but still leaving time to clasp hands with a patient to offer encouragement. She said she’s become much more aware of her decision-making process.

“When you know you’re the one, you’re independently making that decision, it makes you be even more aware of the impact of that decision,” she said.

Seale began 36 years of nursing experience after graduating from Amarillo College’s licensed vocational nursing program.

She received her master’s degree in nursing from West Texas

A&M University in 2006 and graduated from Chamberlain University in 2016 with a doctorate in family practice nursing.

Seale, who has relatives who are veterans, said she joined the Amarillo VA staff five years ago to give back to that community.

“Even though they (my family members) are much younger than I am and I won’t ever provide care for them or for their families, I wanted to give something back because I see what they’re doing for our country and I wanted to give something back to this generation that I can serve,” said Seale.

Sheriff’s Report

In 287th District Court with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

June 1, 2017

Jose Luis Herrera, 31, of Friona, charged with possession of a controlled substance, was sentenced to six months in the state jail division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, assessed \$364 in court costs, \$1,000 fine, and \$180 in restitution.

Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff’s Office:

June 5, 2017

Orion Villarreal, 25, of Lubbock, TX, was arrested by the Sheriff’s Office on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces. Villarreal was fined court costs and 90 days in jail.

June 7, 2017

Antonio Morales, 46, of Friona, was arrested by the Sheriff’s Office on a charge of failure to identify. The case is pending in County Court.

June 8, 2017

Jose A. Sanchez, 25, of Clovis, NM, was arrested by the Sheriff’s Office on a charge of failure to identify. The case is pending in County Court.

June 10, 2017

Kellie Ryan, 35, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a charge of assault. The case is pending in County Court.

Jose Rocha, 21, of Bovina, was arrested by the Department of Public Safety on charges of driving while intoxicated and duty on striking a fixture/highway landscape more than \$200. The case is pending in County Court.

Diane Heard, 53, of Bovina, was arrested by the Sheriff’s Office on a charge of driving while license invalid. The case is pending in County Court.

Courthouse Notes

Warranty deeds are reported by the County Clerk’s Office from the week of June 2 through June 7, 2017:

Charles William Summers and Rena Sue Summers-Blue Sky Farms, LLC, SW/4 S33 Blk H Kelly.

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Estate of Clayton V. Myers, Thurman Myers, and CL Myers-CL Myers, NE/4 S15 Blk. X WD and FW Johnson.

Sales tax continues steady drop

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$640 million in local sales tax allocations for June, 3.6 percent more than in June 2016. These allocations are based on sales made in April by businesses that report tax monthly.

The payments to Parmer County are broken down as follows:

Bovina has a current sales tax rate of 2.000 percent and received a June 2017 payment of \$8,972.81, which is a decrease of -14.62 percent lower than the 2016 payment of \$10,509.83. To date Bovina has received \$76,514.07, which is a 10.45 percent increase over the 2016 payments of \$69,268.58.

Farwell has a current sales tax rate of 1.500 percent and received a June 2017 payment of \$7,952.71, which is a -20.89 percent decrease from the 2016 payment of \$10,053.73. To date Farwell has received sale tax of \$58,719.63, which is a decrease of -7.85 percent from the 2016 payments of \$63,725.50.

Friona has a current sales tax rate of 2.000 percent and received a June 2017 payment of \$24,750.88, which is a decrease of -3.74 percent over the 2016 payment of \$25,712.64. To date Friona has received \$186,411.78, which is a decrease of -6.44 percent over the 2016 payments of \$199,258.72.

For details on June sales tax allocations to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, visit the Comptroller’s Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports.

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~Psalm 37~ Dare to Delight

BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

What do you delight in? March Madness, vacations, delicious morsels, your family or possibly something or someone else? All these things are good and well, but do you dare to delight in the Lord Almighty? Do you enjoy spending time in His presence, worshipping with His church, carrying out the Lord's purpose and basking in His Word?

Psalm 37 is a proverbial Psalm that raises the question of whether you would dare to delight yourself in the Lord. "Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart... The steps of a man are established by the Lord, when he delights in his way," (v4, 23). Delighting in God is parallel to what Jesus said in Mark 12:30-31, in calling us to 'love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, which is the greatest commandment.' In other words, our greatest job on earth is to delight in, and love God supremely, to do otherwise is simply idolatry!

Delighting in God is not the secret key to manipulating God to give you everything you might want, but delighting in God means that more than anything else, you desire God and His presence. When we are "delighting ourselves in the Lord" our will is in tune with His will, and our desires are bridled by His grace and purpose in Christ Jesus.

Brighten Father's Day for children in foster care

For many children, Father's Day means giving gifts, enjoying traditions and making memories with their fathers, grandfathers and father figures. But for children in the foster care system, the day can be a painful reminder of their past.

Unfortunately, many children in foster care do not have a reliable father figure or positive male role model in their lives. Once removed from their homes due to evidence of abuse or neglect, they are sometimes placed in state care far away from their loved ones and community, creating a constant cycle of uncertainty.

However, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteers from Great Plains CASA for Kids can help provide much-needed stability for these children. CASA volunteers are everyday people who are specially trained and appointed by judges to advocate for children in the foster care system.

"In addition to advocating for children's unique needs, CASA strives to provide a consistent adult presence for children while they are navigating the child welfare system," said Jeri Wells, Volunteer Coordinator of Great Plains CASA for Kids. "Our volunteers' main goal is to help get the children they serve out of the temporary foster care system and into a safe, permanent home as quickly as possible - so that they never have to spend another Father's Day without a caring parental figure."

Children who have CASA

volunteers typically spend less time in foster care, receive more services needed to heal, and perform better academically. CASA volunteers advocate first and foremost for reunification with the child's family. When there is not an available relative to care for the child, CASA volunteers work diligently to help place them with a loving adoptive family.

"We need more involved members of the community, especially men, to step up and make a difference by becoming that present and engaged adult in a child's life," said Wells. "We believe all of our volunteers are equipped to work with any child, but we also know that it is vital for a young person to see someone who looks like them and can speak with them directly about their experiences."

Currently there are 46 children in the child protection system, but only 19 CASA volunteers in the 5 counties we serve, and of those volunteers, 2 are men. Every child deserves a CASA volunteer to advocate for their best interests, just as every child should have a reason to celebrate Father's Day.

"Please consider becoming a CASA volunteer so that more children in foster care can celebrate Father's Day and start making memories with loving adults and families," said Wells.

For more information, visit gpcasa.org, call 806.363.1211 or go to www.BecomeACASA.org. Registration is ongoing for the summer training session.

God Takes Care of Me Again

By TEENA HUGHES

Last week was Camp New Dawn, our church camp for mentally-challenged adults. I had six wonderful ladies under my care.

At one time, I never dreamed I would enjoy being a volunteer who actually takes care of campers, but God has shown me I can do it and like it.

Once again, last week something happened that I never dreamed I could handle. But, we have a very gracious God who gave me the strength to get through the tough situation, and not only that, He helped me forget most of what happened.

There was a time in my life when I would have let something like this ruin my entire week. I would have been upset with this camper (who couldn't help what happened), telling everyone who would listen about it, and basically making myself miserable.

This time was different. I told only a couple of people, and by the end of the day I was actually laughing about it.

I truly believe God allows us to go through certain situations to show us that we can do things we don't think we can. I also believe He does it so we can see how much He has grown us, and so He can prepare us for situations He knows we are going to face in the future.

I love God and how much He takes care of us; how He gives us grace and strength to get through less-than-fun situations; and, how He prepares us for things in our future. No one else can do for us what God does for us. Our faith and trust have to be in Him, and all will work out better than we ever imagine.

Take care, stay cool, and have a great week!

Panhandle Parables

A Father's Love

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

May 2005, I remember it clearly. I was about as nervous as I could be. Monica was in labor and we were both about to have titles added to our lives that have forever changed us. By 5:30 p.m. that evening we were parents. Elaina was born. Doctor called her a "small little peanut" and the name stuck.

The first task as dad according to the nurse was to put that little diaper on. I had been to daddy boot camp so I didn't flinch, however the practice baby didn't kick or cry like this little one. Diaper on, check! Then just like that she was whisked away to be bathed, measured and whatever else needed doing.

After a short time, I saw Elaina again through a glass window in the nursery. It was a love that was instant.

As I looked on through the glass, she began to cry a little. So, I tapped on the glass ever so gently to get the nurses attention to take care of this situation immediately, after all this was my child. No luck and my child was now crying. So, I tapped a little less gently to get the nurses attention. Nothing. My child had been crying for over 20 seconds and NO ONE was helping. So as a new father with strong protective instincts. I banged on the window, which not only got the nurses attention, but now there were five crying babies in the nursery.

Now twelve years later. I still love my daughter deeply and am fiercely protective. I have made a lot of mistakes, I have asked for forgiveness and learned a lot about leading that I never knew before. It is a father's love that helps grow a child and I could not be more thankful for having Elaina as a daughter.

God, is the Father who defined what that love would encompass. It would be fiercely protective and yet willing to let go and trust. He loves without demand of our love in return. He let His own Son grow and be the man we needed Him to be. Sometimes that love comes with discipline other times with mercy, but should never be mistaken for anything less than His love for us.

If you are a dad, Happy Father's Day, keep up the fight, be vigilant in the care, nurturing and loving of your children. You are their father, give them your love.



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Recently Mason Fleming received a \$20,000 scholarship from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Association. Mason was eligible for the scholarship based on his achievements and accomplishments with the Parmer County 4-H. Mason completed his Associate's Degree from South Plains College while attending Friona High School and has been accepted into Sul Ross State University. Additionally, Mason has been awarded a Sul Ross Presidential Endowed Scholarship based on his academic performance and college entrance exam scores. Mason will pursue a Computer Science degree in gaming technology at Sul Ross.










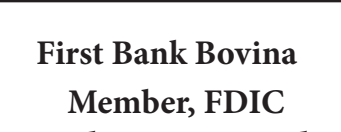
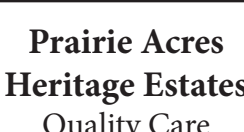



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God Bless each and every one of you. We are Blessed to live in Friona, Texas.

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OBITUARIES

Mary Alice Merrell

Mary Alice Merrell, 87, long-time Bovina resident, died Tuesday, June 6, 2017 in Friona. Graveside Inurnment services were held Thursday, June 15, 2017 at the Bovina Cemetery in Bovina, Texas with Rev. Brian Mullins, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Bovina, officiating. Arrangements by Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home in Friona.



Mary was born April 11, 1930 in Bovina to Ezra Homer and Alma Alice Bond Englant. She taught 1st grade in the Friona Independent School District for many years, was a master at leather work, sold Avon and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bovina.

She is preceded in death by her parents; one son, Daryl Merrell; one brother, Floyd Englant; and one sister, Barbara Kesler.

Survivors include two daughters, Karen Barham of Lubbock, and Connie Goad of Amarillo;

three sons, Dale Merrell of Bovina, Doyle Merrell of Baytown and David Merrell and wife Kay of Amarillo; 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Prairie Acres Nursing Home, 201 East 15th, Friona, Texas 79035.



Joaquin Rueda

Joaquin Rueda, 67, of Friona, died Wednesday, June 7, 2017 in Friona. Mass of Christian burial services were held Friday, June 9, 2017 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona with Rev. Anthony Swamy Aakula, as celebrant. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery by Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home in Friona.



Joaquin was born August 16, 1949 in Mexico to Eduardo and Maria Rueda.

He was a machine operator for a construction company in Austin and loved his family.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include: his wife, Jovita Rueda; three sons, Carlos Rueda, Alejo Rueda and Jose Rueda, all of Friona; three daughters, Paula Garcia and Maria Rueda both of Friona and Ines Rueda of Mexico; one

sister from Oklahoma; one sister from Missouri; two sisters from Mexico; and 13 grandchildren.

You may sign the online register book at www.blackwellmullins.com.



Betty Jane Barnett Douglas

Betty Jane Barnett Douglas, who was born on October 11, 1942 in Friona, Texas to Fern William and Francis Mildred Barnett, passed away June 12, 2017 in McKinney, Texas. Betty's mission in life was to raise strong and loving children. Mission accomplished. She not only accomplished that mission but was a central figure in a large, loving, supportive family.



Betty is survived by her brother James Wesley Barnett and his wife Doris of Friona, Texas and her sister Judy Ann Davis and her husband Mike of Irving, Texas, and an expansive but closely knit family.

Betty was a loving mother to her three children, Jay Kirk Douglas (Lexington, Kentucky), Jan Douglas Holmes (McKinney, Texas) and Jon Mark Douglas (Friona, Texas) and a supportive, fun grandmother and step-grandmother to her nine grandchildren, Justin Douglas (Marine Corps, Camp Pendleton, California) and Ashley Hunt Robinson (Lubbock, Texas) [children of Jay and Kelley Douglas], Breanna Flake (Dallas, Texas), Bailee Flake (Baylor University), Brandon Holmes (New York City) and Maia Holmes (Denver, Colorado) [children of Jan and Ron Holmes], and Gavin Douglas (US Army, Ft. Hood, Texas), Brandon Douglas and Gabbi Douglas (Friona, Texas) [children of Jon and Rachel Douglas], and great grandmother to Taygan Turner (Lubbock, Texas) [daughter of Ashley Robinson]. She was also an adoring Aunt to seven nephews

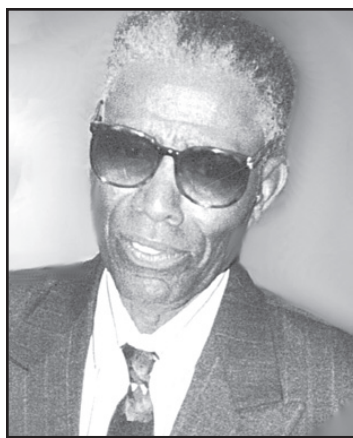
and nieces and their 15 children: Brian Davis and his wife Reagan and their two children (Flower Mound, Texas); Phillip Davis (Irving, Texas); Dr. Chris Barnett and wife Renee and their two children (San Angelo, Texas); Dr. Kyle Barnett and his wife Melissa and their three children (Salt Lake City, Utah); Kim Barnett Marx and her husband Scott (PA) and their three children (Aubrey, Texas); Rick Barnett and his wife Erin and their two children; and David Barnett and his wife Heather and their three children (Little Rock, Arkansas).

Betty is now rejoicing in Heaven, free of the walker, wheelchair and discomfort she suffered the last year of her life.

Visitation will be held Sunday, June 18, 2017, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Hereford Heritage Funeral Home, 411 E. 6th Street, Hereford, Texas 79045. A Memorial service will be held Monday, June 19, 2017, 10:00 a.m. at Hereford Heritage Funeral Home, followed by a grave site ceremony.

Charlie Ray Brady

Charlie Ray Brady, 89, of Friona, died Wednesday, June 7, 2017 in Friona. Graveside services were held Saturday, June 10, 2017 at the Friona Cemetery with Rev. Randy Johnson of Canyon, officiating. Burial followed by Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.



Charlie was born May 23, 1928 in Thornton, Texas to Jimmy and Nellie Darnell Brady. He married Onnie May Clark December 24, 1956 in Clovis.

He was an area farmer, loved to play dominoes, pool, talk and garden.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife; one son, Anthony Ray Brady; two brothers; and three sisters.

Survivors include one son, Curtis Brady and wife Elizabeth of Lubbock; two brothers, James Brady and wife Effie of Dalhart

and Sam Brady and wife Shirley of Mineral Wells; one sister, Nellie Kate Jackson of Friona; and three grandchildren.

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Harold Stanberry

Harold Stanberry, 70, of Bovina, died June 12, 2017 in Melrose, N.M. Graveside services were held Thursday, June 15, 2017 at the Bovina Cemetery with Rev. Sherman Martin, pastor the House First Baptist Church of House, N.M., officiating. Burial followed in the Bovina Cemetery by Blackwell-Mullins Funeral Home of Friona.



Harold was born February 7, 1947 in Danville, Arkansas to Thogal Denton and Bonnie Mae McCormick Stanberry. He was a longtime area farmer, chemical mixer for an area crop spraying service, loved to tinker with anything mechanical and play pool.

He is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Buford Stanberry and Cloys Wayne Stanberry.

Survivors include two daughters, Tina Dial and husband Lance of Melrose, and Twyla Smith and husband Byron of Jacksonville, Arkansas; two brothers, Danny Stanberry of Clarksville, Texas and Loy Dean Stanberry of Bovina; one sister, Brenda McNeely

and husband Reggie of Axle, Texas; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers you may send memorials to the Harold Stanberry Memorial Fund c/o Tina Dial, 1302 N.M. 89, Melrose, N.M. 88124.

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Summer Feeding Menu June 19-23

Monday
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, cinnamon roll, yogurt, apple juice, banana, milk.
Lunch: Popcorn chicken, roll, mashed potatoes, cheese tomatoes, pears, milk.

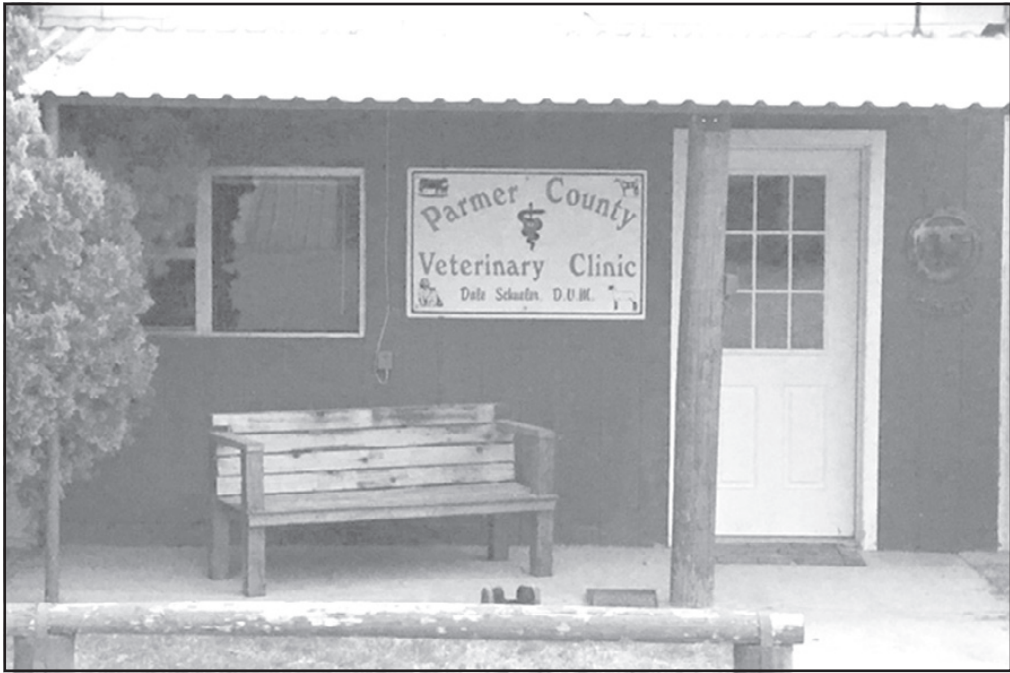
Tuesday
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, sausage biscuit with cheese, orange juice, fruit cocktail, milk.
Lunch: Cheeseburger, Doritos, carrot sticks, French oven potatoes, Mandarin oranges, milk.

Wednesday
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, pig-in-a-blanket, grape juice, peaches, milk.
Lunch: Hot dog, Doritos, corn, cheese broccoli, strawberries & bananas, milk

Thursday
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, sausage pizza, orange juice, fruit cocktail, milk.
Lunch: Taco salad, cheese cauliflower, Ranch-style beans, mixed fruit, milk.

Friday
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, pancakes, fruit punch juice, applesauce, milk.
Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, green beans, corn, fruit salad, milk.

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Parmer County Vet Clinic was started in September 1977, at the Rhea Community, which is 20 miles northwest of Friona on Highway 2013.

"I graduated from Texas A&M Vet School in August of 1976 and practiced at Coleman Vet Clinic for one year," stated Dr. Schueler. "We both wanted to move back where we were raised and to be able to raise our kids in the farm and ranch life."

"We decided to set up a small vet clinic near where I was raised and we would live close by. I had always enjoyed working with livestock and wanted to set up a new practice close to the ranches and country where these animals were located with many of them being over in New Mexico."

"The mixed animal practice we established has steadily grown over the last 40 years and I have done work with many of these ranch families for four generations. We continue with a predominately large animal, beef cattle practice that has been very enjoyable and rewarding."

"In addition to our practice we have been blessed with three wonderful sons, three exceptional daughter-in-laws and ten wonderful grandchildren with many of them still living on the Schueler land which has been in the family for 100 years. God has truly blessed us richly and we give all credit, glory and thanks to Him."

National Day of the Cowboy celebration July 22

The National Day of the Cowboy is an event that is celebrated around the country, including in Amarillo, the home of the American Quarter Horse Association's international headquarters and the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame & Museum. Local groups have joined forces to teach, entertain and celebrate the 7th annual National Day of the Cowboy with the public. The celebration takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on July 22 at the Hall of Fame. This free event will provide entertainment for the whole family.

A highlight of the event will be the chance to ride an American Quarter Horse. This event has given more than 1,200 children in the past 7 years the opportunity to experience their first ride on an American Quarter Horse. This year's test rides are part of a national Time to Ride marketing initiative by the American Horse Council called the 100-Day Horse Challenge. The goal of the Challenge is to increase awareness of the benefits of horse activities across the United States by aiming to engage at least 100,000 new people with an introductory horse experience.

In addition to the Hall of Fame, local partners include the Amarillo Public Library, country music station 97.9 KGNC FM, American Charro Association, Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, Center City, Southwest Cowboy Poet Society and the Amarillo Convention & Visitors Council. These partners are excited to participate by leading activities amidst the fun planned by the Hall of Fame.

Visitors can look forward to these activities and events during the celebration:

Barrel racing on the lawn from 10 a.m. to noon

Watch charro demonstrations on horseback from 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Charros are skilled horsemen who proudly carry on early Mexican traditions.

Ride an American Quarter Horse between 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sign-up starts at 10 a.m.

Listen as employees of the Amarillo Public Library read children stories about cowboys, with readings at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Make your own stick pony or cowboy trail mix

Listen to cowgirl and cowboy poetry with the Southwest Cowboy Poet Society at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m.

Employees from the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum will show young visitors how to create their own brand from noon to 2 p.m. Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum Director Curator of Art and Western Heritage Michael Grauer is also a history interpreter and he will appear as an 1890's cowboy and teach visitors about the real west.

Meet the horses and actors from the "TEXAS" outdoor musical

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The National Day of the Cowboy campaign was founded in 2004 to preserve, protect and promote the cowboy and our Western heritage. The campaign lobbies for the passage of the national resolution designating the fourth Saturday of every July a permanent celebration on the national calendar. The campaign believes in honoring cowboys and cowgirls for their enduring contribution and their courageous, pioneering American spirit. For more information on the scope of this day as a national event, go to www.national-dayofthecowboy.com.



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Don't forget to include animals when preparing for emergencies

By: Paul Schattenberg

June is National Pet Preparedness Month, providing an opportunity for people to learn how to plan for pet safety during a disaster or emergency, said Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts.

"If you need to evacuate your home due to a disaster or other emergency, it's important to also consider what you will need to do with your pet ahead of that time," said Dr. Andy Vestal, AgriLife Extension specialist in emergency management, College Station. "Whether you decide to stay put or evacuate to a safer location, you will need to make emergency preparations that include your pets. The most important thing to do is integrate a pet emergency plan with your family emergency plan."

Vestal said an important aspect of preparing a pet for an emergency is to make sure the pet is properly identified through up-to-date tags, including a tag with your family's address and phone number and, if possible, information on a likely evacuation location.

"You should consider micro-chipping your pet," he said. "And be sure to have a photo of your pet, including a photo of your pet with family members, in order to resolve any potential issues with establishing ownership."

Vestal said many emergency shelters do not accept pets, so pre-identify shelters and ask if they accept pets. Also identify any hotels and motels on the proposed evacuation route that will accept them.

"Check the internet and travel guides for which hotels or motels permit pets and remember to include any local animal shelter number on your list of emergency numbers," he said. "Some shelters do have separate facilities for pets but you should check in advance and find out what they might need in the way of vet records, a kennel for holding your pet or other requirements for sheltering."

In Texas, dialing 2-1-1 will get the caller to a Health and Human Services representative who can

provide additional information on sheltering, Vestal added.

Joyce Cavanagh, AgriLife Extension specialist in family and community health, College Station, said preparing a pet emergency kit is a necessary part of pet readiness.

"Some of the items you need to collect for this kit would include the pet's veterinary record and medications, a towel or blanket, at least three day's worth of pet food, bottled water, litter and a litter pan if you have cats and first-aid kit," Cavanagh said. "And be sure to take a pet carrier, leash or harness so your pet doesn't escape should it suddenly panic."

Cavanagh said pet owners should also locate where any pet boarding facilities are located in the event pets need to be relocated for a longer period of time.

"Most kennels, vets and animal shelters will want to see your pet's vaccination and medical records, which is another reason it's important to include these in your kit," she said. "If these are not options, consider loved ones or friends outside of your immediate area who would be willing to host you and your pets in an emergency. Identify neighbors, friends or relatives who can care for or evacuate your pets if you can't. Also, make a list of contact information and addresses of area animal control agencies including the Humane Society, SPCA and emergency veterinary hospitals."

She said not to leave pets in the home if there's an emergency or disaster as this can put them in grave danger.

Vestal said during an emergency people should immediately bring their pets inside.

"Have paper towels, newspapers and trash bags available for sanitary purposes and feed them moist or canned food so they will need less water to drink," he said. "When pets are afraid, they often isolate themselves, so bringing them inside will help keep them from running away. Never leave a pet tied up outside during a weather emergency or other disaster."

He also recommended sepa-

rating dogs and cats as the additional stress may make them act irrationally.

"Bird owners may have to take their avian friends with them in the event of an emergency," Cavanagh noted. "See about buying a food dispenser that regulates the amount of food and make sure that the bird is in a cage covered by a thin cloth or sheet."

For more on how to prepare pets for disaster or emergency situations, go to <http://bit.ly/2rwp3Lm>.

Vestal said those in more rural areas or on farms and ranches may have livestock in addition to pets, so preparations also need to be made for these larger animals.

"Cattle, horses, sheep, goats, pigs and any other large animals need to be identified and moved out of flood-prone areas," he said.

"You should try and evacuate or move them if possible, so determine what your primary and secondary evacuation routes might be. Then when the time comes, secure the vehicles and trailers needed for transporting the animals."

He said be sure the relocation destinations have food, water and access to veterinary care.

"If you can't evacuate the animals, then you have to decide if you can get the larger animals into a barn or other shelter — or need to turn them outside," he said.

Vestal said in areas of Texas where the weather can get especially cold, livestock owners need to take additional efforts to prepare and protect their animals.

"Prevention is key in helping the animals avoid hypothermia, frostbite and other cold weather-related problems," he said. "Make sure livestock have adequate shelter, dry bedding to insulate vulnerable body parts, windbreaks to keep them protected from frigid winds and snow drifts, and sufficient food and water."

He said serious injuries and death as a result of cold weather typically occur in very young or already compromised animals, such as those with an undetected

infection.

"Sudden livestock deaths and illnesses should be investigated so steps can be taken to protect the remaining animals," Vestal said.

He said additional information on livestock preparedness can be found through viewing videos made by AgriLife Extension experts and available on YouTube. The first is Evacuating Horses, which features former AgriLife Extension horse specialist Brett Scott. This video can be found at <http://bit.ly/2r3TnhV>.

Two additional YouTube videos feature Dr. Jason Cleere, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist, College Station. Hurricane Preparedness for Livestock Owners: Video 1 can be found at <http://bit.ly/2q6PLY7>. Hurricane Preparedness for Livestock Owners: Video 2 can be found at <http://bit.ly/2pBkQqq>.

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Research shows protein on U.S. native grasslands in decline

By Adam Russell

There is an alarming trend on America's rangelands due to grazing and changing climate, and it's already costing producers almost \$2 billion annually, according to recently published work by a Texas A&M AgriLife Research scientist in Temple.

Dr. Jay Angerer, an AgriLife Research rangeland ecologist at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Temple, recently co-published "Long-term declines in dietary nutritional quality for North American cattle" in Environmental Research Letters with Dr. Joseph Craine, of Jonah Ventures, Manhattan, Kansas, and Dr. Andrew Elmore, University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, Frostburg, Maryland. Their research outlines the falling dietary value of forages on unimproved native rangelands in the U.S. over the past two decades due to nutrient losses associated with grazing and changing climate.

The researchers suggested in the publication increased prevalence of drought, rising atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations and sustained nutrient loss

from grazing "all have the potential to reduce cattle performance by reducing the nutritional quality of forage."

Angerer said the downward trend in nutritional value on rangelands poses a measurable concern for producers and consumers in the future. The publication notes grazing livestock such as sheep, goats, cattle and buffalo, provide 15 percent of the global human protein supply.

The reduction in forage quality creates what Angerer and the other researchers labeled a "protein debt." The contributing factors have led to cattle "becoming increasingly stressed for protein over the past two decades, likely reducing cattle weight gain."

The research estimates it costs producers an additional \$1.9 billion annually to meet the U.S. cattle herd's protein needs with supplemental feed.

"There are financial implications for producers and eventually the consumer," he said. "Producers already have enough to worry about, and if their supplemental feed costs go up, their margin shrinks, and that may

lead to a decision on whether to stay in the business or get out."

The Grazing Animal Nutrition Lab at the Temple center collected 36,000 manure samples from cattle in the U.S. that were measured for dietary quality between 1994 and 2015.

The GAN Lab's short-term goal is to estimate a producer's forage quality, especially crude protein and total digestible nutrients, using manure samples to help them optimize supplemental feeding regimens, Angerer said. The lab receives and tests samples from various livestock producers from all over the U.S. including sheep, donkeys, cattle and wildlife such as white-tailed deer.

Over the years, researchers have dialed in equations and parameters to determine forage quality based on manure samples, the animal, the breed and other factors that help the lab give producers or consultants the information to provide the correct amount and type of supplemental feed throughout the year.

"If producers are looking for optimization, it's better to look at a number and not a range of numbers," Angerer said.

But the long-term look at information provided by the manure samples showed that digestible organic matter and crude protein quality were declining. Over 20 years, available crude protein decreased 1 percent which amounts to an average 10-pound loss per head without supplemental feed.

The U.S. had 86 million cattle that were not on feed, including 27 million calves, in July 2015, according to the study.

Angerer said potential losses depend on the rangeland, the animal's production stage, growth, lactation, gestation, the season, temperatures and other factors that could increase the amount of supplemental feed to make up for the crude protein losses.

Enriching native grasslands with nitrogen is discussed in the study, but fertilizing millions of acres would be counterproductive, Angerer said, so producers face higher supplemental feed costs or the cost of establishing improved pastures for grazing.

"These aren't large differences after 20 years, but if that trend continues for 60 years it might get into something that makes a large difference for production capacity," Angerer said.

The study concluded the protein debt is likely to grow "if the drivers of the reduction of protein in plants cannot be identified and reversed, or adaptation strategies enacted" and could lead to net losses in cattle production.

In 2010, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service ramped up its conservation stewardship program that provides incentives to producers who participate in the studies.

Angerer said participation in the NRCS program is picking up. Last year, producers turned in 19,000 samples for analysis. Most samples originate from the Great Plains area. Most participating producers send in six samples per year.

The samples will continue to be analyzed to assist producers' supplemental feeding programs, added to the long-term forage quality study and held in storage for future research.

Beware of these Smartphone scams

By Sid Kirchheimer, AARP Bulletin

Love your smartphone? So do scammers. With more than 1.5 billion smartphones forecast to be sold worldwide in 2016, you can expect more mobile mayhem this year. The reigning ruses include the following:

Spam

Nearly 70 percent of smartphone texters say they receive unwanted spam messages, studies show. And people are three times more likely to respond to spam received by cellphone than when using a desktop or laptop computer. That's particularly dangerous because more than a quarter of text-message spam—such as free gift cards, cheap medications and similar text-message come-ons—is intended to criminally defraud you, compared with only about 10 percent of spam arriving by email. These texts often lead you to shady websites that install malware on your phone or otherwise seek to steal sensitive details for identity theft.

What to know: Don't click on links or follow instructions to text "stop" or "no" to prevent future texts. This only confirms to scammers that yours is a live, active number for future spam. Use and regularly update anti-

malware software designed for smartphones; ask your phone's manufacturer or service provider for recommendations. Forward suspicious texts to 7726 ("SPAM" on most keypads) to alert your carrier to those numbers, and then delete them.

The one-ring con

In a longtime calling scam, crooks leave voice messages asking you to call back a specific number because you have won a sweepstakes or have an undeliverable package. Now they simply program calls to smartphones to ring only once or disconnect when you answer. Your curiosity over a missed-call alert results in you spending upwards of \$30 to call back. The reason: Despite a seemingly American area code, the call is to an international phone number—often in the Caribbean—that charges a premium connection fee and per-minute rate, which is extended through long holds and frequent transfers.

You might also find charges crammed onto your bill with such innocuous language as "special services," "Internet advertising" or "minimum monthly usage fee."

What to know: Beware of

any unfamiliar calls—one ring or otherwise—with area codes 268, 284, 473, 649, 664, 767, 809, 829, 849 or 876.

Bank messages

These text messages claim to be from your bank or credit card company and say there's a problem with your account. You're instructed to click an included link, which leads you to a look-alike, scammer-run website that seeks your name, account number and online log-in credentials.

What to know: If there's really an account problem, you might get an email, but it will include your name and a portion of your account number. Or your bank or credit card company may telephone you with a fraud alert, but it won't ask for any personal data.

Finally, keep in mind that smartphones are prime targets for old-fashioned theft. Don't let yours reveal your secrets if it winds up in the wrong hands. Always protect it with a strong PIN. And don't use it to store credit card and account log-in information—or anything else potentially compromising.

Sid Kirchheimer is the author of Scam-Proof Your Life, published by AARP Books/Ste

Major sheep and goat educational events approaching

By: Steve Byrns

Officials said plans for the 2017 Texas Sheep and Goat Expo featuring new events are finalized.

The statewide Texas A&M AgriLife event set for Aug. 18-19 in San Angelo is one of the largest sheep and goat programs in the world, particularly in the way it addresses different segments of the industry, said Marvin Ensor, event coordinator and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service regional program leader in San Angelo.

New this year will be a session on Angora goats, a major youth component and sheep performance data instruction as well as a sale of performance-tested rams. More information specific to these events will be available in coming weeks, Ensor said.

Now in its third year, the ed-

ucational program is preceded by the 44th annual Sheep and Goat Field Day. The field day opens with registration at 8 a.m. followed by the program at 8:30 a.m. and ends with lunch at 11:30 a.m. Aug. 18 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center north of San Angelo on U.S. Highway 87. The field day touts topical information stemming from work done at the center.

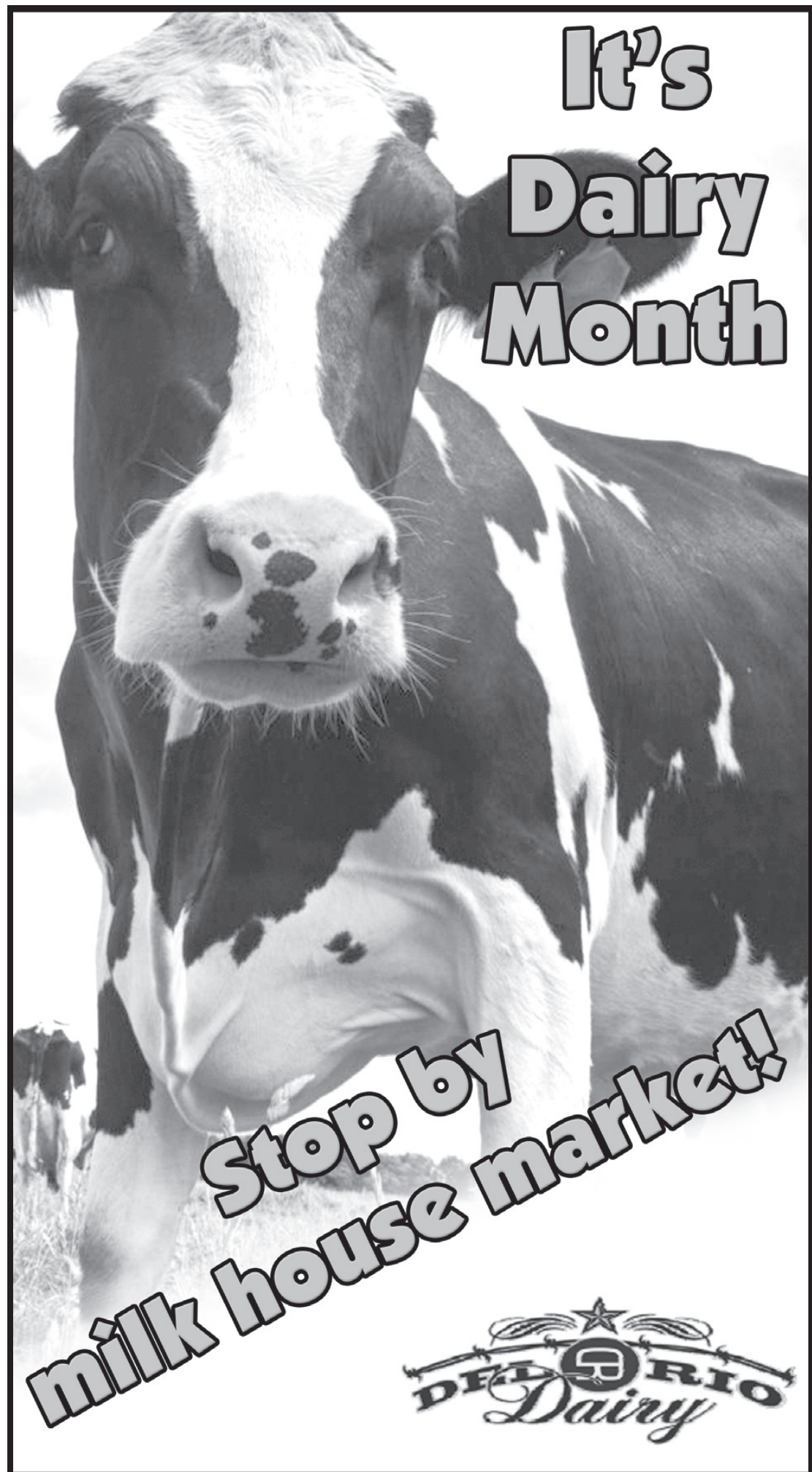
Following lunch on the center grounds, the expo begins at 1 p.m. with a move to San Angelo's 1st Community Federal Credit Union Spur Arena. Aug. 18 activities end at 8:30 p.m. Aug. 19 activities will run from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. also at the Spur Arena.

"There are other sheep and goat events and educational opportunities across the na-

tion, but this unique program addresses the Texas area and the southwest part of the United States by having concurrent sessions that address wool sheep, Angora goats, meat goats, club lambs and hair sheep," Ensor said. "We have all the different segments covered with educational programs to address the specific needs of the industry. So make plans now to join us as these are the two educational events, back to back, you won't want to miss this year."


Early expo registration by Aug. 15 is \$40 for adults, while student registration is \$15 per day. Late registration after Aug. 15 is \$60.

The final expo agenda and online registration is available at <http://agrilife.org/westresults/registration>.




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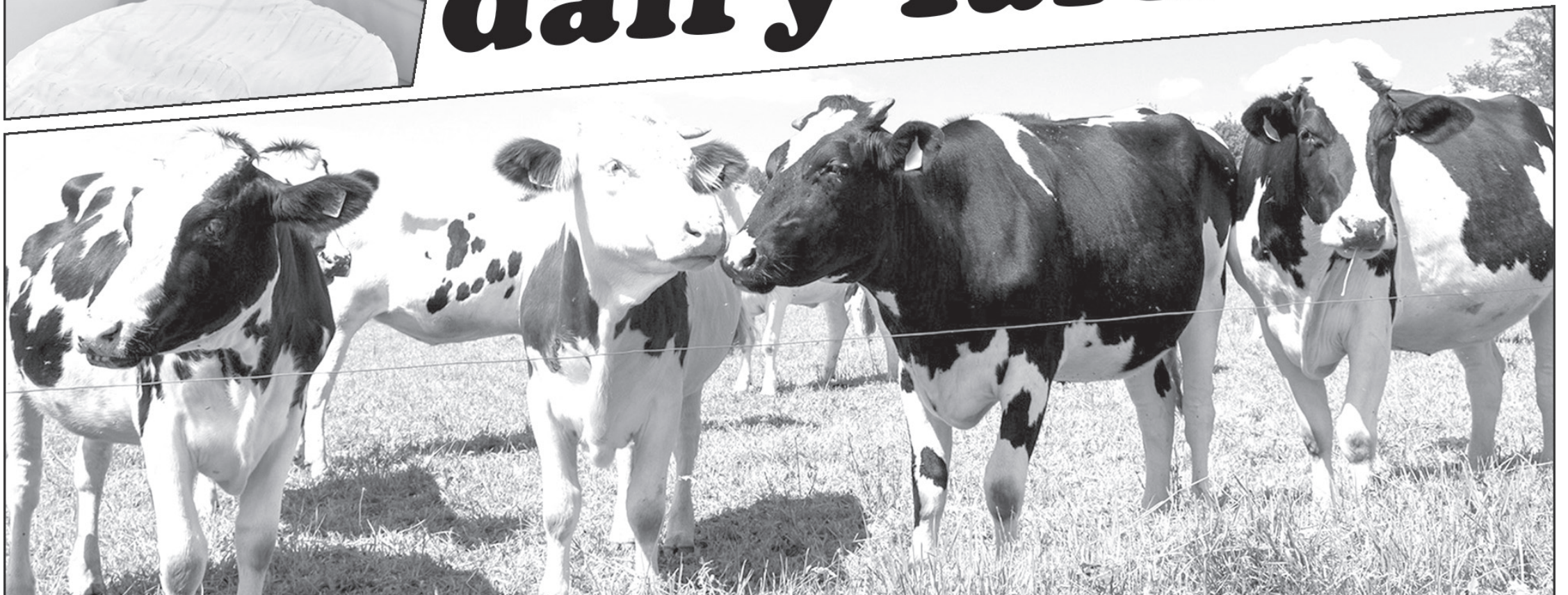
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The construction at the west Allsup's continued this week as new pumps and concrete were set in place. Above, workers were continuing to remove the old concrete and ready the property for more updates on Wednesday morning. Remember to use caution in this area.



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The Friona Volunteer Fire Department was called out to A-Tex Dairy late Monday afternoon to extinguish a feed truck fire. The cause of the fire was undetermined at this time. Above, Friona firefighter Wade Schueler douses the truck for good measure as Skip Hodges looks on. A-Tex Dairy owner Tom Alger said, "I am very much appreciative to the fire department and Daniel Wiseman for getting there so quick. Thank you!"

Commissioners raise juror pay

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, June 12 at the County Courthouse in Farwell to discuss a short agenda.

Monty Humble, High Road Clean Energy, LLC Managing Director, updated the commissioners on the current abatement and provisions for Mariah del Este. The commissioners took no action on the abatement at this time but will address the issue at

the next meeting.

A raise in first day juror pay was approved. First day jurors will now receive \$10 instead of \$6. This will take effect immediately.

Effective immediately the burn ban has been removed until further notice.

The commissioners will meet again on Monday, June 26 at 10 a.m. All meetings are open to the public.

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