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Snakes Alive!— Wildlife on the Move was at the Friona Public Library last Thursday as part of the Summer Reading Program. All kids attending got a chance to interact with wildlife from all over the globe. In this photo, Mr. B and the library staff- Becky Upton, Anahi Gomez, Lucretia Morgan, and Alexa Garcia get a "hands on" meeting with the visiting reptile. See more photos on page 8. The last program in the series is Thursday, June 27 at 10:00 a.m. and will involve learning more about Juneteenth.

## **Cheeseburger Festival is July 20th**

Friona, the Cheeseburger Capital of Texas, will host its 18th Annual Festival and Cook Off on Saturday, July 20th at Reeve Lake Park. Cooking teams will compete for the title of Cheeseburger Champions with a first place prize of \$1000 on the line. The second place team will grab \$300 and the People's Choice Winners will earn bragging rights for the year. Admission is free to shop the vendors

and tour the festival. How it works

The event runs from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Reeve Lake Park and the Community Center. Cooking teams will be set up in the RV slots on the east side of the lake and will grill up their specialty burgers for the public. Judges will determine the winners. Attendees can purchase wristbands for \$10 which are good for one whole cheeseburger or four quarter portions of different burgers. Chips and a frisbee are included. Air-conditioned din-

ing will be available in the Community Center along with some vendors. Food & craft vendors and live music with a DJ will be set up outside along with a large tent for outdoor dining.

#### What it does

The Cheeseburger Festival helps showcase the vibrancy of the community through cattle, grain, and dairy products. It also helps fund other events throughout the year including The Miss Friona Scholarship Pageant, Maize Days,



Christmas in the Park, the Annual Awards Banquet, and the 4th of July Fireworks Show.

#### **Getting involved**

There is still time for cooking teams and vendors to sign up for this year's festival. Contact the Chamber of Commerce at 806-250-3491 for information.

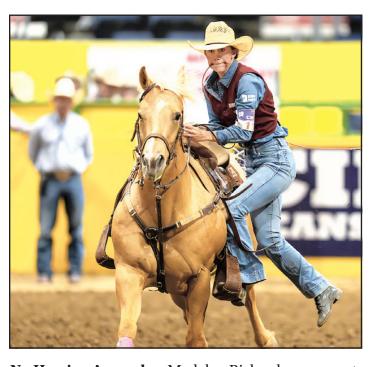
#### **UIL approves major change** for Texas high school playoffs

The postseason format for several Texas high school sports has received a shake-up, with the University Interscholastic League (UIL) approving a change that will impact the playoffs for baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, and volleyball.

An amendment to create split postseason divisions in those five sports was passed by the UIL Legislative Council. It will double the number of state champions that are crowned in each sport and will become effective August 1, 2024.

The change will follow what is currently utilized in Class 6A football, where teams who make the playoffs are separated into two divisions based on enrollment. Currently, only 1A-5A Football Conferences are separated into Division 1 and Division 2 for regular-season play.

Under the new format, all teams will remain in the districts created during the 2024 realignment cycle and the top four teams will still advance to the playoffs. However, instead of all four teams from a district going into the same conference playoff bracket, the two largest enrollment teams will go into a Division 1 playoff bracket and the two smaller enrollment squads will go into a Division 2 playoff bracket. Both divisions will then play for separate state champion-



**No Horsing Around** — Madalyn Richards prepares to dismount in goat tying, one of two events that helped her earn the 2024 Women's All-Around title at the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyoming. Her horse, DuallysBeenCattin, was named the 2024 American Quarter Horse Association Breakaway Roping Horse of the Year. (Michael Miller/Texas A&M AgriLife)

## **Hereford Native & Horse Win Titles**



Cowgirl Champion — Madalyn Richards, of Hereford, collects her champion saddles with Aggie Rodeo coach Al Wagner, Ph.D., after being named the 2024 Breakaway Roping Champion and earning the 2024 Women's All-Around title during the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyoming. Madalyn is a senior at Texas A&M and is majoring in agricultural communications and journalism. (Michael Miller/Texas A&M AgriLife)



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## **Community Calendar**

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#### June 20

• Turkey Tetrazzini at Noon Meal @ Senior Center

#### **June 24**

• Beans & Cornbread at Noon Meal @ Senior Center

#### **June 26**

 Library Book Shop at 618 Euclid is open from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

#### **June 27**

• Enchilada Casserole at Noon Meal @ Senior Center

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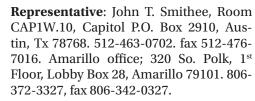
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## **Chamber Business Spotlight**

Presented by the Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture



#### Meet The Member Monday this week was Happy Tribe Academy

In November 2023, our community welcomed the opening of a new daycare facility, Happy Tribe Academy which has significantly impacted local families by providing a much-needed solution for childcare. With a maximum capacity of 46 children, this daycare center offers a safe and nurturing environment where kids can learn and play while their parents are at work. The availability of reliable childcare has enabled parents to rejoin the workforce

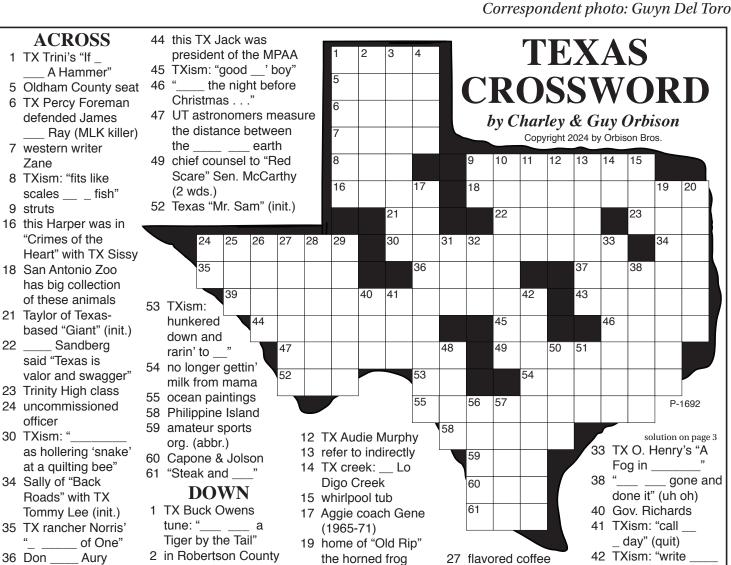
full-time. Prior to the opening of this daycare, our area was considered a "daycare desert," where the demand for childcare far outstripped the available options. The absence of sufficient childcare resources made it challenging for many parents to maintain steady employment or pursue career advancement. The establishment of this daycare has filled a critical gap, providing not just a service, but peace of mind to working parents. It represents more than



just a childcare option-it is a cornerstone of support that strengthens our local workforce and enhances the quality of life for numerous families. As we look to the future, we are grateful for the opportunities this facility brings and the positive impact it continues to have on our community.



**Wheels on Main** — Larry Rector and his granddaughter Arlisa Denton made the front page of *The Eastern* New Mexico News highlighting their participation in the Draggin' Main festivities held in Clovis, New Mexico last week. Correspondent photographer Gwyn Del Toro took a photo captioned "Wheels on Main" of the two working on Larry's 1917 Dodge Roadster. The News serves Clovis, Portales, and the surrounding communities.



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Original Town of Friona, Parmer County



TOWN TALK

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You're Invited — Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel will host an ice cream social honoring new retirees on Tuesday, June 25th at 6:00 p.m. in the community room at Legacy Pointe located at 1500 North Main in Friona. All retired Parmer County school employees and guests are invited to attend.

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Stock Show News — Steer Validation will be held on Tuesday, June 25th and will start at 8:00 a.m. at Dr. Kennedy's in Muleshoe. Stock Show board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 25th at 6:30 p.m. at the extension office located at 301 Highway 60 in Bovina. Contact Parmer County AgriLife Office Manager Deena Lucero at 806-251-5120.

Blood Drive — A community blood drive was held last Wednesday at the Senior Citizen Center. There were 51 volunteers that signed in and 43 were able to donate. The final tally was 36 whole blood units and 7 2RBC for a grand total of 50 units. Thanks to everyone who took the time to volunteer and a special thanks to Holy Smokes BBQ for cooking the hamburgers. The next drive will

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Summer Begins — On the longest day of the year, Summer begins in the Northern Hemisphere. It is also known as the Summer Solstice, which happens either on June 20th, 21st,

be in August.

or 22nd depending on your time zone. The astronomical calendar marks the first day of summer as the Earth's axis is pointed toward the sun. It's rays more directly impact the Northern Hemisphere giving us more daylight and more warmth.

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**Texas Facts** — If Texas were a country, it would have the 10th largest economy in the world. Source: funworldfacts.com

#### ★★★ National Days

June 20 — Ice Cream Soda Day

June 21 — Day of the Gong

June 22 — Kissing Day June 23 — Hydration Day

June 24 — Pralines Day

June 25 — Barcode Day June 26 — Beautician's Day

## Universities Are Like a Place of Worship

By Walter V. Wendler, WTAMU President



Originally posted on June 15, 2009, modified slightly. Old hat? Nope, never more important.

I know I am in trouble with that title, but hear me out.

For all the discourse about universities being like businesses, they are not run in a business-like fashion. Great businesses run on the nexus of merit, productivity and bottom line. The best universities pay real attention to these ideas, but most only give them lip service, while the poor institutions neglect even that.

Some think the uni-

versity is a state agency: They miss the boat! Some also think its operation should be subject to the rule of legacy or patronage: They are all wet!

Universities are universities, unlike any other organizations, but if people insist on analogizing them to some other enterprises, we would be best served by thinking of them as places of worship.

Churches, temples, mosques and almost all places of worship exist for a single purpose. They exist to help people voluntarily change how they think

about themselves in relation to the larger world around them. From a Christian perspective in the plain language and tradition of Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Wesley, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Saint Paul, and, by definition, any man or woman who claims to be Christian, there is but a single purpose for any church: for a man or woman to become more Christ-like.

This is not something you can buy, not a ballot you can cast, not something you can trade, and most troubling in contemporary society, not something you can earn. Rather, it is a "skin in" transformation through the exercise of unadulterated free will.

Absolutely nothing more. Equally important, nothing less.

A student and/or a family lay a check on the table twice a year for four years, sometimes more checks for more years. As these checks move across the table, from the family and student's side to the university's side, that exchange of value provides only one thing - the poten-

tial to change.
Opportunity.

inside out.

West Texas A&M University, and others worth their salt, provides the opportunity for students to change themselves from the

Absolutely nothing more and nothing less.

We can't change the students through any form of discipline, coercion, begging, pleading, threats, carrots or influence. We can only provide an opportunity for the students to inflict the burden of growth and change upon themselves.

An exercise of free will. Just like a church.

To be clear, trade or technical schools may be different, although only in degree. A trade can be taught with a mild commitment of will, driven by a desire to produce capital to care for a family and provide sustenance. The craft guilds provide guidance.

In the early first millennium, the guilds in India provided fraternity among workers and the sharing of ideas and insights. Sounds a bit like a university. By the be-

ginning of the second millennium, the idea had gained traction in Europe, spreading from Italy into France, Germany and finally Spain.

Guilds bred two modern phenomena: trade unions and corporations—precocious twins from the same parent. After the 1800s, they faltered and were seen simultaneously as a barrier to free trade, according to Adam Smith, and a stigmatized social stratification, according to Karl Marx.

Talk about a rock and a hard place.

The university cannot provide a guarantee for employment upon completion of a course of study.

A good university,

like West Texas A&M University, must be a strong advocate for the exercise of free will. In the case of a public research university, it must be the strongest civil proponent for the exercise of unfettered free will, free moral agency and the pursuit of truth. Otherwise, it is not a university at all.

West Texas A&M University should be more like a church than it is like General Motors or the statehouse.

Hard to swallow? Too bad. There is a parched wasteland beyond this simple idea.

Walter V. Wendler is President of West Texas A&M University. His weekly columns are available at https:// walterwendler.com/.

# WTAMU announces honor lists and graduates

West Texas A&M University has announced its honor lists for the 2024 spring semester. Four Friona students made the Dean's List. To be eligible, a student must complete a minimum of 15 credit hours with a GPA of 3.50 to 3.99. One Friona student made the



President's List. A student must complete a minimum of 15 credit hours with a GPA of 4.00 to be eligible.

#### Dean's List

Anthony Guerrero — Sophomore • Accounting
Adrian Legarreta — Junior • Sports/Exercise Science
Annacaren Salas — Junior • Accounting
Cynthia Santiago — Junior • General Studies

#### President's List

Jose Grado — Senior • Criminal Justice

The final tally is 1,129 graduates for West Texas A&M University's Class of May 2024. Overall, the University awarded 808 baccalaureate degrees and 321 master's degrees to spring graduates at the May 13 commencement ceremonies.

The oldest graduate was 73, and the youngest were 19. The graduating class includes 117 with a perfect 4.0 GPA and 25 veterans; 42.7 percent of the undergraduates are the first in their family to earn a college degree. Students from 41 states in the nation and 21 different countries graduated. The three levels of honor recognition for graduates are Summa Cum Laude (3.90-4.00), Magna Cum Laude (3.75-3.89) and Cum Laude (3.50-3.74) grade point average (GPA).

#### Graduate

Jose Antonio Grado — BS in Criminal Justice/Cum Laude





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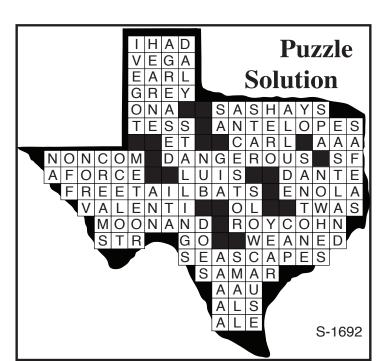
These are the classes scheduled this summer

**June 22:** Machine Applique Class

July 13: Beginning Sewing

July 19 and 20: Handi Quilter Education Event

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## **FSA News**

## Maps for Acreage Reporting Are Available

Maps are now available at the Parmer County FSA Office for acreage reporting purposes. If you wish to receive your maps by email, please call the office at 806-481-4411 or email Esmeralda Vazquez at Esmeralda.vazquez@usda.gov

July 15th is the Acreage reporting deadline for Cotton, Corn, Grain Sorghum, and Millet in Parmer County.

In order to maintain program eligibility and benefits, you must file timely acreage reports. Failure to file an acreage report by the crop acreage reporting deadline may cause ineligibility for future program benefits. FSA will not accept acreage reports provided more than a year after the acreage reporting deadline.

Producers are encouraged to file their acreage reports as soon as planting is completed.

## **State Capital Highlights**

By Gary Borders



# Drought conditions ease slightly while heat dome returns

Drought conditions across the state dropped a percentage point in May compared to the previous month, with 26% of the state in some stage of drought, primarily in West and South Texas and parts of the Panhandle.

Massive storms in late April and into May caused flooding and wind damage in East and North Texas but did pull those regions out of drought. Some parts of Central and East Texas received three times their average rainfall in May, according to Mark Wentzel, hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board.

Meanwhile, Texans are staring down another miserably hot summer and wondering if it will be as bad as last year's, which was the second hottest on record. A heat dome, which is a high-pressure system that traps heat and keeps it sticking around, is making its way across the state. It has already heated the waters of the Gulf of Mexico to about the same temperatures as last year, according to a report in the Texas Standard.

The heat dome is also driving up temperatures on land. San Antonio last week saw a record heat index of 117 degrees. Some South Texas cities are already seeing heat temperatures broken, and not just by a small amount.

"They usually might beat it by half a degree and maybe, at most, 1 degree," said Victor Murphy of the National Weather service. "So, to see 120-, 150-year records shatter by 2 to 3 degrees is pretty significant. It shows you the magnitude and the strength of this heat ridge."

On the somewhatbright side, Murphy said summer in Texas is not likely to be quite as bad as last year, which brought 45 days straight of triple-digit heat to much of the state.

#### Election officials acknowledge holes in ballot secrecy

During a Texas House Election Committee hearing last week, election officials acknowledged holes in election laws that have exposed some ballots cast by Texas voters to public scrutiny, The Dallas Morning News reported.

A group of activists suing the Texas secretary of state claim they have created an algorithm that can match any voter to an anonymous ballot, though their legal filing redacted details on how their hack of ballot security works.

The secretary of state's office, which oversees the state's elections, has sent guidance to county election officials on how to adopt procedures to ensure ballots available for public inspection are scrubbed of any identifying information, The News reported.

"Every Texan has the right to a secret ballot, and that right must remain sacred. It is unacceptable for any voter to have their ballot choices publicized," Secretary of State Jane Nelson said. "I am issuing emergency guidance to protect the privacy of Texas voters."

# Most schools still don't have armed guards, despite law

Despite a law that went into effect nine months ago requiring an armed officer at every public school in Texas, most schools have not done so, the Houston Chronicle reported.

Hearst Newspapers, owner of the Chronicle and other Texas newspa pers, conducted an analysis of 100 randomly selected school districts around the state and found that at least half adopted an exception provided in the law to avoid having to hire an armed guard. Just one fourth of the surveyed districts had an armed security guard at each campus, while another 22 did not respond.

Some district leaders told the newspaper they were struggling to both pay for the added security or find people to take the jobs. Graford ISD Superintendent Brandon Perry said his single-campus district west of Fort Worth got about \$18,500 in

state dollars but needed \$80,000 to hire an officer.

"They require us to hire armed security, hire a school resource officer, but they did not attach additional funding to pay for that expense," Perry said.

State Sen. Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville, was one of the bill's backers. He acknowledged that legislators had "set a standard that is not attainable," largely because there aren't enough qualified officers willing to take the positions.

"There's physically not enough law enforcement in the state of Texas trained to this level to fill all the positions," he said, making the exemption clause necessary. Otherwise, campuses would be forced to shut down.

## Far fewer migrants being bused out of state

While Gov. Greg Abbott insists he intends to keep busing migrants to cities led by Democratic mayors outside Texas, there has been a dramatic drop in the past six months, the Chronicle reported.

In the last half of 2023, the governor's busing program sent about 77,000 migrants to six U.S. cities with Democratic mayors. That number over the past six months has dropped

to about 17,000 amidst court cases and more aggressive efforts by Mexico to stop migrants from getting to Texas.

Abbott's office declined to comment on the dropping busing numbers.

Since 2021, the state has spent \$11 billion on Operation Lone Star in an attempt to stem the tide of migrant arrivals, the Austin American-Statesman reported. The GOP chair of the Senate Border Security Committee has questioned how long Texans will be asked to bear the cost for the operation.

"How long can we do this?" Sen. Brian Birdwell, R-Granbury, who has chaired the Border Security Committee since its inception in 2023, asked officials in charge of oversight of the border initiative. "Because the day will come when the comptroller is going to tell us there's a (budget) shortfall; that means some tough decisions here."

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches, Lufkin and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com

## Happy Birthday

#### June 21

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#### **June 22**

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Chuck Nichols
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#### **June 27**

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#### Diesel prices continue decline

By Gas Buddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas fell 13.2 cents last week, averaging \$2.90 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas was priced at \$2.49 while the most expensive was \$3.79 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline fell 10.0 cents last week, averaging \$3.40 per gallon. The national average price of diesel fell 6.7 cents last week and stands at \$3.75 per gallon.

"We've seen one of the larger weekly drops in the national average price of gasoline in some time, and what incredible timing that it comes at the beginning of the summer driving season," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at Gas-Buddy.

"Not only have gasoline prices plummeted in nearly every state in the last week, but nearly every state has also seen prices drop compared to a month ago. With the declines, Americans will spend roughly \$425 million less per week on gasoline than a year ago. This price decline party is ramping up, and I expect additional declines ahead of July 4 for both gasoline and diesel prices," De Haan added.

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



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## **Inspiration Not Information**

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

In our educated society, a common mistake made among believers mistakenly reduces the purpose of God's Word to that of information. Christians consume bible studies for the purpose of knowing more about the Bible and deepening their understanding. Theological treatises may be written for the purpose of exegeting and expounding on the mysteries of a difficult passage, but the end goal is simply to inform and clarify. No doubt, the church must have clarity in its faith and doctrine, but that is not all the church needs today, because the right information must also be paired with holy inspiration to lovingly live out the truth of God. In other words, God wants to do more than download information to his people. His desire is to also give them the proper motivation and inspiration so they will lovingly obey.

As Deuteronomy, the second giving of the law, comes to a close, chapters 27-30 don't give the people more information about laws and holiness,

but they provide the plain truth about their direction that is to translate into proper inspiration for them to walk in God's ways. God's intention in speaking to his people through Moses was not simply to dispense information, but to also bring them to a moment of decision, and a time of rededication unto the Lord. Deuteronomy 30:19 captures this moment of decision by saying, "I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live." Moses couldn't make the choice for the people, but he could inspire them with God's truth and help them see the gravity of their choice. Following the Lord would lead to life and blessing, but not loving the Lord and disobeying him would lead to death and curses. The choice was clear, the choice was theirs, and God promised consequences were sure to follow, based on the direction they went.

#### **Panhandle Parables**

## The Swamp Cooler & Life

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

Growing up on Cleveland Avenue here in Friona was a joy on many fronts. My memories are countless and as you know many make their way into my little articles. Summer was as it is now, HOT! One of mine or Jenny's tasks during the summer involved the source of cooling in our house. In Jenny's room every summer the window was convinced to open, and a big swamp cooler filled the space. On the inside the process was simple, turn the switch to pump and the fan on high. Outside, the task was every morning before it got too hot, we had to take the water hose and wet down the pads on the sides of the cooler then fill the bottom of the cooler until it spilled over the side. If you know you know. Another important rule was to take care of the outside work before you turned on the switch inside, otherwise you would burn up the pump. For nine years we lived there, I do not recall once getting a float to work correctly or at some point, I would end up

mowing over the little plastic line thus the need to fill it every morning and again in the evening. It was a required task if you wanted to be cool. To benefit from a cooler inside, you had to make sure there was plenty of water on the outside. The overall effect blessed the inside of the house and all who entered.

It is true of us today, spiritually speaking of course, to benefit from the Spirit of God on the inside, you need to connect to the Living Water on the outside. A life with Christ takes discipline, it requires effort, trust, and a faith that day in and day out invests itself in the Water that gives life. A life that will bless others because it shares a refreshing hope in an otherwise dry, desolate life. I do not know if you ever spent much time watering a swamp cooler, but you do have a life that needs His living water. Drink deep, refresh the soul, then share the bounty with those around you that they too may benefit from the cool, refreshing work of the Spirit.

## **Doing That Thing You Dread**

#### By Teena Hughs

Yesterday, I started a Bible study on the book of James. I wanted my ladies to know who James was, so I presented a summary about him. I KNEW one of my ladies was going to disagree that Jesus had brothers and sisters, but I felt it was an important part of James' story. I was taking my information from Mark 6:3 and Matthew 13:55-56. I think being an unbelieving skeptic of his brother Jesus and then becoming a believer and servant of His after seeing Him after the Resurrection, is important, so I included it in my teaching!

I was hoping this lady wouldn't show up, but when I saw her walking up to our Fellowship Hall, I said to Jesus, "You are going to make me deal with this, aren't You?"

I warned her before I started teaching that we weren't going to agree. So, when I read the verses from Matthew and Mark, she immediately tried to prove me wrong. Based on what she has been taught, Jesus couldn't have brothers and sisters because none of them were present at His Crucifixion, and if they had been, Jesus would have given his mother Mary to one of them and not John.

At that time, Jesus' brothers didn't believe He was the Son of God. In an article by Joel Ryan, he sums up John 7:3-5 by saying, "Jesus' brothers had not been supportive or sympathetic to His ministry;" in fact, verse 5 says, "His brothers did not believe in Him." Add to that, they were at home in Capernaum, not Jerusalem where Jesus was crucified. John was the only disciple present at the Crucifixion. Jesus and John had a special relationship, and Jesus gave His mother

to him to take care of. John was the last disciple to die, so Jesus definitely knew what He was doing.

I just let this woman and some of the other ladies talk; that is what James would have done. James would have found a compromise, but I couldn't because I was basing my words on Scripture, and I didn't think there was anything to compromise about!

I could tell this lady was upset, but that was her defensiveness of her denomination's teaching coming out. No one argued with her, but I knew they were siding with Scripture, because it is there in black and white, and saying that if Jesus had brothers, they would have been there, and He would have given His mother to one of them is not based on Scripture.

I knew I wasn't going to change her mind, and I didn't even try. I also knew she wasn't going to change my mind either. The thing I was most proud of was that I stayed "cool, calm and collected", and I didn't let my emotions get the better part of me, like I have done many times before!

Did I plant any seeds in this woman's mind? I don't think so. She said the more she studies her church, the more she knows they are right.

So, why did I go through this? I don't know. I was completely worn out at the end of class, but Jesus did show me I can go through something like this and not get upset, and that is something positive I have learned since moving here. I just know that we all go through situations we dread, and as long as we have Jesus and His Word on our side, we will be fine!

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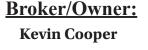
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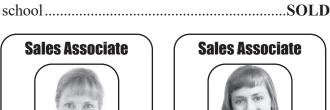




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**By Darren Turley** 



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enjoy milk and dairy
products even as recent headlines highlight unprecedented
health issues faced by
dairy herds in Texas
and other states.

For the first time, highly pathogenic avian influenza – or "bird flu" in media shorthand – has been found in mammals. While the disease temporarily reduces the amount of milk cows produce, the milk itself, if pasteurized, remains safe to drink, assure federal officials.

Once again, pasproves teurization why it was considered a major public health breakthrough in the early 20th century. Exactly a century ago, in 1924, Grade A Pasteurization became a recommended federal standard. The process is still considered the only way to ensure milk products do not contain dangerous bacteria that can cause illness or even death.

The Texas Association of Dairymen has long worked with the Texas Legislature to make sure milk found on store shelves in our state is required to be pasteurized. We agree with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that consuming raw, or unpasteurized, milk is a serious health risk.

In fact, most Texas



dairy farmers will tell you their own families only drink pasteurized milk, even with direct access to an abundant supply of milk straight from their cows. While pasteurization is critical to keep milk safe, it's just one of many food safety measures milk undergoes in the twoday journey from our farms to your local retailer. By the time you buy it, it has been tested numerous times, transported at a specific temperature and undergone numerous food safety checks. You can be confident you're buying not only a healthy product, but a safe one.

It all starts with providing cows with a nutritious diet, fresh water, shelter and veterinary care. Cows are milked under strict sanitation protocols for themselves, workers and machinery. For example, a cow's udder is disinfected before she is milked and milking equipment is thoroughly cleaned both before and after each use. Human hands never touch milk as it travels to your table.

From the cows, milk is pumped directly into tanks and quickly

cooled to just above freezing within two hours to reduce possible bacterial growth. The milk is tested for safety and quality, including traces of antibiotics. Milk from a cow treated with antibiotics is discarded and does not enter the food supply.

Insulated tankers to keep milk cold, sealed to prevent tampering or contamination, pick up milk daily from the farm and deliver it to processing plants. There, it is again tested for temperature and antibiotics, then pasteurized. The entire tanker of milk is thrown out if antibiotics are found.

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## Obituary



#### Jimmy Maynard

Jimmy Maynard, 86, of Friona passed away June 14, 2024 in Friona. Viewing was held from 9:00AM to 8:00PM with family visitation at 6:00PM Tuesday, June 18, 2024 in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of the funeral home. Celebration of Life Services were held at 10:00AM June 19, 2024 at First Baptist Church of Friona with Pastor Brett Hoyle officiating. Burial following in the Friona Cemetery by HANSARD

Jimmy was born July 12, 1937 in Rocky, Oklahoma to Jim Wesley and Opal Faye Williams Maynard. He later married Barbara Hock on September 5, 1957 in Friona. He worked for Herring Implement, Pioneer/ Energas and Hi Pro Feeds. He was a very

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daystad, member, and

devoted member and Deacon of First Baptist Church in Friona where he and Barbara also spent 25 years ministering in the Tulia prison, and the Neal unit in Amarillo with the FBC prison ministry.

In the late 1960's Jimmy was a part of a tournament winning volleyball league from Friona. He loved to ride his motorcycles in the mountains and travel in his motorhome. He spent many hours tinkering with cars and motorcycles, making them fast-

er. He loved his family and friends and always had a sweet spirit and smile on his face.

He is preceded in death by his parents, wife- Barbara, 1 brother-Jerry Maynard and 1 grandson-Murphy Maynard.

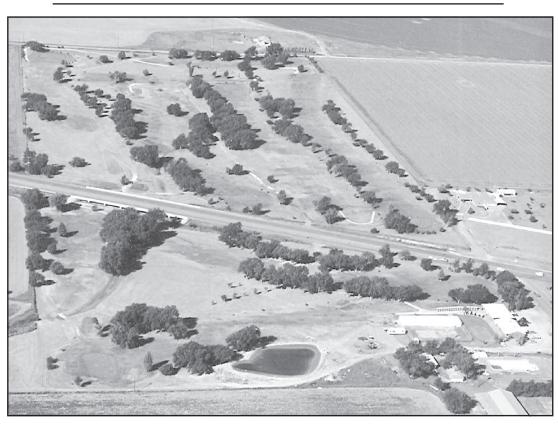
Those to mourn his passing include 2 sons-Don Maynard and wife Diane, Mike Maynard, and 1 daughter-Shauna Winters and husband Mike, all of Amarillo, 1 sister-Karen Fuller and husband Jim of Rocky, Ok., and 1 granddaughter-McKenna Bell.

You may send blessings to the family and sign the online guest book on Jimmy's memorial page exclusively at: hansardfamily.com



## FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives



Country Club Closing — The Friona Golf Club will close effective Sunday evening at the conclusion of the H. K. "Pudge" Kendrick Memorial golf tournament. Club owner Dee King said his attempts to sell the country club/golf course had been unsuccessful. The City of Friona declined to annex the course property to the city and/or take over operation of the club. Club membership has been declining over the years and King said lack of fees and revenue has forced the permanent closing of the country club. (Friona Star, Thursday June 19, 2014)

## City to receive 48K in Monthly Sales Tax Revenue

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced last week that he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts \$1.1 billion in local sales tax allocations for June, 6.8 percent more than in June 2023. These allocations are based on sales made in April by businesses that report tax monthly.

The City of Friona will

receive \$48,157.61 in sales tax allocation for June. This amount represents a 6.31 percent increase over the June 2023 total. For year-to-date 2024, the total is

\$320,889.20 which is a 1.46 percent decrease as compared to YTD for 2023. The FEDC will receive \$12,039.40 of the June allocation for its operating budget.

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# Recipe of the week

#### **CORNFLAKE CRUSTED CHEESY CHICKEN TENDERS**

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15 min Prep Time	25 min <b>Cook</b> <b>Time</b>	4 Serving

#### **Ingredients**

34 cup all-purpose flour
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
2 large eggs
2 tablespoons milk
1 ½ cups cornflakes or any unsweetened crunchy cereal, crushed
34 cup (3 ounces) shredded sharp cheddar cheese
1 pound chicken tender strips or chicken breasts,
cut into strips (approximately 8 tenders)
Cooking spray

#### **Nutrition Facts**

per serving
Calories: 373 | Protein: 37 g
Carbohydrate: 26 g | Fiber: 1 g
Total Fat: 13 g | Saturated Fat: 6 g
Cholesterol: 195 mg | Calcium: 17% DV
Sodium: 248 mg

#### **Instructions**

- 1. Preheat oven to 375° F. In a small bowl, combine the flour with a pinch of salt and pepper. In a second bowl, make an egg wash by beating together the eggs and milk. In a third bowl, combine cornflakes and cheese.
- 2. Coat a lined baking pan with cooking spray. Dip chicken pieces in flour, then into the egg wash, then roll in the cornflake mixture, coating the entire piece of chicken. Place coated chicken pieces onto the baking pan. Discard any remaining dipping ingredients.
- 3. Bake the chicken for 25 minutes, turning halfway through the cooking process to ensure even browning. Serve with your favorite dipping sauces, if desired.

#### Tips & Tricks:

This chicken reheats well in the oven and is great as the protein in a salad!

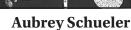
Try it with ranch dressing mixed with plain Greek yogurt and a drizzle of hot sauce, ketchup or barbeque sauce.

#### Simple Swaps:

Substitute crunchy breadcrumbs mixed with ½ teaspoon cayenne pepper for a zippy alternative!

## Four to receive Lone Star Degrees







Sergio Salazar



**Dylan Haseloff** 



**Racee Rogers** 

Friona FFA students Aubrey Schueler, Sergio Salazar, Dylan Haseloff, and Racee Rogers are set to receive their Lone Star State Degrees at the 96th Texas FFA State Convention held July 8th-12th in Houston, Texas. Over the past few weeks, the Texas FFA Association has been going through its annual degree checklist and these four have passed. Congratulations to

them and their parents. The State/Lone Star FFA Degree is the highest degree of membership the State FFA Association can award. FFA members may apply to receive the Lone Star Degree only after they have received the Chapter degree. Those wishing to receive their Lone Star Degree must have been an active FFA member for at least two years, complete at least four semesters of agricultural science at or above the ninth grade level, maintain a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program, invest significant time and money in their SAE, demonstrate their leadership skills and show a commitment to the FFA through involvement at the chapter level and above.

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To receive a State FFA Degree,

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- Participated in the planning and implementation of the chapter's Program of Activities.
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- Complete at least 25 hours of community service in a minimum of two different activities. All community service hours are cumulative, i.e. the 10 community service hours used to obtain the chapter degree can be used toward the state degree.

# Setting the Record Strait

Country music legend George Strait played before a crowd of 110,905 fans last Saturday night in College Station, setting attendance records for Texas A&M's Kyle Field as the biggest ticketed concert in U.S. history. The 72 year old told the audience that it was his first visit to the venue and if they asked, he would come back.

In 2014, 110,633 fans at-

tended an Aggies football game against Ole Miss, and in 1977, a Grateful Dead concert drew 107,019 at Raceway Park in New Jersey.

Fellow Lone Star natives Parker McCollum and Catie Offerman opened for the "King of Country," who is releasing his 31st album, Cowboys And Dreamers, on September 6th.



# Summer Reading Program with Wildlife on the Move











# **Sports**



## Broadhurst inducted into Texas Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame



Coach Broadhurst, second from left, with his family at the ceremony in April naming the Randall High School gym in his honor.





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The six that comprise the largest class of inductees in the history of the organization are: Laura **Switzer**, a three-time All-America basketball player at Wayland Baptist; Don **Rives**, a two-time allconference and sixyear veteran of the NFL; Tom Doughtie, the Panhandle's top amateur golfer ever; Shervl Estes, former Wayland Baptist Flying Queens coach and women's professional coach; Zach Thomas, arguably

the greatest football player ever from the area; and Leslie **Broadhurst**, recently retired Randall High School boys basketball coach with more than 700 wins.

#### **#207**

Coach Broadhurst is the 207th inductee into the Hall of Fame. He is the only head boys basketball coach in Randall High School history and his 36 years at the helm are thought to be a Texas Panhandle record for the longest single tenure for a high school basketball coach.

His 703 career victories at Randall are the third-most ever by an area basketball coach. Nineteen times the Raiders won 20 or more games. They also won nine district championships, advanced to the regional tournament ten times, and advanced twice to the state tournament during his last two seasons as head coach.

In April, the Canyon ISD school board held a ceremony naming the Randall High School gymnasium after its only head boys coach. In May, Coach Broadannounced his retirement. He and his wife Heather have two adult children, two adult stepchildren, and four grandchildren.

Broadhurst attended Friona schools from 1970-1975 and his dad, the late Charles Broadhurst, was pastor at First Baptist Church in Friona from 1970-1974 and 1989-1995.



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