



Back in Action — The Clarence Monroe Community Center is open for business. In fact, a couple of events have already been held in the newly remodeled venue. A car show will be the main attraction inside the center during the Cheeseburger Festival on July 20th. Planning is underway for the next phase of improvements which could include a new ceiling, new sound system, more parking, and indoor/outdoor artwork.



The Friona Public Library wrapped up its June Summer Reading Program last Thursday with a study of the Juneteenth holiday. Kids got to color drawings depicting the event and then got to build their own "fruit kabobs" to enjoy.

SDW Starts Monday

Summer Drama Workshop will begin on Monday with registration and orientation. Registration is just \$25 per child for the entire two weeks. This year marks the 55th season that the Friona Fine Arts Council has sponsored the summer event.

Elementary Show directors are Holly Johnston and Brooklyne Johnston and they will conduct rehearsals from 9:00 a.m. until noon each morning. The cast will perform "Best of Both Worlds" at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 20th.



Directors for the Junior High Show are Amy Montana and Joy Morton. Rehearsals are from 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 each afternoon. The cast will perform "Aesop's Fables" at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, July 19th.

Karlee Osborn and Holly Clark are the High School Directors. Rehearsals for this show are 7:00 p.m. until 10:00

p.m. each evening. "How to Get Away with a Murder Mystery" will be presented by the cast following the Junior High Performance on Friday, July 19th.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jamie Lewellen at 806-206-0743 or jamiedlewellen@gmail.com

Three tips to pick out a sweet watermelon

A ripe watermelon can be a mouthwatering juicy snack for your family on a hot summer day

by Mary Leigh Meyer

A good, sweet watermelon is a staple healthy summer snack, so it's important to know how to pick a ripe one at the grocery store or the local farmers market.

When it comes time to pick the perfect melon, people often make their selection based on three characteristics: size, whether it has seeds and ripeness.

The first two are easy to determine by sight and labeling, but choosing a ripe watermelon takes knowing what to look and listen for.

Sweetness is off the charts

Watermelon sweetness is measured by its

brix count, which is the sugar content. On this scale, measurements of 10 are standard and measurements of 11-12 are considered very sweet.

Juan Anciso, Ph.D., a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service vegetable specialist, Weslaco, and associate head of the Department of Horticultural Sciences in the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, has three tips that will help you pick the best watermelon.

Tip 1: Find the yellow belly, or the field spot

Other than cutting open a watermelon to see the inside, the field

spot is perhaps the best indicator of the ripeness. This spot on a melon shows where it was laying on the ground while attached to the vine.

If the watermelon

is ripe, the field spot should be a large, yellow patch on one side of the melon. If it is ripe, the color should be a creamy, almost butter-like yellow. The bigger

the yellow belly and the creamier the color means the more time the melon spent ripening on the vine. However, if the spot is smaller or looks more white than yellow, then the melon may not be as ripe.

Tip 2: Tap the underbelly and listen for a deep sound

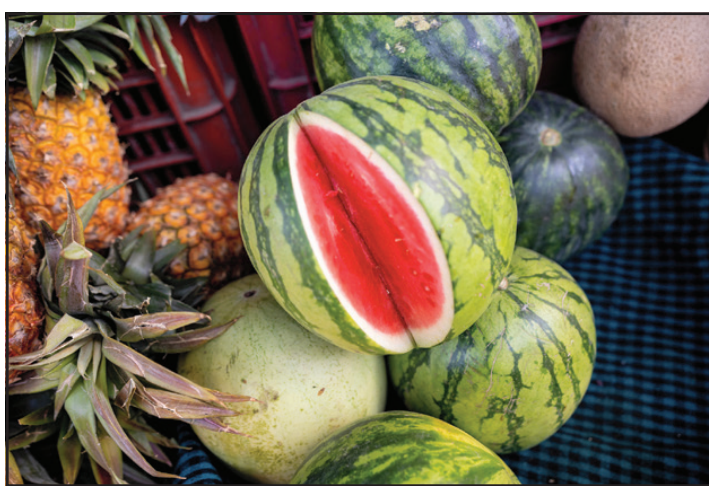
Another way to find a ripe watermelon is to knock the outside with your knuckles gently. A ripe melon will have a deeper sound, as opposed to an overripe one, which will have a more hollow or flat thud, paired with too much yellow, indicates

a melon may be mealy and past its prime.

Tip 3: Look for a dull color and heavy watermelon

Although they may not be the most photogenic or the easiest to carry to your car, the best watermelons will appear dull in color and be heavier than the rest. A shiny melon indicates the insides are underripe.

Also, the best melon of the bunch will most likely be heavier than the rest. On average, a watermelon is 92% water, which is what makes them so juicy. A heavier melon likely holds more water, which will make it juicier.



Juan Anciso, Ph.D., a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service vegetable specialist, Weslaco, offers three main tips to make it easier to pick a good, ripe watermelon this summer. (Sam Craft/Texas A&M AgriLife)

F	Fourth of July Parade 9:30 a.m. - 1609 W. 10th	Mega Fireworks Show Starting at Dusk - Reeve Lake	F
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Community Calendar

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July 4

- Independence Day Holiday
- Fourth of July Parade at 1609 W. 10th at 9:15 a.m.
- Firework Show at Dusk at Reeve Lake
- No Noon Meal @ Senior Center

July 6

- Roll-Off boxes open for trash disposal at East 8th & South Jackson Ave.

July 8

- Pork Chops at Noon Meal @ Senior Center
- Drinking Water Quality Report Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall at 619 Main Street

July 8-20

- Summer Drama Workshop at FHS Auditorium

July 10

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

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Tree-mendous Work



In the photo — Richard Samarron and crew, Paco Reyes (left) and Jacob Rando (right), have been trimming all the trees at the Friona Junior High the past few weeks. Richard said that the trees need to be trimmed about every 5 years. A couple of trees east of the gym were dead and had to be cut down. In the photo at right Paco is in the bucket finishing up some high altitude tree trimming.



State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$3.9B in June

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced on Monday that state sales tax revenue totaled \$3.94 billion in June, 0.4 percent more than in June 2023. The majority of June sales tax revenue is based on sales made in May and remitted to the agency in June.

“Monthly state sales tax collections were essentially flat compared to collections in June 2023, following the strong gains seen in May,” Hegar said. “The overall trends we have seen through the first three quarters of fiscal 2024 were evident again in June.

“Sales tax remittances from the major sectors driven primarily

by business spending were generally down, except for modest growth in receipts from the construction sector.

“Receipts from consumer spending-driven sectors were up slightly overall compared with a year ago, with growth in receipts from both retail trade and the services sectors. Within the retail trade sector, remittances from general merchandise stores led the way.”

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in June 2024 was up 0.5 percent compared with the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the

state budget, accounting for 57 percent of all tax collections.

Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes: (1) motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$560 million, down 6 percent from June 2023; (2) motor fuel taxes — \$340 million, up 5 percent from June 2023; (3) oil production tax — \$493 million, up 8 percent from June 2023; (4) natural gas production tax — \$171 million, down 7 percent from June 2023; (5) hotel occupancy tax — \$71 million, up less than 1 percent from June 2023; and (6) alcoholic beverage taxes — \$160 million, up 2 percent from June 2023.

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- 1 TX Tommy Lee film: "Eyes of Laura ___"
- 5 TXism: "chew ___ awhile" (ponder)
- 6 San Antonio "Roadrunners" univ.
- 7 classic western: "High ___" (1952)
- 8 basic cable net.
- 9 "it don't ___ up" (makes no sense)
- 12 seat of Callahan County on I-20
- 17 position of Texas legend Nolan Ryan
- 19 TXism: "got as much chance as ___ in a packing plant"
- 21 TXism: "___ a goose"
- 22 apprehended
- 23 popular TV dog
- 28 Monahans ___ hills State Park
- 29 TX Joe Don Baker film: "Cape ___"
- 30 one name for the earliest country in Texas
- 31 Cowboys won ___ Bowl five times
- 35 TX-born Keyes book "Scarlett O' ___ Younger Sister"
- 36 TXism: "three ___ wind" (drunk)
- 42 large hairy spider
- 44 Karmann ___ (old Volkswagens)
- 46 melons grown in the Rio Grande Valley
- 48 Cowboys hated foe

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- 50 large tub
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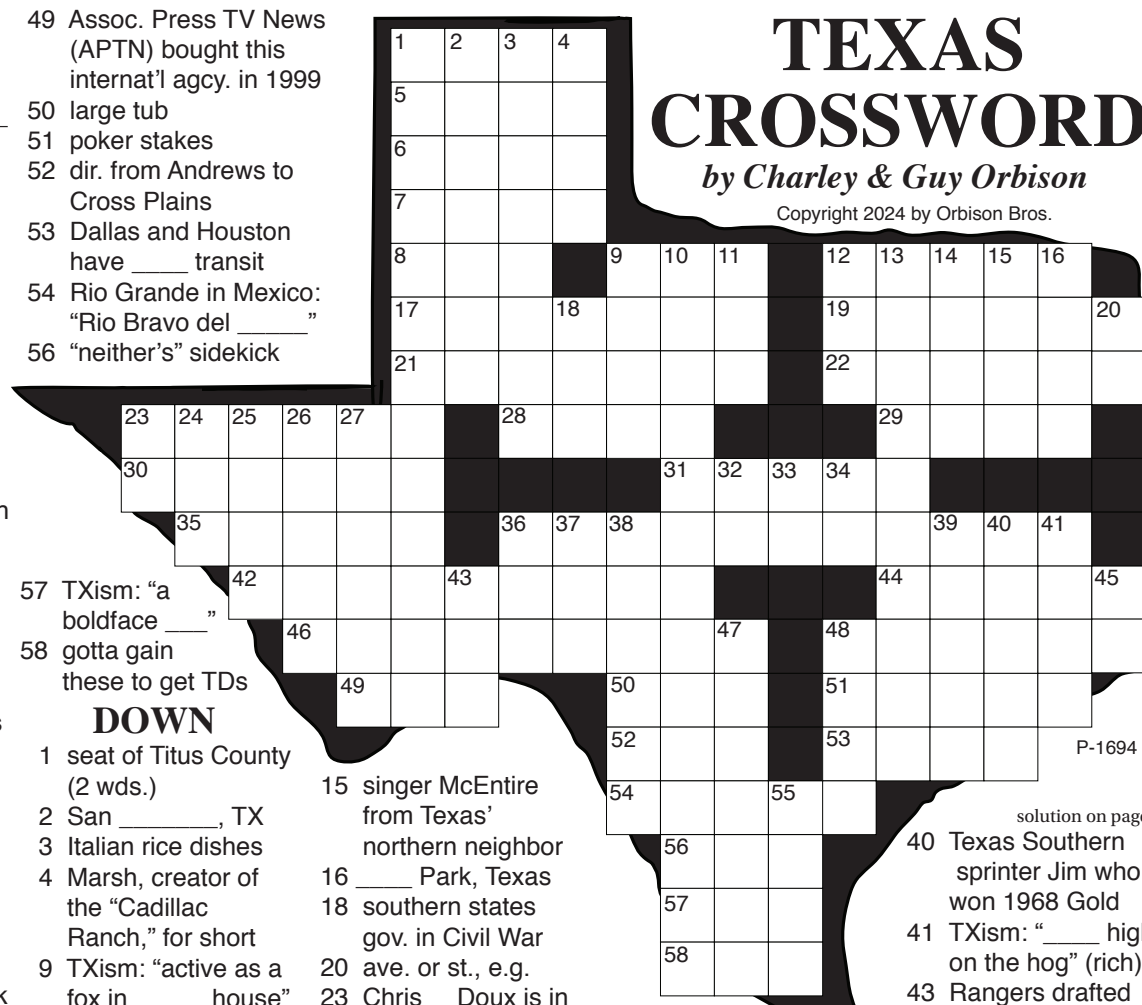
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- 58 gotta gain these to get TDs

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- 2 San ____, TX
- 3 Italian rice dishes
- 4 Marsh, creator of the "Cadillac Ranch," for short
- 9 TXism: "active as a fox in ___ house"
- 10 TXism: "he was around when the ___ sick" (old)
- 11 physicians (abbr.)
- 12 legally prohibit
- 13 TXism: "nervous ___ frying pan"
- 14 TXism: "let ___ (leave it alone)
- 15 singer McEntire from Texas'
- 16 ___ Park, Texas northern neighbor
- 18 southern states gov. in Civil War ave. or st., e.g.
- 20 Chris ___Doux is in the "Texas Trail Hall of Fame"
- 24 Texas cosmetics founder Mary Kay
- 25 expectorated
- 26 ___ T. Hughes swore in LBJ on Air Force One in 1963
- 27 TXism: "get your ducks ___"
- 32 Austin univ.

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by Charley & Guy Orbison

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- 40 Texas Southern sprinter Jim who won 1968 Gold
- 41 TXism: "___ high on the hog" (rich)
- 43 Rangers drafted this Robb in 1987
- 45 Jeremy Pena pos. with the Astros
- 47 this promotes the growth of muscles
- 48 TXism: "boring as a fishing trip with a ___ warden"
- 55 TX ZZ Top breakthrough album: "___ Hombres"

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(6/20/24) Billie Delgado, Rickie Lee Witcher, Timothy Witcher, Larry Witcher, Veronica Nan McClain, Linda Comer — Linda Comer — SE/4 and the W/2 of Section 41, Doud and Keefer Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas

(6/24/24) Kitty Black Gallman — A-Tex Dairy LLC — E/2 of Section 15, T5S, R4E, of a Capitol Syndicate Subdivision, Parmer County, Texas

(6/24/24) Marcelo Juarez, Cecilia Perez Juarez — Centennial Bank, Happy State Bank — East 1/2 Lots 13-16, Block 34, Original Town City of Friona, Parmer County, Texas

(6/25/24) Lawanda Lue Meeks, Estate of James Grover Meeks — Lawanda Lue Meeks — All of Lot 12, 13, and 14, Block No. 27, of Original Town of Farwell; More Tracts on Document

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(6/26/24) Matthew Brett Hoyle, Lindsey Hoyle — Marin Eva Lilia — East 66.7' of Lot 12 All in Block 12, McMillan and Fergus Addition to the City of Friona, Parmer County

(6/27/24) Johan Loeppky, Brenda Loeppky — Shyanne Nikole Jones — Lots 10-12 and North 12,5' Lot 13, Block 9, Original Townsite, City of Farwell, Parmer County, Texas

(6/27/24) Melissa Fain — Cross Timbers Capital Inc. — W/2 of NW/4 and SW/4, Section 28, T7S, R2E and the E/2 Section 17, Block "A" Capitol Syndicate Subdivision

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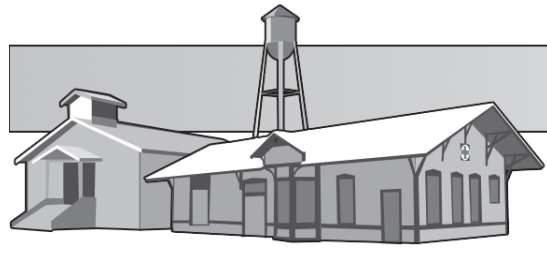
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A Note from Pastor Brett at First Baptist Church — In last week's Friona Star you may have noticed the picture of the wonderful playground at Cottonwood Apartments on the front page. This was made possible by generous donations from many in our community, but it would not have come to fruition without the leadership of Pastor David and the Friona Methodist Church. They were gracious in allowing others to come alongside them in this idea and make it a reality. Thank you Pastor David and FMC for your leadership in blessing the kids at Cottonwood with a new playground!

Firework Rules — The show begins at Dusk. Personal fireworks are permitted until midnight on July 4th inside of the Reeve Lake Park area ONLY! No fireworks are permitted anywhere else in the city limits. Please pick up trash and place it in the dumpsters and use extreme caution and safety.

Get In Line — A reminder that a Fourth of July Parade will be held in the Western Addition and will start at 1609 W. 10th

Street. Line-up is at 9:15 a.m. and the parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will go around the block. Free snowcones will be served by Fire & Ice.

Prairie Acres News — Carolyn Dement is the Prairie Acres Resident of the Month for July. Employee of the Month is Humberto Cruz. He works in the Dietary Department and joined the staff in January this year.

BINGO! — Around 50 "players" battled it out in Bingo action last Thursday evening in the Legacy Pointe community room. The next Bingo Night is 6-8 p.m. on July 18th and everyone is invited to join in for fun, snacks, and prizes!!!

Worth the Money — one of the best investments you can make is to purchase air ambulance transport insurance. For just \$79 per year you can insure yourself and everyone that lives in your home. Membership applications are available at the City of Friona office at 623 Main.

Dust in the Wind — A huge cloud of Saharan dust is coming

to parts of Texas, and another is close behind. This annual summer phenomenon reduces air quality and humidity but can produce spectacular sunrises and sunsets. During the summer months, hot air lifts sand from Africa's Sahara Desert high into the atmosphere, where strong winds carry it across the Atlantic Ocean. According to NASA, about 182 million tons of dust from Africa are swept away every year. This week's Saharan Air Layer is the first of the year. It typically subsides after the middle of August.

Texas Facts — American Airlines, the largest airline in the United States by total passengers, is headquartered at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport in Texas. Source: fun-worldfacts.com

- National Days**
- July 4 — Independence Day
 - July 5 — Workaholics Day
 - July 6 — Hop-A-Park Day
 - July 7 — Rock 'N' Roll Day
 - July 8 — Freezer Pop Day
 - July 9 — Cow Appreciation Day
 - July 10 — Kitten Day



Praise in the Park

A Praise Band from Friona Victory Church performed a concert in the city park last Sunday afternoon. Attendees enjoyed good weather and uplifting music. Band members were (l-r) Jennifer Brown, Marissa Osborn, Alex Licerio, and Seth Murphree. Photos courtesy of Sharon White.



Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

Cheeseburgers

Since we celebrate the Cheeseburger Festival in July, I decided to look for some different ways to enjoy a cheeseburger. This week's recipe includes bacon and cheddar cheese that are stuffed inside the burger instead of on top of it. Hope you enjoy it!

Stuffed Bacon Cheeseburgers
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Ingredients
1 lb ground beef
4 oz cheddar cheese cut into small cubes
6 slices cooked bacon crumbled
salt, pepper, garlic powder - add to taste
desired burger toppings lettuce, arugula, tomatoes, onions, buns, etc.

Instructions
Mix together ground beef, cheddar cheese, bacon, and seasonings. Mix well with hands. Split mixture into four even balls. Shape into

patties. Depress the middle with your thumb to prevent shrinkage. Cook on a preheated grill over medium heat until desired temp, about 10 minutes for well done. Serve on toasted buns and top with desired burger toppings. We like arugula and garlic mayo.





Jeff Vanderford and Trent Johnson

Be Prepared, Have a Plan

Jeff Vanderford and Trent Johnson were special guests at the Senior Luncheon last Thursday. Both work for the Texas Department of State Health Services as Preparedness & Response Program Specialists. Their service area is the top 26 counties of the Texas panhandle. Jeff covers the east side and Trent is responsible for the west side.

In his presentation, Trent stressed the need for individuals to assemble emergency kits for their home and vehicle(s) which contain items such as clothing, medicine, multipurpose tools, and flashlights. He also encouraged everyone to develop evacuation plans in case of widespread emergencies.

Trent Johnson is a 1982 graduate of Friona High School and worked as a Farm Service Agent until his retirement.

Happy Birthday

July 5
 Joe Osborn
 Cynthia Gonzales
 Joy Osborn
 Shelby Lewellen
 Jo Igo
 Aaron Salinas Jr.

July 8
 Nathan Terry
 Greg Steen
 Tyler Talley
 Matthew Maberry
 Teresa McCoy
 Carrie (Cox) Zinck
 Yvonne Lucero
 Jack Dennis
 Evangelina Gonzales

July 6
 Max Jones
 Krita Potts
 Terry Copley
 Lance Gatlin
 Alex Dunnam
 Deidre Ferguson
 Phoebe Kemple
 Valerie Izaguirre
 Dominick S. Rocha
 Charlie Pool
 Beverley Hall

July 9
 Timothy Clark
 Megan Stone
 Kyle Mars
 Abraham Soto

July 10
 Melody Drake
 M'Kell (Jarecki) Jeter
 Elizabeth McLellan
 Phillip White
 Lavon Reeve
 Rex Hefner

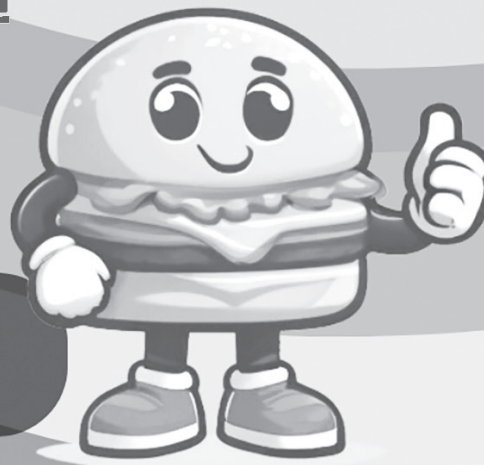
July 7
 Kemal Tongate
 Noel White
 Jaclyn Peace
 David Gowens
 Fermin Reyes
 Suzanne Wood
 Matthew Riethmayer

July 11
 Aubrey Schueler
 Abigail Rushing
 Tristan Gayle
 Jamie (Stokes) Faber
 Jeremy Campbell
 Rogelio Palacios
 Frances Jennings



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MON.
JULY 15

11AM - 1PM Games @ Senior Citizens Center
 1PM - 4PM Splash Party @ Friona City Park
 6PM - 9PM Pickleball @ Community Center

TUES.
JULY 16

5PM - 7PM Summer Celebration-News Channel 10 @ Friona City Park
 7:30PM - 9:30 PM - Softball Tournament @ Friona Ballpark Fields
 8PM - 10PM Flicks & Floats @ Friona City Pool

WED.
JULY 17

9AM - 11AM Fly Kites @ Community Center
 1PM - 4PM Scavenger Hunt
 6PM - 9PM Bingo @ Community Center

THURS.
JULY 18

10AM - 12PM Movie with the Judge @ Friona Municipal Courthouse
 2PM - 4PM Archery @ North of Community Center
 5PM - 7PM Crafts with A Workz @ Los Arcos Event Space
 6 PM - 9 PM - Softball Tournament @ Friona Ballpark Fields

FRI.
JULY 19

9AM - 4PM Quilting Class @ Malouf's Fabrics
 1PM - 3:30PM Laser Tag @ Friona City Park
 6:30 PM - Summer Drama Performance @ Friona High School
 6PM - 8PM Loteria at the Library @ Friona Public Library
 6 PM - 10 PM - Basketball Tournament @ Elementary/JR/High School Gyms

SAT.
JULY 20

7AM - 9AM Bun Run @ Friona High School
 11AM - 3PM Cheeseburger Festival @ Community Center
 11AM - 3PM Car Show @ Community Center
 9AM - 4PM Pro-Quilting Class @ Malouf's Fabrics
 5PM - Summer Drama Performance @ Friona High School
 8 AM - 10 PM -Basketball Tournament @ Elementary/JR/High School Gyms

SUN.
JULY 21

8 AM - 5 PM - Basketball Tournament @ Elementary/JR/High School Gyms

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Gas prices rise slightly

By Gas Buddy

Average gasoline prices in Texas rose 5.9 cents last week, averaging \$3.09 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 \$2.43 while the most expensive was \$4.05 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has rose 5.0 cents, averaging \$3.46 per gallon while the national average price of diesel rose 1.4 cents last week and stands at \$3.77 per gallon.

"As we approach July 4 later this week, motorists have seen the national average price of gasoline inch up ever so slightly for the third straight week," said Patrick De Haan, head of

petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

"While the increases have been fairly tame, with oil continuing to hold above \$80 per barrel, we could continue to see the national average climb slightly. For many Americans hitting the road for the July 4th holiday, prices in most areas are very comparable to what we saw last July 4th. However, with Hurricane Beryl now formed in the Caribbean, we're reminded that gas prices could experience some jolts in the second half of the summer should a storm threaten refining capacity in Texas or Louisiana," 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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Truth and Freedom

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

It is possible to be a slave to one's own sinful deceptions, so much so that one's mind trades the conscience for corruption (Romans 1:18-32). The LGBTQ+ movement today is the clearest example of such sinful deceptions, that brings harm physically, mentally and spiritually to those who chose this path, and which is attested to by studies and research that heralds this lifestyle as one fraught with diminishing returns and dangers physically and mentally. Addictions also function in this manner, whether it is an addiction to gambling, alcohol, drugs, pornography, social media or anything else, because sin will always be taking, demanding, and enslaving those who consistently give in to its temptations.

Slavery to sin is mankind's most evident and greatest problem, and there is only one solution. John 8:31-32 says, "So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, 'If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.'" Jesus is able to free you from the misery and slavery sin brings, because only Jesus has conquered sin and death. To experience the freedom Jesus brings, though,

it is connected to the truth that he gives. Notice that to be set free by the truth, one must "abide" or walk in, the truth as his disciple. Knowing a little about Jesus doesn't bring freedom, nor does religious legalism, but only following him, which begins with placing saving faith in him, then continues in lifelong discipleship. The freedom Jesus gives is not freedom to do whatever you want, but a freedom to live in the fullness of how God created you to live.

Our world's idea of freedom is having no restraint, but if one really believed that is truly what freedom was, then you'd have to free all the criminals, abolish all the laws, and remove any encumbrance that would infringe upon a person's desires and decisions. Obviously, such a method would end in disaster, leading to anarchy and not utopian freedom. True freedom gives life eternal and life abundant, and is found only in Jesus Christ, who frees you from your sin, transforms your heart and allows you to live in the fullness of God's purpose for your life. Such freedom in Christ brings tremendous fulfillment and blessing to an individual, a community and a nation.

Panhandle Parables

Life of a Firework

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

Pow! ...I was so tempted to let my article stop at the first word, but feared giving up that much article space.

First let me say I am proud to be an American citizen from the great state of Texas, a resident on the high plains of the Texas Panhandle in the western county of Parmer from the community of Friona sitting in the back of my pickup watching a wonderful fireworks display by our fire department at Reeve's lake that actually has water in it, and furthermore, GO BIG RED!!

Now that we are clear on that, as I think about watching the fireworks go off in the distance, some crack and pop, others whistle and most have a moment of brilliant light and then fade into the night I am reminded of a verse. James 4:14 to be exact. "[14]... yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little

time and then vanishes." (ESV)

What is your life? Compared to eternity it is but a mist, a flash in the night, a mere moment in time. BUT it is yours! We each are living our moment. How are you doing? Some will be longer than others, some will be louder than others, some will be brighter than others, but all are lived. A firework does not have a choice. It is lit and it either goes as planned or it doesn't, it does not choose. Yet you, made in the image of God, filled with the promise of a sacrificed Lamb get to choose, at least some of it. Will your days advance the Light of the world into dark places? Will your moment in time serve only yourself and not others? Your fuse is lit and you are streaming into the night. Choose well, make a difference, be what God created you to be and bring glory to His name as you serve the King, that my friend is called FREEDOM!

God Bless America

By Teena Hughs

Do you remember why we celebrate July 4th? Do you remember why our country was founded, and the men who put their lives and fortunes on the line so that you and I can live a life free of tyranny? Do you remember history? Do you know that it is only because of God that we have this country and that with all of the problems in our country today, we are still living in the best place on Earth, all thanks to Him?

For years, I have been upset with the rewriting of American history, the taking down and destruction of statues and other historical monuments that help tell the story of our wonderful country. I have also been upset with the lies that are being told about who we are today, and especially how conservatives are trying to "destroy our democracy".

This morning, I sat down and read the Declaration of Independence. If you are like me and have never read the whole document, I encourage you to do so. Here are some of the facts about this document of freedom that I either never knew or I had forgotten:

The Continental Congress decided to declare independence on July 2, 1776.

Thomas Jefferson wrote the first draft of the Declaration of Independence in June 1776.

It was signed August 2, 1776.

The Declaration of Independence was delivered to Great Britain in November 1776.

So, you may be wondering what happened on July 4th, 1776, and why do we celebrate this date as American Independence Day?

July 4th is the day the Continental Congress approved the final wording of

the Declaration of Independence. They had been working on it since Jefferson's draft was submitted to them on July 2nd, and it was edited and agreed upon on the 4th, the date used in the Declaration.

An article from ConstitutionFacts.com says July 4th is "also the date that was printed on the Dunlap Broadside, the original printed copies of the Declaration that were circulated throughout the new nation. So when people thought of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776 was the date they remembered."

Friends, I hope you will take a few minutes to read the Declaration of Independence. I found that many of the problems we are having today with government control of our lives are some of the same reasons people wanted to be free of England.

We have people in our country trying to take away what God has given us. If you aren't informed, please get informed, but be careful of the sources you choose to read and listen to.

I urge you to stand up and fight for our country. Don't let the evil people who lie, cheat, do whatever they can to destroy our freedoms take our country. Don't be afraid to be bold and tell others our history and how valuable freedom is to all of us. Once a freedom is lost, it is seldom if ever given back!

Remember, if we didn't have the freedoms we have, the trouble-makers couldn't make trouble for those of us who dearly love our country and stand up for it. We need to use those same freedoms to rebuke them, prove them wrong, and save our country and the freedoms we have! God Bless America!!!

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Matthew 11:28 NIV

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Friona Youth Sports - Friona Players Participate in San Antonio Tournament

The Friona girls participated in the 17th Annual San Antonio National Tournament from Thursday June 27 - Sunday June 30. There were over 950 teams that participated in the tournament from all over the United States and Mexico. Each division was split out by grade level. Our girls participated in the 8th grade girls division which consisted of 40 teams.

On Thursday, participants were allowed to tryout for the 3 point knockout challenge. Each individual had 30



Elián Aguirre

seconds to shoot and make as many 3 point shots as possible. The top 15 individuals made it to the knock out challenge. Jaylee Perez and D'Nasha Shelby both qualified in the top 15. Jaylee Perez ended up second in the challenge.

On Friday the girls started pool play. In the first game, Friona played the San Antonio Monarchs. Friona won the game 45-28. Saturday morning they played Gulf Coast Legacy and won 32-31.

After pool play, the top 14 teams made the gold bracket, the next 13 made the silver bracket and the bottom 13 made the bronze bracket.

The Friona girls ranked 13th coming out of pool play and qualified for the gold bracket.

In the first game in the bracket, Friona played D1 Mexico and ended up with a loss 6-43. (D1 ended up going all the way to the champion-



Back (l-r): Emery Rangel (7th), Genesis Aguirre (6th), Aylene Moreno (7th), Aime Jimenez (8th), Harley London (8th), **Front (l-r):** Amayah Rojas (5th), Karleigh Rangel (6th), Jaylee Perez (7th), Ivanna Guevarra (7th), D'Nasha Shelby (7th), Preslie Goyne (6th)

ship game and winning the gold bracket.)

The first loss moved the Friona girls into a gold consolation bracket. They then played the San Antonio Blue Devils and ended up with a



loss 24-38.

For the first time traveling to a tournament of this scale, the Friona girls did pretty well. They went out and competed against some very tough and elite teams. The D1 Mexico team was a selection of the top players from Mexico. The girls played tough and did not give up.

A special congrats to Aaliyah Padilla (9th) who played with Blaze

and ended up winning the Silver Bracket in the 9th grade girls division. (Picture to come in a separate e-mail)

Also, Elián Aguirre (4th) and Wylie Steelman (4th) who played with the Texas Boyz in the Silver Bracket in the 4th grade boys division. (Picture to come in a separate e-mail)

D'Nasha Shelby also played with the Amarillo Lady Gators in the 7th grade division.



Aaliyah Padilla
9th Grade

Depth Limit Set for Utility & Water Lines in County

Parmer County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 24, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom of the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, Texas. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and Texas Flag.

There were no comments from the public during the open forum. Minutes from the June 10th meeting were read and approved. Commissioners approved the payment of the accounts payables as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May. The Treasurer's Pay-

roll Report was also approved.

The depth limit of utility and water lines trenched under county roads was discussed. After doing some research, Judge Carrasco said that no rules could be found in any court documents. After further discussion, Commissioners approved setting the limit at 48 inches from the bottom of the ditch lines.

Sheriff Geske reported that the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center is currently housing 25 inmates, all from Parmer County. Geske also reported that the Sheriff's

Office had passed a jail inspection conducted by the state. An extra patrol vehicle for the Sheriff's Office was also discussed. No action was taken.

In other business, a stock water line under a county road in Precinct 2 was approved. Commissioners discussed the appointment of an individual to serve as a Local Rabies Control Authority. The item was tabled until a later date. The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 8th.

All meetings are open to the public. Information in this article is only a summary.



Dairy MAX awards scholarships

Dairy MAX has awarded \$7,500 in scholarships to three students across the region who have ties to the dairy industry and are planning to continue their education in the agriculture industry.

The 2024 scholarship recipients are **Tom Kuiper** of Hico, Texas; **Layne**

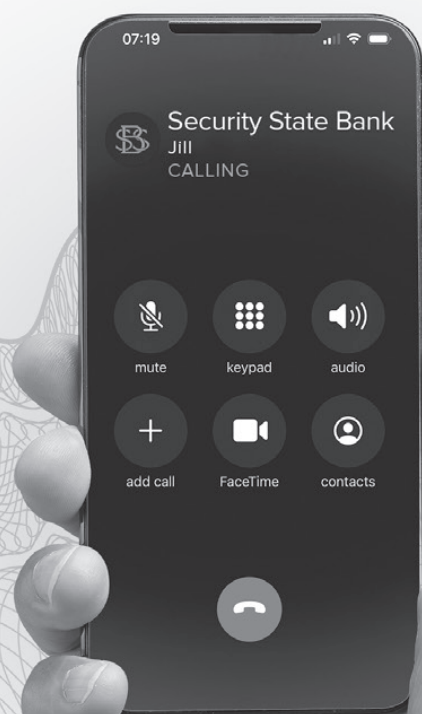
Burnett of Carpenter, Wyoming; and **Dieter Ally** of Friona, Texas. Each recipient was awarded \$2,500 in scholarships to go towards their college education. Scholarships are awarded based on a combination of scholastic achievement, leadership, and involvement in agriculture.

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FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives

Spudnut Factory To Locate In Friona

(Friona Star, Thursday, July 2, 1964)

By Bill Ellis

A major "first" for the city of Friona was announce this week. A Spudnut factory, which will serve as a central warehouse and supply center for 72 counties in a four-state area, is to be built in Friona. The enterprise will be the first of a manufacturing standpoint, it will be the first factory of its kind located in the state of Texas.

Friona's first industrial business will be known as the "Golden Spread Spudnut Corporation" and is one of only 14 or so in the entire United States. Taylor Construction Company of Friona will build the facility which will be located in

the 900 block of Main Street, north of Piggly Wiggly Supermarket. The new venture will

employ 20 workers at full capacity and will be in operation by September 1st.



FRIONA FIRST . . . Charles Allen, Dean Schilling, and George Taylor hold a sign proclaiming a "first" for the city of Friona.

Keep Friona Clean

Roll-off box to open up for waste items

The City will open up the roll-off box this Saturday, July 6, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please come by to dump those items that don't belong in your dumpster and do your part to help Keep Friona Clean!

The roll-off box is located at East 8th and South Jackson Ave. It is a free service



provided to Friona residents. Examples of items not allowed in dumpsters includes: steel and metal, mattresses and furniture,

refrigerators/AC units, paint cans (with or without liquids), electronics and appliances, drums/barrels, brick, wood and concrete, railroad ties. Items not accepted in the roll-off box are tires, oil and tree limbs. To dispose of these items, please contact the City office at 806-250-2761.

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Declaration of Independence

In Congress, July 4, 1776

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America, When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their

future security.--Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to pre-

vent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harrass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example

and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free

people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our Brittish brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

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The U.S. Bill of Rights

Note: The following text is a transcription of the first ten amendments to the Constitution in their original form. These amendments were ratified December 15, 1791, and form what is known as the "Bill of Rights."

Amendment I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Amendment II

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Amendment III

No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the

consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Amendment IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Amendment V

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life

or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

Amendment VI

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.

Amendment VII

In Suits at common law, where the val-

ue in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

Amendment VIII

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Amendment IX

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Amendment X

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders



Cornyn bill would increase security for judges

Legislation sponsored by U.S. Sen. John Cornyn would, if passed, establish a new resource center that would monitor threats to local judges and provide training for both judges and staff at state and local courts, The Dallas Morning News reported.

At a panel held recently at the University of North Texas law school, participating judges and prosecutors expressed support for the measure, which passed the Senate unanimously in mid-June and awaits consideration in the House.

A consultant for the nonprofit National Center for State Courts said attacks and threats against members of the federal judiciary increased 400% from 2015 through 2021. In Texas, security incidents involving local judiciary have increased four-fold on average since fiscal year 2017, though the

number dropped slightly last fiscal year.

"This isn't partisan. It's just common sense," Cornyn said during a news conference after the roundtable discussion.

Top 10 state parks listed by TPWD

With summer in full swing, Texas' 89 state parks are expecting an influx of visitors. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department recently released the top 10 parks in terms of visitors. The top 10 in reverse order are, according to the Austin American-Statesman:

10. Ink Lakes State Park, Burnet County

9. Dinosaur Valley State Park, near Glen Rose in Somervell County

8. Brazos Bend State Park, Fort Bend County

7. Enchanted Rock State Natural Area, between Fredericksburg and Llano

6. McKinney Falls State Park, Travis Coun-

ty

5. Ray Roberts State Park Isle du Bois, Denton County

4. Cedar Hill State Park, Dallas County

3. Ray Roberts Lake State Park, Sanger Unit, Denton County

2. Palo Duro Canyon State Park, Armstrong County

And the top state park for visitors: Garner State Park, located in Uvalde County, which hosted more than 475,000 visitors in 2023.

Fewer students seek financial aid after FAFSA glitches

Nearly 30,000 fewer Texas students have filled out the federal form this year to apply for financial aid after a new rollout was beset with complications and delays, the Texas Tribune reported.

A revamped Free Application for Federal Student Aid has resulted in hurdles that have led to fewer high-school students seeking finan-

cial aid for college, with FAFSA completion rates for Texas students dropping by 8.8 percentage points. That decline is sharper than what the state experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"These are by far the steepest declines that I have observed," said Bill DeBaun, the senior director of data and strategic initiatives at the National College Attainment Network. "It's going to take a re-

ally significant push this summer to continue to connect students with the FAFSA completion support they need and keep them on track for the post-secondary pathways to which they aspire."

The U.S. Education Department was ordered by Congress to revamp FAFSA in 2020 to make it simpler to fill out, but the new form's release came out three months late, cutting the time high school

counselors had to help students with the form. Glitches were reported by many students attempting to complete the form, The Tribune reported.

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Texas State Parks Offers Seven Summer Heat Safety Tips

With heat-related illnesses on the rise, Texas State Parks is sharing seven tips to help Texans beat the heat and enjoy their time in the outdoors safely.

Last year, 48 state parks reported 156 heat-related illnesses in humans and pets, but this year could well eclipse that. State parks have already fielded 51 heat-related incidents since January 1st, compared to 32 reported by this time last year.

Here are the top seven heat hacks recommended for park visitors:

Hydrate - It's important to drink at least 16 ounces of water every hour to prevent dehydration. Don't forget to bring enough for your four-legged family members too.

Block the Rays - Apply a generous amount of sunscreen or sunblock before heading outdoors. Be sure to re-apply every couple of hours, and after swimming or sweating.


Dress Smart - Wear light, loose-fitting, breathable clothing; a hat, correct shoes, sunscreen and wet bandanas to keep you cool while in the sun. For pets, protect paws against blistering by hitting the trails during cooler times of the day when the ground isn't hot or by putting booties on pets to help shield paws from the hot ground. Touch the pavement or ground with the back of your hand. If you cannot hold it there for five seconds, the surface is too

Hydrate


Drink 16 ounces of water for every hour in the heat.

Don't forget water for your pets!


SIGNS OF DEHYDRATION INCLUDE




Thirst





Tiredness



Dizziness



Muscle Cramps

hot for your dog's paws.

Stay Salty - Food helps keep up energy and replace salt lost from sweating. Eating snacks such as jerky, granola, trail mix, tuna and dried fruit is a fantastic way to nourish your body while on the trails.

Buddy System - Two brains are better than one. It's beneficial to have someone with you in hot conditions so you can look after each other on the trail. With high temperatures hitting Texas, heat-related illnesses are common and having a friend around to help recognize the early symptoms can save you from getting sick.



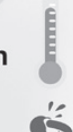





Plan Ahead - Study the map and have it with you. Avoid relying on your phone for maps since service may be unavailable in back-country areas. Average hikers move at two miles per hour, so allow yourself plenty of time to avoid hiking in the heat of the day. Make sure to rest in a cool or shaded area



to recover from the heat if necessary. It is also a good idea to let someone know your plan before you hit the trails and what time you should be back. That way, if you become lost, people know where to look.

Pup-Safety - Dogs are as susceptible to heat as their humans are, so it is good practice to ensure that you bring enough water and snacks for four-legged hiking buddies to last the entirety of the trip.

Additionally, visitors should heed notices posted at trailheads about site-specific conditions before setting out for the day. The park websites and staff are also a valuable resource for folks wanting to know about trail and forecasted conditions before starting their walk. Park alerts on the website are updated regularly and are a valuable resource for visitors prior to arrival at the park.

Texas State Park reservations can be made by calling the Texas State Park Reservation Center at (512) 389-8900 on weekdays during normal business hours. You can also reserve a campsite or day pass anytime online. Overnight reservations can be made up to five months in advance, and day passes can be reserved up to 30 days in advance. If your plans change, please modify or cancel your reservation as soon as possible to allow someone else to enjoy the park as we do expect parks to reach capacity limits.

SIGNS OF Heat Exhaustion	SIGNS OF Heat Stroke
<p>Faint or Dizzy</p> 	<p>Throbbing Headache</p> 
<p>Cool, pale, clammy skin</p> 	<p>Red, hot, dry skin</p> 
<p>Excessive Sweating</p> 	<p>No Sweating</p> 
<p>Muscle Cramps</p> 	<p>Change in Mental State</p> 

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Obituary



Anthony Dewayne Holland

Anthony Dewayne Holland, age 79, of Eubank, Kentucky, formerly of Lancaster, Kentucky, passed away peacefully at his home Tuesday, June 25, 2024, surrounded by his family. Born Friday, June 15, 1945, in Coleman, Texas, he was the son of the late Harvey Holland & the late Bessie Ellen Lee Holland. His loving wife, whom he married Friday, December 30, 1983, is Nancy Peterson Holland. Dewayne was a U.S. Army Veteran and member of Lancaster Baptist Church. Dewayne previously owned D. Holland Homes, and worked in real estate, appraisal, and banking. Dewayne also served as the Garrard County Chamber of Commerce Director for eight years and was a member of the Garrard County Industrial Board. Dewayne enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and his dog (Peanut), golfing, fishing, and camping.



Bailey, Elliot Holland, Blake Holland, and Jace Holland; three brothers, Ray Holland (Sharon) of Brownwood, Texas, Randall Holland (Carey) of Mullin, Texas, and Preston Holland (Lisa) of Midland, Texas; step-mother, Nancy Holland Snodgrass of Brownwood, Texas; three sisters, Lena Day (late Jerry) of Brownwood, Texas, Latoyia Sawyer (Jim) of Arlington, Arizona, and Anita Gibbs (Leon) of Alvarado, Texas; sister-in-law, Esther Bailey (Louis) of Stanford, Kentucky; and several nieces, nephews, and other extended family members and friends who mourn his passing.

In addition to his parents, Dewayne was preceded in death by two brothers, Curtis Holland and James Howell; and two sisters, Peggy White and Shirley Adams.

A Public Visitation was held from 4:00-7:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 27, 2024, at Lancaster Baptist Church.

The Public Funeral Service was held at 7:00 P.M. Thursday, at the church. Bro. Harold Best

& Bro. Matt Cooke officiated the service. The Funeral Service was livestreamed on Dewayne's memorial page of the funeral home's website.

A Public Graveside Service, with Full Military Honors and Burial, was held at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, June 28, 2024, at Camp Nelson National Cemetery. The Graveside Service will also livestreamed on Dewayne's memorial page of the funeral home's website.

Andrew Holland, A.J. Holland, Craig Anderson, David Land, Kalem Grasham, and Scott Bolin served as Active Pallbearers. Elliot Holland, Blake Holland, Jace Holland, Kendyll Bailey, and Camryn Bailey served as Junior Pallbearers. The Fits & Misfits Sunday School Class at Lancaster Baptist Church served as Honorary Pallbearers.

Memorial Contributions suggested to Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, 300 Clear Creek Road, Pineville, KY 40977; Casting for Christ, c/o KoKa Holland, 265 Park Lane, Science Hill, KY 42553; Hospice of Lake Cumberland, 100 Parkway Drive, Somerset, KY 42503; or the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 2174.

Fox & Friend Funeral Home, Stanford, Kentucky, was entrusted with Dewayne's arrangements. Guest Book at www.friendfuneralhomes.com.



4-H Photography Contest (District 2)



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Wylie Osterkamp, Senior, 1st Place



DETAILS & MACRO
Ander Pomper, Intermediate, 2nd Place



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Rory Pomper, Senior, 2nd Place



LANDSCAPE & NATURE
Ander Pomper, Intermediate, 3rd Place



ANIMAL, WILDLIFE
Ander Pomper, Intermediate, 3rd Place



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