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BUFF BRIEF

A WEEKLY NEWS & EVENT UPDATE FOR THE PAUL ENGLER COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL SCIENCES

COVID-19 Update

Face-Covering Requirement: Beginning July 1

Face-Coverings are required to be worn by all individuals (Faculty, Staff, Students, and Visitors)

For the most up to date information from West Texas A&M University and the Texas A&M University System about COVID-19, visit the University's [COVID-19 Information Page](#).

Stellar Students

KGNC Interviews Grace Small



West Texas A&M University possesses a diverse culture and upbringing of students. The plethora of majors, departments and colleges allow students to branch out and find their niche. Some worlds merge so perfectly that some wouldn't think to consider it a possibility. Meet Jr. Agricultural Media and Communication major, **Grace Small**, who recently had a radio interview with KGNC's Shannon Gray. Grace speaks on how she chose her major at WT and what the agriculture industry means to her.

[Listen Here](#)

Heat Safety with Dr. Erik Crosman

HEAT SAFETY TIPS



HYDRATE

Drink lots of water and sports drinks to replenish your body with fluids and electrolytes!

PROTECT

Use sunscreen of 30 SPF or higher and adjust your clothing to the weather.

WATCH

Watch out for the symptoms of heat stroke by paying attention to yourself and others!

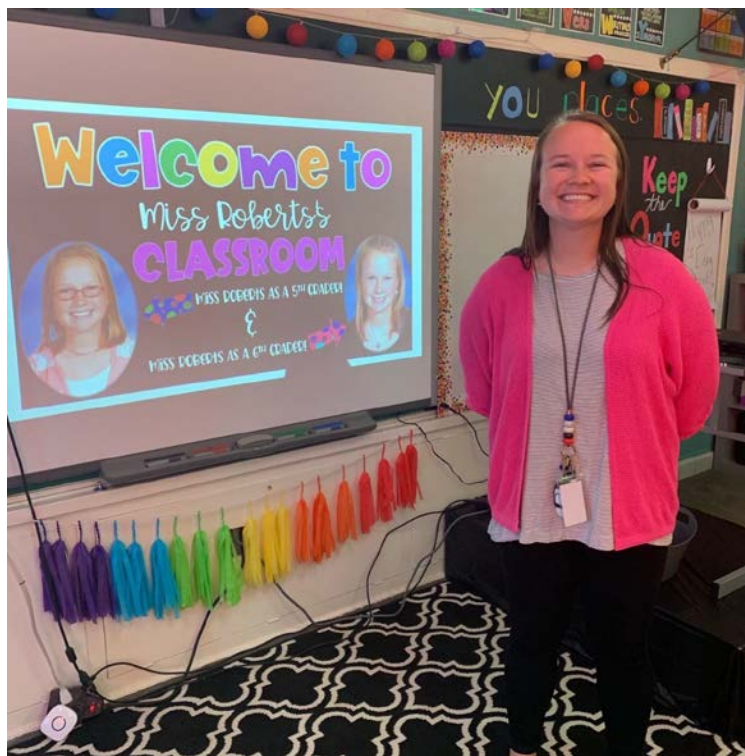
"We often focus on severe weather such as tornados, floods, or lightning, but heat can also be a killer. In fact, on average in the United States, heat kills more people than floods, lightning, tornados, or hurricanes. Here in West Texas, heat also kills. In Palo Duro Canyon State Park 106 heat-related illnesses were reported between 2011-2014.

West Texas A&M University Environmental Sciences students will be installing over 22 weather instruments to collect temperature data to map the extreme heat across Palo Duro Canyon State Park in Summer 2021. This is a collaborative study between West Texas A&M University and the National Weather Service in Amarillo to improve public awareness and forecasts of extreme heat in the Canyon."



Excellent Educators

Miss Kelsee Wilkerson



West Texas A&M Alumna Kelsee Wilkerson graduated in 2018 with a B.S. in Biology. She completed her student teaching at Highland Park High School, in Amarillo, TX teaching biology. Currently she is a teacher at Claude Elementary School in Claude, TX where she teaches third grade math and science.

Kelsee says her favorite part about being a teacher is forming new relationships with her students and seeing them light up when they learn something new!

Stellar Students

INTERNSHIP HIGHLIGHT

Whitney Mount Interns For CSU Extension



Whitney Mount, M.S. Agricultural Education, shares her internship experience outside of the agriculture classroom.

Where did you complete your internship?

My internship was with Morgan County Extension Office, a part of the Colorado State University Extension.

How did your internship help prepare you post-graduation?

Agricultural education is not limited to teaching agricultural classes in a high school or advising an FFA chapter. Extension offices throughout the country provide agricultural education to the general public about a variety of subjects every day! My internship with the Morgan County Extension office prepared me to be a better AGvocate post-graduation. I got to work with community members of all ages and help extension agents with 4-H, livestock, horticulture, family and consumer sciences, and agronomy related questions. Working with the 4-H members of Morgan County was one of my favorite aspects of this internship because I love working with students. I enjoyed watching 4-H members work hard throughout the summer to prepare for county fair. I am a better agvocate and teacher because of my time spent with the folks at the Morgan County Extension office.

Describe briefly what you did for your internship.

Morgan County Fair is in August, so my main job throughout the summer was preparing for that! I counted ribbons, edited the Fairbook, prepared instructional packets for judges and assistants, created schedules for 4-H project interviews, took pictures during the fair, used a program called ShoWorks to input results, and so much more! I enjoyed getting to work with the extension agents in our office to see how their specialties (4-H, livestock, horticulture, family & consumer sciences, and agronomy) were reflected at the fair.

Then & Now



1954 WTSTC T-Anchor Rodeo Club



2019 WTAMU Rodeo Club

DATES TO REMEMBER



7/7

Summer 1
Finals



7/8

Summer 1
Grades Due by
5:00 PM



7/8

Summer 2
Classes Begin



7/9

Summer 2
Last Day to Add
or Register

Pond's Ponder

This week I've combined the thoughts of two creative geniuses:

"The secret of getting ahead is getting started."

-Mark Twain

and

"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing."

-Walt Disney

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