

2019

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buildings which is said to result in a savings of \$104,614 in energy costs to the district over a 10-12-year period.

Vernon's Main Street Program sponsored a downtown Easter egg hunt (photo below).



MAY

April showers were abundant across the area, and they helped put an end to a drought that had been developing across northwest Texas through the first three months of 2019.

The 136th Doan's May Picnic was held (photo below) on the grounds of the Doan's Adobe as a large number of pioneer descendants and others gathered beneath the tall trees next to the oldest structure in the county to witness the historic event which first begun in 1884.



A special ceremony was held at the Officer Memorial on the Wilbarger County Courthouse to recognize all of the county's officers that have died in the line of duty for National Police Week (photo below).



Preschoolers at Discovery Days in Vernon celebrated graduating to kindergarten at Vernon's First Baptist Church.

The Vernon High School National Honor Society inducted its new members (photo below).



Directors of Wilbarger General Hospital were introduced to Ron Vigus, regional vice president for Quorum Health Resources which is assisting the hospital with reorganization efforts to improve efficiency and financial

stability.

Voters in the Chillicothe Independent School District overwhelmingly approved a \$7.5 million bond issue to build new facilities at both the elementary school and high school by a margin on nearly 80 percent.

Vernon's First Presbyterian Church held a first responders appreciation luncheon for Vernon police officers, dispatchers, and chaplains, Wilbarger County Sheriff's Office deputies and jailers, and Vernon Fire and EMS personnel.

of its recycling bins from the city due to people using them as trash receptacles.

The weather was perfect as the 74th annual Santa Rosa Roundup kicked off at the Santa Rosa Arena south of Vernon and a lineup of some 75 entries including floats, bands, novelty entries, antique and vintage cars, trucks, and plenty of horses making their way through downtown Vernon for the parade (photo below).



Department, was selected as the Lions Club Citizen of the Year in Chillicothe.

Former Vernon resident and author Dianne Smithwick-Braden, currently of Amarillo, was the guest speaker at the Cover to Cover Book Club held at the Eagle Flat Library.

Vernon ISD board of trustees welcomed Toni Waldo into the district as the district's new special education coordinator.

Cassidy Chambles, of the Wilbarger County

Rotary Club by now past president Roger Townson during Rotary's annual banquet.

The community was invited to celebrate Wilbarger General Hospital's 50th Anniversary Celebration. Hundreds gathered to help Wilbarger General Hospital celebrate 50 years of service to the community (photo below).



Pam Gosline reported a successful Cleaning Up Vernon event saying: "I want to thank the

(City of Vernon) Street Department for doing an awesome job. These guys worked their tails off in the heat."

The higher temperatures of summer meant an uptick in the number of fires reported.

City Parks Department personnel installed a new shade structure at the Orbison Park Aquatic Center.

See more 2019 memories in Sunday's edition.

4-H, put her horse through its run during the annual district 4-H horse show, hosted at Wilbarger Covered Event Center.

Gary Chapman was installed as the new president for Vernon

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A threat of dangerous weather across the region brought plenty of scares, a little hail and lots of rain.

Vernon citizens no longer have the opportunity to recycle due to the city's waste contractor, Waste Connection, removing all

A large crowd turned out to enjoy swimming and splashing on the opening of the Orbison Park Family Aquatics Center.

The Vernon City Commission reached an agreement to bring back a limited recycling opportunity for Vernon citizens.

May continued a streak of three months with well above-average rainfall – and that has the city's water well fields in strong shape heading into the summer months, even as another wetter than normal month is forecast.

JUNE

D-Day, the allied invasion to liberate France occurred 75 years ago on June 6, 1944.

Wilbarger County Commissioners approved a budget amendment that will allow new runway lighting to be installed at the airport.

Governor Greg Abbott signed into law landmark legislation to reform school finance, increase teacher pay, and provide property tax relief.

Henry Perez, Fire Chief of the Chillicothe Fire