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'Seeing all the hard work pay off'

Raising the "hood" of a solar car to expose few mechanical parts underneath. Solar panels cover the tops of the solar cars to draw energy from the sun in the experimental cars. NELL WILLIAMS/AMARILLO GLOBE-NEWS

College teams from U.S., Canada vie for solar car challenge title

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There have been many ways of traveling Route 66 during this Centennial Year of the Mother Road, which tied America together in so many ways. But one of the most unique has been the 2026 Electrek American Solar Challenge, which featured teams through eight states along the Great River Road and Historic Route 66 from Minneapolis to Amarillo.

College teams, from around the country and beyond, were challenged with completing 1,550 miles over eight days, and gaining additional miles by completing optional loops. Route 66 contains 400 miles of loops throughout the road.

The teams traveled throughout the day and charged their solar cars from the sun in the mornings and evenings in the quest of driving the most miles under solar power during the course of the event.

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DOVE CREEK EQUINE RESCUE

Shannon Williams named new director

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Dove Creek Equine Rescue (DCER) has a new executive director.

Following founder Laurie Higgins-Kerley's 14-year run at the helm of the nonprofit organization, she is handing the reins of Dove Creek over to business executive Shannon Williams.

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Aug. 6-10 events include XIT rodeo and more

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Stores will likely be more busy during the sales tax holiday this weekend, as the fall semester start draws closer. Several annual back-to-school supply giveaways are being held in Amarillo this weekend and next as well.

On Friday, Aug. 7, "Super Troopers 3" and "One Night Only" premiere in

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Amarillo fire crews safely evacuate stranded riders at Wonderland

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The Amarillo Fire Department said Saturday evening's rescue of stranded riders at Wonderland Amusement Park was due to the ride having a mechanical issue.

AFD released additional details about the Aug. 1 incident on Tuesday, Aug. 4.

"The Amarillo Fire Department (AFD) responded Saturday night to a reported high-angle rescue at Wonderland Park after a roller coaster became disabled with riders stranded above the ground. Upon arrival, crews found the roller coaster stopped on the track with approximately 18 riders awaiting rescue," AFD said in the update.

AFD said its Technical Rescue Team coordinated rescue operations, while Ladder 13-26 positioned an aerial apparatus to give safe access to the coaster.

Rescue personnel then removed each rider from the coaster and safely assisted them to the ground.

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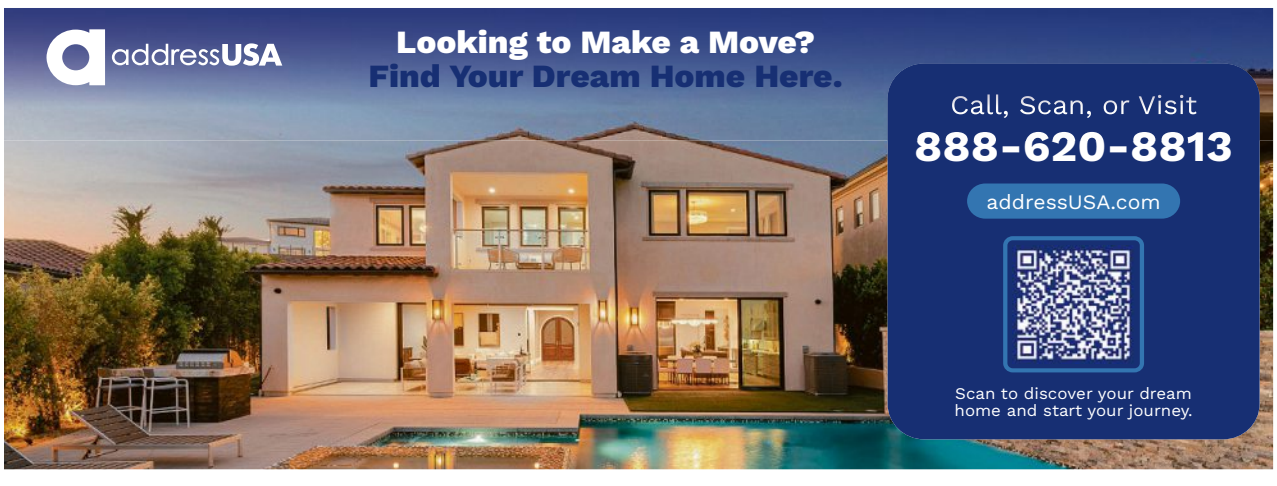

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