



## Friona Blood Drive is June 13th

A Friona Community Blood Drive will be conducted by Coffee Memorial Blood Center on Thursday, June 13, 2019 from 12 noon until 7 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 1500 N. Cleveland. Donate and receive a half pint of milk and an individual ice cream cup! Also receive a t-shirt, squeeze cow, and 1 WOW Pass to Wonderland amusement Park. See ad on page 9.

For your lifesaving appointment, go to [yourbloodinstitute.org](http://yourbloodinstitute.org) or call (806) 331-8833, or toll free 1-877-574-8800. Find us on Facebook, follow us on Instagram and Twitter. Save time by going to [www.thegifttolife.org](http://www.thegifttolife.org) to complete your questions online using Donor Express. Donors must have a photo ID and be at least 17 years old (16 years old with signed parental consent). **BLOOD IS NEEDED EVERY DAY!**

## Buy a hamburger and support the Squaws

A \$6 meal consisting of hamburger, chips, water, and cookies will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 8th at Reeve Lake. The meal will be held in conjunction with the FHS Sand Storm Volleyball Tournament being conducted at the sand volleyball courts.

All money raised will help pay for the high school girls to attend summer volleyball camp.

## Summer Drama Workshop Celebrates 50 Years

The 50th season of the Friona Fine Arts Council's Summer Drama Workshop will begin on Monday, July 8, for elementary and junior high students in the Friona High School Auditorium and will run for two weeks. The elementary show will rehearse from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The junior high show will rehearse from 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The high school actors will kick things off on Sunday, July 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Friona High School Auditorium. They will rehearse in the evenings from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

The cost has not changed in fifty years. It is still only \$25.00 per participant. We are able to offer this price because of the generosity of our incredible donors. Tentative production dates are Thursday, July 18, at 7:00 for high school production; Friday, July 19 at 6:00 for junior high production; and Saturday, July 20 at 3:00 p.m. for elementary production. Please note the changes from year's past. The high school will perform on Thursday in order to avoid a conflict with the high school volleyball camp.

The elementary show is set for the afternoon right now in order to avoid a conflict with our annual Cheeseburger Festival. The time for the Cheeseburger Festival was moved to the evening. We want our patrons to be able to enjoy both events.

This is the 50th year for our very own Summer Drama Workshop. We would love to invite former actors, singers, dancers, directors to come back and share your talents with us. If we can generate enough interest, we would love to have a "review" of your favorite song, scene, dance from your favorite summer drama script on Friday, July 19, following the junior high production.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Allison Johnston, production coordinator, at 806-220-1610 or via email at [allisonj1960@hotmail.com](mailto:allisonj1960@hotmail.com). Registration forms are available at the Friona High School office. Pre-registration is encouraged, but not necessary. Directors for this year are Allison Johnston, elementary; Joy Morton, junior high; and Erika Montana, high school.



(l-r) Head Coach Jimmy Arias, Marco Monreal, and Offensive Coordinator Daniel Rosales.

## Monreal shines in All-Star Game

Marco Monreal represented Friona well in the 15th Annual ASCO All-Star Classic football game last Saturday night at Lowery Field in Lubbock, Texas. He helped guide the "Red" team to a 45-34 victory over the "Blue" team. The annual charity game spotlights outstanding high school

graduates from schools all across the region.

Marco completed 11 out of 18 passes for 176 yards and two touchdowns. He also rushed for 45 yards and one touchdown.

It was a fitting end to a stellar high school career for the former Friona quarterback. As a Chief-

tain, Marco broke and now holds the school records for single game passing yards (329), single season passing yards (2,122), career passing yards (5,024), and career passing touchdowns (32).

The mission of the ASCO All-Star Classic is to provide financial assistance

to young players that have been permanently injured while playing or practicing the game of football.



Campers in their shirts

## Chieftain Baseball Camp

The Friona Chieftain baseball camp was held May 29th-31st. There was a good turn out of 36 campers. The kids learned the fundamentals of fielding, hitting, and base running from the Chieftain Baseball coaches and current & past Chieftain players. The campers ended camp with a little fun learning how to slide on a slip-n-slide.



Brice Jeter and Aaron Rosales demonstrate their sliding skills.

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<b>Friona Weather</b>	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	Precipitation	Burn Ban:
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**Community Calendar**

Send Calendar information to:  
frionastar@wtrt.net  
call (806) 250-2211 or fax (806) 250-5127

**June 6**

- Snack Pak 4 Kids Friona United Methodist Church 4:30 p.m.
- Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

**June 7**

- Caregivers Coffee Break at First National Bank
- Rob Holladay Balloon Show, 10:00 a.m. @ Jr. High Auditorium

**June 8**

- PMC free pre-natal classes 9-10 a.m.
- Sand Storm Volley Ball Tournament @ Reeve Lake

**June 12**

- Dallas Puppet Theatre, 10:00 a.m. @ Jr. High Auditorium

**June 13**

- Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Headquarters.
- Snack Pak 4 Kids Friona United Methodist Church 4:30 p.m.
- Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

**June 14**

- Flag Day

**June 16**

- Father's Day

**June 20**

- Snack Pak 4 Kids Friona United Methodist Church 4:30 p.m.
- Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

**June 21**

- First Day of Summer

**June 27**

- Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Headquarters.
- Snack Pak 4 Kids Friona United Methodist Church 4:30 p.m.
- Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

**FRIONA STAR SUBSCRIPTIONS**

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**TakeFive**

*A Friona Star Interview*  
with Rickie Castillo • 2019 FHS Graduate

As the Chieftain and Squaw school mascot, you have literally been the face of Friona High School for the past three years. What has that meant to you and what is your favorite memory of those years?

Being the Mascot was a dream come true for me. When I was younger, I remember standing in line waiting to buy my tattoos on Fridays and seeing the mascot. That's when I knew I wanted to be the mascot when I got older. I preferred wearing a jersey to school instead of my cheer outfit. As I grew older, people would ask me if I was going to be a cheerleader when I got in high school. I would reply, nope, I'm going to be the mascot. I was a cheerleader in junior high and my freshman year, but I just saw that as practice for when I became the mascot. I liked being the Squaw, but I loved being the Chieftain, and leading the team out on Friday nights!! It meant the world to me to be representing Friona. It made me feel like I was a part of every team. Being on the sidelines, I got to see every win, and every loss that Friona had. My favorite memory of those years would have to be the little kids that would look at me in awe and say that they wanted to be the mascot when they grew up. At the time I really didn't think I was that big of a deal, but now as I reflect back on the past 3 years, I think of how I was that little kid once, and I hope that I was a good role model for those kids, and that maybe one of those

kids will become the Friona Mascot and represent Friona with lots of pride as I did.

**Congratulations for setting the new school record, 9'6", in girls pole vaulting! How did you get started in the event and what actions did you take in order to have a chance to break the record?**

Thank you! It wasn't easy. I started pole vaulting when I was a freshman but I didn't compete because I was actually scared of it. Sophomore year track season came around and I felt ready for the challenge. I could never clear opening height which was sometimes between 5'0" - 6'6". I practiced a lot, and I just couldn't get better. I was ready to quit, and if you know me, you know I'm not a quitter, so that is a hard thing for me to admit. We were at the Dimmitt track meet and it was windy. I remember telling Coach Ray and Coach Moreno that I got this, I can do it. I think I was trying to convince myself more than I was trying to convince them. I placed second overall and it turns out that was the little nudge I needed. After that I focused a lot of my time on pole vault, lots and lots of after school practices. Coach Moreno helped me as much as he could, he may not have known much about pole vault, but he was always there to encourage me. I got into powerlifting my junior year which helped me put on some muscle. Coach Husted also gave me the name of an amazing coach in Dalhart, Joe Garcia. I would drive



to go see him at least once a week. My junior year, I ended the season with 8'6", tying the school record. In my senior year I was determined that I was going to break it. I practiced all the time. I went to Dalhart as often as I could and I worked out even more. All season long, I could not pass 8'6". I was in another rut. Finally, once again in Dimmitt, I cleared 9'0", passing the school record. I was so proud of myself. I knew I still was not finished. I wanted to set a higher record and at the District meet I cleared 9'6". I went on to area but was not able to advance. The hardest part then was knowing that that was it, there was no "I can do better next year". This may sound a little cliché, but I hope everyone competes with the thought of this may be your last chance so make sure you give it your all. I would not have been able to do any of this without my coaches who stayed by my side and pushed me to be a better athlete, or without my friends, family, and community who always cheered me on.

**You were also an integral part of the 2018 Friona Squaws volleyball team that achieved the best record in school history. You even beat Shallowater! What were the factors that made the team successful?**

We used to play together when we were young at the YMCA. We became a team when we were 4 or 5. That helped us build a strong foundation. I remember that after games, which were on Saturdays, we'd have sleepovers that night at someone's house and then go to church the next morning. This was our weekly routine till we got to junior high. Once in junior high we still remained on the same team. We continued playing volleyball and basketball together. Still hanging out and having sleepovers when we could. Also going to church and church camps together. I feel that going to church together all those years also helped us build a strong faith as a group and as individuals. As we left junior high we knew entering high school we would get split up, but we also knew we would all remain friends. Some would make varsity, some would not, and some would stop playing. It was just a matter of time when we would be back together, but until then we all had to work on bettering ourselves personally. We all worked on things individually, whether it was passing, setting, or hitting. We all became good as individuals, so when we came together as a team we would be great. Going into our senior year during summer league our families knew it was going to be a victorious year. Our moms knew before we did that this was our year and that our team had that something special.

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**ACROSS**

- TX bois '\_\_\_ tree
- TXism: "busy as \_\_\_ tender on Saturday night"
- Astro Carlos Correa is from Puerto \_\_\_
- KOYE-FM in Tyler was first this station in Palestine
- anti-litter campaign: "Don't \_\_\_ \_\_\_"
- Marshall has annual Fire \_\_\_ Festival
- "nobody \_\_\_ \_\_\_ law"
- dir. from Athens to Mineola
- \_\_\_ and Eve
- many TX cities have a "\_\_\_ Luther King" street
- TX Rico Rodriguez's "Modern Family," e.g.
- TXism: "useless as a saddle on \_\_\_"
- TX-based luxury hotel company
- TX actor Rip (init.)
- on appeal, a judicial mistake (3 wds.)
- car rental company
- TX Sam: Speaker of the House for 17 years (init.)
- Gregg County seat
- Astro infielder, Bregman
- French liver paste
- TX outlaw Sam Bass, e.g. (2 wds.)
- sobriety test: "heel \_\_\_ walk"
- "\_\_\_ riot, one Ranger"
- guided excursions in the "Caverns of Sonora"
- TXism: "can't \_\_\_ \_\_\_ silk purse out of a sow's ear"
- this forms female nouns
- this Sandra was Gidget and Tammy
- skin openings
- \_\_\_ Bank of Texas no longer exists
- Hollywood's first western film star
- western actress Dale who was born in Uvalde in 1912
- \_\_\_scape requires little or no water
- big cell phone service provider
- TXism: "he could wear his work \_\_\_ \_\_\_ church social" (lazy worker)
- fried chicken, e.g.
- TXism: "confused \_\_\_ \_\_\_ pecker in a petrified forest"
- dir. from Abilene to Marble Falls

**DOWN**

- there were 3 of these, but only the first starred Liam Neeson (2 wds.)
- Taylor County seat
- bigot
- \_\_\_ Plains, TX
- Pecos Bill's horse: "\_\_\_-Maker"
- SMU grad Wrenn Schmidt 2015 film: "\_\_\_ the Light"
- \_\_\_ o' shanter cap
- TX pro golfer, Blancas (init.)
- fish appendage
- bitter beers
- satisfies
- TXism: "take \_\_\_ \_\_\_" (rest)
- TX Ace Reid cartoon: "Cow \_\_\_"
- "good," south of the border
- small mountain lake
- tie a boat to a dock
- This Lafitte was a Gulf pirate
- TXism: "if it ain't true, \_\_\_ ain't a cow in Texas"

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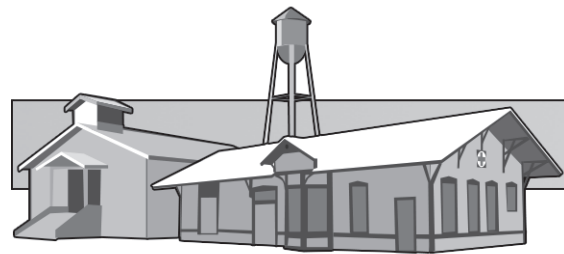
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# TOWN TALK

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The Sand Storm Volleyball Tournament supporting the FHS girls volleyball team will be this Saturday, June 8, 2019 at the Reeve Lake Sand Volleyball Court. A \$6 meal consisting of hamburger, chips, water, and cookies will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 8th at Reeve Lake. Go Support the Squaws!!

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The 11th Annual Pudge Kendrick Memorial Golf Tournament will be July 27-28 at John Pitman Golf Course in Hereford. Signup is now open at the Pro Shop in Hereford.

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It's time for Cheeseburger Festival cook team signups! You may find rules and registration forms at the Frona Chamber of Commerce office on Main Street or online at friona-chamber.com. The first 20 (paid) teams will be able to compete, and entry is non-refundable.

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The Friends of the Library Book Shoppe, located at 119 West 6th, will change hours due to lack of air conditioning. From June through Sep-

tember, the book shop will be open Thursday mornings from 10-12.

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The city's roll-off box will be open this weekend from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday.

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## June 7, 2018

The City of Frona has purchased over 99 street name signs to replace old or missing signs throughout the City. New street signs will help with mail distribution and assist police, fire and EMS personnel in navigating streets during emergencies. "We have several part-time EMS personnel who live outside the city limits who would greatly benefit from the new street signs," states City Manager Lee Davila. "Our goal as a City is to ensure that we supply our employees with every resource available (including

**National Days**  
June 6: National Drive In Movie Day

June 7: National Chocolate Ice Cream Day and National Doughnut Day

June 8: National Best Friends Day, National Name Your Poison Day, National Rosé Day

June 9: National Children's Day, and National Donald Duck Day

June 10: National Iced Tea Day, and National Black Cow Day

June 11: National Making Life Beautiful Day, National Corn on the Cob Day, and National German Chocolate

Cake Day  
June 12: National Red Rose Day, National Jerky Day, National Peanut Butter Cookie Day, National Loving Day

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"A smile is happiness that you'll find right under your nose." - Tom Wilson

# FRIONA FLASHBACKS

## June 7, 2002

Construction on another large dairy operation for the Frona area is expected to begin sometime this next week, according to a spokesperson for the company. The new dairy will be located approximately nine miles southeast of Frona. It will be a mile south of the "Blackburn corner" and west of the Farm to Market highway. It is also about seven miles south of Black.

## June 6, 1975

The Frona Star was the winner of an award presented at the 96th annual summer convention of the Texas Press Association last weekend at El Paso. The Star received a second place award in the "appearance" contest for newspapers published in cities and towns of 2,500 to 4,500 population.

signs) to assure that our residents receive quick and responsive medical attention." Pictured above is City employee Skyler Harris placing new street name signs at the intersection of Washington Avenue and East 9th Street.

## June 10, 1995

It only took a few minutes, but in that short time, a number of Frona residents' lives were affected. A hundreds of others will remember 6:45 p.m. on Friday, June 2, 1995 as long as they live. A tornado with estimated F-4 force struck the Frona area, devastating businesses and residences as well. E. M. Bailey, 68, owner of Bailey Printing, was the most seriously hurt. Bailey and his wife Dolores, and their grandson, Terrence Fite, eight, were just sitting down to supper on Friday when the twister struck the

Baileys trailer home a half mile south of town on State Highway 214. Rescue workers pulled Mr. Bailey from a pile of debris, all that was left of their home. He suffered a crushed leg and internal injuries. He was taken to Northwest Texas Hospital where he was placed in the hospital's intensive care unit. Bailey's oldest son, Matt Bailey of Amarillo, said he tried to call his parents after he heard the news about the tornado striking Frona, but couldn't get through. On Saturday, he uncovered the broken remains of his parents' telephone. A love fund has been established for the Bailey family at Frona State Bank. Several other homes, including two or three other mobile homes, were destroyed in this immediate area. Some of the homes belonged to the Mendoza families.

# Take Five With Rickie Castillo

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We were always ready to play and have fun. We'd still talk about the Bumperbabs days and how Emma would win the passing contest or how Amelia would serve funny. Not every day was a good day. There was some days where we didn't 'click' and everything in the gym felt a little off. Throughout the years we always stayed around to support each other even though we weren't on the same teams or had the same interests. We had built something that couldn't be built in just four years, it was more than a friendship, it was a family. The girls I played with had become my sisters and their families had become my families. Our success is because of our faith, friends, and our family.

**You were injured right before the start of the final volleyball playoff game. Explain what happened and have you had any lasting effects from the injury?**

My last volleyball game we were playing Sonora. First I got hit in the head by a volleyball, then I hit my head during a dive. The first hit was a volleyball to the face during the last part of warm ups. I was picking up a ball and didn't see one coming straight at me. I was hit so hard you could see the lines of the volleyball on my face. I walked to my teammates and we all laughed about what

had happened. I really didn't think anything of it, just that I got hit in the face, and that we didn't want the coaches or Doc Taylor to know because I didn't want them to make a big deal about it. The game starts and we are a couple of points in and we are still feeling nervous and I just couldn't get into my groove. A ball is spiked from the right front and is hit towards Gabbi and I. Gabbi moves in my direction and I dive, miss the ball, and hit my head on the ground then just roll over. Those were two hard hits to the head in a short period. It was not a good game for me. I knew I was off, and I wasn't too sure why, but I wanted to play my last game so I kept quiet and did the best I could. The next day at school I was having a hard time focusing and trying to say what I was thinking. I had a feeling something was wrong and so I called my mom and she told me to go see Doc, our trainer. After many questions and a few exercises, he came to the conclusion that I had a concussion. I told him I didn't remember hitting my head, only getting hit in the face. Then the next day I get called into Coach Masse's office and there's the film of me hitting my head the first set of the game. I started to cry, I felt so bad because I thought I was such a bad teammate. You asked if there were any lasting effects from

my injury, I'm going to have to say yes. I am left with regret, and what ifs. What if I didn't hit my head twice? What if I would have said something the first time? Would we have won? Did I let my team down? I'm left with questions I will never have answers to, that is the lasting effect. I did learn from it, but it will stay with me forever. The game had its good moments and bad moments. It was hard to say goodbye to volleyball when it ends like that.

## What are your plans for the future?

My plans will be starting this summer. I will be managing the Frona City pool, which is a very exciting opportunity for me. I have worked at the pool since I was 15. When my mom managed the pool I was there all the time. I grew up there and I cannot remember a summer when I didn't go to the pool almost every day. In August I will begin my next journey at Hardin Simmons University where I plan to study physical therapy. Hopefully someday I will get my Doctorate. As difficult as it was for me to turn in all my jerseys, my lifting suit & belt, and my poles, I will always have the amazing memories of everything I was a part of at Frona High School. I know I am blessed to be able to start a new chapter.

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# Thank You!

The Chieftain/Squaw Booster Club would like to thank these business and families who helped sponsor FHS athletics for 2018-2019. We appreciate your financial support and acknowledge the time and effort you provide to support and promote our school athletes. We cannot do it without you. Go Chiefs and Squaws!!!

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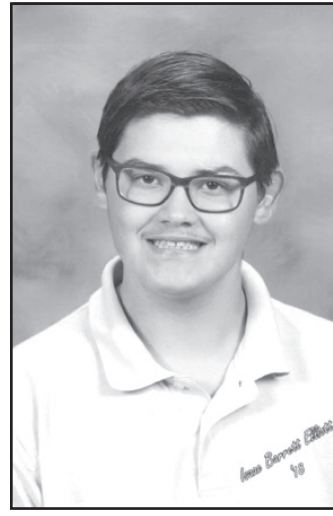


### Happy Birthday Friona Folks!

- June 6**  
Holly Campbell  
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## Spelling Bee update

Isaac Elliott has been studying the dictionary religiously since last October. The Baker Middle School eighth grader has been competing in spelling contests since he was in the third grade, his mother Hanna Patton-Elliott said. "This is something he's been wanting since he was a little boy," she continued. "This is the last year he's eligible to compete and it's an incredible thing to see him do this." Despite other extracurricular activities, Isaac has spent mornings with a spelling coach, studying on weekends and practicing with his mother in the evenings.



Isaac Elliott

Last week Isaac, 14, competed in the 92nd Scripps National Spelling Bee in Oxon Hill, Maryland. He was sponsored by the Corpus Christi Independent School District after winning the middle school and district's spelling bee in February. He made it through the third round on Wednesday and finished in 51st place. The top 50 ad-

vanced to the televised finals. In an unusual ending to the event, eight co-champions were named. Isaac said he "felt happy to compete and honored to represent his city."

*Editor's Note: Isaac Elliott is the great-grandson of Tommie Mercer and the late Billy Joe Mercer. The original story was published in the February 21, 2019 edition of the Friona Star.*

## COURTHOUSE NOTES

**Warranty deeds as reported by the County Clerk's Office from the week of May 23, 2019 through May 30, 2019**

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## SHERIFF'S REPORT

**Reported by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office:**  
Randy Gerjes, Sheriff

5/28/19 - Jesus Valadez, 26, of Farwell was arrested by the Sheriff's Office for Violation of Conditions of Probation, Pending District Court.

5/29/19 - Jacob Quesada, 19, of Farwell was arrested by the Sheriff's Office for Violating Probation (Poss. Marijuana <2 oz.) Probation revoked, serve 90 days in jail, pay cost and fines.

5/30/19 Jessie Cumpian III, 25 of Hereford was arrested by the Sheriff's Office for Violating Probation, Pending County Court.

## Texas Weekly Fuel Update and Outlook

Texas gas prices have fallen 4.6 cents per in the past week, averaging \$2.49 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations. Gas prices in Texas are 10.5 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and 25.6 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Texas is priced at \$2.06 while the most expensive is \$3.29 per gallon. The cheapest price in the entire country today stands at \$1.89 while the most expensive is \$5.86 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 1.6 cents in the last week, averaging \$2.81 per gallon. The national average is down 8.9 cents per gallon from a month ago and 13.8 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

"The national average has fallen for its fourth straight week, probably not something motorists would associate with the start of the summer driving season," said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "More impressively is the surprise that may soon hit some motorists: the nation's cheapest gas prices may soon fall back under \$2 per gallon as oil prices have plummeted nearly \$14 in the last 8 weeks, prompted by worries about President Trump's tariffs on China and now also Mexico, undermining the U.S. and global economy, and perhaps leading to a slowdown in oil demand at the same time as U.S. oil inventories have rebounded sharply. While there may be volatility and a return to higher prices should Trump make a deal to avoid tariffs on both the countries, for now, it's going to be a big win at the gas pump with prices in most areas likely to fall notably in the week ahead."

GasBuddy is available on all mobile platforms. The app and website have the most accurate and real-time fuel prices at over 140,000 unique stations in the United States, and is the most comprehensive money-saving companion while on the road. For more information, visit [www.gasbuddy.com](http://www.gasbuddy.com)

## State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$3 Billion in May

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said state sales tax revenue totaled \$3.01 billion in May, 9 percent more than in May 2018.

"State sales tax revenue growth was propelled by both business and consumer spending," Hegar said. "The strongest growth was in remittances from the manufacturing, wholesale trade and services sectors, with strength apparent in the retail trade sector as well."

Hegar also said state franchise tax revenue for May was \$3.47 billion. Revenue was up 7.4 percent from May 2018, slightly above projections presented in the Biennial Revenue Estimate in January.

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in May 2019 was up 6.9 percent compared to 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.

In May 2019, Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes: (1) motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$429.5 million, up 1.3 percent from May 2018; (2) motor fuel taxes — \$316 million, up 2 percent from May 2018; (3) natural gas production taxes — \$129 million, up 28.4 percent from May 2018; and (4) oil production taxes — \$367.3 million, up 16.2 percent from May 2018.

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# Psalm 125—Those Who...

By Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Those who read books, gain knowledge, those who exercise and eat right, live healthier, those who smoke, are more likely to have lung problems, and those who trust in the Lord, live more securely. Psalm 125:1-2 compares the assurance and permanence of God's presence with His people, like the presence of mountains around the city of Jerusalem. Those mountains, just like the mountains in New Mexico or Colorado are not going anywhere, no matter what the economy does, what wars break out or how your relationships may struggle. In the same way, those who trust fully in the Lord can count on Him as their rock and mainstay.

Next, though, those who trust in the Lord also have the promises of His presence in verses 3-5. God sustains those who trust in Him, even when evil seems to prevail. God is ready, able and willing to help those who trust in Him and call on Him and God will judge the evil in the end. In light of these promises, are you trusting God? Those who don't trust fully in God don't know the blessing of His peace and joy that flow from His presence and walking in His way, while those who do trust fully in the Lord, can experience God's presence no matter the circumstances or challenges they face, because the Lord is with them.

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### Panhandle Parables

## Reading, Writing and Multiplication Tables

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

I remember it as if it were yesterday. It was the summer of 1977. I had searched hard and long in my heart and decided I was not going to go to the third grade. I had already learned to read, I could at least spell most words that I as a second grader used, and my adding and subtracting were at least average, PLUS I had already had the best teacher in the world, Mrs. Duggins. But upon leaving second grade, I was told that next year I would learn multiplication tables. What? How could they just throw that on you, as if you were a fifth grader ready to handle such complications of the mind? Multiplication tables in the third grade! Well, I had decided that summer I was not in need of the third grade. I was well rounded, and I was just sure life could be conquered with-out the dreaded

multiplication tables! Little did I know that a vacation trip to see some family friends would impact my little life so greatly.

We went to visit Mr. and Mrs. House, and I did not know it at the time, but the Lord had stacked the deck in His favor. Mrs. House asked me if I was ready for third grade. I explained to her the surprise of the math misery thrown on me at the end of second grade, so I had decided that I was not going to go to third grade. Did I mention Mrs. House was a retired third grade teacher? I didn't know that either. Now you understand how stacked the deck was. I faced someone with experience. In my mind I was pretty sharp and had thought out my plan well, but Mrs. House seemed to have better answers than I did. We walked through my fear of the

multiplication tables and before the week was out, I knew mine to ten. Now I was ready to face third grade.

Mrs. House has passed away but is very much alive in my heart. She taught me more than just math. She taught me to face unknown things. I may be afraid sometimes, but I take the step anyway and let God lead me. Fear seems to drive more people than confidence: fear of failure, fear of rejection, fear of losing, fear of this, and fear of that. If you are not careful, you will find yourself hiding from life. We need to walk with confidence! If I am walking with God, I may face failure in this life, but I will not fail. I may be rejected here, but I have been accepted there as an heir to the kingdom. I may lose many times, but I have already won in Christ. Face today with confidence, God is with you!

# ~OBITUARIES~

## Karen Kay Davis



Karen Kay Davis, 75, of Lovington, New Mexico passed away June 1, 2019 in Lovington. A Memory Service will be held at 10:00 a.m. (MST) on Friday, June 7, 2019 at the First Christian Church in Lovington, NM.

Kay was born July 13, 1943 in Friona, Texas to R. B. and Marie McKee. She completed all twelve years of school in Friona and graduated in 1961. She married Donald Ray Davis on April 13, 1968 at the Union Congregational Church (currently the Parmer County Museum) in Friona.

She is preceded in death by her parents R. B. and Marie McKee, and one daughter, Kari Lynett Davis.

Those to carry on her legacy include- husband-Donald R. Davis of the home, 2 daughters-Disa Peditt of Nashville, Tennessee and Karena Davis

of the home, 1 son-Robert Davis of Nashville, Tennessee, 2 granddaughters-Erin Peditt of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Trinity Davis of the home, 2 sisters-Ann Nazworth of Lubbock, Texas, and Billie Tongate of Friona, Texas, and 1 brother-Mike McKee of Devine, Texas.

The family would appreciate that memorials be made to cancer research.

## Attitude Makes All the Difference

By Teena Hughs

I recently wrote about how God's Word had changed my attitude. Well, after last week, I am so glad it did!

We had Vacation Bible School, which was absolutely great!!! I was also working on the reunion I am organizing, pretty much non-stop. In the midst of everything, I am getting more declines than people saying they are coming.

In the past, these things would have really made me negative; I would be getting down on myself and everything I am trying to do. But, having a positive attitude has kept me going, and it has taught me a number of things.

First of all, God isn't finished with me yet. He still has things to teach me, even at age 64; and, He still has changes to make in me.

Second, what I learned from Paul in Acts really was life-changing. If it weren't true change, I would have already gone back to my old ways after the busyness of last week.

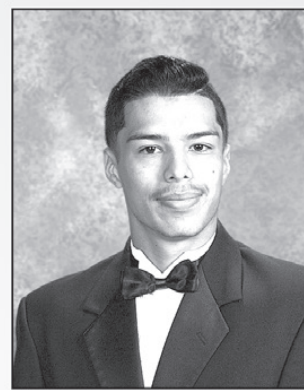
Third, it is up to me to keep my positive attitude, and I hope I do! I have enjoyed being SO BUSY without getting mad or frustrated. I cannot give in to negativity; I can't give in to saying "I am tired" just because I think I should be.

Fourth, our attitude affects not only us; it affects those around us, especially our children and grandchildren. If we want others to have a positive attitude, we have to have a positive attitude; if we want others to join us in the pit of negativity, we just have to maintain a negative attitude.

Fifth, just like everything else, attitude is our choice. Right now, I cannot tell you how thankful I am for a positive attitude. What a difference it is making, especially when things don't go right or like I want them!

As for the reunion I have been working on? I really do believe more people are going to come than have signed up; they still have nearly three weeks to sign up. And, whether a lot, or a few, show up, everyone is going to have a great time; that is just the nature of the people who went to SWTJC! And, I have had a BLAST working on it and getting re-connected with people!!! So, all is good, thanks to a good attitude!!!

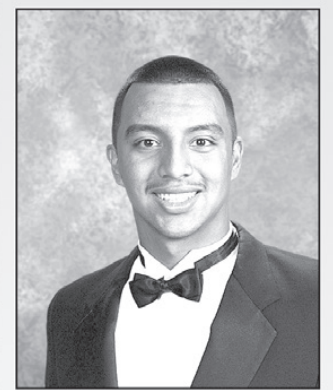
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**Mighty Writers**

**Kenia Rodriguez**  
2nd Grade 1st Place

I am a baby cat. I woke up in front of a cheetah and I thought she was my mother. First she gives me food and I didn't like it. Next she show me how to run fast but when I was done running fast I was tired she give me water from the lake and I said ew I hate this food and this water in ten seconds I escape from the jungle and I found my real mother.

**Kenia Rodriguez - 2nd Grade 1st Place**

**Jesus Mendoza** April 24, 2019  
3rd grade Mrs. Corrallo  
1st Place  
**Mistaken Identity**

There was once a fox named Sly. Sly liked eating bird eggs. Once a mother bird left her nest. Sly climbed up the tree. When he reached the nest he saw 3 little birds. The birds turned to look at Sly & they said "Mama, Mama!" "I'm not your mama!" he said. Sly then jumped off the tree. He walked back home, dreaming of mice on toast. He turned around & saw the little birds. "Mama, Mama, Mama!" they said. "I'll eat you alive if you don't send me home." By the time he reached home, he thought they were gone. He then sat down and watched the news. Sly heard little bird noises by the door. He turned around to see the little birds all in line walking in circles. They started saying "Mama" over & over. He got up and started walking towards them slowly and madly. He was about to eat all 3 of them when he thought of something. He bought a plane ticket to the west coast and rented a hotel. Now they are all happy. Except for mama bird, she's still looking for her kids.

**Jesus Mendoza - 3rd Grade 1st Place**

**Pre-K 1st Place Aldo Salazar**

One upon a time my room was a shark and me too. My mom said lets go eat bad guys so we told them to come over we were having a party but we were tricking them so then we ate them all when they got to the party. And then we turned back to people.

**Alda Salazar - Pre-K 1st Place**

**Aurora 5th 1st Place**

One day I was cooking up an outstanding meal with extraordinary ingredients from exotic planets. I started to cook when all of a sudden I heard something move in my basket. Then I went to see what it was and you know how I said I got exotic food well there was a SNAKE! I didn't know where it came from just as I was speaking another one came out. It came out of a coconut I was terrified. Then I called the sue chee with was my sister she screamed and jumped out of the kitchen. Both of us put them in a cage and kept ranting. Then as I was making the coconut pie the snake slipped out of the cage on to my foot. I decided that I was going to take it back to the jungle. So I did but it followed me back home and ate all of

**Jesus Mendoza - 3rd Grade 1st Place**

**Yvette Zetina Garcia 4-25-19 4th 1st place**

The little bear and her mother in a tornado!

One day a mother named Butterbean was making a bear. She was the most beautiful bear with short hair, hazel eyes, black fur, and a skinny body. She had a baby named Hazel. Hazel was a girl that loved to play. She had long hair, hazel eyes, black fur, and a skinny body. They were playing outside and a there was a alarm on the phone it said "there going to a tornado in bear town". Hazel started to cry. Then it started to rain. Butterbean said let's go to a shelter. They got into the car but it was to late the tornado was already forming. By the time they got the car gained the tornado caught them then the baby started to cry and the mother was frightened. She got her baby in her arms and hugged her. Then she said "I don't care if I die I would rather die with you". Then the tornado stopped the mother was confused and the tornado then spoke "I'm sorry I didn't mean to". Butterbean said "It's ok". "Really?" said the tornado. "Really" said the mother "want to be BFF?" said the little bear "Yes I would love to" "I've never had a friend" said the tornado and they lived happily ever after being friends.

**Yvette Garcia - 4th Grade 1st Place**

**Kindergarten 1st Place Michelle Ticum**

I had goslings I would put them in the lockers and walk away. The goslings are loud I will toy the youth shut, in dry the help pin

**Michelle Ticum - Kindergarten 1st Place**



**1st grade 1st place Sophie Lewellen**

Bruce was hungry and wanted some eggs to eat, luckily it was April and close to Easter so he bailed eggs colored them and hid them and before he ate them he found little baby chicks and he used his lips and tried to eat them and the chicks ran away, he ate the eggs and ran away he got home and



looked behind him and the chicks followed him home. He got so mad he really ate them this time, but then he looked up and saw the Daddy Rooster he spit out babies and ran away. The chicks were still alive, and they lived a great chicken life. The End

**Sophie Lewellen - 1st Grade 1st Place**

**Commissioners approve reinvestment zone**

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in special session on Tuesday, May 28th 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 the Texas Flag. The special session was called for Tuesday because of the Memorial Holiday on Monday.

In the first item of business, Commissioners considered a resolution designating a Parmer-Lazbuddie Wind Reinvestment Zone. Interested parties at the meeting included Lazbuddie ISD Superintendent Steve Wolf, Muleshoe Hospital Board President Allen Smyer, Muleshoe Hospital Administrator Dennis Fleenor, County Legal Advisor Cole Brown from the Underwood Law Firm, and Invenergy company representative Reid Pletcher. After further discussion, the Commissioners unanimously approved the resolution. Precinct 4 Commissioner Casey Russell abstained.

The Court also unanimously approved a tax abatement agreement with Lazbuddie Wind Energy LLC and its parent company Invenergy located in Denver, Colorado. Precinct 4 Commissioner Casey Russell abstained. The Court was informed that there was a possibility that a 245 megawatt wind farm would be constructed.

The Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Approval was given for payment of the accounts payables as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May. The Commissioners also reviewed the Treasurer's Report and approved the calculated payroll and disbursement for all county employees and elected officials.

Commissioners also accepted a payment for the one acre parcel of land in the NE corner of Parmer County purchased by Caviness. The check was in the amount of \$1000 which was determined to be the "fair market value" of the property.

The Court also discussed County Clerk probate fees and approved the fee schedule that is required by statute.

All meetings are open to the public. The Commissioners Court reserves the right to go into Executive session at any time. Go to parmercounty.org to find meeting agendas. Information in this article is only a summary. Any questions concerning specific actions should be directed to the Court.

**Tour the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum at Night**

The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum will be hosting the crowd favorite Night at PPHM, for one night only from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. on Friday, June 7.

Role players and storytellers will bring PPHM to life to show visitors what life was like on the Panhandle-Plains during several decades in history.

"Night at PPHM is an event where families can come and experience PPHM in the dark!" said Samantha Biffle, Programs Coordinator. "Visitors should come to Night at PPHM because it's truly unique. Only one night a year can you really get to experience PPHM at night and the costumed characters really bring the



building to life." Bring your family and flashlights to enjoy PPHM after dark. Cost is \$10 for adults and PPHM members, \$5 for kids 4-12 and free for kids under 4. Tickets will be sold at the door.

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## Summer Salads

With the summer heat headed our way, this is a great time to enjoy a light and hearty salad. It keeps the kitchen cool and the cleanup is a breeze.

### Broccoli and Bacon Salad

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- Ingredients**
- 3 bunches broccoli, cut into florets (about 10 cups)
  - 1-pound bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
  - 1 cup chopped pecans, toasted
  - 1 cup dried blueberries
  - 1 cup dried cherries
  - 1/4 cup finely chopped red onion

- DRESSING:**
- 1 cup mayonnaise
  - 1/4 cup sugar
  - 1/4 cup cider vinegar

**Directions**  
In a large bowl, combine the first six ingredients. For dressing, in a small bowl, whisk mayonnaise, sugar and vinegar. Pour over broccoli mixture; toss to coat.

### Creamy Avocado Chicken Salad

by Erin Barnett

- Ingredients:**
- 1 cup chicken breast, cooked and shredded
  - 1/4 cup corn
  - 1/4 cup black beans, rinsed and drained
  - 1/4 cup green onions, chopped
  - 1/4 cup tomatoes, diced
  - 1/4 cup cilantro, chopped
  - 2 tablespoons white vinegar
  - 4 tablespoons mayonnaise
  - Salt to taste
  - 2-4 avocados, sliced in half with pits discarded

**Directions:**  
In a medium bowl, toss the chicken breast, corn, black beans, green onions, tomatoes, cilantro, and corn chips together. Add the vinegar and mayonnaise to mixture and toss to coat. Salt to taste. Spoon salad into halved avocados. Serve immediately with a spoon and fork. Enjoy!

### Spinach Salad

By Jeri Lynn White

- Ingredients:**
- Spinach
  - Carrots, chopped or grated
  - Swiss Cheese, grated
  - 2 hardboiled eggs
  - 5 slices of bacon, fried and crumbled
  - 1/4 cup Viva Italian dressing
  - Small can of French-fried onions

**Directions:**  
Prep your ingredients: I like to break the stems off the spinach, but you don't have to do so. Chop your carrots, grate the cheese, boil the eggs, fry the bacon. Then mix all the ingredients together and serve. I add the dressing and the fried onions just before serving.

## City of Friona Emergency Warning System

An outdoor warning system is in place in Friona, Texas. The system uses siren sounds to alert the town to take shelter in the event of an emergency or inclement weather. The city plans to test the system once a month. Friona is dedicated to ensuring everyone knows what to do when they hear the sirens, so we have provided an article about the siren system and the answers below to frequently asked siren questions.



### When are the sirens tested?

The sirens are tested the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. weather permitting. You do not need to take any action during the test. If a severe weather warning is issued for the area on a scheduled test day, the test will be cancelled for that date.

### What should I do during a system test?

You should continue your regular activities during a system test. You do not need to take any special action or seek cover during a test.

### How can I tell the difference between a monthly test and an emergency?

A system test will only take place around 7:00 p.m. the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, and will never last longer than a couple of minutes. In the event of an emergency the sirens will sound continuously until the emergency is over.

### What should I do when I hear the sirens?

If you hear one long tone, that means take cover because severe weather or a tornado is in the immediate area. When you hear the sirens seek shelter immediately. Enter the nearest building and move into interior corridors away from

windows. Close all doors to rooms with windows, and move to the lowest level of the building. If you have a basement, consider welcoming neighbors. Remain inside until the sirens stop and you hear the "all clear" notification. The "all-clear" siren consists of three short sirens.

### What types of emergencies do the sirens indicate?

The sirens indicate emergencies that make it unsafe to be outdoors and require you to seek immediate shelter. The most likely cause of these unsafe outdoor conditions is severe weather.

The sirens are only used for emergencies that impact or present a danger to the city of Friona. For example, the sirens will not be sounded for a tornado watch in Hereford, but they will be sounded if there is a tornado on the ground that has Friona in its forecast path.

*The Friona Volunteer Fire Department has purchased emergency weather radios and will have them available for the public to purchase at a cost of \$30.00 per radio. Anyone interested can contact a Friona Volunteer Fire Fighter or pick one up at 4-Way Pump. Radios will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.*

## State Capital Highlights

By Ed Sterling



### Legislature passes property tax, school finance reform

AUSTIN — While the Memorial Day holiday was observed across Texas, lawmakers stayed busy at the state Capitol, voting on key bills in the final three days of the 86th Texas Legislature's 140-day regular session.

Gov. Greg Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and House Speaker Dennis Bonnen did what they jointly set out to do at the beginning of the session in January. They exercised their leadership skills well enough for the Senate and House to pass property tax reform (Senate Bill 2) and school finance reform (House Bill 3), and to pass a state budget for fiscal years 2020-2021 (House Bill 1).

The Legislature is constitutionally mandated to pass a state budget every two years. HB 1, the state budget rewritten in House Appropriations Committee Chair John Zerwas, R-Richmond, and sponsored by Senate Finance Committee Chair Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, contains \$250.6 billion in spending. The two-year budget is subject to certification by the state comptroller. The governor has until June 16 to sign or veto any bill or veto any line item within HB 1.

SB 2, titled the "Texas Property Tax Reform and Transparency Act of 2019," amends the property tax appraisal and rate-setting processes. Lt. Gov. Patrick called it the first property tax reform in 40 years. "It will provide an average of \$200 in property tax relief this year on a \$250,000 home," Patrick said.

SB 2's main author was Senate Property Tax Committee Chair Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston. House Ways and Means Committee Chair Dustin Burrows, R-Lubbock, sponsored the bill in the House. Bettencourt called SB 2 and HB 3 "astonishing tax relief." SB 2 limits most municipal tax rate increases to 3.5 percent on the \$100 valuation. The current limit is 8.0 percent without a rollback election. However, it will continue to be incumbent upon county appraisal districts and local oversight to control property values.

HB 3, authored by House Public Education Committee Chair Dan Huberty, R-Houston, and sponsored by Senate Education Committee Chair Larry Taylor, R-Friendswood, provides about \$2 billion for pay raises for teachers and other public school employees and reduces local school property tax rates by an estimated 13 cents per \$100 valuation by 2021. The reduction, according to the Senate News Service, will provide more than \$5 billion in property tax relief within two years. Taylor said HB 3 would put \$4.5 billion more into

the classroom and direct more funds toward students with economic disadvantages, those still learning English and those with dyslexia. HB 3 also would create an optional July term for eligible students and full-day, pre-kindergarten programs for students from low-income backgrounds.

### Senate elects pro tempore

Senate State Affairs Committee Chair Joan Huffman, R-Houston, on May 27 was sworn in as the body's president pro tempore for the remainder of the 86th Legislature, which continues until January of 2021.

As president pro tem, Huffman serves as the state's chief executive when both the governor and lieutenant governor are out of the state. She succeeds Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo.

Whitley resigns from office  
Texas Secretary of State David Whitley, the state's chief elections officer, announced his resignation from office on May 27.

Gov. Abbott last December appointed Whitley, but the appointment was subject to confirmation by the Senate. The Senate adjourned sine die on May 27 without voting to confirm him.

In January Whitley issued an advisory on voter registration list maintenance to election officials across Texas. The advisory potentially would have invalidated the voting rights of Texans who were naturalized as citizens and lawfully registered to vote. The Texas League of United Latin American Citizens and others sued Whitley to stop the voter purge. The parties settled in late April when the state agreed to revise its practices.

### One bill out of five passes

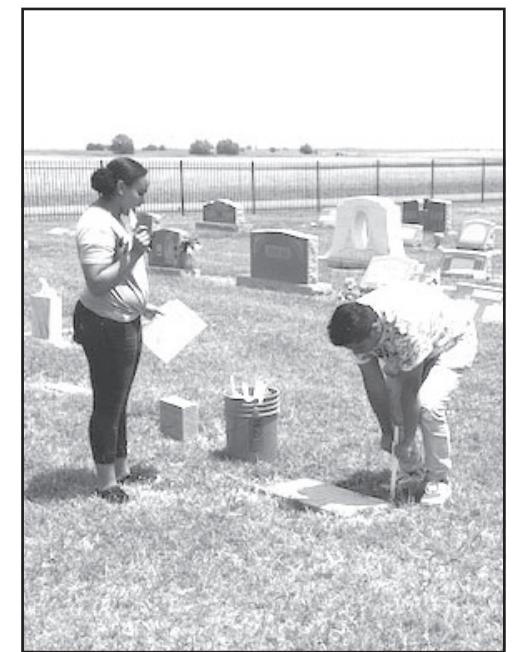
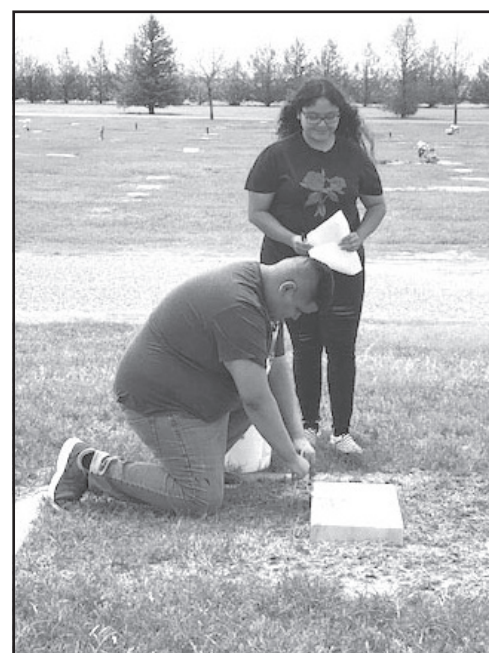
How busy were our lawmakers from Jan. 8 to May 27?

The 150 members of the Texas House and 31 members of the Texas Senate combined filed 7,324 bills proposing, amending or repealing laws in the 140-day legislative session that ended last week. Of the total number of bills, 1,429 passed, resulting in a passage rate of 19.5 percent.

The 2019 Legislature's output of bills seems high, and it was. The last time more bills were filed in a regular legislative session happened was 10 years ago, during the 81st Texas Legislature in 2009. Then, the House and Senate filed a combined total of 7,419 bills and passed 1,459 or 19.7 percent.

To learn how a bill becomes a law, visit: <https://tlc.texas.gov/docs/legref/legislativeprocess.pdf>

## FHS Band help remember those who served



Last week, before the Memorial Day holiday, FHS Band members put crosses at the graves of veterans buried in the Friona Cemetery. It was their way of recognizing those individuals who have served their country in the armed forces.





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Daughter of Jesus and Francisca Sanchez



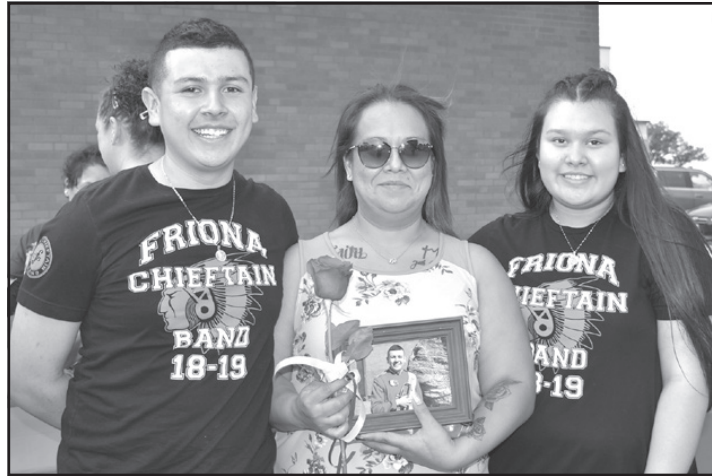
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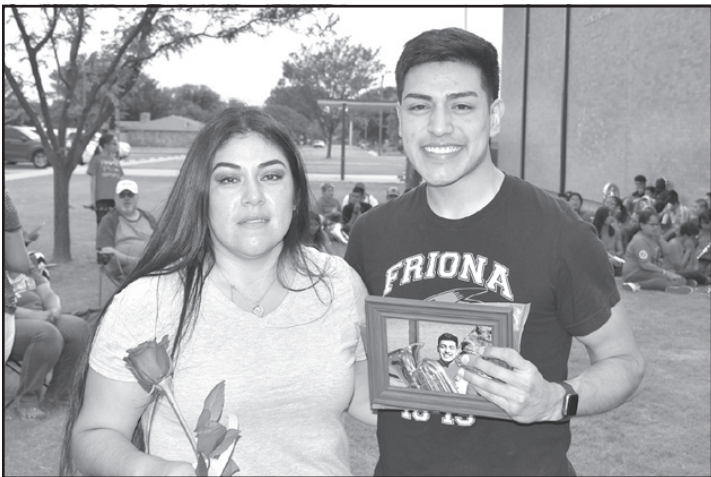
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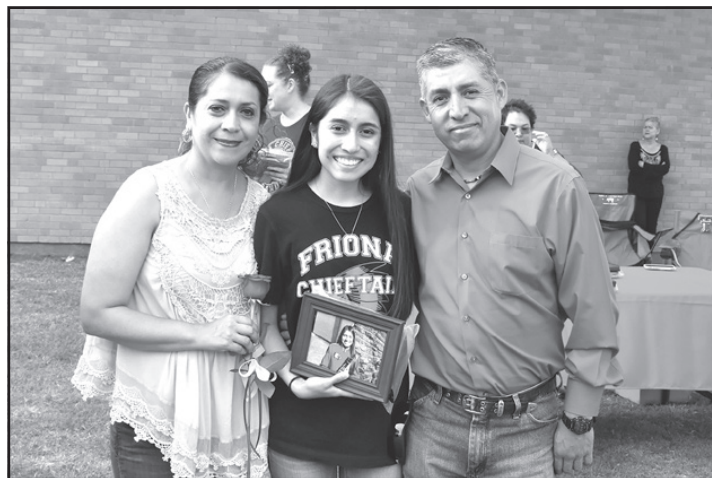
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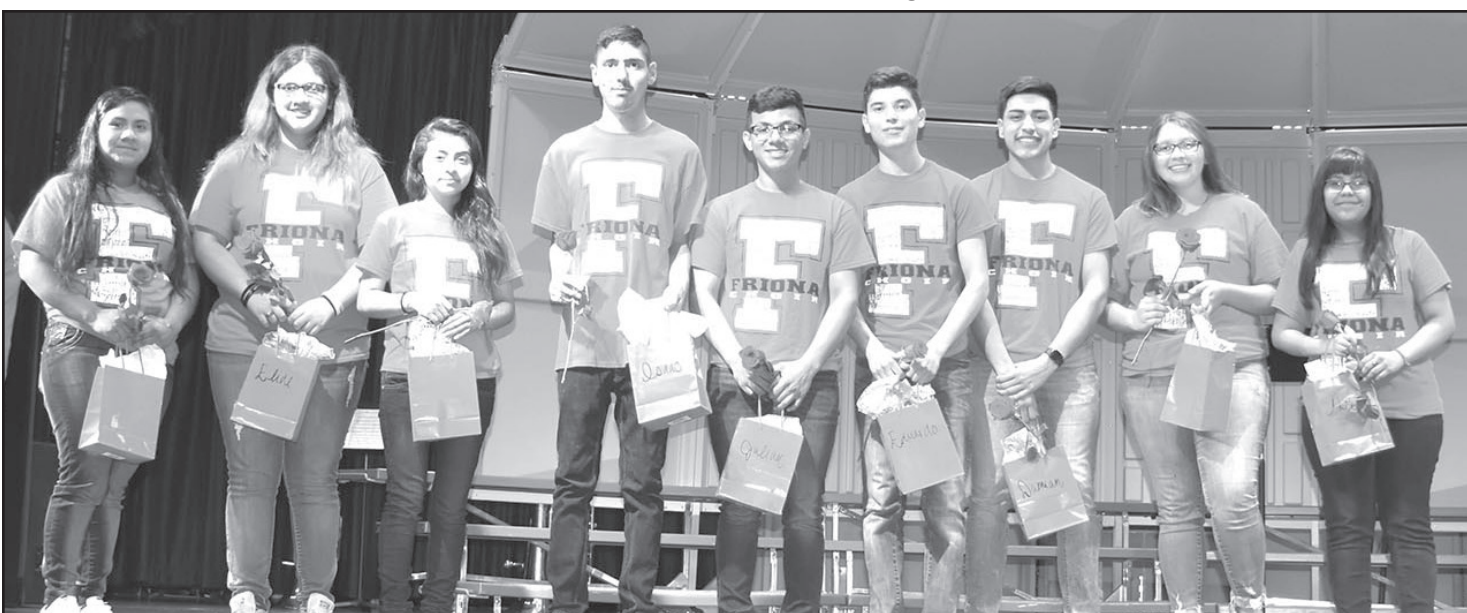
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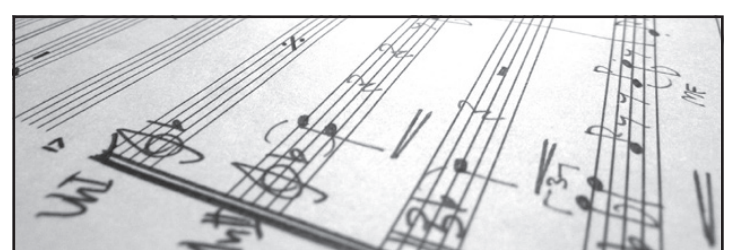


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Daughter of Maria Flores



**FHS Choir Seniors (l-r) Glendy Primero de la Cruz, Elide Alarcon Aviles, Angelica de la Cruz Raymundo, Isaac Cigarroa, Julian Cruz, Eduardo Guaderrama, Damian Santiago, Angel Valencia, Melissa Ojeda**

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**Drought conditions**

- 0% now
- 0% a week ago
- 7% three months ago
- 41% a year ago

Intensity

- D0 abnormally dry
- D1 drought - moderate
- D2 drought - severe
- D3 drought - extreme
- D4 drought - exceptional

Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor

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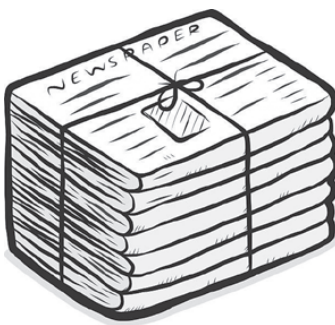
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The City will open up the roll-off box this Saturday, June 8th from 10:00am - 3:00pm. Please come by to dump those items that don't belong in your dumpster and do your part to help Keep Friona Clean!



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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