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Class of 2025 Graduates

It was a packed house last Friday evening at Chieftain Field as the Friona High School Class of 2025 received their diplomas which signified the end of a 13-year educational journey and launched them into the next the phase of their lives. Attendees enjoyed ideal weather conditions as they watched FHS junior class ushers Maddox Ashlock, Aurora Bolanos, Aubree Bunker, Thomas Cook, Stephanie Cruz, Jameson Daniels, Yaselene Faudoa, Mario Garcia, Avram Hernandez, Emily Ibarra, Brice Jeter, and Merary Salinas guide the soon-to-be graduates onto the field.

Nicholas Gutierrez and Odalis Faudoa Benavente gave the Invocation and Owen McGaughy led the Pledge of Allegiance. High School Principal Erika Montana welcomed family and friends to the graduation program and introduced Salutatorian Kitzy Welch and Valedictorian Sophia Leon before each gave their commencement address.

FHS Counselor Matt Tucker introduced each member of the Class of 2025 as they made their way across the stage at midfield to receive their diploma. Friona Independent School District Board of Trustees members Marla Hart, Dustin Thompson, Jeri Lynn White, Jason Rector, Wade Schueler, John Jarecki, Sawyer Osborn, and former board member Antonio Rocha alternated presenting the diplomas.

Principal Montana presented the FHS Class of 2025 to FISD Superintendent Daniel Rosales and informed the class that they could now move their tassels from the right side to the left side of their caps signifying their new status as graduates. After Marilyn Antonio Cho and Deysy Garcia gave the Benediction, caps flew in the air and friends and family made their way to the field for hugs, handshakes, and photos.

See more graduation photos at frionaonline.com

Remembering Our Veterans

A big Thank You to band directors Mr. Rackley and Mr. Monk and band boosters for placing the white crosses with American flags at the headstones of the veterans at rest in the Friona Cemetery. It takes a couple of hours to place all of the markers and another two hours to gather them up. Please let them know that you appreciate their hard work and that it wouldn't be Memorial Day without the crosses & flags recognizing those who have served our country and protected our freedoms.

Large Turnout for Cemetery Cleanup Day

A large group of volunteers assembled last Thursday for the Friona Cemetery Association's annual cleanup day. A light breeze made the working conditions pleasant and it did not take long to have the cemetery looking spotless. Early rains this year had the grass and trees a more vivid green than in years past.

In the photo — Josh and Scott Campbell, sons of Stephen & Debra Campbell, are shown cleaning their aunt Sarah's and uncle Dustin's headstones during the cleanup while grandma Holly supervised.

2025 City of Friona Swimming Pool Staff — **Back Row:** Abasai Torres, Stephanie Cruz, Kitzy Welch, William Husted, Eden Mills, Reese Steelman; **Front Row:** Amberly Madrid, Pool Assistant Manager JJ Trevino, Pool Manager Malachi Torres, Pool Cashiers Leslie Ortiz and Kayden Rejino

The pool opens Saturday, June 7th

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May 29
• Beans and Cornbread @ Thursday Noon Meal

June 4
• Library Book Shop at 618 Euclid is open from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

June 5
• Color My World Magic Show @ 10 a.m. at Friona Public Library

June 7
• Swimming Pool Opens
• Roll-Off Trash Boxes Open

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State Capital Highlights

By Gary Borders

Less than a week remains in legislative session

With the legislative session ending on Monday, June 2, lawmakers are scrambling to pass or kill bills, the Austin American-Statesman reported. Among the bills passed or likely to soon pass:

• All handgun licenses issued in other states will be honored in Texas if, as expected, Gov. Greg Abbott signs the measure. This would end the requirement that the governor must negotiate agreements with other states.

• The Texas Bitcoin Reserve with a market capitalization of at least $500 billion will be created and administered by the Texas comptroller. The two chambers must work out some minor differences in the two versions of the bill.

• A bill providing more protections for migrant workers being forced to live in substandard housing has been sent to the governor's desk. The powers of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs will be strengthened to investigate and penalize "violations of provisions governing migrant labor housing facilities and by providing for increased accountability and enforcement of those provisions."

• A bill to outlaw AI-generated child pornography has passed both chambers with a single House amendment awaiting approval by the Senate. It criminalizes possession of material appearing to depict a child, "regardless of whether the depiction is an image of an actual child, a cartoon or animation, or an image created using an artificial intelligence application or other computer software."

House passes increase in homestead exemption

Homeowners will see further cuts in their property taxes under a House bill passed last week that increases the state's homestead exemption from $100,000 to $140,000 and boosts additional exemptions for older Texans and those with disabilities from $10,000 to $60,000. The Dallas Morning News reported the bills have already passed in the Senate and await consideration of minor changes.

Voters in November will have to approve two constitutional amendments before the raised exemptions would take effect.

The measures contain provisions guaranteeing that school districts would not lose funding because of higher exemptions, with the state making up the difference.

Ban on THC gummies and other consumables passes House

Legal sales of consumable gummies and other edibles made from hemp-derived tetrahydrocannabinol — or THC, the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana, may soon be coming to an end. The News reported the House passed a blanket ban, 95-44. Under the leadership of Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who is pushing for criminalizing THC products, the Senate passed the ban in March.

Hemp products that don't include THC, such as the popular CBD, would be exempted from the ban.

There are more than 8,500 hemp license holders in the state, operating in vape stores, convenience stores, and other venues. Sales of THCA and delta-8 consumables, which contain THC, have become a $8 billion business in the past five years, The News reported.

"We are not banning hemp," said Rep. Tom Oliverson, R-Cypress, who carried the ban language in the House. "We are banning high. If it gets you high, it is not legal anymore" under this legislation, he added.

Democrats argued against the ban, saying it won't be effective.

"Bans don't work," said Rep. Rafael Anchía, D-Dallas. "We'll return to a completely unregulated black market where these products will find their way to young people today. If anybody's to blame about the state of affairs, it's us, in underregulating this marketplace."

The ban would not affect those who obtain medical marijuana legally. The state's Compassionate Use Program is administered by health professionals.

Bill clarifying abortion ban heads to Abbott

A bill that aims to clarify when doctors can perform emergency abortions has passed both chambers and is headed to the governor's desk, the Texas Standard reported. The Life of the Mother Act was sponsored by state Sen. Bryan Hughes, R-Mineola, who authored the state's 2021 abortion ban.

The 2021 law said abortions are illegal except when a medical emergency threatens a woman's life, but doctors said the language wasn't clear enough. Previous reporting indicates that confusion led to the deaths of at least two women and rising rates of sepsis in women who have miscarriages.

"This is not a choice bill," said Rep. Charlie Geren, R-Fort Worth, who carried the bill in the House. "This bill addresses the life and health of the mother — period. That's it."

SB 31 received bipartisan support this session and passed the House by a 134-4 margin.

'Big Beautiful Bill' contains border enforcement reimbursement

The Republican spending megabill passed narrowly in the U.S. House last week includes $12 billion for border security spending reimbursement for Texas and other states, The Texas Tribune reported. Abbott and Texas congressional Republicans have been pushing for the reimbursement since President Trump took office in January.

Texas has spent $11.1 billion on Operation Lone Star since 2021.

The funding bill still must pass the U.S. Senate before it becomes law.

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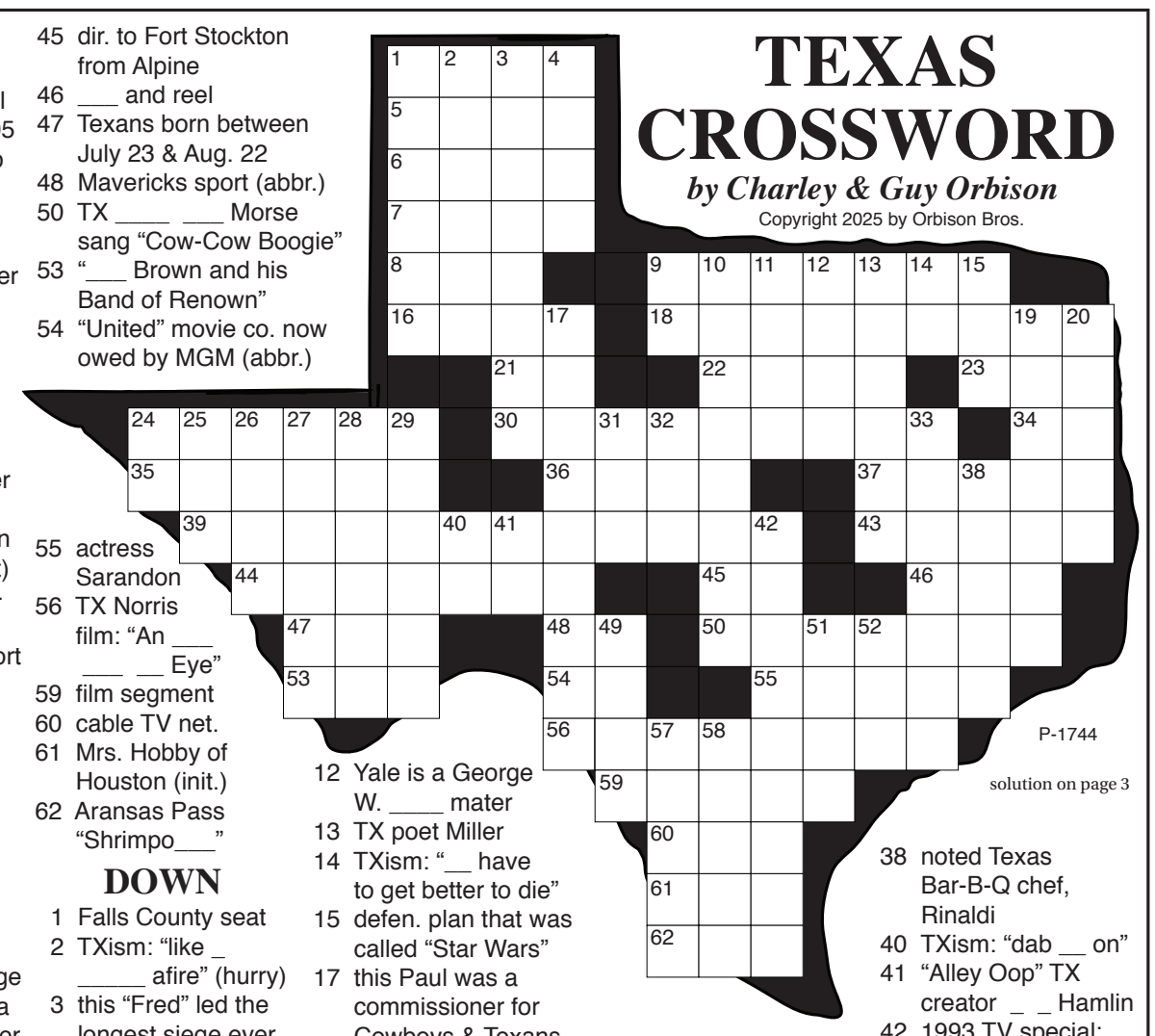

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1 UT coach Brown who won a national championship, 2005
5 TXism: "at the drop of _ ___"
6 this Calhoun was in "Red Sundown" with TX Martha Hyer
7 TXism: "liquid ____" (perfume)
8 TX Sly's "Everybody __ _ Star"
9 seat of Jeff Davis County (2 wds.)
16 TXism: "kicked over a hornet's ____"
18 TXism: "top rung on ___ _____" (best)
21 21st governor, Culbertson (1895-99)
22 TXism: "he has short ____ and deep pockets" (frugal)
23 late TX "Turtle Lady" Loetscher
24 _____ City, TX
30 UT has large collection of this poet
34 "yes" south of the border
35 this Eliseo went on 1983 killing rampage in the Houston area
36 film song: "Whatever ____ Wants"
37 Jones County seat
39 Cowboys are in the NFC ____ _____
43 dinner breads or classy car
44 Robert Blake detective series (1975-78)
45 dir. to Fort Stockton from Alpine
46 ___ and reel
47 Texans born between July 23 & Aug. 22
48 Mavericks sport (abbr.)
50 TX ____ ___ Morse sang "Cow-Cow Boogie"
53 "___ Brown and his Band of Renown"
54 "United" movie co. now owed by MGM (abbr.)
55 actress Sarandon
56 TX Norris film: "An ___ ___ __ Eye"
59 film segment
60 cable TV net.
61 Mrs. Hobby of Houston (init.)
62 Aransas Pass "Shrimpo___"

DOWN

1 Falls County seat
2 TXism: "like _ _____ afire" (hurry)
3 this "Fred" led the longest siege ever in a Texas prison
4 apt radio station in Tye, TX?
9 __ Worth (abbr.)
10 TXism: "busier ____ _ ___-armed paper hanger"
11 TXism for "darn"
12 Yale is a George W. ____ mater
13 TX poet Miller
14 TXism: "__ have to get better to die"
15 defen. plan that was called "Star Wars"
17 this Paul was a commissioner for Cowboys & Texans
19 Spanish newspaper: "__ ___ __ Texas"
20 Emory's county
24 TX Jim Reeves' "__ I Losing You?"
25 famous TX case: ___ v. Wade
26 Gulf crustacean or an ol' grouch
27 TXism: "___ ___ beer and no foam"
28 chicken fried steak
29 cowboy exhibitions
31 Mexican "two"
32 UT grad Wallach
33 TX George H.W.'s general: _ _____ Schwarzkopf
38 noted Texas Bar-B-Q chef, Rinaldi
40 TXism: "dab __ on"
41 "Alley Oop" TX creator _ _ Hamlin
42 1993 TV special: "Willie _____: ___ Big Six-0"
49 "____ at the moon"
51 fake fish bait
52 TXism: "crooked __ _ barrel of snakes"
57 Odessa's county
58 TXism: "_____ talk" (gossip)

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Susie Spring, County Clerk

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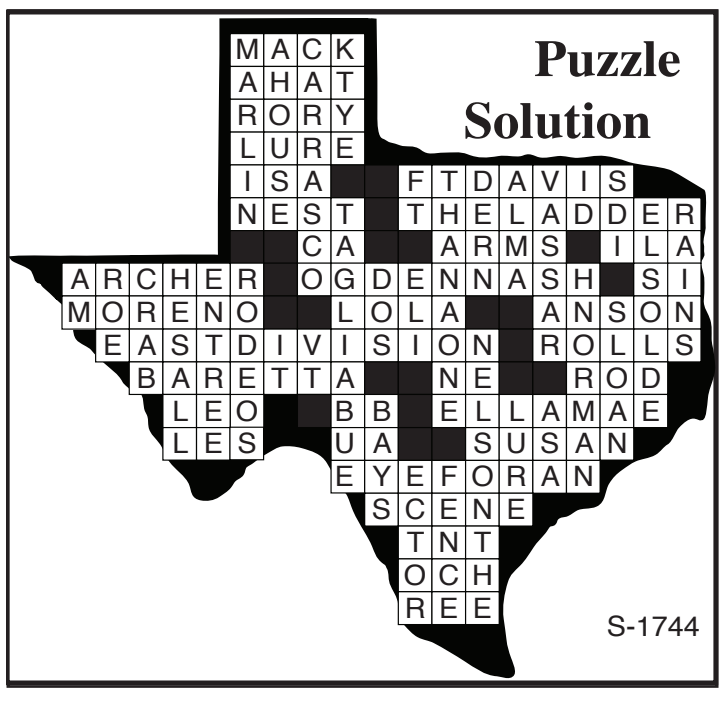

Town Talk

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Magic Extravaganza — The Friona Public Library's summer reading program continues next Thursday, June 5th, with the Color My World Magic Show. The event will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Friona Public Library. See ad on page 2.

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Summer Meals — Friona ISD is providing summer meals for kids every Monday through Friday at the Elementary cafeteria beginning May 27th and running through June 30th. See ads below.

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Coming Soon — In the next few weeks the Friona Star will have photos and coverage of the events that were sandwiched in the final days of May before graduation. They will include the FFA Banquet, Band & Choir Spring Concerts, and the FISD Teacher & Staff Awards Dinner. Also, we will have memories of the 1985 tornado which hit Friona 30 years ago. Stay tuned.

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National Egg Day is Tuesday — Eggs are a nutrient-rich food that has gone back and forth with science and nutritionists over the decades with people asking how many eggs are too many for a healthy diet. Whatever the decision is this year, we know one egg provides an excellent source of protein and vitamin D. At 75 calories and 5 grams of fat, it's an easy choice to satisfy hunger, too. Five Eggcelent Facts: (1) About 100 billion eggs are produced by American egg farmers each year. (2) Fresh eggs are hard to peel. (3) The average American consumes about 285 eggs a year. (4) Egg shells can have more than 17,000 pores. (5) Storing eggs upside down makes them last longer.

The Four Dales — This photo contains four generations of "Dales". Seated is Dale Hart. Behind him and to his right is his son Jeremy Dale Hart. To his left is grandson Stephen Dale Campbell. On his lap is great grandson Timothy Dale Bass.

National Days
May 29:
Paperclip Day
May 30:
Water A Flower Day
May 31: Smile Day
June 1:
Go Barefoot Day
June 2 : Egg Day
June 3: Repeat Day
June 4: Cheese Day

Your 2025-26 FISD Board of Trustees — (l-r) Sawyer Osborn, Dustin Thompson, Vice President; Jeri Lynn White, Secretary; Marla Hart, President; Wade Schueler, Jason Rector, and John Jarecki.

Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

National Egg Month

Embark on a culinary adventure with this delightful recipe for Eggs Ranchero Supreme. This dish brings together the freshest ingredients and the boldest flavors of traditional Mexican cuisine, and a great recipe to celebrate National Egg Month.

Eggs Ranchero Supreme

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Ingredients

4 Roma Tomatoes
1 Serrano Chili
1/8 Onion
2 Garlic Cloves
1/2 cup Refried Pinto Beans
8 Corn Tortillas
1 cup Sargento® Shredded Monterrey Jack Cheese
8 large Eggs
4 tbsp. Cilantro, chopped
Vegetable Oil
Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

Salsa: Heat a skillet on medium high heat for 5 minutes. Place tomatoes, chili, onion and garlic, turning occasionally until skins are lightly charred, remove from heat and place in blender or food processor, pulse until you obtain a sauce with a chunky consistency. Season with salt and pepper to taste and reserve covered to keep warm.

Quesadilla: Take 4 tortillas and spread 2 tbsp of re-fried beans on top of each one, sprinkle the cheese on top of the four tortillas with beans, top each tortilla with beans and cheese with another tortilla. Heat ½ tbsp. of oil in a skillet on medium heat and fry each "bean quesadilla" on both sides until lightly browned, and until cheese is melted. Remove from heat and reserve.

Eggs: Crack 2 eggs at a time, and fry sunny side up in 1 tbsp of hot oil, season with salt to taste.

Assembly: Place each bean quesadilla on a dish, top with enough ranchero salsa to cover the egg whites (do not cover the yolks), sprinkle with freshly chopped cilantro and serve. Enjoy!

Happy Birthday

May 29
William Husted
Evelyn Mars
Kim (Barnett) Martz

May 30
Milon Dixon
Ben Weatherly
Andrea (Geries) King
Valencia Meier
Bobby Davis
Kim Hofferichter
Ron Colwell
Brent Lewis
Shasta (Copley) Baxter
Shirley Wise

May 31
Blaire Herring
Judith Dennis

June 1
Pam Mercado

June 2
Tonda Clark
Brian Carrol Huddleston
Chaz Silva
Abelardo Gonzalez
Liliana Palacios

June 3
D'Lynn Jamerson
George Frye
Kyle Grimsley
Cara Speer
Kiley Gibson
Terri Cummings Zerfas
Cindy King
Fabiola Dominguez
Miranda Pina
Kayla Alexander
Logan Stewart
Jennifer Martinez

June 4
Pam Hamilton
Jesse Allen
Tara Kendrick
Jackson Reeve Fluck
Angelina Gonzalez
Kyle Lambert

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THANK YOU

The Friona Cemetery Association would like to thank all of the volunteers who participated in the cleanup day last Thursday at the cemetery. All donations are greatly appreciated and essential to maintain the cemetery's appearance. The goal this year is to extend the north section of the fence to the east in order to enclose the new portion of the cemetery.

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Friona Flashbacks

From the Friona Star Archives

THE TOP ten graduates for the Class of 2005 were, clockwise from left: Trisha Winebrinner, Misty Adams, Erandy Lara, Guadalupe Estrada, Lucy Rios, Andrea Geries, Brenda Murphree, Kristin Butman. The boys in the middle are, l-r, Matt Gammon and Tyler Jameson. Dana D. Jameson photo. *(Friona Star, Thursday, May 26, 2005)*

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Shin Getters

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

Receiver hitches are an amazing invention. It allows you to change your hitch set up with very little effort. You can buy all sorts of stingers (the part that has the trailer ball on it). They can be very useful if you are pulling various types of trailers. They can also remind you where your shin is when you forget they are there. Apparently, I do not have any fat on my shins. It is amazing as to how quickly I remember it is there only wishing I had remembered 5 seconds prior to contact with the fatless shin. Once a shin getter gets you, there is a cycle of emotions. It begins with a pain that causes your eyes to water and your mouth to shout something encouraging, hopefully your mouth shouts something encouraging, right? Then your emotions move through, well, motion as you hop around on one leg. Then anger follows as you now know why the inventor named them stingers. Finally, calm sets in and you get back to doing what you are doing when the shin getter gets the other SHIN! It is at this point you attempt to rip the whole apparatus out from under your pickup to no avail.

Life has shin getters too and they do sting. They do not rise to the level of tragedy or heart break; they are not devastating like major problems. They are the everyday sort of thing that gets your attention. Learning to take control of these little inconvenient moments is part of our growth as His children. This is easy to say sitting at a computer, not so easy to practice while holding a fatless shin in pain. These moments, although a bit painful, can also be called education. If I learn from those moments, then I am better for it. It doesn't mean something else won't get me later, but it is often through experience that we gain knowledge and knowledge used well is wisdom, and that shows maturity. Paul talks about what it looks like when we are Spirit filled. Go read Galatians 5:22-23. Notice self-control is listed. Ouch!

So if you see me wearing soccer shin guards, don't worry. I am not playing soccer, just hooking up a trailer or getting something out of my pickup.

Look, Seek, Ask

By Teena Hughs

Last week, Feller and l went on an Alaskan cruise with his brother, a cousin, and their wives. We left from Seattle on Sunday afternoon and Monday morning, the waters were rough, and l fell and broke my left ankle.

Every year l pick a verse of Scripture or a prayer to send everyone l send a birthday card. This year l selected 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in everything; for this is God's will in Christ Jesus for you." When l chose this verse, l didn't know l was going to have to depend on it for myself.

It's difficult to rejoice when you are on the trip of a lifetime and you're in pain and have to have help with everything you need. But l did find that looking at the good things that came from my week made me thankful.

I got to see the good in people. One man called 911 for me. A lady from New York went to get Feller, and she got ice for my ankle. I don't know how many people stopped to offer help. One lady made me laugh when she stopped, looked me up and down, and said, "That sucks!!!" and I had to agree with her!

I received good, quick medical care from the ship's doctor and nurses.

We had a room big enough so l could navigate with a wheelchair and walker, but l never could manage that four-inch step up into the bathroom without Feller's help.

Needless to say, l am most thankful for Feller who did everything to make me comfortable and provide everything l needed. I was glad he had already visited Juneau and Sitka, but I am sorry he didn't get to go into Ketchikan and Victoria.

I am thankful the other two ladies with us found my favorite drink, Dr. Pepper! I really didn't need anything else when l got some DP!!!

I am also thankful for the men who cleaned our room twice a day and delivered our meals to us. I am thankful for the television in our room; Feller and l watched many movies, something we seldom do. I am thankful l took letters to write, Olen Mack's Christmas stocking to needlepoint, and my Bible so l could keep up with my summer reading.

When l started this cruise, l wanted two things: l wanted to see God's creation, and l wanted to meet people. While I didn't get to meet many people, l did get to see God's creation, and it did not disappoint. We saw different colors of water, snow-capped mountains, glaciers, a whale, bald eagles, islands, and acres and acres of trees. Without a doubt, there is a God, and He is our Creator!!!

I did pray a lot, especially when l was in pain. Since l DREADED the trip home, I divided the day up into different prayers. I prayed for us to get off the ship safely; we would get to the airport, get a wheelchair, get to our gate, get on the plane, somehow keep my foot elevated; get off the plane safely; get to our vehicle ; get home safely. God answered every one of those prayers!!! All l could say was THANK YOU, JESUS!!!

It's easy to get down when your plans don't go as you expect, but rejoicing, thanking God, and praying do make a difference. God is with us in the good and bad times. He wants to heal us and provide everything we need. I have an appointment with an orthopedist tomorrow, and l didn't even have to get a referral! He is taking care of me! I just have to look for Him, seek Him and ask Him!

Caregivers Meet Each Month

As we all grow older, we are faced with many challenges caring for elderly parents, our spouses, and other family members as they face difficult times. Sharing lessens the burdens.

Legacy Pointe will host a Caregivers Meeting on Friday, June 6. The event will take place in the Dining/Event Room. Legacy Pointe is located at 1500 N. Main in Friona.

Coffee and donuts will be served at 9:30 a.m. and the program will begin at 10:00 a.m. Programs are designed to support individuals who are currently caregivers or might become caregivers in the near future.

Bluebonnet Home Health and Hospice is the event sponsor. For more information you can call Rhonda at (806) 247-0057. She would be happy to provide the resources you might need in your caregiving journey.

Invite a friend and please share this information with others!

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Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

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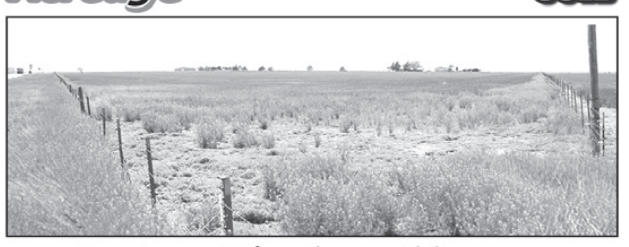
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Obituaries

Curtis Smith

Church service for Curtis Smith, age 78, of Muleshoe, Texas, was held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at Muleshoe Church of Christ with Mike McDonald of Lubbock, Texas officiating. Burial was in Bailey County Cemetery. Curtis died Saturday, May 24, 2025 in Lubbock. He was born September 17, 1946 in Paducah, Texas to Paul and Beatrice (Thompson) Smith. He married Lela Ann Crawford in Hamlin, Texas on June 12, 1964.

Curtis was a Master barber for 60 years, with over 54 years in Muleshoe at the Sanitary Barber Shop. He loved his job, the community and his customers. Curtis was an Elder of the Muleshoe Church of Christ, where he was a member, a Bible scholar and a Sunday School teacher for many years. Curtis and Lela Ann made many lifelong friends through their church. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. For Curtis, family was everything. He traveled thousands of miles to watch his grandkids and great-grandkids in everything they participated in. Curtis loved sports, was an avid golfer, and he maintained a yard that second to none. He was a very active member of the Muleshoe Jaycees organization in his younger years. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Curtis is survived by his wife of over 60 years, Lela Ann; his two daughters, Dana Rasco and her husband, Wes of Muleshoe, Texas and Stacy Foster and her husband, Kyle of Lubbock, Texas; three brothers, Paul Smith of Dallas, Texas, Everett Smith of Abilene, Texas and Glendell Smith of Weatherford, Texas; his four grandchildren, Shani Burris, Jenna Hunt, Kaitlin Bennett and Cole Foster; and his three great-grandchildren, Clayton Nichols, Jaylee Hunt and Jacelyn Hunt.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Muleshoe Church of Christ Memorial Fund, PO Box 753, Muleshoe, Texas or the American Diabetes Association, PO Box 7023, Merrifield, Virginia, 22116. Online condolences may be made at www.ellisfuneralhomes.com.

Katherine Rogers Smith

Matthew 25:23
Well done, good and faithful servant;

Katherine Rogers Smith passed from her earthly home in Friona, Texas, into her Heavenly reward on May 23, 2025, having packed much into 105 years of life well lived. She was born February 8, 1920. She was listening to 10000 Angels and Great is Thy Faithfulness as she left this earthly body.

Her graveside service will be Saturday, June 21, 2025, at 10:30 AM at Friona Cemetery with Pastor Jeff Procter and Mendez and Mullins Family Funeral Home of Hereford, Texas.

She grew up in Ochiltree County of the Texas Panhandle and upon graduation lived in Amarillo until she met and married her husband Hoyt in 1939. They built a home 15 miles NW of Friona where they farmed and lived with their four children near other Smith families. In 1956 Hoyt built his family a home in Friona as they became more involved with church and school activities. Friona and the Methodist church always held a special place in her heart.

After their daughter Linda's death in 1991 and Hoyt's in 1996, Katherine lived an independent life until 2006 when she made the decision to move to Kings Manor Retirement Home in Hereford. She made friends easily and stayed involved helping and encouraging others. When Kings Manor closed, she moved to a lovely retirement home in Dimmitt, Country View Living, where special friends had moved. In 2023, she broke a hip and wanted to move and rehab at Friona's Prairie Acres Nursing Home, where she renewed friendships with many from her past. She was blessed by caring care givers, family, and great friends, old & new, in each of her "new homes". She loved change in her life and was known to have an exceptional memory.

She was an amazing woman in a lot of ways. As a teenager she won the broad jump at the Amarillo Sandies Relays. In her 40s and 50s she never missed a Chieftain football game. In later years she enjoyed working at Camp New Dawn in Ceta Canyon and traveling with a group from Friona State Bank going to Austria, Switzerland, Germany, & Italy. She went white water river rafting in Canada, and climbed to the snow line on Mt. Hood in her 80s and 90s. She loved to "go" and "do". She enjoyed spending fun times with her grandchildren including baby & teenage sitting with them for their parents. She joined in riding their "hot wheels", snow sledding, Indian leg wrestling, going down water slides, and attending their games, activities, weddings, and watching their families grow. She was known to wear a tee shirt stating, "This is not my first rodeo"!

She lived life to its fullest, was loved by many and will be missed by those whose lives she touched. Many touched hers! Special people are too numerous to mention!

Those in her family left with memories of her include: her daughter Adelle Clements, Hereford; sons Mike and wife Debbie Smith, Nocona; and Danny and wife Adabeth Smith, Friona. Grandchildren include: Brett, Chad, Robin; Melissa, Jenifer; Dana, Steven, Amy; great-grandchildren are Kyndall, Griffen; Alex, Cade; Lauren, Luke, Landry; Hunter, Ashton; Riley, Emma; Jordan; Kirstie, Daniel; Tara; and two great-great granddaughters, Violet and Iris! Also added to her family through the years were loved Inlaws: Julie, Casey, Travis; Eudon; Ron, Tammy, Kris, and Jake.

The family appreciates your remembrances and suggests memorials to the Methodist Church,

or a church/nursing home/charity meaningful to you.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2
For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die

Earl Lester Quintana

Earl Lester Quintana, 67 of Bovina, Texas passed away on May 19, 2025 in Amarillo, Texas surrounded by his family and friends. Viewing was held on Friday May 23, 2025 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina. Rosary Services for Earl began at 7:00 PM. Mass of Christian Burial Services were held at 10:00 AM on Saturday May 24, 2025 at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Father Sotero Sena as Celebrant. Burial in the Bovina Cemetery followed and arrangements were entrusted to HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Earl was born on October 28, 1957, to Petrolino Quintana and Celina Gurule. He married the love of his life, Celia Ortiz on July 13, 1975 in Bovina, Texas. They have three children, Charlotte (Izzy) Marrufo of Bovina, Texas; Joshua (Amanda) Quintana of Lubbock, Texas; and Trent (Stephanie) Quintana of Bovina, Texas. He has nine grandchildren, Andrew (Marielena) Marrufo, J.C. Marrufo, J.J. (Kayla) Marrufo, Jadon (Hope) Quintana, Anay Quintana, Michael Quintana, Lilly Quintana, Braylon Quintana, and Grayson Quintana. He also has four Great Grandchildren, Damian Marrufo, Sofia Marrufo, Adalynn Marrufo, and Julianna Marrufo. Last but not least his two adopted cats Charlie and Theodore.

Earl dedicated 40½ years to Cargill Meat Solutions in Friona, Texas, where he was a superintendent, retiring in 2015. He was an active volunteer at the Bovina Fire Department for 21 years, where he served as an assistant chief for the past ten years. In raising his children, he volunteered countless hours for the Youth Baseball and Basketball Leagues, he also had a huge impact implementing the Cargill feed during Mustang football season. Earl had many hobbies that he enjoyed over his lifetime, baseball, softball, golfing, playing pool, snow skiing, water skiing, carpentry, and gambling. Earl was the rock, heart, soul, and foundation of his family. They were always what he was the most proud of. No event to big or small, he was always in the crowd. Earl touched so many people in his lifetime, his love was contagious and had no boundaries. You could be a stranger, employee, co-worker, friend, brother, sister, cousin, nephew, niece, or grandkid; his love was unconditional. Earl would give the shirt off his back, the food off his plate to anyone.

He is predeceased by his parents, brother Raymond Quintana, nephew Wilfred Salas, his father and mother in-law, Ireneo and Altagracia Ortiz, brother-in-law's Andrew Ortiz and Eddie Ortiz, and nephews Michael Ortiz and Thomas Ortiz.

He is survived by his wife, children, grandchildren, his brother Manuel (Sheryl) Quintana, sister Velma Quintana (Bruce McCoy), sister Ina (Craig) Carey, sister-in law Rebecca Quintana, brother-in-law Noel (Susie) Ortiz, sister-in-law Delia (Ben) Cantu, sister-in-law Carol Ortiz and numerous nephews and nieces.

You may send memorial donations to the Bovina Fire Department PO Box 720 Bovina, Texas 79009 or the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Amarillo at 1501 Streit Dr. Amarillo, Texas 79106. You may also send blessings to the family and sign the online guest book exclusively at: hansardfamily.com

Jesus Gonzalez

Jesus Gonzalez, 60 of Dickinson, formerly of Friona passed away May 15, 2025 in Dickinson. Viewing will be held Tuesday, June 3, 2025 from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM with prayer services at 6:00 PM in the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel of the funeral home. Cremation and arrangements are entrusted to HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Jesus was born December 30, 1964, in Hereford, Texas to Reynaldo and Francisca Alvarado Gonzalez. Jesus was a gourmet chef and enjoyed cooking very much. He was an avid fan of the Dallas Cowboys, OSU, and of course, the Friona Chieftains. He had much love for his family, all animals, especially his cats, and Classic rock music.

Jesus is preceded in death by his father-Reynaldo Gonzalez and by a sister-Rachel Gonzalez.

Those to mourn his passings include his mother-Frances Gonzalez of Friona, 3 sisters-Minda Doyle Gonzalez and husband Matthew of Rio Rancho, N.M., Carolyn Maurer and Paul Garza and Leola Gonzalez and Marisol Avalos, all of Friona, and nephews-David Doyle of Denver, CO., Jimmy Baskin and wife Alexandria of Cabbot, AR., Issac Summerlin of Lubbock, and Francisco Summerlin of Portugal.

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The Parmer County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for the

2026 fiscal year. The Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 17th at 5:30 p.m. at the Parmer County

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A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget is $829,549.00.

The total amount of increase over the current year's budget is $37,343.00.

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be 4.

The number of employees under the current budget is 4.

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the Parmer County Appraisal District Board of Directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, and cities served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for the public inspection at the Parmer County Appraisal District Office.

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