

## BHS Outstanding Seniors Announced

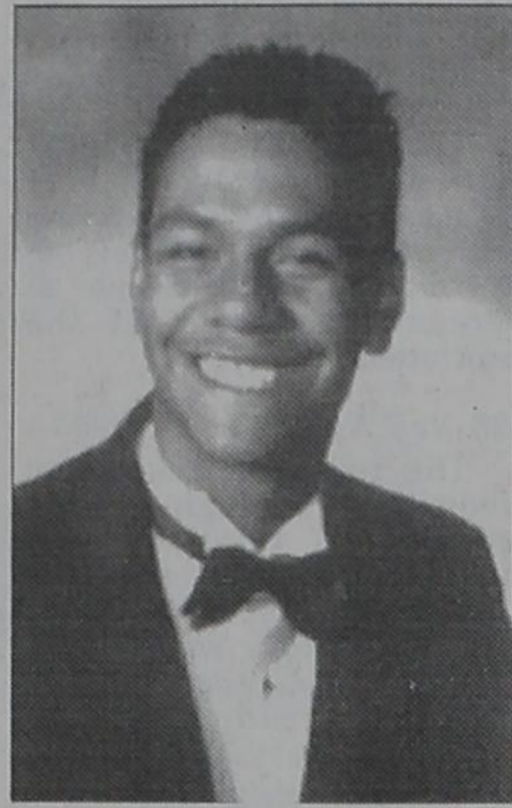
The following seniors were selected as the outstanding Seniors for school year 2001-2002 by the faculty of Bovina High School. The selections were based on character, academic achievement, leadership, attitude, cooperation, and participation. These students are designated as being all-around top students.

Students named by the faculty are: Rocio Antillon, David Garcia, April Martinez, Jeremy Ortiz, Kelcey Scroggins, and Christen Stowers.

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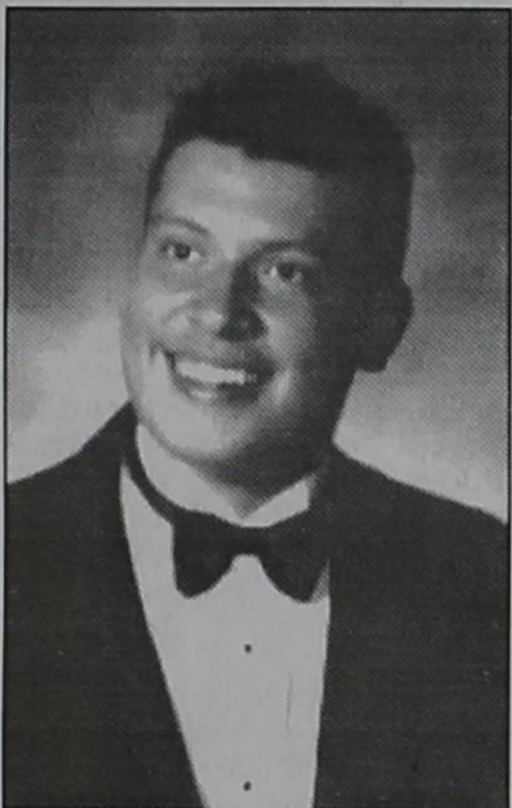
ROCIO ANTILLON



DAVID GARCIA



APRIL MARTINEZ



JEREMY ORTIZ



KELCEY SCROGGINS



CHRISTEN STOWERS

## Bear Appears In Rhea Community

A black bear, weighing an estimated 200 pounds, wandered into the Rhea community last Sunday morning, and managed to become "holed up" in an elevator storage tank at Sherley-Anderson Grain's Rhea elevator.

Joe Allen, elevator manager, said the bear was first spotted about a mile west of the elevator at about 8 a.m. Sunday. He continued walking along the edge of a field that borders FM 1731. Allen and his son Danny "herded" the bear away from some CRP land and toward the elevator.

When he arrived at the elevator, the bear crossed the highway, and began walking along the perimeter of the elevator's grain storage bins.

The bear first tried to climb the side of the elevator, then, spotting a hole at the base of the elevator, which was a storage bin that had just been cleaned out, jumped into the pit, which was about four feet deep.

"We were fortunate that the bear jumped into the pit. We had no idea how we could have corralled the bear until a Texas Parks and Wildlife representative could tend to him," Allen said.

"I think he was tired, and was looking for a place to rest. We gave him some dry dog food, which he was very glad to get," Allen said.

The Allens lowered some food and water into the pit and put a manhole cover over the pit to make sure the visitor didn't escape.

Allen said he had lived in this area all of his life, and had never seen nor heard about a bear being spotted in Parmer County.

Bears in the Texas Panhandle are a rare sight, but aren't unheard of, says Trent Anderson, district supervisor of law enforcement for the Texas Parks and

Wildlife Department in Amarillo.

"We have been having some bears showing up in the Panhandle because of the drought in New Mexico. But this is the first one that went into a grain silo," Anderson stated.

Allen reminded this reporter about an elderly woman being killed by a bear in the town of Mora, N.M. last year, a place familiar to Texans going to the New Mexico mountains. The bear had entered the woman's house, apparently in search of food.

One of the Parks and Wildlife representatives who came for the bear on Monday told Allen that their department was very ill-equipped to deal with bears, and that they need to get proper equipment in case other bears wander into the Texas Panhandle. He had to make a couple of phone calls to his superiors while deciding what to do with the intruder.

The wildlife authorities used a tranquilizer gun to immobilize the bear. Three men lifted the bear out of the hole, and another three wrestled it into a stock trailer. The bear was determined to be a male with a cinnamon-colored face.

The bear was released on a large ranch in the western Panhandle, where another bear was spotted this year.

The authorities said that a bear was discovered late last year in Dalhart, and it had been killed.

"I imagine that if you surprised one of those things, he could become a big problem. It seemed like this one was looking for a place to rest. After he got into the tank, he seemed fairly docile," Allen said.

About a year ago, another Rhea resident, Floyd Schuler, spotted a mountain lion toward nightfall on his place, also a rare sight for the area.

## Blood Drive Set May 21

The Coffee Memorial Blood Center is asking for a little of your time to increase the time of those who need blood. Please help someone have a brighter tomorrow and a better future. Give the gift of life.

The Bovina Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, from 4-7 p.m. at the EMS Building, 109 Third Street.

Remember to eat regular meals and drink plenty of water prior to donating blood. For information call the Coffee Memorial Blood Center at 806-358-4563.

## Farm Bill Information Meeting Tues.

Attention area cotton farmers. The National Cotton Council has scheduled a series of meetings to provide the industry with information on the provisions of the new law and identify issues that should be addressed as USDA begins implementation.

The nearest meeting to this area will be held Tuesday, May 21, at 7 p.m. in Muleshoe at the Bailey County Coliseum meeting room.

The event is co-sponsored by Plains Cotton Growers and Texas Cotton Ginners. For further information contact the Parmer County Extension Office at 806-481-3619.

## Long Meetings Are School Board Fare

School Board members have been losing sleep and it is not because of worrying. It's about long meetings.

The two marathon sessions within the past week have lasted from 7 p.m. to about 2 a.m. Complaints, compliments and concerns were apparently on the minds of teachers and community members as the Board gave many individuals time to air their grievances.

The regular meeting of the School Board was held Thursday, May 9. The Board canvassed the votes from the recent election and newly elected members Susan Kerby and Izzy Carrasco were sworn in. The board also expressed appreciation to outgoing member Josey Alonzo-Coffey.

The meeting was held before a standing room only audience. The minutes showed a total of 42 visitors in attendance.

Two school district attorneys were also present to assist with procedural matters. Their names were not a part of the minutes.

During the Open Forum, the council heard from five speakers: Mike Beauchamp, Norma Whitten, Jim Zehner, Mike McCallum and Jesse Ramon.

The basis of most of the remarks concerned the apparent mishandling of a contract for Band Director Bill Shelly. Originally the Board had decided to not renew Shelly's contract, then reversed that decision later and tendered a contract to him during the April board meeting.

However, in spite of many positive testimonials from the public about Shelly's excellent skills as band director and his positive influence on the students, Shelly decided not to sign the contract, tendered his resignation and will be taking over as Band Director at Farwell.

The Board reorganization saw Justin Brozek reelected as Board president. Rick Jamerson will serve as vice-president and Joe Steelman was elected as Secretary.

In the marathon meeting, the Board went into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. and again at 9:25 p.m. during which time they heard complaints about personnel from the public and dealt with school personnel matters.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 1:05 a.m. They then accepted the resignations of girls basketball coach Wes Weems and band director Shelly.

A special session of the Board was held Monday, May 13, beginning at 7 p.m. This session also ended after 2

a.m. as the Board came out of Executive Session at 1:53 a.m.

The Board met with school district employees to receive concerns, compliments and suggestions for change. Apparently there were a lot of concerns and suggestions as the session ended in the early morning hours.

There were 47 visitors listed in the Board minutes. In Open and closed forums, a total of 36 people, mainly teachers, were heard by the Board.

During the closed Executive Session which began at 9:57 p.m., the Board heard from eleven district personnel, including the three school principals. The Board also heard a Level 3 grievance by a school employee.

One issue of concern had been the method used to decide the valedictorian and salutatorian. Several methods had apparently been used this year.

The Board approved the ranking method that had been used in the 2000-01 school year. Eighth grade classes taken for high school credit will be counted.

The Board also voted unanimously that if the 2002 class ranking is within .25 point range, co-valedictorians will be declared.

## New Aldermen Sworn In At May 7 Meeting

The Bovina city council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 7.

Present were Aldermen Jessie Stone, Mike McCallum, Kevin Hughes, Kenneth Waters, John Blackwell and Mayor Galen Hromas. Also attending were city manager Ernest Terry, city secretary Bonnie Scaff, police chief Leon Saddler, water superintendent Andy Garza, new city employee Cesar Marquez, new alderman Stan Miller, Chris Sharp of PRPC and municipal judge J. E. Sherrill.

Mayor Galen Hromas presented outgoing alderman Kenneth Waters with a Key to the City and expressed that the council had enjoyed serving with him. Waters expressed his appreciation and stated he had also enjoyed serving on the council.

The council then canvassed the votes from the May 4 election. Alderman Hughes moved to accept the election results as stated prior and the motion passed.

Judge Sherrill administered the oath of office and swore in aldermen Stan Miller and Jessie Stone and mayor Galen Hromas.

Alderman Kevin Hughes was elected by the council to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem. Cesar Marquez, a new city waterworks employee, was also introduced to the council.

Up dated Fire Department by-laws were discussed and accepted as an addition to the city code. An animal control amendment was discussed as addition to the city code also.

Members of the Board of

Adjustment, Cemetery Board and Bovina Housing Authority were all reappointed. Kenneth Waters joined the Board of Adjustment in place of new councilman Stan Miller.

A discussion was held on purchasing the land surrounding the cemetery from Thomas Rhodes. The contract will be submitted to city attorney Kathryn Gurley for evaluation before any action is taken.

Chris Sharp, representing the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) in Amarillo attended the meeting. He will assist in submitting an application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for the Texas Community Development Program grant. Sharp explained the participation plan, development of local housing and community development needs and the amount of funding available.

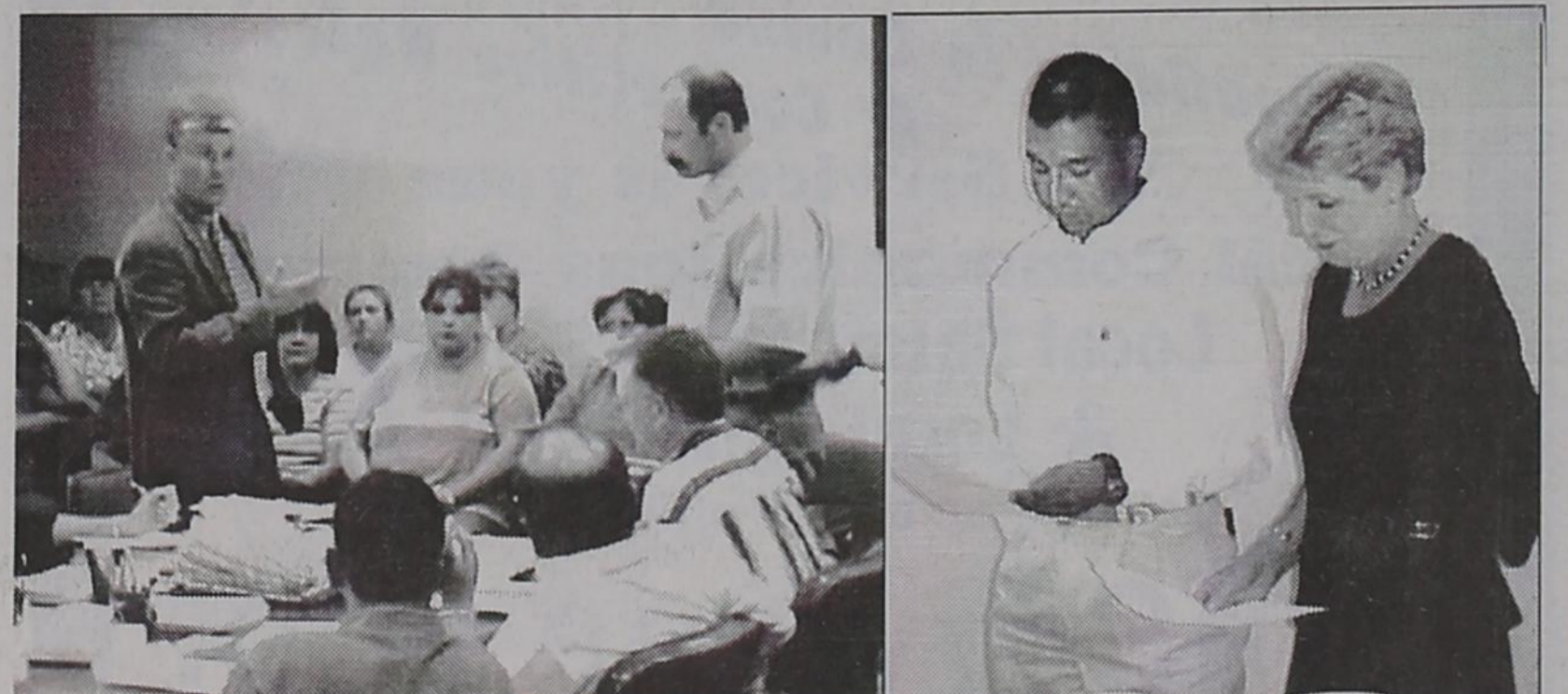
City manager Terry advised the council that Wells Fargo Bank will issue the city a credit card with a \$4,000 limit and no annual fee. The council approved purchase of a new front mower for the cemetery.

Mayor Hromas commended police chief Saddler for his efforts in collecting clothing and bed linens for the tornado victims in Happy. He also expressed thanks to Marie Venable who donated 25 boxes of items to the effort.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The next meeting of the council is set for Thursday, June 6, at 7 p.m.



**PROM ROYALTY...**The Bovina Senior Prom was held in Portales, NM, last Saturday. Selected as Prom King and Queen were seniors Rocio Antillon and Jeremy Ortiz. (school photo)



**AT ONE OF THE** marathon school board meetings, school attorney Allen Rhodes, left, and board president Justin Brozek explain meeting procedures to the audience. Right, new board member Izzy Carrasco and reelected member Susan Kerby are sworn in. Large crowds and long meetings marked the two board meetings held during the last week. See story. ron carr photos



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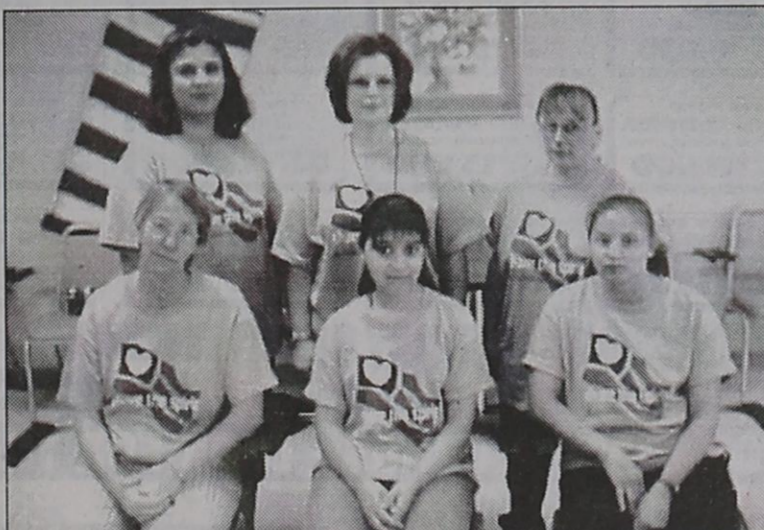
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## Services Held Tuesday For Lazbuddie Girl

Services for Nicole "Nikki" Lewandowski, 16, of Lazbuddie were held Tuesday, May 14, 2002 at Calvary Baptist Church in Muleshoe with the Rev. Jeff Coffman of Muleshoe officiating. Burial followed at Lazbuddie Cemetery.

She died Friday, May 10, 2002 following a one vehicle accident.

Nikki was born March 11, 1986 in Clovis, New Mexico. She had lived in Lazbuddie for nine years after

moving from Muleshoe. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Muleshoe, where she was active with the youth group.

She attended Lazbuddie High School. She was recently inducted into the Spanish National Honor Society. She was on the National Honor Roll for the past two years. She was a member of the Technical Student Association. She was a member of the junior varsity basketball team and was a member of the varsity cross-country team.

Survivors include her father and his wife, John and Sheila Lewandowski III of Magnolia; her mother and her husband, Tammi and Dewitt Burton of Lazbuddie; grandparents, Liz Worm of Farwell, Bob Cleaveland of Roswell, New Mexico, Sue and Jim Hansen of Flagstaff, Arizona and John and Nancy Lewandowski Jr. of Pueblo, Colorado; five sisters, Amber and Amanda Burton and Kera Lewandowski, all of Lazbuddie, Angela Burton of Japan and Brianna Lewandowski of Magnolia; and two brothers, Arron Burton of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina and John Anthony Lewandowski IV of Magnolia.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.



IN THE SENIORS division of the 4-H judging contest were, l-r, Wayne Terry, Keith Hunt, Steven Hunt and Suzanne Mason.

## District 2 Livestock Judging Results Given

Results of District 2 4-H livestock judging competition held in Lubbock.

### JUNIOR 1 DIVISION

High Individual-Beef  
2 Colton Christian  
10 Russell Schilling  
14 Drew Johnson  
High Individual Swine  
3 Michelle Wauson  
8 Drew Johnson  
12 Caleb Christian  
18 Kade Foster  
High Individual Sheep  
3 Colton Christian  
11 Michelle Wauson  
16 Kade Foster  
18 Russell Schilling  
21 Caleb Christian  
High Individual Overall  
5 Colton Christian  
9 Michelle Wauson  
10 Drew Johnston  
13 Russell Schilling  
17 Caleb Christian  
High Team-Parmer County  
2nd beef, 3rd swine; High Team overall, Parmer County 2nd.

### JUNIOR 2 DIVISION

High Individual Beef  
3 Alisha Wauson  
High Individual Swine  
14 Brittany Gonsler  
20 Alisha Wauson  
High Individual Sheep  
5 Dan Patterson  
6 Alisha Wauson

13 Brittany Gonsler  
High Team-swine 7th; sheep 1st. High Team overall-Parmer 9th. High Individual Overall-Alisha Wauson 1st.

### SENIOR DIVISION

High Individual Beef Reasons  
9 Keith Hunt  
18 Suzanne Aragon  
20 Wayne Terry  
High Individual Swine Reasons  
7 Keith Hunt  
8 Suzanne Aragon  
16 Wayne Terry  
High Individual Sheep Reasons  
3 Keith Hunt  
11 Steven Hunt  
15 Suzanne Aragon  
16 Wayne Terry  
High Individual Overall  
12 Keith Hunt  
15 Suzanne Aragon  
16 Wayne Terry  
High Individual Sheep Placing  
1 Keith Hunt  
3 Steven Hunt  
5 Wayne Terry  
6 Suzanne Aragon  
High Team-Parmer County beef 5th-swine 4th-sheep 2nd. High Team Overall-Parmer County 4th. High Team Total Placing-Parmer County 5th. High Team Total Reasons-Parmer County 4th.

## Around Town

### Piano recital Sunday

Johnnie Walters will present her piano students in recital Sunday, May 19, at 2:20 p.m. in the Friona Methodist Church Chapel. Students performing will be Alex Gurley, Hollis Gurley, J. Gurley, Jacob Marin, Raquel Marin, Kimberley Jones, Stephenie Jones and Jessie London. Works of Bach, Beethoven and others will be presented. Everyone is invited.

### Museum workday Sunday May 19

Directors and volunteers restoring the old Congregational Church as the Pioneer Heritage Museum are asking for help on Sunday, May 19 at 2 p.m. for a workday. The museum is located at Sixth & Euclid in Friona. Mary Johnston or Billie Tongate are coordinators. They need some "strong backs" to help clean out the lower floor of the building. The top floor has been renovated. If you can help out call Bruce Fleming at 265-3207 or be there May 19. Thanks.

### Library closing days scheduled

The Friona public library will be closed on the following days: May 21, May 27, and May 29.

### Hub cowboy fellowship May 21

You are invited to join the fellowship and worship at the Hub Community Center (1 1/2 miles south of Hub intersection) on Tuesday, May 21. Service will start at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited. This is a non-denominational service.

### Community choir organizing May 28

A Friona community choir is being organized for a special July 4 "I Love America" presentation. The organizational meeting for the choir will be on May 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at the Methodist Church. Books will be available for choir members. There will be no cost to the singers. Come and celebrate America!

### Methodist Bible school May 28-31

We're Loking For Explorers Like You! The Friona United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School is set for May 28-31, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, ages 3 thru 4th grade. There will be a closing program for VBS at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, May 31. Everyone is invited. Hot dogs will be served following the program.

## Two Parmer Co. Students Get WTRT Scholarships

Scotty Johnson, a senior at Bovina High School, and Angela Billingsley, a senior at Farwell High School, are Parmer County students selected to receive \$1,000 scholarships from West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative.

Johnson, son of Bobby and Becky Johnson of Bovina, plan to attend KD Studio-Actor's Conservatory of the Southwest in Dallas to study acting.

Miss Billingsley, daughter of Sam and Jan Billingsley of Farwell, will attend Lubbock Christian University, where she will major in Spanish education.

Other winners include Brent Schoenenberger, son of Albert and Margaret Schoenenberger of Hereford, a senior at Adrian High School who will major in agricultural economics at West Texas

A&M University; Brittney Brown, daughter of Joe Bob and Tammy Brown of Hereford, a senior at Hereford High School, who will study dental hygiene or physical therapy at Amarillo College.

Also, Judy Short, daughter of Rea and Charlene Cox of Dawn and a nursing student at Amarillo College; Tasha Bradford Stefanatos of Dawn, a business marketing major at West Texas A&M University; and Kasey Torres of Dawn, an English secondary education major at West Texas A&M University.

Following a vote of approval by the membership in 1995, WTRT's board of directors opted to use unclaimed funds from capital credit checks to finance scholarships. This year's grants bring total scholarships awarded by WTRT to 37.

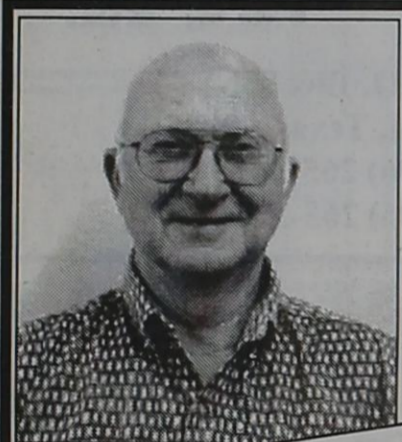
## T. Talley's Have Baby Daughter

Troy and Nicole Talley of Lubbock are the parents of a girl born May 8, 2002 at 9:36 a.m. at Lubbock's Covenant Hospital.

Emma J'Nae weighed seven pounds and eleven ounces and measured twenty-one inches in length. Her older siblings are Tyler, 4 and Carly, 2.

Grandparents are Jay and Krita Potts and Leon and Nelda Talley, all of Friona.

Great-grandparents are Virginia Steele of Bovina, Helen Potts of Friona and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Talley of Carlsbad, New Mexico.



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## The Bear Had To Cover Many Miles!

The black bear that wandered into the Rhea community earlier this week had to have covered 200 miles or so. It's the first recorded incidence of a bear coming into Parmer County.

It's 180-190 miles from Rhea to Las Vegas, New Mexico. Las Vegas is located in the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.

While there are a lot of "wide open spaces" between the mountains and Parmer County, there are also numerous fences. Plus, the bear had to cross the Interstate 40 freeway at some point.

Since none of the Rhea residents could speak "bear," we'll never know how he managed to get this far in quest of food, nor about the close shaves he might have had.

## Meet Friona's Class of 2014

Michael Garcia is a kindergartner at Friona Schools.

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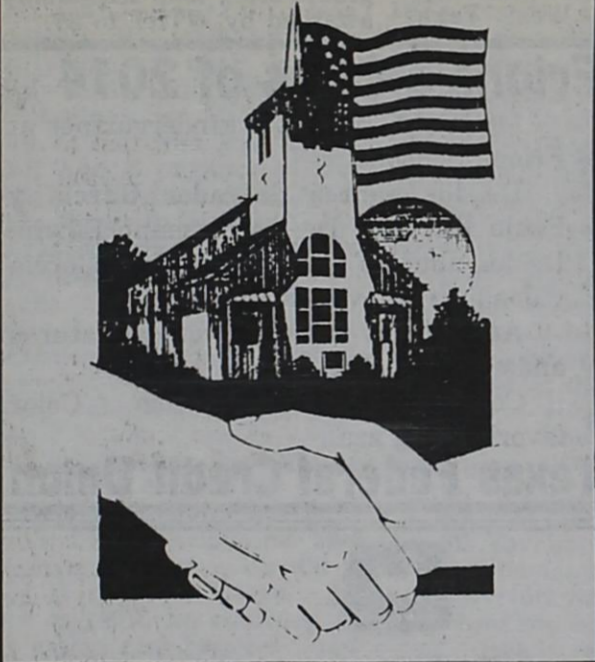


**ST. MATTHEW, THE APOSTLE, WAS A PUBLICAN (TAX COLLECTOR) IN THE SERVICE OF HEROD ANTIPAS WHEN HE WAS CALLED UPON BY JESUS TO BECOME A DISCIPLE, WHILE SITTING IN THE CUSTOM HOUSE AT CAPERNAUM. ALTHOUGH LOOKED UPON WITH CONTEMPT BY HIS FELLOW-GALILEANS, BECAUSE OF HIS PROFESSION, MATTHEW, NEVER THE LESS, BECAME AN IMPORTANT PURVEYOR OF JESUS' MESSAGE TO THE JEWS!**

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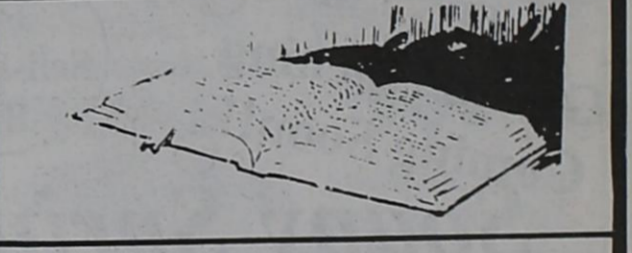
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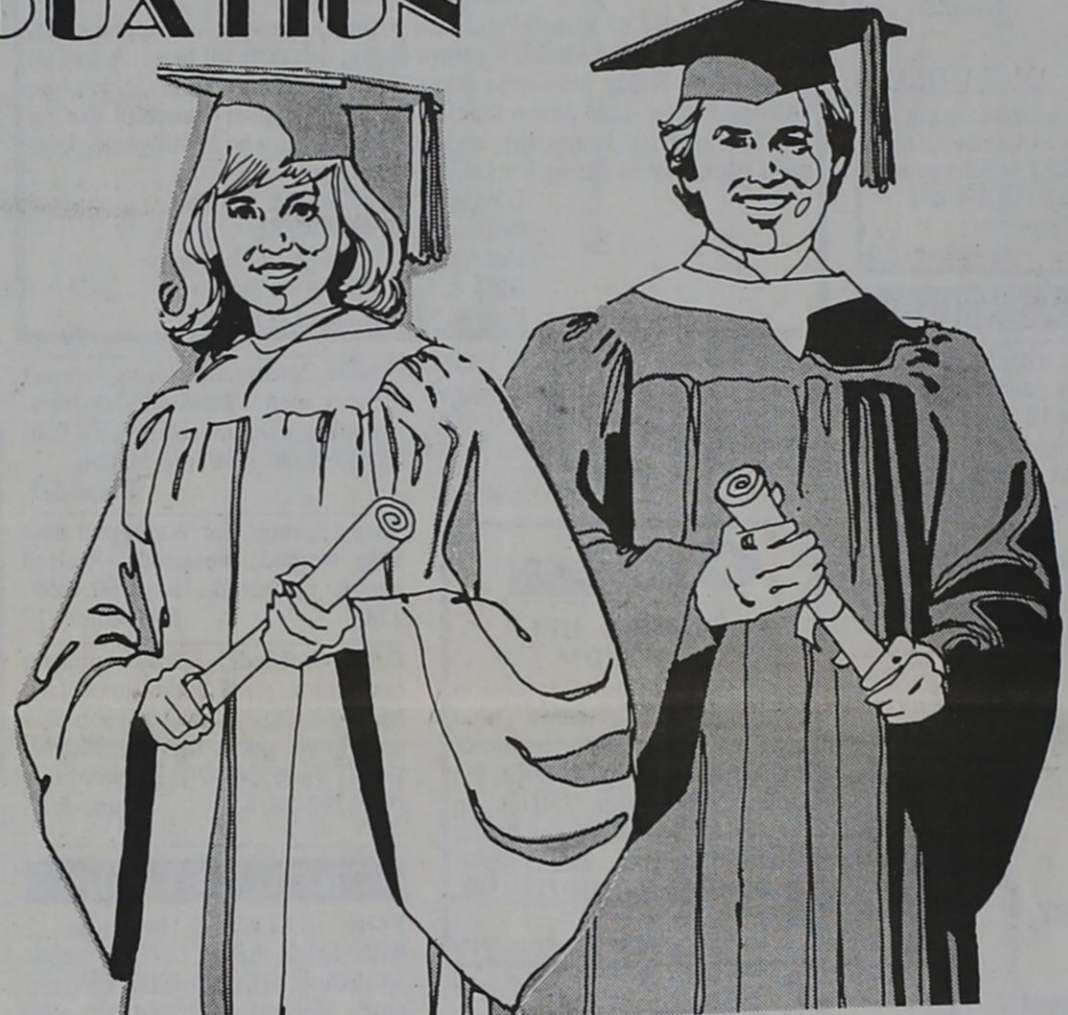
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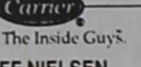
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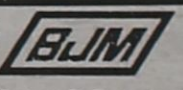
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