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Good News
In Friona
For The Past
70 Years!

TWELVE PAGES

MY TURN

By Carol Ellis

HMMMM! It seems that Hillary Clinton has been consulting well-known psychic and "spiritual adviser," Jean Houston. With this psychic guidance, Mrs. Clinton has been having "conversations" with such dearly-departed folks as Eleanor Roosevelt and Indian leader Gandhi. Isn't that interesting!

Well, here lately I've been having some intriguing conversations with Martha Washington. Boy, did she have plenty to say about what is going on in 1996!

For instance, Martha, being very "old school," seemed to think that first ladies should be "seen but not heard" and she cited such examples as Mamie Eisenhower, Jacqueline Kennedy, and Barbara Bush as good examples of how first ladies should act and/or react.

Martha thought we citizens (i.e. the government) had stepped way over the line on separation of church and state. She noted that the complete abolishment of any and all religion from the country was not exactly what the founding fathers had in mind.

When I mentioned the recent burnings of several black churches in the southern states, Martha pointed out that several white churches have also burned and that no one has even bothered to mention it. She said there aren't more churches going up in smoke now than there ever has been, but the politicians have suddenly begun making a big noise about this phenomenon in order to deflect attention away from several other issues which are more vital to the running of the nation.

Martha was appalled to learn that "freedom of speech" has been promoted all out of proportion just for the purpose of exploiting human decadence. "Of course the free expression of uplifting ideas should never be suppressed," the first First Lady noted. "However, filth and pornography simply shouldn't be tolerated by the people, and there should be no need for any laws in that regard."

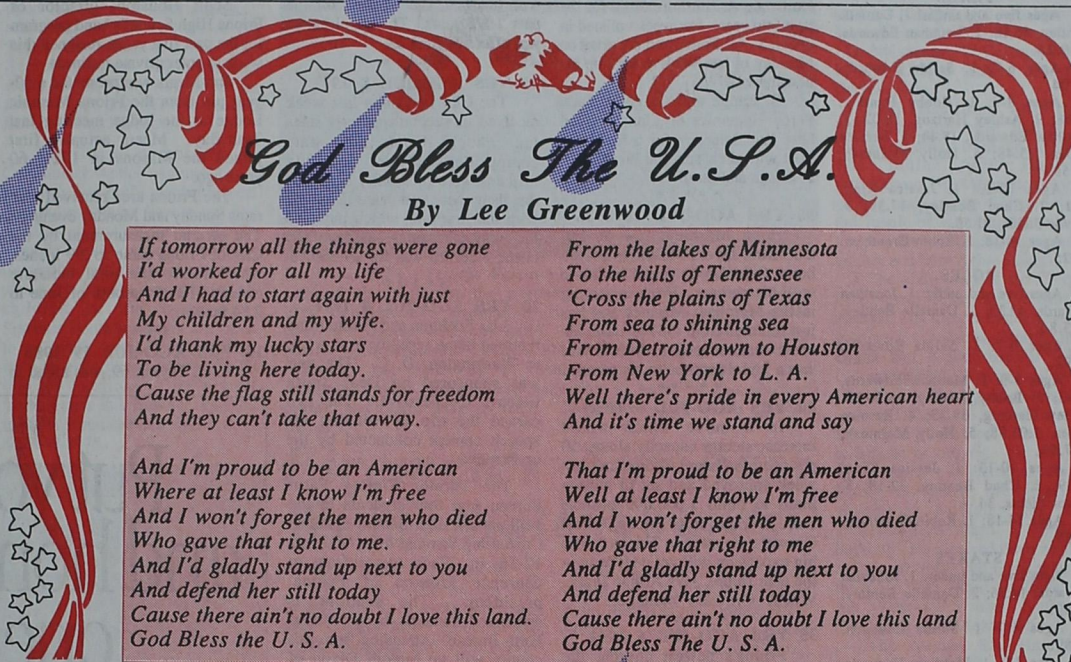
Of course, Martha was shocked when I explained that homosexual people have been struggling to get their same-sex marriages officially recognized and they want the courts to let them adopt children. "The fact that they want to raise children is proof enough that their practices are not normal," Martha said. "If they were completely at ease with their chosen lifestyle, they would not feel the need to spill over into the real world of raising children."

I thought the spirit of Mrs. Washington was going to completely fade away when I mentioned that our voting ballots are now being printed in two languages. She said this goes against everything "The General" and the Colonial troops had fought for, so diligently, during those hard winters of '77 and '78.

I mentioned the problems caused by the abortion issue in recent years. Martha said that was another non-issue which has no place in debate by judges or politicians. "Doctors and mid-wives have always been faced with the problem of deciding whether to save the mother or the child. This is between a woman and her doctor. There is no need for public discussion, much less laws or government funding for this," Martha said.

I could see that the First Lady was tiring of all the talk about life in the nineties, but I wanted to ask her opinion on animal rights before she disappeared. "What animal rights?" she asked. "How do you come up with this stuff?"

I told her that activists are now demonstrating for the humane treatment of chickens, cattle and other farm animals that we raise for food. Mrs. Washington said, "Reason, morality and religion separate human beings from animals. It is irrational to think that animals have these same human traits. I think modern advancements have left you people with too much time on your hands" Then she left.



God Bless The U.S.A.

By Lee Greenwood

*If tomorrow all the things were gone
I'd worked for all my life
And I had to start again with just
My children and my wife.
I'd thank my lucky stars
To be living here today.
Cause the flag still stands for freedom
And they can't take that away.*

*From the lakes of Minnesota
To the hills of Tennessee
'Cross the plains of Texas
From sea to shining sea
From Detroit down to Houston
From New York to L. A.
Well there's pride in every American heart
And it's time we stand and say*

*And I'm proud to be an American
Where at least I know I'm free
And I won't forget the men who died
Who gave that right to me.
And I'd gladly stand up next to you
And defend her still today
Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land.
God Bless The U. S. A.*

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Some Get Beneficial Moisture

Although the city of Friona is still "way behind" in its rainfall for 1996, farmers in the outlying areas have received some beneficial moisture, and prospects for row crops have at least improved.

Friona measured .29 inch last Saturday afternoon and evening, and then .21 inch on Monday. Thursday afternoon added .24 inch to the total, or .74 inch for the week.

Friona's total was 1.64 for the month of June (as of 5 p.m. Thursday). But at Bovina, over three inches had been logged for June.

To the west, some better totals were noted. Louis Welch reportedly received 1.25 inches on Monday and another .6 inch on Tuesday.

The Rhea community came up with two rains during the past week. About .8 inch was measured on Thursday, and this was about the same that was received last Saturday.

"They're trying to get their mile in, but it's going to have to have some more help down the road," said Joe Allen of Rhea.

Swimming Lessons At City Pool

The first ten-day session of swimming lessons at Friona's city pool began on Tuesday, June 18.

Two additional sessions are scheduled. The next session will be July 9-13 and July 16-20.

The last session will be July 23-27 and July 30-August 3.

Each session is ten days and the cost is \$35 per person.

Persons of any age may take the lessons which are offered in the late afternoon. For more info, call Lori or Jodi at the pool, 247-3126.

Drama Workshop Presents

Saturday, June 29, at 2 p.m. in the Friona High School auditorium, Summer Drama Workshop students will present three plays.

Under the overall direction of veteran Joy Morton, the students will be culminating two weeks of study and preparation.

The plays are Babes in Toyland, I Believe in Make Believe, and The Saga of Katy and the Gambler's Lady.

Tickets will be \$2 for adults and \$1.00 for students and senior citizens.

College Fund Established For Children

A college fund has been established at the Friona State Bank for the children of Wendy and Craig Lookingbill. Mr. Lookingbill passed away June 21.

The Lookingbill children are Dottie, 7, and Cyle, 4.

Contributions can be made in person at the bank or by mail, Friona State Bank, in care of, Dottie and Cyle Lookingbill College Fund, PO Box 549, Friona, Texas, 79035.

Accident Claims Craig Lookingbill

Craig Lookingbill, 34, was killed in a freak accident last Friday, June 21, on U.S. Highway 60, six miles west of Hereford.

Emergency workers from Hereford were called at about 9 a.m. to the accident scene, which was just a mile inside Deaf Smith County.

Hereford justice of the peace Johnnie Turrentine was also summoned. Lookingbill was pronounced dead by the peace justice, of "blunt force trauma to the head."

Turrentine said that Lookingbill was travelling east on Highway 60, driving a truck loaded with wheat, when his right dual wheels both blew out.

The J.P. said that it appeared that Lookingbill had stood on the truck's running board and jumped, hitting his head on the pavement.

"I don't know if he thought the truck would explode or that the truck might roll over," Turrentine told investigating officials.

Garage Sale Deadline Is July 5

Friona's first City Wide Garage Sale will be held Saturday, July 13. City maps with participant listings will be provided to all garage sale shoppers that day.

On the back of the city map will be listings of all garage sale participants. For a \$10.00 fee, participants will receive a listing on the map stating their name, address and brief description of items for sale and a yard sign stating them as a participant.

For rural residents, booth spaces in the City Park and a listing may be purchased for \$25.00. Call the Chamber office today at 247-3491 to reserve your listing on the map. The deadline for listings is Friday, July 5.

Lookingbill's body was found about 40 feet from the truck.

It happened that an ambulance from Clovis, New Mexico, transferring a patient to Amarillo, was among the first vehicles on the scene. The ambulance crew stopped and attempted to give aid, but it was in vain.

Investigators said that Lookingbill had loaded his truck with wheat in Black and was headed to Hereford Grain Corp.

Turrentine said the truck drifted off Highway 60 up to the Santa Fe Railway tracks. It stopped on the embankment. It then rolled back down and came to a stop.

Star Wins Awards By State Press

The Friona Star won a pair of awards at the annual convention of the Texas Press Assn., held last weekend.

The Star claimed first place in the category of "news pictures" for weekly newspapers in its population bracket. The two issues chosen were those of June 10, 1995, the issue following Friona's tornado, and the "Maize Days" issue of September 9, 1995.

The paper had to settle for second place in the category of "special editions." Entered was the special "tornado" issue of June 11, 1995.

"We really thought we'd win in the special edition category, and that we might place high in "news pictures," but the judges reversed our expectations," said publisher Bill Ellis.

"We appreciate the help and assistance of everyone throughout the year, and for the support of our advertisers and subscribers, who make it possible for us to publish a newspaper recognized both regionally and statewide for its commitment to excellence," Ellis added.

Fireworks Off Limits In Friona

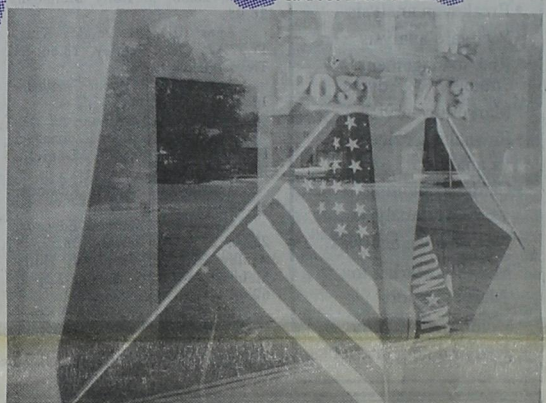
The City of Friona reminds residents that fireworks of any kind are not allowed within the city limits.

All citizens are reminded that it is not only illegal to shoot fireworks within the city limits, it is illegal to possess them.

City Manager Paula Wilson says the fine for shooting or possessing fireworks within city limits is up to \$500.

Police Chief Randy Geries says that the Friona Police Department will be more aggressive this year in enforcing the ordinance due to the dry conditions.

Fireworks are not banned in the county, but with the dry conditions residents are urged to use caution, especially with any aerial fireworks.



HONOR THE FLAG.....We honor the flag on this Independence Day. The flag and Friona is reflected in the window of VFW Post 1413 as Friona prepares to celebrate July 4th next Thursday.

July 4th Activities Are Scheduled at City Park

The Friona Noon Lion's Club has organized lots of activities at city park for the July 4th celebration.

Citizens are urged to come to the park and enjoy the holiday.

The Noon Lion's will begin selling hamburgers and french fries at 6 p.m.

Other booths available will be homemade ice cream from the Chamber of Commerce and drinks by the Women's Division.

The Modern Study Club will be selling baked goods.

The D. A. R. E. booth will provide fun and games for the younger children. Parmer County Sheriff's Posse will be selling raffle tickets for steaks, gift certificates and prizes.

There will be volleyball, horseshoes, and bingo along with other activities and booths still being organized.

Later in the evening a program will be presented by some of our own local Friona talent.

The Noon Lion's hope

everyone will come to the city park on July 4th to celebrate together.

Outdoor Watering Resumed

The City of Friona, which had put out an emergency plea the middle of last week for outdoor watering to be ceased due to one of the city's main wells being down, was back on the "alternate day" watering system this week.

The well on Grand Street that had gone down is back in service. A second well developed problems this week, but it wasn't a big-producing well like the one on Grand.

"The rain showers we had during the past week have been a big help, along with the cooler weather. I expect that we will continue on the 'rationing' system the rest of the summer," stated City Manager Paula Wilson.



STAYING COOL.....Demonstrating the latest fashions in beachwear at the city pool during last week's heat wave are divers, l-r, Anthony Nunley, Duece Farres, Danny Guerra, and Joe Gonzales. Swimming lessons are available at the pool. Call Lori or Jodi at 247-3126.



RISING STARS.....Students in the Summer Drama Workshop are excited as their big day is here. Three plays will be presented this afternoon, June 29, beginning at 2 p.m. These members of the cast are shown in the auditorium at the high school against the backdrop.

Riding Club Playnight Activities Underway

The first night of the Friona Riding Club's Summer Playnights was held last Saturday night, June 22. The next Playnight will be held July 13 beginning at 6 p.m. Age groups were changed this year making one more age division. Winners were as follows:

BARRELS

Ages five and under: 12. Jonathan Edwards, 39.39; 2. Danielle Bentley, 1:15.10.
Ages 6-7: 1. Salida Edwards, 20.77.
Ages 8-9: 1. Matthew Edwards, 23.94; 2. Ashley Hartzog, 26.18; 3. Bobby Bentley, 26.75; 4. Bernice Lopez, 47.67; 5. Kody Hawkins,

52.16; 6. Holly McIntosh, 1:01.62.
Ages 10-13: 1. Jessica King, 19.02; 2. Trevor Fields, 22.66; 3. Chad Bentley, 25.08.
Ages 14-18: 1. Robin Grantham, 20.98.

FLAGS

Ages five and under: 1. Danielle Bentley, 56.18; 2. Jonathan Edwards, 1:40.26.

Ages 6-7: 1. Salida Edwards, 11.04.

Ages 8-9: 1. Bobby Bentley, 15.68; 2. Ashley Hartzog, 18.44; 3. Matthew Edwards, 18.44; 4. Bernice Lopez, 23.48; 5. Holly McIntosh, 35.59.

Ages 10-13: 1. Jessica King, 9.61; 2. Chad Bentley, 17.59; 3. Trevor Fields, 21.55.

Ages 14-18: 1. Robin Grantham, 11.25.

POLES

Ages five and under: 1. Jonathan Edwards, 42.35; 2. Danielle Bentley, 1:23.84.

Ages 6-7: 1. Salida Edwards, 26.92.

Ages 8-9: 1. Matthew Edwards, 29.03; 2. Bobby Bentley, 38.26; 3. Ashley Hartzog, 38.33; 4. Bernice Lopez, 1:03.98; 5. Holly McIntosh, 1:07.55.

Ages 10-13: 1. Jessica King, 25.19; 2. Chad Bentley, 32.18; 3. Trevor Fields, 34.00.

Ages 14-18: 1. Robin Grantham, 43.35.

STAKES

Ages five and under: 1. Jonathan Edwards, 14.26; 2. Danielle Bentley, 34.89.

Ages 6-7: 1. Salida Edwards, 11.89.

Ages 8-9: 1. Matthew Edwards, 12.45; 2. Ashley Hartzog, 14.73; 3. Bobby Bentley, 19.54; 4. Bernice Lopez, 26.58; 5. Holly McIntosh, 26.95.

Ages 10-13: 1. Jessica King, 11.57; 2. Chad Bentley, 13.66; 3. Trevor Fields, 13.76.

Ages 14-18: 1. Robin Grantham, 11.02.

RINGS

Ages five and under: 1. Jonathan Edwards, 1:12.58; 2. Danielle Bentley, 1:48.26.

Ages 6-7: 1. Salida Edwards, 33.04.

Ages 8-9: 1. Matthew Edwards, 25.10; 2. Bobby Bentley, 38.52; 3. Ashley Hartzog, 39.47; 4. Holly McIntosh, 53.58; 5. Bernice Lopez, 60.48.

Ages 10-13: 1. Jessica King, 14.22; 2. Chad Bentley, 22.05; 3. Trevor Fields, 31.20.

Ages 14-18: 1. Robin Grantham, 13.78.

Friona Flashbacks

...from the files of The Friona Star

55 YRS AGO-JUL 11 1941

John Blackburn, who has been chief clerk at the Blackwell Hardware & Furniture Store for the past few years, last week enlisted in the U. S. Air Force, and departed on Monday of last week to take up his new duties.

B. Lange and daughter, Mrs. Percy Hagemer of Llano arrived here last Saturday for a few days visit with their son and brother, O. F. Lange and family.

50 YRS AGO-JUL 28 1946

Hugh Moseley, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Moseley, arrived home Saturday to spend his leave with his parents. Hugh is serving in the Merchant Marines and has just returned from the Far East. He came unannounced, and his arrival was a joyful surprise to his parents.

40 YRS AGO-JUL 5 1956

In a move which would increase storage capacity almost 50 per cent, the board of directors last week approved and set in motion plans to build 1,000,000 bushels more storage onto Friona Wheat Growers elevator in Friona. The big expansion will get underway in the near future, says Arthur Drake, Wheat Growers manager.

35 YRS AGO-JUL 6 1961

Friona's newest church, the Calvary Baptist Church, will observe its first anniversary this Sunday. In recognition of the first anniversary, the church is working toward an attendance goal of 200 Sunday in Sunday School, says Rev. Audy Wiley, who has been pastor of the church since it was organized.

Group Lets Contract On New Roof

At a meeting this week, the Pioneer Heritage Chapel & Museum Society announced that the contract for a new roof on the old Congregational Church had been awarded to Ray Rando.

The new roof is necessary before interior renovation can begin. The work will begin as soon as possible.

Paperwork has been completed with the state to officially recognize the Pioneer Heritage Chapel & Museum group as a tax-exempt, non profit status with the state. Attorney Kathryn Gurley volunteered to file the papers for the group.

Now that the PHC&M has official status, the process of recording the deed to the old church in their name can be completed. As soon as the church property is signed over, renovation work can begin.

PHC&M president Bruce Fleming says he expects all the paperwork to be complete within the next few weeks.

Fund raising for the old church continues. Plans call for the building to house a Parmer County Museum and a chapel which can be used for weddings, showers, etc. The basement will have a kitchen and social area which can also be by local organizations.

Donations may be made to the Pioneer Heritage Chapel & Museum Society at Friona State Bank.

Mrs. Roy Clements has been appointed acting postmaster at Friona, succeeding Leo McLellan, who has held the position for the past 7 1/2 years. The appointment was effective June 22.

25 YRS AGO-JUL 8 1971

The City of Friona last week received its second quarterly sales tax check from the state comptroller's office, and city officials were pleasantly surprised that their check compared favorably with the first one, which included the busy Christmas season. The check received was for \$9,560.43.

20 YRS AGO-JUL 4 1976

Lisa Edelman and Phillip Hand returned home recently from a trip to Washington, D. C. The tour was sponsored by Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative. The two earned the trip by winning the speech contest conducted by the cooperative.

The Parmer County Farm Bureau sent four students to the 14th annual High School Students Citizenship Seminar to be held July 12-16 in Waco, according to Clarence Monroe of Friona, president. The seminar is sponsored annually by the Texas Farm Bureau. Attending from this county will be Melodi Dixon of Friona, Judy Lust of Lazbuddie, Kim Ware of Bovina and Deana

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15 YRS AGO-JUL 5 1981

Scott Houston, director of Friona High School's band program for the past five years, resigned this week to enter private business.

Jim Mears was presented a 50-year pin from the Friona Masonic Lodge at the lodge meeting last Thursday. Mears actually first joined the Masons in 1921, 60 years ago.

The Friona area received nice rains Sunday and Monday evenings. The official measurement by the City of Friona came to .99 inches, which raised the total moisture received for the month of June to 2.74 inches.

10 YRS AGO-JUL 19 1986

L. G. Taylor, 69, was killed in

a traffic accident near Albuquerque, N.M., on Wednesday, July 16.

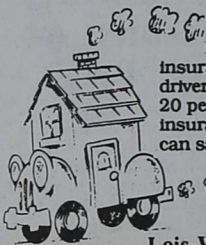
Friona's Bronco League all-stars downed Bovina 22-15 Thursday night in the district tournament at Bovina to remain undefeated in the tournament.

5 YRS AGO-JUL 20 1991

At approximately 2 p.m. on Sunday July 14, a four engine Santa Fe Railway train pulling an estimated 15 cars loaded with 30-35 semi-tractor trailers, derailed just east of Bovina, and a tremendous amount of wreckage ensued.

Friona recorded a total of 4.14 inches of rain during a four-day period, according to records compiled by Bill Ellis. The "monsoon" season started with a nice shower of .54 inches last Thursday night.

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FRIONA STATE BANK

Free Meals Available For Friona Youngsters

When school is out for the summer, many children suffer from poor nutrition and even hunger. This summer Friona will join over 250 other Texas communities to help prevent summer hunger so that children return to school ready to learn.

The Summer Food Service Program is providing free meals to children in Friona during the 1996 school vacation. This federal program pays a local sponsoring organization to serve summer meals in high need areas where a majority of children receive free and discounted school lunches through the School Lunch Program. Last year around 1.8 million children in Texas were eligible for the School Lunch Program, including 1648 children in Parmer County. Only 6% of these children statewide received meals through the summer program in 1995.

The Summer Food Program was created in 1968 and is administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Texas Department of Human Services. At the community level,

this program must always be operated by a local school, government or non-profit organization.

"The Summer Food Program is one of the most effective federal food programs because it relies upon initiative of local citizens," according to Can Valliere of the Texas Association of Community Action Agencies. "Unfortunately, many people don't know about the program yet and children remain hungry during the summer."

The Texas Association of Community Action Agencies is a statewide non-profit that helps local groups learn about how to use this program. Local groups can use the Summer Food Program as the basis for summer activity programs since meals are usually available for all children in the community. Summer Food Programs are open to the public when located in high need neighborhoods or towns. To find the locations of the nearest feeding sites this summer, call the toll-free Summer Food hotline at 1-800-847-8975.



LADIES WIN...Friona Firemen's Auxiliary brought home a pair of plaques from the women's pumper races at the Texas Fire Department's convention in Amarillo. In the top photo (l-r) are Gloria Aragon, Sally Garcia, Donice Jones, Christy Harris and Amanda Taylor. The three-woman pumper team (bottom) was made up of Donice Jones, Sally Garcia and Amanda Taylor. Friona had only five to enter in the six-man team, but still placed fifth. The three-man team placed third.

Firemen's Auxiliary Wins State Awards

By DARRELL BARLOW

The state convention for firemen was held in Amarillo this year in early June. Some of the Friona firemen and their wives attended the convention.

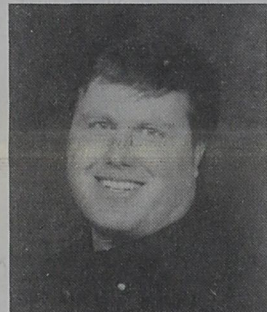
A Friona team entered the three-woman pumper race and also the six-woman pumper race. They won third place in the three-woman race and fifth in the six woman event.

Their time in the three-woman competition was 12.503 seconds. The team members were Amanda Taylor, Donice Jones and Sally Garcia. Nine teams entered the race.

The women's time in the six-woman race was 19.106 seconds. Team members are Donice Jones, Amanda Taylor, Sally Garcia, Gloria Aragon and Christy Harris. The Friona ladies had only five women on their team and still managed to place fifth.

Friona had the only team from the Texas Panhandle. They won a big trophy and a \$25.00 check. They presented the check to the Friona firemen. "We are very proud of the women who represented Friona Fire Department and they deserve a big hand. Thanks, ladies," a spokesperson for the Fire Department commented.

The Friona firemen have had eight fire calls this month. Please be careful. Conditions are still very bad for fires. Watch there you pop fireworks and also you could be hurt very bad if you get too close to the fireworks. Have a good Fourth of July.



CRAIG LOOKINGBILL Lookingbill Services Held Here

Funeral services for Craig Lookingbill, 33, were conducted Monday at the First United Methodist Church of Friona with Rev. Lee Roark, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Rest Lawn Cemetery of Hereford, under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Lookingbill was killed in a truck accident last Friday, June 21. (See separate story).

He was born December 6, 1962 in Hereford, and married Wendy Tatum March 8, 1986 in Friona.

He graduated from Friona High School in 1981, and served in the U.S. Army for two years.

Lookingbill was a member of First Baptist Church of Friona. He had lived in Parmer County since 1974, moving from Hereford. He was a farmer.

Survivors include his wife, Wendy, one son, Cyle Lookingbill and one daughter, Dollie Lookingbill, all of the home near Friona; his mother, Betty Lois Lookingbill of Friona, one brother, Dick Lookingbill of Las Vegas, Nevada, and three sisters, Judy Richards of Dayton, Wyoming, Janet Betzen of Hereford and Cathy Gafford of Spearman.

Pallbearers were Rick Roden, Ross Roden, Richie Herring, Brent Loflin, James Clark and Rocky Nichols.

Honorary pallbearers were Gregg Richards, Pat Betzen, Ladd Gafford, Wade Hawkins, Cameron Betzen, Matthew Gafford and Darrin Heiman.

The family requests that memorial gifts be given to Friona Kids, Inc., 1102 Etta, Friona, or to the First United Methodist Church of Friona.

DO YOUR PART TO CONSERVE CITY WATER !

Carrying Torch: Honor Of Lifetime

By: Sherrill Polk, Jose Frias, Roxanne Ancira, Johanna Shelby, Jose Garza, Brandi Brailiff, Joe Gonzales, Erika Cisneros and Petra Chavarria

The Friona Elementary and Junior High Summer School students had the once in a lifetime experience of meeting someone who had carried the Olympic torch in the United States Summer Games Relay.

Paul Hamilton was very interesting and most patient to answer questions from the students. The junior high students interviewed Mr. Hamilton for a writing assignment. This article is the result of winning writing by three sixth graders, three seventh graders and three eighth graders.

The sixth graders are Sherrill Polk, Jose Frias and Roxanne Ancira. The three winning seventh graders are Johanna Shelby, Jose Garza and Brandi Brailiff. Joe Gonzales, Erika Cisneros and Petra Chavarria are the eighth graders.

Paul Hamilton enjoys being a firefighter, paramedic and rural telephone employee. He and his wife, Dee, live in Hereford, Texas. Doing his best as firefighter, he saved a woman and her grandchildren from a burning building. He received three awards as a result: Regional Firefighter of the Year-1995, Texas Firefighter of the Year-1995 and National Firefighter of the Year-1995.

The woman Mr. Hamilton saved nominated him as a community hero. This made him eligible for the list of hundreds of community heroes that the Olympic torch committee chose 10,000 from to run the Olympic Torch Relay from Los Angeles, California to Atlanta, Georgia.

The first time Mr. Hamilton knew he was in consideration to run the torch, was when he got a call asking him if he would be willing to participate. His immediate answer was "yes." Sometime later in the year, the Olympic torch committee called him again and said he had been chosen to run a leg in the relay. They told him to tell no one, because the committee would make the official announcement. Mr. Hamilton said he had to tell his

mother though!

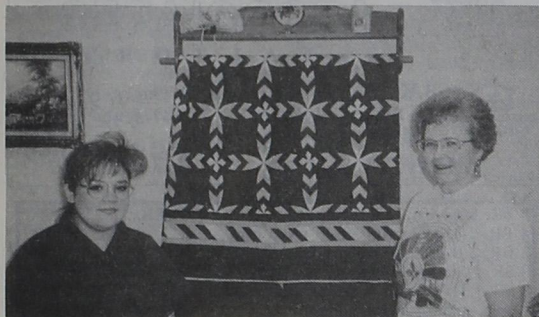
To train for the seven-tenths of a mile he would run, Mr. Hamilton ran around the high school track or walked in the mall in Hereford. He said he wanted to be prepared to do his very best. The torch committee gave him a choice of running in Oklahoma or in Grand Prairie, Texas. He wanted to run in Texas. He knew it would be hot; so he trained in the hot part of the day to help him more when he ran in Grand Prairie.

The relay route takes the torch through 42 states and allows ninety per cent of the people in the United States to be two hours away from the route at some point. Each person carried his or her own torch and was allowed to buy it. The torch was about two feet long. It was made with a propane cylinder in the bottom to fuel the flame. The handle in the center section was made of pecan hardwood from Georgia.

The flame was surrounded with twenty-two reeds signifying the number of summer Olympic Games. Engraved on a gold band between the cylinder and the handle were the dates and locations of all the summer games. Mr. Hamilton's torch was engraved with the number 24063. That stood for the twenty-fourth day of the relay, and he was the sixty-third runner of the day. The torch weighed four pounds.

Mr. Hamilton said that he wondered what would happen if the flame went out. The officials in the support vans carried the official flame, and said that you could check your watch and that your torch would be relighted in nine seconds. The runners were not allowed to use any hair spray, because the wind would cause the torch to set their hair on fire.

Mr. Hamilton said his heart was pounding as the torch runner approached him. A motorcycle escort approached him and engaged the propane fuel, and the flame was exchanged. The two runners gave a high five, and Mr. Hamilton ran his leg of the relay. He passed the flame to Mike Kleinstub, sportscaster with KAMR, the NBC affiliate in Amarillo.



QUILT-OF-THE-MONTH.....Two quilts are on display at Prairie Acres during the month of June. They were made by Betty Lewellen, right. The one pictured was quilted about a year ago. Shown with Mrs. Lewellen is nurse's aide Patti Casarez.

Ex-Resident Passes Away In San Angelo

Former Maud resident Alma Craig of Leander, Texas, died May 28 in San Angelo. She was 87.

Graveside services were held at Resthaven Memorial Park with Cliff Craig officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

She was born in Maud on January 22, 1909, the daughter of Newton DeKalb and Florence Mae (Ogee) Holt. She graduated from high school in Maud and attended East Central State College.

She married Paul B. Craig on September 1929 and was a homemaker. She was a member of

the Church of Christ. She moved to Muleshoe in 1946, to Friona in 1961 and then to Leander in 1989.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1983.

Surviving are her son, Randall Craig of Dimmitt; two sisters, Olline Hodges of Weslaco, Texas and Evelyn Whipple of San Angelo; a brother, James Holt of Carmichael, California; three grandchildren, Rodney Craig of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Deidre Henderson of Seguin and Paul Craig of Dimmitt; two stepgrandsons, Chip and Phil Thrasher of Canyon; two great-grand children; and many other relatives.

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BJRA Hosts 2nd Play Day June 16

The Bovina Junior Riding Association had its second Play Day of the summer on June 16. The next Play Day is scheduled for June 29 at 6:00 p.m.

The BJRA is selling raffle tickets for a 16 inch seat Ammerman saddle. Tickets are \$10.00 and proceeds go to benefit the buckle series Play Day and for arena improvements.

Contact any member or Susan London at Friona State Bank, Donna Ware in Bovina at 225-4844 or Donna Martin at (505) 389-5188.

The concession stand will be closed June 29. Everyone is encouraged to bring their own

Posse Meeting & Raffle Set

The Parmer County Sheriff's Posse will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 1, at Friona City Hall. The meeting begins at 8 p.m. and any interested citizen may attend.

To raise funds for radio and pager equipment, the posse is having a raffle. Winners will be drawn on July 4th during the celebration in City Park.

There are over 40 prizes to be given away, including gift certificates, savings bonds, and steaks.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5. Tickets are available from any Posse member. For more information, or to purchase "as many tickets as you want" contact Fred Ferguson of Lakeside Parts & Machine at 247-3939.

You need not be present to win.

Women's Softball Shootout

The Friona Police Department is sponsoring a women's team Softball Shootout Tournament for July 20 & 21.

Deadline for entering the tournament will be July 17. It is being limited to 20 teams.

First and Second place winners will receive individual and team trophies. Third place and consolation will receive a team trophy.

There will also be prizes for offensive and defensive Most Valuable Player.

This will be an ASA Class "D" Women's tournament. Entry fee is \$120. Early bird entry fee of \$110 applies before July 15. Anytime after July 15 is \$120.

Anyone interested can contact Manuel Torres or Randy Gerias at Friona Police Department, 247-2711, or call 247-2384.

snacks and drinks on that Play Day. Play Day results for June 16 are as follows:

For barrels, five-year-olds and under assisted: Keifer Ruthardt 58.03; Michelle Zolman 1:25; and Gage Edwards 1:45.

Barrels, five-year-olds and under: Johnathan Edwards 36.88; Andrew Stowers 57.41; Holly Bufkin 59.57; and Danielle Bentley 1:17.

Barrels, six and seven-year-olds: Justin Lide 26.31; Tanner Kube 33.87; Elisa Smith 34.60; Amber Bandy 37.59; Macy Martin 46.78; and Salida Edwards participated.

Barrels, eight and nine-year-olds: Matthew Edwards 21.93; Luke London 25.47; Bobby Bentley 30.35; Colton Sudderth and Justin Ware participated.

Barrels, ten through thirteen-year-olds: Shasta Copley 19.69; Kim Lide 21.10; Amber Lide 21.75; Trevor Fields 26.15; Chad Bentley 26.88; Ashley Hartzog 27.03; Trent McDonald 28.44; Kristin Ford 29.62; Mandy Martin 30.72; Spencer Kube 36.53; Gaylen Sudderth 36.75; Jason Sudderth 42.32; and Bernice Lopez 50.84.

Barrels, fourteen through eighteen-year-olds: Joni Johnson 19.44; Lisa Leffler 19.93; Robin Grantham 20.06; Michael Carson 22.92; and Shanee Wilcox 24.20.

For flags, five-year-olds and under assisted: Keifer Ruthardt 36.37; and Michelle Zolman 1:06.

Flags, five-year-olds and under: Johnathan Edwards 22.28; Danielle Bentley 42.69; Holly Bufkin 44.78; and Andrew Stowers 46.19.

Flags, six and seven-year-olds: Salida Edwards 11.79; Justin Lide 14.97; Tanner Kube 21.15; Amber Bandy 21.53; Elisa Smith 25.50; and Macy Martin 37.53.

Flags, eight and nine-year-olds: Matthew Edwards 12.13; Bobby Bentley 17.82; Justin Ware 18.66; Luke London 19.75; and Colton Sudderth 37.25.

Flags, ten through thirteen-year-olds: Shasta Copley 11.44; Kim Lide 11.63; Mandy Martin 12.25; Trevor Fields 12.41; Chad Bentley 12.97; Trent McDonald 14.65; Amber Lide 14.75; Ashley Hartzog 15.79; Gaylen Sudderth 21.75; Jason Sudderth 21.75; Kristin Ford 23.25; Spencer Kube 23.25; and Bernice Lopez.

Flags, fourteen through eighteen-year-olds: Lisa Leffler 10.46; Robin Grantham 10.69; Michael Carson 11.00; Shanee Wilcox 14.97; and Joni Johnson 15.34.

For poles, five-year-olds and under assisted: Keifer Ruthardt 1:03; and Michelle Zolman 1:36.

Poles, five-year-olds and under: Holly Bufkin 1:03; Danielle Bentley 1:10; Andrew Stowers 1:49; and Johnathan Edwards participated.

Poles, six and seven-year-olds:

Salida Edwards 24.66; Tanner Kube 35.19; Justin Lide 35.47; Elisa Smith 47.19; Amber Bandy 48.18; and Macy Martin 55.19.

Poles, eight and nine-year-olds: Justin Ware 31.35; Luke London 33.88; Bobby Bentley 40.25; Matthew Edwards 41.38; and Colton Sudderth 1:13.

Poles, ten through thirteen-year-olds: Kim Lide 27.94; Shasta Copley 28.29; Trevor Fields 31.91; Chad Bentley 32.07; Mandy Martin 33.28; Ashley Hartzog 33.28; Amber Lide 34.75; Trent McDonald 37.40; Kristin Ford 39.81; Gaylen Sudderth 45.28; Spencer Kube 50.44; Jason Sudderth 54.00; and Bernice Lopez 55.53.

Pole, fourteen through eighteen-year-olds: Lisa Leffler 23.07; Robin Grantham 24.78; Shanee Wilcox 28.25; Michael Carson 35.53; and Joni Johnson 42.65.

In stakes, five-year-olds and under assisted: Michelle Zolman 22.18.

Stakes, five-year-olds and under: Johnathan Edwards 13.31; Holly Bufkin 19.53; and Danielle Bentley 30.82.

Stakes, six and seven-year-olds: Salida Edwards 8.59; Justin Lide 12.69; Amber Bandy 14.47; Macy Martin 17.41; Tanner Kube 18.22; and Elisa Smith participated.

Stakes, eight and nine-year-olds: Matthew Edwards 8.69; Luke London 10.94; Justin Ware 11.14; Bobby Bentley 17.06; and Colton Sudderth 19.00.

Stakes, ten through thirteen-year-olds: Shasta Copley 8.53; Trevor Fields 9.69; Kristin Ford 9.80; Amber Lide 9.84; Ashley Hartzog 10.37; Chad Bentley 10.60; Mandy Martin 11.81; Gaylen Sudderth 13.53; Spencer Kube 15.44; Trent McDonald 17.09; Bernice Lopez 18.11; Jason Sudderth 19.37; and Kim Lide participated.

Stakes, fourteen through eighteen-year-olds: Robin Grantham 8.25; Joni Johnson 8.31; Michael Carson 9.47; Shanee Wilcox 11.09; and Lisa Leffler participated.

In goat ribbon, five-year-olds and under assisted: Michelle Zolman 9.66.

Goat ribbon, five-year-olds and under: Danielle Bentley 3.71; Holly Bufkin 4.65; and Johnathan Edwards 5.16.

Goat Ribbon, six and seven-year-olds: Amber Bandy 8.34; Macy Martin 10.15; Elisa Smith 21.84; Salida Edwards 25.53; and Justin Lide 44.34.

Goat tying, eight and nine-year-olds: Luke London 46.62; Justin Ware 1:39; Bobby Bentley 2:44; Colton Sudderth and Matthew Edwards participated.

Goat tying, ten through thirteen-year-olds: Ashley Hartzog 44.97; Mandy Martin 51.81; Kim Lide 53.88; Amber Lide 1:10; Chad Bentley 1:33; Trevor Fields 1:50; and Trent McDonald participated.

Goat tying, fourteen through eighteen-year-olds: Michael Carson 51.79.

Tulia Livestock Auction

Monday, June 24, receipts 1987 head. Compared to last week's sale, good stocker calves sold mostly steady. Feeder steers and heifers sold steady to 1.00 lower. Packer cows traded 2.00 higher. High dressing cows up to 36.00. Packer bulls 38.00 to 44.00.

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FEEDER HEIFERS	FEEDER STEERS
73 mx. 796#-53.00	18 mx 605#-64.00
10 blk. 704#-56.75	31 mx 804#-61.60
41 Limo. 929#-53.00	66 blk. 674#-60.75
8 blk. 604#-55.00	28 mx 803#-59.50
19 mx. 624#-56.75	93 blk. 792#-61.60
4 mx 723#-56.00	57 xbred 674#-59.75
57 mx 796#-54.00	11 blk. 681#-59.00
23 mx 695#-53.00	29 mx 775#-61.50
14 mx 652#-57.00	65 mx 770 #-62.00
5 blk. 627#-56.75	18 xbred 882#-59.00
11 blk. 773#-54.00	

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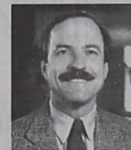
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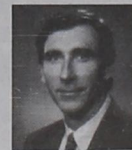
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On May 31, 1996, Energas Company filed Statements of Intent to change its gas rates with each incorporated city listed below. The proposed changes will take effect no sooner than 35 days after filing. Each city may suspend the proposed effective date for an additional 90 days.

The company proposes to increase rates to General Service (residential and commercial), Small Industrial Service, Large Gas Air Conditioning and/or Electric Generating Gas Service, and the Air Conditioning Rate Rider. Additionally, the company is proposing to offer a new service, General Service-State Institutions, to state agencies. The company may implement a different rate design than proposed provided the increased revenue does not exceed that specified herein.

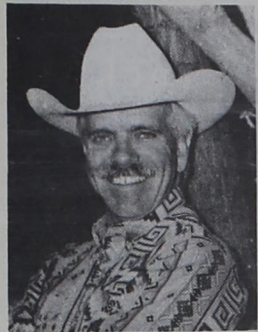
The proposed changes are expected to increase the company's annual revenues by approximately 7.6 percent or \$7.7 million. The proposed changes could affect approximately 200,000 gas consumers in the following communities:

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| Amherst | Lamesa* | Quitaque |
| Anton | Levelland* | Ralls |
| Big Spring* | Littlefield | Ropesville |
| Bovina | Lockney | Seagraves |
| Brownfield* | Lorenzo | Seminole |
| Buffalo Spring Lake | Los Ybanez | Shallowater |
| Canyon* | Lubbock* | Silverton |
| Coahoma | Meadow | Slaton |
| Crosbyton | Midland* | Smyer |
| Dimmitt | Muleshoe | Springlake |
| Earth | Nazareth | Stanton |
| Edmonson | New Deal | Sudan |
| Floydada | New Home | Tahoka |
| Forsan | Odessa* | Timbercreek Canyon |
| Friona | O'Donnell | Tulia |
| Hale Center | Olton | Turkey |
| Happy | Opdyke West | Vega |
| Hart | Palisades | Wellman |
| Hereford* | Pampa* | Wilson |
| Idalou | Panhandle | Wolforth |
| Kress | Petersburg | |
| Lake Ransom Canyon | Plainview* | |

*The level of revenue increase in these communities constitutes a "major change" as defined by state law.

Copies of the filing are available at the Energas Office at 5110 - 80th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79424, and your local Energas Office.





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Area Irrigation Water Management Is Vital

Are you getting the best results from your irrigation system? Is poor pumping plant efficiency contributing to high irrigation costs? Farmers and ranchers who depend on water from the Ogallala Aquifer have likely experienced dramatic decreases in well yields since the most recent drought began in 1992. Annual static water level measurements in wells in the past four years indicate the largest rate of decline since the early 1980s.

Some irrigators may run out of money before they run out of water if they do not become more efficient in the production and distribution of irrigation water. Many irrigators are using pumping plants that are worn out or incorrectly sized for the amount of water they are pumping. This, coupled with water lost during irrigation system application--sometimes as much as 40 per cent--will likely result in many farmers having to abandon irrigation.

Now is a good time to do a self evaluation of your irrigation system, especially if you have difficulty meeting crop water needs. The first step is to identify where water losses are occurring and decide what type of system upgrade would help eliminate water losses. The tables below will help you evaluate your irrigation system and determine which type is the most efficient:

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FURROW IRRIGATION WITH OPEN UNLINED DITCHES

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Disadvantages: High evaporation losses, uneven water application, deep percolation losses and irrigation tailwater.

FURROW IRRIGATION WITH UNDERGROUND OR GATED PIPE

Water losses: 30 to 40 per cent.
Advantages: Eliminates open ditch water losses.

FURROW IRRIGATION WITH UNDERGROUND PIPE AND SURGE VALVE

Water losses: 20 to 30 per cent.
Advantages: Eliminate irrigation tailwater, eliminate deep percolation losses, apply smaller applications of water more uniformly.

SPRINKLER IRRIGATION

SIDE ROLL SPRINKLER SYSTEM

Water losses: 40 to 60 per cent.
Disadvantages: High evaporation losses from air, crop canopy and soil surface.

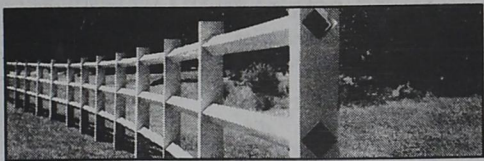
PARTIAL DROP LOW PRESSURE CENTER PIVOT SPRINKLER SYSTEM

Water losses: 20 per cent.
Disadvantages: Wets total soil surface and crop canopy which provide opportunity for high evaporation.

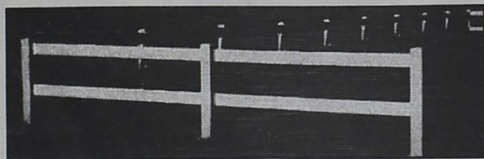
LOW ENERGY PRECISION APPLICATION (LEPA) CENTER PIVOT SPRINKLER SYSTEM

Water losses: 3 to 5 per cent.
Advantages: Low water loss during application; can be used to make frequent applications of low volume water, wets only furrow being irrigated; and may be utilized to apply nitrogen through chemigation.

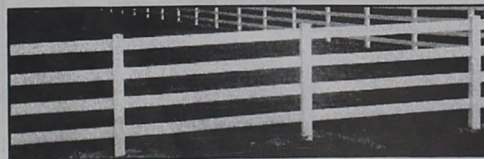
The Parmer County Soil and Water Conservation District has an ultrasonic flow meter available to help you measure the gallons per minute by a system of sound waves, wells need to be checked periodically to insure that they are performing at their maximum efficiency. Producers interested in well evaluations and wanting more information should contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service located at 1306 West Ninth Street in Friona or call (806) 247-2220.



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Entertainment Is On Tap For Muleshoe's July 4th

For the 13th consecutive year, Joe's Boot Shop and Country Junction will host the biggest Fourth of July party in the Southwest with its annual Boot Tent Sale, July 3-6.

The four-day sale, hosted by the largest western outfitter in the Southwest, draws crowds from far and wide, with free food, free drinks, free entertainment and hourly giveaways for the whole family.

Joe's is open each day from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the sale, with entertainment on the bandstand starting at 10:30 a.m. and running through closing each day.

Headlining the entertainment for the 1996 sale will be country music legends Johnny Bush and Johnny Gimble and the gospel group, Bob Wills and the Inspirationalists. Back for another year are crowd favorites, Jody Nix and the West Texas Cowboy Band; and Bubba Cox and the Lariat Band. Performing each and every day of the sale will be Kim Blakey and the Home Cookin' Band.

The sale opens Wednesday, July 3, with Jody Nix as the featured performer of the day. Kim Blakey and Home Cookin' will also perform.

Johnny Bush will be featured Thursday, July 4 as will Bubba

Cox and Lariat. Accompanying Bubba and Lariat will be rising country music star Tommy Shane Steiner, son of former world champion bull rider Bobby Steiner.

Friday, July 5, the nationally acclaimed gospel group, Bob Wills and the Inspirationalists, will take the stage. The group's leader is the nephew of western swing legend Bob Wills. Also featured will be Bubba Cox and Lariat and Kim Blakey and the Home Cookin' Band.

Johnny Gimble, the world's foremost fiddle player, is the featured guest on Joe's stage Saturday, July 6. Gimble is seen regularly on Nashville TV and is heard playing on hundreds of recordings out of Nashville studios. Bubba Cox and Lariat and Kim Blakey and Home Cookin' will be on the stage as well.

In addition to the entertainment, Muleshoe artist, Rheata White, will present art demonstrations each day of the sale. Muleshoe's annual Fourth of July fireworks display adds to the list of events, as does the production of Keepers of the Legend, a musical play at the Muleshoe Heritage Center.

(See advertisement below for more details.)

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Rites Held Monday For Mrs. Rejino

Friona resident Aurora "Dora" Rejino, 81, died Thursday, June 20. Rosary was recited at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in St. Teresa's Catholic Church. Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday in the church by the Rev. Ed Sweeney. Burial was at Friona Cemetery by Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Rejino was born in San Marcos. She married Ben Rejino, Sr. in 1938 in Hockley County. He died in 1987. She was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina and had served various offices on the Altar Society since 1958. She helped organize the Guadalupanas in 1960 and assisted in organizing the St. Ann's Parish Council in 1966, serving as chairman and secretary.

She was St. Ann's delegate to the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, was a member of the DCCW board and was DCCW Woman of the Year in 1972. She was chairman of the Rural Life Committee and received the Papal Award in 1985 for service to the ministry to the Diocese.

Survivors include two sons, Ben Rejino, Jr. of Friona and Richard Rejino of Carrollton; two daughters, Sister Carolina Rejino of Amarillo and Erlinda Rejino of Albany, New York; three brothers, Geronimo Guajardo of Houston, Antonio Guajardo of Lubbock and Valentine Guajardo of Orange, California; two sisters, Guadalupe Hernandez of Houston and Paulina Montemayer of Anton; and four grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to Catholic Family Service, 200 S. Tyler St., Amarillo, Texas 79101.

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But they buy their phone line time from the big guys, so I don't really see how all that works.

Our bills come from GTE but your long distance company is on the GTE bill too. So GTE collects from you and pays your carrier their part. Is that the way it works?

Speaking of your GTE bill, did you see that "Notice of Proposed Surcharge" in your last billing. They want to add a maximum \$1.06 monthly surcharge to each customer for each access line.

The purpose is to cover lost revenues and increased costs. Isn't that special? Some of those costs are probably related to having to collect long distance bills for other companies.

So you save a few long distance bucks and spend some of the savings with GTE to collect for the company you are saving with? What a confusing circle.

But who really understands how the telephone companies work anyway. A quick spin through your telephone bill doesn't help.

My bill has something called a "Poison control surcharge" and a

"Cost of Service" surcharge. What in the heck are those?

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My mother worked in a beauty shop and many times I remember asking the operator to "ring my mother at the beauty shop." "Is that you, Ronnie", she would say.

And long distance in those days? Well, you asked the operator to place the call and she would call you back when she got your party on the line.

I'm not sure how much all this service cost back then. I do know that life was slower and simpler.

I also read Dick Tracy comics where he could call people on his wrist watch and I said that would never happen. Ha!

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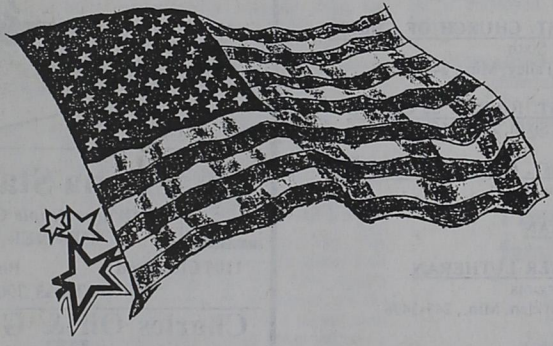
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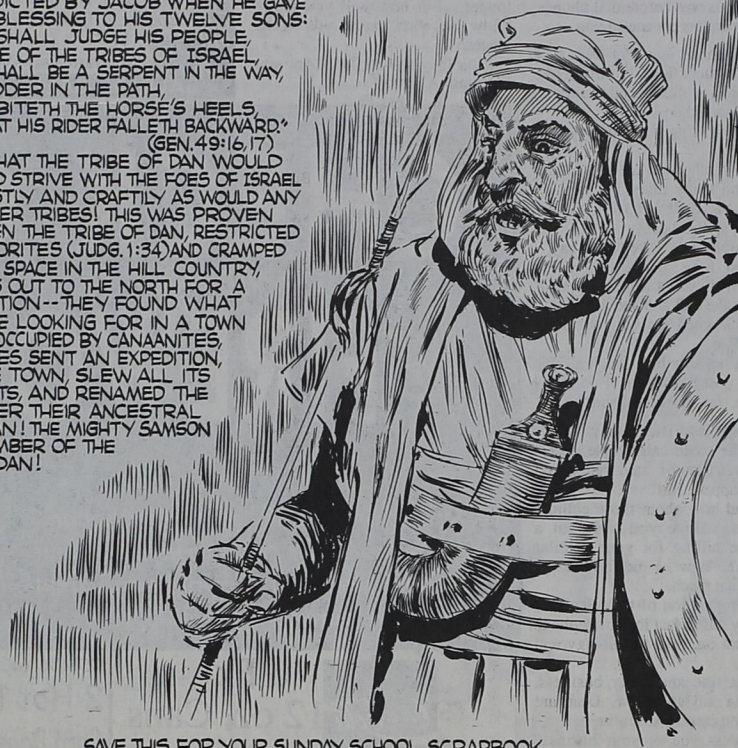
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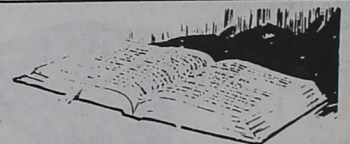
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Kristi Mills, Rick Young Exchange Wedding Vows

Kristi Elaine Mills and Rick O'Shay Young, both Amarillo residents, exchanged wedding vows Saturday, July 13 at 7 p.m. in the Amarillo South Church of Christ.

Brad Small, pastor, performed the wedding ceremony before a heart shaped candleabra entwined with greenery and burgundy flowers flanked by spiral candleabras and lattice boards decorated with greenery and burgundy flowers. The unity candle, placed in front of the lattice board, was lit during the ceremony by the bride and groom. Aisles were marked with posts topped with candles and tulle bows.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Sharon Mills of Amarillo and granddaughter of Wayne and Joann Mills of Friona and F.G. and Bonnie Crofford of Amarillo. Floyd Crofford of Amarillo is her great-grandfather.

The bridegroom is the son of Roy Young of Amarillo and Rachel White of Amarillo.

Scrolls were placed in a small trunk and given to the guests as they entered the church.

Wedding music was provided by Margie Phillips of Amarillo, great-aunt of the bride, at the piano. Musical selections included "How Can I Truly Say How Much I Love You" by Accapella and "Endless Love," sung by Ashley Smith of Round Rock, Texas and "When The Love is Right" by Tourniquet.

As the bride was presented in marriage by her parents and family, she was attired in a formal length gown of bridal satin and accented with schiffle embroidered trim. The gown featured a Queen Anne neckline and open heart shaped key hole back accented with pearl draping. The short elbow length pouf sleeves were accented with bows and pearls. The skirt was accented with open beaded appliques and pearls and formed a full chapel length train featuring a large bow at the back waist.

Her satin and beaded headpiece held a fingertip illusion veil and she carried a cascade of white roses, white carnations, baby's breath and burgundy flowers.

She wore a string pearl necklace and pearl earrings. Her

VFW-Auxiliary Name Officers For 1996-97

Parmer County V.F.W. Post #1413 held officer installation at the June 11 meeting. District #13 Commander Bob Clark of Muleshoe was the installing officer.

Officers serving during the 1996-97 year are: John Duke, commander; Henry Gauna, senior vice commander; Avis Henry, junior vice commander; Joe Bob Mann, quartermaster; Porter Roberts, adjutant; and Bobby Jordan, chaplain.

Auxiliary officers were installed at the May meeting by Anita Vardell, District #13 president.

Officers for the coming year are: Dale Mann, president; Carla Sue Scott, senior vice president; Stella Shirley, junior vice president; Deanna Duke, treasurer; Ruth Tucker, secretary; Marlene Drake, conductress; and Mary Nell Bleeker, chaplain.

The next meeting for both

garter was a family heirloom made by Mrs. G.D. Drake, her great-grandmother, and served as something old, borrowed and blue and was also worn by the bride's mother in her own wedding and the other granddaughters of Mrs. G.D. Drake in their own weddings. Something new was her gown and accessories.

The groom wore a black tuxedo with tails, black best, bow tie and shoes and a burgundy rose boutonniere.

Kimberli Mills of Amarillo served her sister as the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Holley Brown of Amarillo and Ashley Smith of Round Rock, Texas.

They wore formal length hunter green gowns of shantung. The gowns featured scooped necklines, cap sleeves attached with pearls and an open key hole in the back of the dress in the shape of a heart and were accented with string pearl necklaces, pearl earrings and matching shoes. The feminine attendants carried long stemmed white roses tied with green and burgundy ribbon and wore halos of baby's breath in their hair.

Ray Young of Amarillo, brother of the groom, was the best man. Groomsmen were Roy Young of Amarillo, father of the groom, and Joe Young of Amarillo, brother of the groom.

The male attendants wore black tuxedos, black bow ties, black shoes and white rose boutonnieres. Candles were lit by Kyle Mills of Amarillo, brother of the bride, Jason Floyd of Canadian, cousin of the bride, and Jarad Lynch of Amarillo, cousin of the groom.

Serving as ushers were Kyle Mills, brother of the bride, Jason Floyd, cousin of the bride, and Jared Lynch, cousin of the groom, of Amarillo.

Floyd Crofford, great-grandfather of the bride, was escorted down the aisle by his great-granddaughters, Kimberli Mills, sister of the bride, and Cassie Floyd, cousin of the bride.

The reception was held in the Trinity Fellowship, Amarillo.

A rectangular table, covered

organizations will be held Monday, July 8 at 7:30 p.m. Due to several conflicts, the meetings have been temporarily changed from the second Tuesday of each month to the second Monday. Members are urged to come to the meetings and support their organizations.

FHS Grad Makes List At McMurry

McMurry University has announced its Dean's Honor Roll recipients for the 1996 spring semester. To be selected for the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must take 6 to 11 credit hours and have a 3.5 or better G.P.A.

Among those honored was Raymond Zamora of Friona, who was a senior multidisciplinary major.

with a burgundy underskirt topped with a white lace cloth held the bride's cake. The four tiered wedding cake featured twinkling candles on a spiral stairway leading up to the fourth layer. Fresh flowers separated the third and fourth layers. The cake was decorated with burgundy flowers and greenery and was topped with three crystal bells. Debra Goldsmith, cousin of the bride's father, made and decorated the cakes. Mints, nuts and punch were also served from the bride's table. The mints were made by Nancy Manning.

Serving from the bride's table were Cassie Floyd of Canadian, cousin of the bride, Audra Sadler of Littlefield, Charity Morgan of Levelland and Christie Covel of Amarillo.

The groom's table was covered with a hunter green underskirt topped with a white lace cloth and held the cherry cheese cake. Fresh fruit, vegetables and coffee were also served.

Erin Evans of Kerrville, Texas and Stephanie Pafford of Amarillo, cousin of the groom, served from the groom's table.

The bride's wedding portrait was displayed atop a white lace centerpiece made by the bride's grandmother, Mrs. F.G. Crofford. The centerpiece featured strip quilting pieces left from bridal dresses of other family members. It included material left from the dresses of the bride's mother, aunt and cousins. Pictures of the bridal couple as children were included in this display.

Guests were registered by Charity Morgan of Levelland.

Bird seed bags were arranged in a basket and distributed to guests at the reception.

Sue Procter of Friona helped organize the wedding party and assisted in the wedding rehearsal and ceremony.

For a wedding trip to Dallas, the bride chose a pastel sun dress made by the bride and her mother. The couple will make their home in Amarillo after July 18.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of Randall High School and is currently attending West Texas A&M University, Canyon, where she is a computer major. She is employed by Horace Mann Insurance Agency as a secretary.

Young is a 1994 graduate of Randall High School and attends West Texas A&M University, where he is an accounting major. He is employed by Southwest Salvage.

REHEARSAL DINNER

The rehearsal dinner for members of the wedding party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

Gary White of Amarillo. Mexican food was prepared by Rachel White and served to the guests.

A miscellaneous bridal shower was held in the home of Kathy Brittain, 6703 Blacksmith, Amarillo, on June 1. Hostesses for the shower were Connie Blant, Kathy Brittain, Donna Ekert, Lesli Laughter, Pat Mankins, Nancy Manning, Wendy Peeples, Sherry Richardson, Patty Tracy, Maelynn Webb and Nancy Wood.

Another miscellaneous bridal shower was held in the home of Melodee Campbell, #1 Indian Hill Road, Amarillo, on June 23. Hostesses for the shower were Melodee Campbell, Bobbie McLaughlin, Sue Dodgin, Anissa Long, Paula Brunson, Jennifer Ince, Peggy Rhea, Sharon Ince, Karen McDougal, Brenda Blair, Mary Baker, Susie Grim, Kay Brown, Sandy Hutcherson and Vickie Lam.

The bridesmaids hosted a lingerie shower on July 11.



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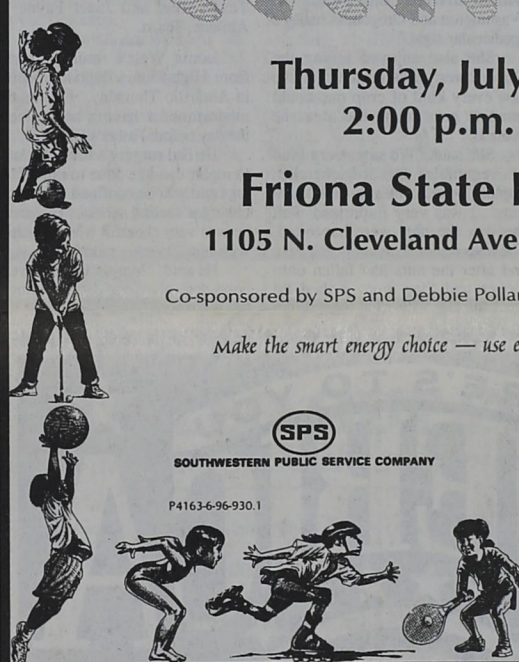
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Town Talk

By JUNE FLOYD

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After an absence of a few days over two months, it is so good to be back in Friona. I've been in Southwestern Oklahoma and Central Montana. In both places the countryside was more colorful than it is here and in Montana everything was so lush and green.

In the twenty plus years I've been going up there I've never seen the whole area more beautiful. On every hillside and in every dale wild flowers were blooming or tall grass-about knee high in most places-was waving in the air.

It was also very cool-from lows of the forties at night to the upper seventies in the day time. The food was good, the company was great and the view could not have been improved on.

The only reason I can think of for coming home is "This is HOME." It is wonderful to be back and I apologize for Town Talk being so brief this week.

However, if you will call me, it will be longer next week and the weeks to come. This means you and you and you!

I left all five members of the Phillips family doing real well. It has been two years today (Thursday) since the tragic explosion and fire. They have re-built their home in the same location as the previous one and Susan has made remarkable progress from the injuries she received.

Jim Zorns, who had heart surgery at Lubbock Methodist Hospital Sunday morning, was moved from the Coronary Care Unit to a private room Monday evening and is reported to be making satisfactory progress.

Recent overnight visitors in the home of Thomas, Lisa, Shayli, Sawyer and Stetson Reed were Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Watson of Fort Stockton, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Cary Watson and children, Hudson and Hannah Pressley, who live in Abilene, Texas.

The E.R. Watsons are Lisa's parents and Cary is her brother.

Opal Baxter returned home Saturday evening after spending a few fun filled days in Oregon. She flew from Lubbock to Albuquerque, where she joined a daughter and son-in-law, Willene and Steve Grundy of New Caney, Texas, for a flight to Vancouver, Washington.

The Texans were met at Vancouver by Bubba and Mary Pipes and children, Ricky, Vicki, Rachel and Renae, who live near St. Paul, Oregon.

The Pipes family moved from the Rhea Community to Oregon a couple of years or so ago and this was Bubba's Grandmother Opal's first visit in his home.

Opal reported ample rainfall and growing crops all over the valley where St. Paul is located. She said, "The Columbia River, which divides the states of Washington and Oregon, is really a spectacular sight."

She also enjoyed seeing the Hood River and reported that she saw every kind of crop one could imagine growing in the area she visited.

She said, "We saw every kind of vegetable, lots of cherries, apples, berries, alfalfa and hazel nuts. I was very impressed with the way the nuts were harvested. The trees resemble dwarf peach trees and after the nuts had fallen onto the ground they were picked up mechanically with what looked like

a giant vacuum cleaner."

She brought a box of nuts home with her and from it she learned that 96% of all hazel nuts grown in the United States are grown in Oregon.

One day the family toured the Dalles Electric plant, which had thirteen turbines which are each about one half mile long and generates a phenomenal amount of electricity every 24 hours.

They also toured the Multnomah Falls, which are the second largest in the nation. These falls are on the Hood River and measure 620 feet.

The most majestic sight she saw was Mt. Hood from the air. She reported, "That mountain stays snow covered all year and was awe inspiring when we flew over it."

She and the Grundy's were unable to get flights back to Texas at the same time, so she made the return trip alone.

Out-of-town visitors in the home of the Rene Sneads this week have been Shannel and Kayli Denson and Mendy Prather of Abilene, Texas.

Incidentally, the Sneads have a new great-granddaughter, whose birth has not been reported in the Friona Star. Her parents, Shayne and Sabrina Woodard of Pflugerville, Texas, didn't notify us when she was born a month or so ago. Her name is Whitney Layne. Her paternal grand-parents are Clyde Woodard, who lives in the Waco, Texas area, and Janet Payne of Abilene, Texas.

Louis Welch returned home from High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo Thursday. He had the misfortune of having an accident the day before Father's Day.

He had surgery a few days later to repair damage done to one of his legs and will be confined to a wheel chair for several weeks. However, he was very cheerful when I visited with him Tuesday morning.

He said, "Mamie Lou is a very good care giver and I'm planning a full recovery."

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Cherise Money, Wade Procter United In Church Ceremony

In a candlelight ceremony at Sixth and Jackson Church of Christ in Odessa, Texas, at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 4, Cherise Ann Money of that city became the bride of James Wade Procter, Friona.

Parents of the couple are Lynn and Sherilyn Money, Odessa; and Dewayne and Cheryl Procter, Friona.

The double ring vows were read by Lynn Money, father of the bride, before a bouquet of spring flowers flanked by spiral candelabra holding white tapers. He was assisted by Jeff Procter, Kearney, Nebraska, cousin of the groom, and Tommy King, uncle of the bride.

A chorus from the church presented wedding music. Soloists were Scott Davis, Iris Riggs and Gregg Gibson.

Cheryl Cash was her sister's matron of honor. The maid of honor was Darla Procter, sister of the groom. Other bridal attendants were Amy Myers, Shawn Turner, Karen Nash, Monica Pierce, Suzanne Gordon, Becki Bearden and Debra Poindexter.

They wore identical formal gowns of teal blue taffeta designed with shawl collars and straight skirts and carried arm bouquets of spring flowers.

Morgan Procter, niece of the

groom, was the flower girl. She wore a white dress with accents and carried a basket of flower petals.

Jarrod Meyers was the ring bearer.

Darran Procter served as his brother's best man. Bryce Murtrey, was also a best man. Groomsmen were Gary Stowers, Scott Davis, Brad Crow, Matt Rush, Joel Thompson, Todd Epps and Barry Procter, cousin of the groom.

Guests were seated by Carlon, Jeff and Tanner King, cousins of the bride; Dusty Baker, nephew of the bride, and Robert Kellough, Joseph Bryant, Darrel Evans and Dan Neelley.

As the bride was presented in marriage by her father she wore a formal length wedding gown of white satin and lace. It was designed with a fitted bodice, leg o mutton sleeves which cascaded to points over her hands and a sweetheart neckline. Re-embroidered pearls outlined the neckline, and were interspersed on the sleeves and around the hemline, which ended in a cathedral train. She carried a cascading bouquet of Casa Blanca and white roses.

For something old she wore her mother's wedding veil and for something new she chose a diamond necklace, which was a gift from the groom.

The groom was attired in a black tuxedo with white shirt and boutonniere. His attendants wore black tuxedos.

Immediately following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Procter were honored with a reception.

Erin Stewart and Amy Cary served cake, punch, nuts and mints from the bride's table, which was centered with a three tiered cake over a fountain surrounded by six heart shaped cakes decorated with fresh spring flowers and teal blue ribbon bows. A silver punch service and serving pieces completed the table setting.

The groom's table, which was presided over by Jenny Nations and Charlotte Procter, cousins of the groom in western attire surrounded by western mints and a bouquet of spring flowers.

Tiffany Procter, sister-in-law of the groom, served fresh strawberries and cream cheese dip from an adjacent table.

Following a wedding trip to San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Procter are making their home in Lubbock. He is a graduate of Friona High School and Lubbock Christian University, from which he holds a

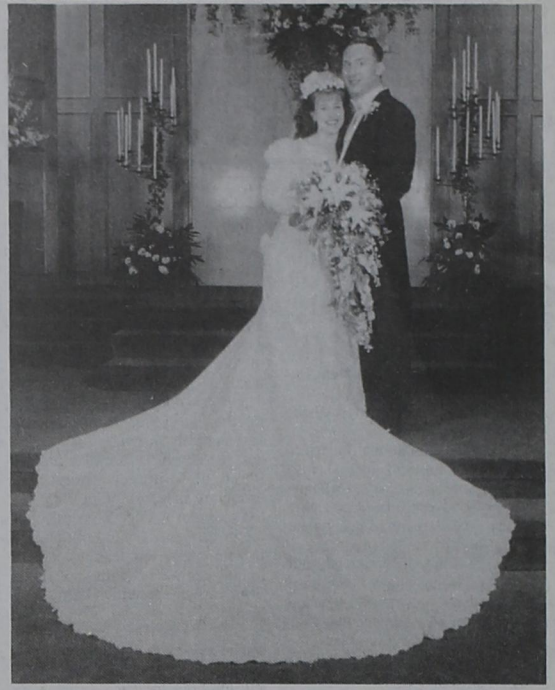
degree in Agriculture Business, and is employed by AFLAC Insurance.

She is a graduate of Odessa Permian High School and a student at Lubbock Christian University, where she is working on a degree in social science.

A rehearsal dinner at Sherwood Church of Christ the evening before the wedding honored the couple. Their attendants and other friends and relatives were special guests.

About 70 people attended the barbecue brisket dinner, which was hosted by the groom's parents and James, Sue, Ron, Libby, Ted and Glenda Procter.

They were assisted by Darlene Rammage, maternal grandmother of the groom, Grace and Don King, grandparents of the bride, Linda Reznik, Tim and Jenny Nations, Charles and Leonna Rammage and Darran and Tiffany Procter.



Mr. and Mrs. Wade Procter

Couple Has Baby Girl

Nathan and Caralee Brockman of Amarillo are the parents of a daughter named McKinley Kay. McKinley was born Tuesday, June 25 at 1:59 p.m. at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

She weighed seven pounds and two and a quarter ounces and was twenty and one half inches long.

McKinley is the first child for the couple. Her maternal grandparents are Tommy and Marsha Hughes of Amarillo and Stephen and Georgina Jones of Denver, Colorado.

Her paternal grandparents are Ralph and Pat Walker of Grand Prairie and Tommy Brockman of Friona.

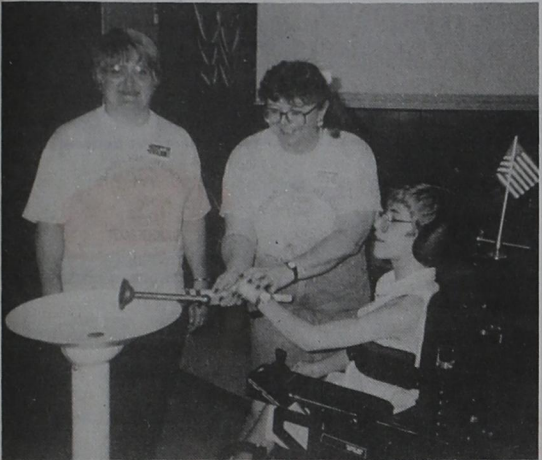
Maternal great grandparents are Mrs. June Elliott of Amarillo and J.L. and Annette Jones of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

McKinley's paternal great grandparent is Mrs. Nita Warren of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Procter

Happy Birthday Friona Folks....

Week of June 30-July 6
Friona residents having birthdays next week include:
June 30--Sharon Diane Jones, Dewayne Procter, Randy Sifford, Brooke Herbert, Ruth Brown, Karene Cass.
July 1--Haleigh Herbert, Courtney Clark, Richie Malouf, Karen Wied, Mae Magness, Gregg Nichols.
July 2--Steven Mann, Nathan Sircic, Leslie Drake, Rhonda Wilkins, Cristie Blackburn, Ruede Rule, Janet Edwards, Katherine Brand, Matthew Stanberry, Leslie Thurman.
July 3--Jan Reeve, Tom Jarboe, Kristi Mills, Booney Gonzales, Hannah Overstreet, Liz Kessler.
July 4--Lonnie Pederson, Anne Spring, Myrna Baize Hill, Jacquessa Ryan.
July 5--Joy Osborn, Kay Sanders, Joe Osborn, Cynthia Gonzales, Jo Igo.
July 6--Max Jones, Krita Potts, Terry Copley, Doris Lange, Lance Gatlin, Patches Fleming, Bill Stephens.
If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, call the Friona Star at 247-2211 by Wednesday noon and report it.



OPENING CEREMONY....Friona Public Library director Darla Bracken (left), Brenda Patterson, assistant director, and Kendra Carr, torch bearer, are shown at the opening ceremony of the "Ready....Set....READ!" Summer Reading Program. The ceremony was held June 20.

Library Summer Program Ends

"Ready....Set....READ!" was the theme for the Texas State Library's 1996 Summer Reading Club. Co-sponsored by the Friona Public Library to promote summer reading activities for children, the local program began May 28 with an official opening ceremony held at the Community Center due to the size of the crowd expected to attend.

Special music was performed and provided by the Friona Schools Band director, Zane Polson. Local baseball enthusiast, JimConlee, presented a short, motivational program on reading fun, attitudes and goals. Kendra Carr lit the official torch hand-crafted by Johnny Miller and loaned by the 6th Street Church of Christ. Seventy-two children, parents and guests attended the program.

Other activities for the club members included activity sheets, coloring and bookmark design contest, plus incentive bonus awards for each two hours of reading.

After the completion of the independent judging, winners were named at the Closing Ceremony June 28.

From the 108 entries received, the winners were:

COLORING CONTEST
Four and under: 1. Katie Jo Osborn; 2. Bryan Baxter; 3. Shawn Jordan.

Five years old--1. Jose Cisneros; 2. Miranda Frye; 3. Kathleen Wylly; 4. Keaton Brady.

Six and seven--1. Caleb Miller; 2. Shayli Reed; 3. Erica Wylly; 4. Stefanie Tirado; 5. Sawyer Reed; 6. Lucretia Field.

Eight--1. Kandace Frye; 2. Megaly Leyva; 3. J.O. Thomas; 4. Jeremy Constanancio; 5. Silvia Delgado.

Nine and ten--1. Kristin Butman; 2. Daniela Castillo; 3. Lory Wylly; 4. Melissa Vazquez; 5. Patricia Mata; 6. Jacob Miller.

Eleven and up--1. Erika Cisneros; 2. Alexia Thomas; 3. Isabel Cisneros; 4. Irene Chavarria; 5. Brandi Lovvorn; 6. Angelic Flores.

BOOKMARK DESIGN CONTEST

Nine and under--1. Tyler Jameson; 2. Jacob Dominguez; 3. Jeremy Constanancio; 4. Kimberlee Jones; 5. Magdalena Ortega; 6. Miranda Frye.

Ten and up--1. Bridget Soltero; 2. Lovy Wylly; 3. Jodie Coker; 4. Jacob Miller; 5. Alexia Thomas; 6. Irene Chavarria.

Winning entries in the

bookmark contest will be printed by the Texas Panhandle Library System with over 1,000 copies provided to the Friona Public Library this fall for free public distribution. We are proud of these youngsters and their summer achievements.

Special thanks go to Connie and Jamie Slagle, Becky, Cass, Daniel and Adam Perkins, Melba Smiley, Chance Butman and Derrick Shields for their volunteer help with the opening ceremony.

Accounting Office In Transition Moves

Friona's accounting office of Brown, Graham & Co. is here for the "long haul," it was announced this week by company officials.

Longtime Friona manager Bernie Gow-ens has elected to take "semi-retirement," but will continue to work for the company during tax season and other times as necessary.

In the meantime, the company will have other members of their Hereford office staff spend time here, along with Jackie Martin.

Graham, Brown and Co. employees Donna West, CPA; Trish Brown, CPA and Robert Laninack, who is completing work on his CPA, will be spending time in the Friona office.

The company plans to do some re-modeling of their local office, and will close the office on Fridays for this purpose. "We hope this will not inconvenience any of our clients," the spokesperson said.

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