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Youthful Resources Available

Need someone for a small job but no listing in the Yellow Pages? Maybe you need a little help cleaning the house for that small get-together that has decided to meet at your house.

Whom can you call when you have a small job or two around the house or a night-out when you need a babysitter?

For any and all of those little jobs that you wish you could pay someone to do, there is now a solution. It is a new program from Joe Lafuente, city youth coordinator, called "Youthful Resources". The program is designed to utilize our young people by putting them in contact with local residents in the community.

Lafuente is compiling a database of young people that are interested in working part time and matching them with residents who have work available.

"I feel that this can be a two-fold endeavor", Lafuente said. "Guiding our youth toward a more responsible and productive management of their free time while earning extra school money. We will also be assisting some residents in those little part-time odd jobs around the house or business."

For those young people that are interested in adding their name to the program or residents who wish to hire our youth, contact Joe Lafuente at city hall and add your name to the database.

Band Boosters To Meet Mon.

Joe Lafuente, president of the Friona Band Boosters, has announced that a meeting is scheduled for Monday night, August 10 at 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

All parents of 5th through 12th grade band members are welcome to attend.

WE ARE TOLD by the talking heads, that seven out of ten people don't give a hang about the Clinton-Lewinsky affair, are tired of hearing about it, and will continue to support the Prez no matter what the outcome. If this is the case, then I have two questions. One: Why is it that this is all the talking heads are talking about? Two: Why is it that seven out of ten people are sitting there drooling in front of their TV sets, thumb on the remote, while channel surfing so they won't miss any of the late-breaking scandal?

Meanwhile, King Bill is busy behind the scenes signing away the basic freedoms which have made this a great country; slowly but surely turning the presidency into the office of dictator, and the country into a state of totalitarianism.

For instance, plans are underway to give the Federal Government the power to input personal info on every citizen into a government computer database. This will record our school performance, business activities, medical and financial records and will track our movements as we travel about from one place to another.

We will each carry an I.D. card linked to this federal database, without which we will not be able to drive a car, get a job, buy a plane ticket, enroll in school, get treatment in an emergency room, buy a gun, have a bank account, cash a check, or receive Social Security or Medicare. The AAMVA (American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators) will issue federal driver's licenses with machine-readable Social Security number and digital fingerprint. This means the end of the privacy we have all enjoyed for the past 222 years.

What's next? A number tattooed on our forearms? A computer chip embedded under the skin of each one of us?

All this stuff has sneaked past our conservative Congress in the guise of welfare reform and illegal immigration reform bills. Plus Clinton has issued a new Executive Order on Federalism which further restricts the powers given to each individual state to govern its people. The wording may sound okay: "uniform national standards," "fewer burdens on the taxpayer," etc. Clinton is good at making things sound really wonderful, but once you get a bunch of liberal judges' interpreting these things, our individual freedoms will be whisked away right under our noses.

Those whom we elect to lead us should not be above the law; they should be above reproach. Yes, character is of vital importance in those who are chosen to govern our country. Read "Character Above All" compiled by Robert Wilson; a group of essays on the characters of our last ten presidents starting with Franklin D. Roosevelt, followed by Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan and George Bush.

Could you, in your wildest imagination, picture a young teen-age girl asking any one of the above ten mentioned men about his choice of underwear? Even more ludicrous, could you imagine any one of them actually answering the question?

We have allowed this president to flout the law, lie about it to the public, and hide behind his popularity in the polls. If this sets a precedent for the future, the office of president will become nothing but a public relations office that is above the law, with John Q. Public paying a terrible price.



LIBRARY WORK---Good progress is being made as work continues on the Library's renovation of the old Post Office building located next to the Library on the corner of 7th and Euclid. Shown here are Clint Cox and crew of Cox Construction, project contractors. The workers are shown removing the old concrete loading dock which was located behind the former Post Office building.

Friona ISD Recognized

Friona school officials recently received notification that Friona ISD achieved "recognized" status from the Texas Education Agency.

The elementary and high school campuses were commended for their excellent test scores.

School accountability ratings are based on district wide TAAS scores as well as attendance and dropout prevention. To achieve recognized status, a district must have 80% or more of all students passing all tests in reading, math, and writing.

In addition, Friona ISD maintained a 96.3% attendance rate and had less than a 2% dropout rate.

"Students, parents, and school officials are to be congratulated on a job well done", said Superintendent Jim Parker.



BLUE 28 HUT....Cranking up the 1998 Chieftain offense at the first day of practice last Wednesday, new coach Dudley Kelm gets acquainted under cloudy skies and cool weather for a change. All new coaches will be introduced at the Booster Club meeting Monday night.

1st Booster Meeting On Mon. Aug 10

Go Big Red! New faces, new coaches, new players get set to launch the 1998-99 FHS athletic season.

The first Friona Booster Club meeting will be held Monday, August 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

It will be an organizational meeting, making plans for the upcoming year. Also the new coaching staff will be introduced.

Everyone is invited to attend and support the Chieftains and Squaws throughout the coming year. Go Big Red!

New Phone Prefixes Are Listed

West Texas Services compiled a list of Friona business places, churches, school and city numbers who have "changed over" to the 250 prefix.

This list is being printed on Page 3 of this issue, courtesy of the Friona Star. Readers are asked to clip out the list and either tape it inside your present telephone directory, or near the phone.

The list is current as of August 6, and presumably those not listed are still using the "247" prefix.

Maize Days Countdown

Friona's annual Maize Days celebration is scheduled for the week of September 12-19. We will bring weekly reports and updates on events leading up to Maize Days week.

The Friona Chamber of Commerce is at 621 Main St. The phone number is 806-250-3491.

MISS FRIONA PLANS UNDERWAY

The 1998 Miss Friona Pageant is set for Saturday, Sep 12. Any girl who will be a sophomore, junior or senior at FHS during the 1998-99 school year is eligible to participate.

"Friona Bucks" and prizes will be awarded to Miss Friona, 1st & 2nd runnerup and Miss Congeniality. Deadline to sign up is Monday, August 17. Entry forms are available at the Chamber office at 621 Main.

Anyone interested in sponsoring a Miss Friona candidate is urged to advise the girl ASAP to allow them time to prepare. If you would be a sponsor but do not have a candidate, call the Chamber at 250-3491.

EVENT INFORMATION NEEDED

If your group or organization is planning an event during the week of Maize Days that you want included in the Schedule of Events, contact the Chamber office with the information no later than August 10. The Schedule of Events is mailed locally and area wide.

LITTLE MISS ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE

The 1998 Little Miss Friona pageant will be held on Tuesday, September 15 at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Entry forms are available at the Chamber office. Contestants must be 5 years-old by September 1 and not older than 6. They must be Friona residents.

Deadline for entries is Aug 28. For more info, contact the Chamber.

MODERN STUDY CLUB PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

A photography show is being organized for September 19 in conjunction with Maize Days. See related story for rules and more entry details.

FSA Accepting Emergency "Apps"

Farmer County was declared eligible for Farm Service Agency (FSA) disaster emergency loans on July 24, 1998.

Generally that means that farmers who have lost at least 30% of their production due to drought temperature conditions that occurred from June 1, 1997 through July 8, 1998, and continuing, are eligible for FSA loans.

Proceeds from crop insurance are taken into account when determining eligibility.

FSA Ag Credit Manager Thomas S. Taylor, is urging farmers who are interested in receiving an emergency loan to get their applications into FSA as soon as possible.

Taylor said, "We hope farmers will get their applications in early rather than waiting until near the deadline which is March 23, 1999.

The longer they wait, the more chance there is for long delays. If the applications come in early, we can avoid backlogs and speed up the

process." The FSA office is located at 109 Third Street, Farwell, the phone number is (806) 481-3349.

"The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in its programs on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, and marital or familial status. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication (braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact the USDA, Office of Communications at (202) 720-5881 (voice) or (202) 720-7808 (TDD).

To file a complaint, write the Secretary of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250, or call (202) 720-7327 (voice) or (202) 720-1127 (TDD). USDA is an equal employment opportunity employer."

Reminder: School Starts In Friona August 19

School will begin for all students in the Friona Independent School District on Wednesday, August 19. However, additional activities are planned prior to the first day of school.

Students who are new to the district are encouraged to register from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the age-appropriate campus as soon as possible. "Please bring school and health records, birth certificates and social security numbers", a school spokesperson said.

To help insure the best possible first day of school, the primary and elementary campus will host a parent orientation meeting on Monday, August 17.

Parents and students in the Primary School (grades ECE, pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and first) will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the junior high auditorium. After the campus orientation, the children and parents will have an opportunity to visit the student's teacher in the assigned classroom.

Parents and students in the Elementary School (grades second, third, fourth, and fifth) will meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the assigned home room. Home room assignments will be posted in each grade level hallway in the elementary building. Teachers will visit about a variety of topics concerning the school year.

On Wednesday, August 19, the children on the primary campus should report to their assigned classroom at 8:20 a.m. Kindergarten students will be dismissed at noon through the first eight days of school.

Students on the elementary campus should report to the elementary building by 8:20 a.m. Grades two and three are to go to the west doors on Cleveland Street. Fourth grade students should

go to the east doors on Euclid Street.

Fifth grade students should wait at the south doors on Eighth Street by the principal's office. Assistance will be provided to help students get to the proper rooms.

Students in junior high (grades six, seven, and eight) need to be on campus by 8:15 a.m. Students names and homeroom assignments will be posted on the west doors on Cleveland Street for sixth grade students and on the east doors on Euclid Street for seventh and eighth grade students.

Students will enter the building when the 8:15 a.m. bell rings then go to their homeroom to pick up their schedule and receive further instructions for the day.

All sixth grade students will meet in the band hall on Monday, August 17 for

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Friona Grad Nabs Hedley Bank Robbers

Two Childress men were arrested Tuesday afternoon after robbing a Hedley bank.

The two were stopped about five miles south of Lakeview in Hall County about two hours after the Community Bank of Hedley was robbed.

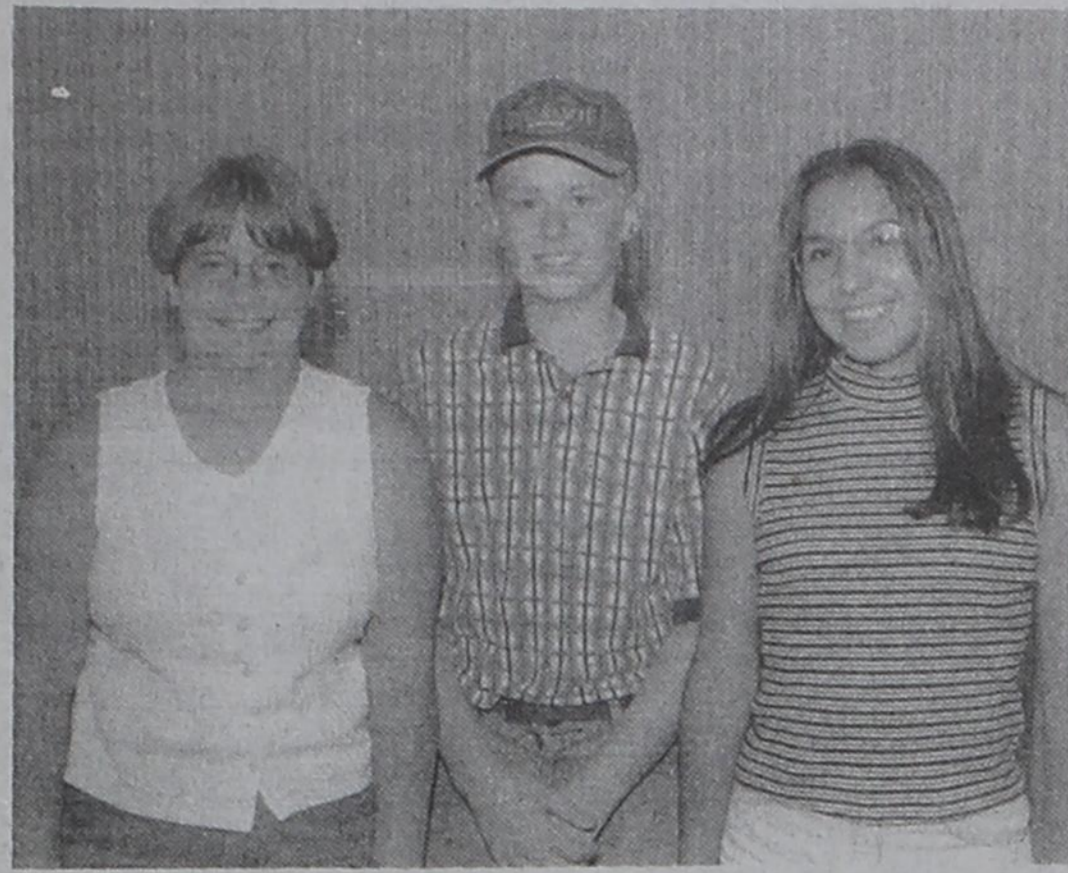
The 1981 Chevrolet was pulled over, and the robbers captured, by Game Warden Gary Self, a 1976 graduate of Friona High School.

Self and his wife Faith (Mays) live in Childress. Faith is the daughter of Harrell and Eddie Mays of Friona.

Self is the nephew of Trell Taylor of Friona and his sister, Gayla Brown also lives in Friona.



TAKING TEST....Raymond Delgado was among the group of local residents who took cholesterol tests in the clinic sponsored by Friona State Bank Monday. Amanda Cox, R. N., administers the test. A total of 48 people took advantage of the opportunity.



PARMER COUNTY ENTREPRENEURS....Jade Mahaney (left), 15, from Farwell, Matt White, 15, of Friona and Linda Armstrong, 15, of Farwell got hands-on experience recently in the Entrepreneurs of the Future Camp 98 at South Plains College in Levelland. They learned about marketing products, store security, marketing yourself and other topics from experts in the world of small business. The camp was presented by SPC, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Wes-Tex Resource Conservation and Development Area, Northwest Texas Small Business Development Center, Tech Prep, Texas Rural Communities and Small Business Administration.

Local Art Group To Hold Fall Art Show In Depot

Friona Art Association will again hold the Annual Fall Art Show in the Depot during Maize Days. All area artists are invited and do not have to be a member of the club to participate in the show. \$400 in cash prizes will be awarded to show winners. Participants are asked to bring their art works to the Depot in the City Park between the hours of 3 to 6 p.m. Friday, September 11. Four media categories are available: 1.Oils and acrylics; 2. Watercolors; 3. Pastel, drawing, pencil, pen and ink; 4. Miscellaneous, three-dimensional, mixed media, computer, etc. All except dimensional art works should be framed for hanging. The show will be judged on Saturday by Bud McCaulley of Amarillo. An artists' reception and open house at the Depot is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, September 13 from 3 to 5 p.m. Artists' awards will be presented at that time. The public is invited to attend and meet the artists and the judge. Any individual, club group or school class who would like to tour the Depot and see the art show any day throughout the week from Sept. 14 to 18, are invited to phone Carol Ellis at 247-3053 for a special art show tour. The show will again be open to the public on Saturday, September 19 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Artists should pick up their art works on Saturday, September 19 after 3 p.m.

AROUND TOWN

Booster club meets Monday

The first 1998-99 meeting of the Friona Booster Club will be Monday, Aug 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Come meet the new coaches and support the Chieftains and Squaws.

Mother's day out at 1st Baptist

First Baptist Church will begin their mother's day out sessions on Thursday Sep 3. The cost will be \$10 per day per child. Pre-registration forms are available at the church office. Anyone interested in being a teacher, contact Carla at 247-2330. More info by calling the church at 247-3933.

Meals for seniors Mon & Thurs

The meals for seniors program serves lunch every Monday and Thursday in the dining hall of the Union Congregational Church. Cost is \$3 per person.

New hours at Sonic drive-in

The Sonic Drive-in has added two hours to its business day. The Sonic now opens at 9 a.m. until 11 p.m. weekdays and 12 midnight on Friday and Saturday. Grab a Sonic coupon out of the Sonic insert in today's Star and stop by for a Sonic treat. Phone is 247-3344

CCC orientation August 11

Students new to Clovis Community College are encouraged to attend the fall semester orientation program on Tuesday, August 11. Students may choose from two identical sessions, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in room 409 at the college, 417 Schepps Blvd. For more info call 505-769-4009.

Museum clean up day Aug 8

The Pioneer Museum committee will meet at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Aug 8 at the old Congregational Church building on 6th St. for a clean up day in preparation for the installation of new windows. Anyone with the time and energy is invited to help

Friona on KPAN Every Tuesday

Tune in to KPAN in Hereford each Tuesday morning at 8:25 a.m. to hear the Friona Bulletin Board program. The Friona Chamber of Commerce talks about community events on the air. To list an event, call the Chamber at 250-3491

Friona PD drug dog fund at FSB

You can assist Parmer County law enforcement with a donation to the fund to purchase a new drug dog by the Friona Police Department. Donations in any amount are welcomed. A fund is established at Friona State Bank.

So. Plains registration begins Aug 24-25

1998 registration begins at South Plains College in Levelland August 24-25 at the SPC Reese Educational Center in Lubbock. Regular fall registration and evening registration on the SPC Levelland campus will be Aug 27. For more info about registration call SPC Levelland at 806-894-9611, X 2374 or 2375.

FSB Gang to TEXAS

The Friona State Bank senior citizens club is sponsoring a trip to Palo Duro Canyon for the TEXAS performance on August 14. Cost is \$30 and includes bus, food, and tickets to the show. Contact the bank at 250-5000.

Friona Flashbacks

...from the files of The Friona Star

70 Yrs. Ago-Aug. 17, 1928

J.R. Roden, proprietor of the City Drug Store, with his wife and children, departed the latter part of last week for Bennington, Oklahoma. J.M. Spohn, one of the Friona territory's pioneer citizens, is reported quite ill and has been confined to his home several days.

H.W. Wright, living a mile south of town, stated to a Star reporter last Saturday that his corn was doing fine and bidding fair for a good crop, provided he got rain.

A few good showers fell over the town and north and east Sunday night which made the land too wet for plowing, but people living south and west of town state rain extended only a half mile south.

60 Yrs. Ago-Aug. 13, 1938

The very sad news was received here Tuesday morning to the effect that Clarence Day, a prosperous



"GIBB" BOATMAN Boatman Rites Set Saturday

Funeral services for Gilbert R. "Gibb" Boatman, 82, will be held Saturday, August 8 at First Baptist Church in Friona, with Leon Talley, minister of Sixth Street Church of Christ, and Rev. Waide Messer, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Friona Cemetery, under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Boatman passed away August 6 at Parmer County Community Hospital, following a lengthy illness.

He was born December 16, 1915, in Comanche, Oklahoma. He married Lottie Mae "Dott" McMillan January 20, 1942, in Brownwood.

Boatman had lived in Friona since 1930. He owned and operated Gibb's Dry Cleaners in Friona for many years prior to selling the business and retiring. He was a member of First Baptist Church, and the Friona Masonic Lodge #1332.

A veteran of World War II, Boatman served in the U. S. Army, having attained the rank of staff sergeant upon his dismissal from the service.

Survivors include his wife, Dott, of Friona one sister, Lillian McLellan and several nieces and nephews.

Chieftain Band Rehearsals To Begin Monday

The 1998-99 Chieftain Band will begin rehearsals on Monday, August 10 at 7 p.m.

The band will meet and work from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on each of the following evenings: Monday Aug 10, Tuesday Aug 11, Thursday Aug 13, Friday Aug 14, Monday Aug 17, and Tuesday Aug 18.

Band director Zane Polson stressed "It is very important that each member of the Friona High School Chieftain Band is present at these rehearsals."

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young farmer living south of town between Friona and Hub had become the victim of a truck-car crash, at about 12:15 a.m. Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ashcraft and daughter, Betty, returned Monday night from a week's vacation in the mountains in Colorado.

45 Yrs. Ago-Aug. 13, 1953

Mrs. Lloyd Hamilton, injured in the head-on collision at Hub last Thursday night, was transferred to the hospital at Tulia late Saturday.

Mrs. C.L. Vestal honored her mother, Mrs. Eda Merrill, with a dinner last Sunday on her eighty-fourth birthday.

The Wesley Fosters visited with Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Froehner in Dimmitt, Sunday.

The J.T. Gees returned Sunday from Dallas where he attended an ag meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. O.J. Beene and boys returned Saturday night from a trip to Denver and Estes Park, Colorado.

40 Yrs. Ago-Aug. 7, 1958

At 2 a.m. Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Goetz and children, Gary, Harry and Angie, left their home in the Rhea community for a visit with relatives in their former home town, Thorndale. Late Monday afternoon, a telephone call from this central Texas town saddened the entire community. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Sachs were informed that Harry and Angie had drowned about five Monday afternoon in a stock tank at the home of their grandparents about eight miles out of Thorndale.

Hayden Carson, who has been attending Jessie Lee's School of Hair Design for the past several months, has finished the hours required for the course, and is spending a few days with his family here.

30 Yrs. Ago-Aug. 8, 1968

Two Friona girls are entered in the ninth annual

Miss Grain Sorghum of the Nation beauty pageant Friday and Saturday in Dimmitt.

Archie M. (Pete) resigned his job as superintendent of the city sewer department system, after almost 18 years of service to the city's wastewater department.

Sp-4 Bill Loafman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loy Loafman, had recently been promoted to Sp-5 in the United States Army. Loafman is stationed with the 2nd Field Forces in Viet Nam. He will complete his tour of duty in early August and expects to arrive in Friona on August 14.

25 Yrs. Ago-Aug. 5, 1973

Gary Mingus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mingus, a 1973 graduate of Friona High School, has been awarded the Applied Music and Friends of Fine Arts Scholarships to West Texas State University, Canyon.

Three girls represented Parmer County in the District 4-H Dress Revue on Thursday, July 26, in the Holiday Inn West in Amarillo. They were Evelyn Hart, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hart of Friona; Mary Lou Roberts of the Oklahoma Lane 4-H Club, the 14-year-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Bob Roberts of Farwell and Susan Mimms, the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Mimms of Lazbuddie. All three girls received blue ribbons for their efforts in the contest in Amarillo.

20 Yrs. Ago-Aug. 20, 1978

Charles M. Harper, president and chief executive director of ConAgra, Inc., Omaha, and David J. La Fleur, president and chief executive officer of MBPXL Corporation, Wichita, Kansas, announced jointly that they have agreed in principle for the merger of the two companies. Mr. Harper indicated that MBPXL would operate as an autonomous subsidiary of ConAgra, Inc.

Funeral services for T.E. (Taft) Lovett, 71, were held Monday at the First Baptist Church of Friona. Lovett had been a resident of Friona for 31 years.

15 Yrs. Ago-Aug. 28, 1983

Enrollment in Friona Schools showed a gain of 22 students over the same enrollment date a year earlier, it was announced this week by Superintendent of Schools Tom Jarboe. The enrollment as of Thursday, August 25 stood at 1281 in the entire school system.

Trent Johnson was involved in an accident at an oil well drilling site some 20 miles north of Vega on August 14. He suffered second and third degree burns over 31 percent of his body from the waist up in a flash fire which was caused from an accumulation of gas. He is a 1982 graduate of Friona High School and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Johnson.

10 Yr. Ago-Aug. 20, 1988

Twelve girls have entered the Miss Friona Pageant, scheduled for August 27. They are Susie Preston, Nicole Potts, Missy Smith, Stefanie Ancira, Rachael Knowles, Molly Lappin, Misty Cole, Deena Willard, Holly Snead, Lory Tannahill, Julie Howard and Debbie Diaz.

The Friona High School Chieftain football coaching staff for 1988-89 includes Mike Herbert, Robert Brandon, Greg Stockstill, Ted Thomas, Kenny Austin, Tommy Moss, Sid Whiteley and Donald Herbert.

5 Yrs. Ago-Aug. 7, 1993

Fourteen-year-old Andy Kendrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Kendrick, won his division of the vaulting event, at the U.S.A. Track & Field Junior Olympics, held on the L.S.U. campus at Baton Rouge, Louisiana on July 30.

Pvt. Olga D. Correa-Flores has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina.

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1998 JR. ALL STARS...The Kids Inc., All Star team in the 11-12 year-old group were, front, l-r, Ty Taylor, Heath McDowell, Cory Puckett, Matt Gammon, Juan Perez, Michael Deaton. Back row, Coach Kevin Taylor, Jacob Miller, Jonathan Nava, Beau Barnett, Marc Haile, Jacob Rando, coach Jesus Nava, Jorge Campos, and coach Mary Nava.



CHEERLEADING TIRES you out. The cheerleader camp was held this week for all of the interested little girls. The varsity girls conducted the camp and the younger girls learned by example.

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Aaron King	336	174	52%	119	34	29%	68	85	88	154	9	0	87	140	78	56%	528
Jeff Rando	40	19	48%				23	32	11	7	0	1	16	22	15	68%	53
Barry Procter	31	10	32%	3	0	0%	7	13	5	5	0	0	23	8	4	50%	24
Angel Vega	172	84	49%	61	14	23%	28	21	42	45	0	0	64	27	16	59%	226
Nathan King	38	20	53%	66	22	33%	20	40	59	61	0	0	48	28	16	62%	122
Joseph Bandy	40	18	45%	20	3	15%	9	6	11	27	1	1	17	24	13	54%	58
Quint Ellis	353	175	51%	105	34	32%	74	184	52	55	21	2	77	129	85	66%	537
Justin Daniel	209	110	53%	18	3	17%	65	137	27	52	27	6	45	68	43	63%	272
Colby Patterson	61	21	34%				38	29	9	3	0	0	28	38	12	32%	54
Landon Martin	33	18	55%				30	24	9	4	1	5	17	34	13	38%	49
TOTALS	1313	649	49%	392	110	28%	358	551	313	413	59	15	422	516	295	57%	1923
TEAM AVERAGE	131	64.9	47%	56	15.7	21%	35.8	55.1	31	41	5.9	1.5	42	51.6	29.5	55%	192.3
AVERAGE p/GAME	43.8	21.6	18%	13.1	3.67	5%	11.87	18.37	10	14	1.97	0.5	14	17.2	9.83	18%	64.1

School Starts August 19

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orientation from 3-4 p.m. sixth grade schedules will be passed out at this time. High school students may pick up their schedules on Tuesday, August 11 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the principal's office. Students who have zero hour classes will need to report on the first day of school August 19 at 7:30 a.m. The first bell will ring at 8:15 a.m. for all other high school students.

Chiefs Post Glittering Cage Stats For '97-'98

(Editor's note: If I placed the stats in a manila folder and intended to take them home for the weekend to "write them up." The folder got stuck inside another one and filed in a lower desk drawer. Out of sight, out of mind. I didn't have another thought about the missing stats until looking

for an Excel file while doing our "special" last week and discovered the sheets in a very unnoticeable place. No one complained. Apparently all of the parents realized that I was finishing the sports year coverage with a handicap (eye surgery). We hope you've saved space in your scrapbooks for the records. They definitely warrant being published, even at this late date. Sorry, folks!)

Seniors Quint Ellis and Aaron King had the tightest duel for team scoring leadership in at least 35 years. Ellis edged King in total points, 537 to 528, but King missed one game. That gave King the best scoring average, 18.2 per game, with Ellis at 17.9.

Junior Justin Daniel was third-leading scorer on the team with 272 points, averaging 9.1 points per game. Daniel really came on in district play, scoring 22 against River Road and 17 in two other games.

Ellis rang the bell with 40 points against Muleshoe, thought to be a new single-game record at FHS. King scored 33 points against Adrian. Ellis had 13 games over 20 points, and King had 11.

Aaron King made 52% of his two-point field goal shots, 174 of 336. Ellis made 51%, 175 of 353. Nathan King made 33% of his three-point shots, 22 of 66. Ellis made 32%, 34 of 105. Ellis was the leading free throw shooter, making 85 of 129 attempts, 66 per cent.

Ellis led in rebounds with 238. Daniel came up with 202.

Aaron King was by far the leader in assists with 154. No one else had over 61. King also led in steals with 88. Nathan King had 59.

'98 Cagers Have Great Win Record

The 1998 team's sparkling 24-5 season record (.828) is the best since the 1975 Chieftain team went 29-4 (878), losing to rival Dimmitt in "The Game," a triple-overtime playoff game. The 24-5 record was slightly better than the 1974 FHS team that advanced to the state finals before being edged by Bowie for the state title. The '74 Chieftains went 22-5.

New Business 'Phone Numbers Given For "250"

W.T. Services Is Announcing the Businesses, Churches, City and School Telephone Numbers Which Have Switched To Their System, and Can Now be Reached by the New Prefix of "250."

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Business/Institution	Ph. Number
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An Added Touch	250-2184
Assembly of God Church	250-2207
Baker, J.G. Seed Cleaning	250-3505
Barnett, Wesley, Realty	250-3903
Benger Aero Spraying	250-2861
Big Ticket Video	250-3003
Bi-Wize Drug	250-3010
Bob's Pump & Machine	250-3211
Boyd, Byron, P.C.	250-2716
Brockman Sales	250-2219
Brown, Graham & Co.	250-2743
Calvary Baptist Church	250-3000
Campbell Electric	250-2873
Cecil Maddox Ins.	250-3439
C. E. Engine Service	250-2283
Champion Sprayers	250-3562
City of Friona	250-2761
Crozier, John, P.C.	250-3657
Clerical Unique	250-5137
Cottonwood Town Homes	250-5288
Cunningham Electric	250-3100
Dodson Body Shop	250-3588
Energas	250-5196
Fast Stop Auto Sales	250-2659
Fast Stop "66"	250-3254
Fast Stop Truck Wash	250-3347
4-Way Pump Service	250-2241
Friona Body Shop	250-3372
Friona Chamber/Commerce	250-3491
Friona Country Club	250-3125
Friona Heating & Air	250-2536
Friona, City of	250-2761
" Fire Department	250-5344
" Municipal Library	250-3200
" Police Dept.	250-2711
" Swimming Pool	250-5279
Friona ISD-Administration	250-2747
" Band Hall	250-3383
" Jr. Hi. Athletics	250-3047
" Grade School	250-2240
" Vo-Ag office	250-3072
" High School	250-3951
" Jr. Hi office	250-2788
" Jr. Hi Cafeteria	250-3353
" Primary School	250-3935
" School Nurse	250-2116
Friona Metal Sales	250-2343
Friona Star	250-2211
Friona Star-Fax	250-5127
Friona State Bank	250-5000
Friona State Bank-Excel	250-5011
F.S.B.-Time & Temp.	250-8888
Friona Credit Union	250-2736
Friona United Methodist	250-3045
Friona Upholstery	250-8005
Friona Wheat Growers	250-3211
Gee, James Bkpgg & Tax	250-3361
H&R Block	250-3638
Hair Designs	250-3184
Hardin Tasty Cream	250-3060
Headquarters Restaurant	250-2821
Hi-Pro Feeds	250-2791
Hub Storage	250-5208
Hurst Real Estate & Ins.	250-2090
Ingram's	250-3291
Intheden Graphics	250-5200
Ivy Cottage Flowers/Gifts	250-8073
J.D.'s Welding & Tire	250-3534
Jones Pulling Service	250-9037
Kendrick Oil Co.	250-2751
Kendrick Oil Co. (Offices)	250-3991
Kiwi Car Wash	250-3165
Lakeside Parts & Mach.	250-3939
Lee's Barber Shop	250-3715
Los Arcos Restaurant	250-2409
Lowe's Grocery	250-3913
Malouf's	250-3575
Mandy's Restaurant	250-9009
Mark's Truck Repair	250-3011
McCoy Cattle Mgt.	250-8027
Millard Warehouse	250-3942
Mike Lamb's Auto	250-3596
Padilla, Daniel, Welding	250-2098
Pappy Jack's Donuts	250-2895
Parmer Co. Com. Hospital	250-2754
Parmer Co. Implement	250-2721
Parmer Co. Farm Bureau	250-3963
Prairie Acres	250-3922
Prairie Insurance	250-2766
Production Credit Assn.	250-2758
Robertson Electric	250-2169
Roden, Jon Mack, DDS	250-3050
Shara's Hair Affair	250-2231
Sixth St. Church of Christ	250-2769
Snead Realty	250-2345
Socorro's Beauty Salon	250-2149
Sparkle Cleaners	250-2646
State National Bank	250-3915
Stevick Sales & Service	250-3110
Stowers Shop	250-3190
Suds 'n Scissors	250-2722
T.L.C. Service Center	250-2067
Trevino Welding & Crane	250-3669
USDA-Conservation Serv.	250-2220
U.S. Post Office	250-3080
West Friona Grain/Fertilizer	250-3839
White, John F. Bkpgg/Tax	250-3276
W. T. Services, Inc.	250-5555

Golfer Sinks Titleist To Score An Ace

Clint Mears of Friona recorded his first ace on Thursday evening, July 30, 1998.

The hole-in-one was made on the second hole during action in the weekly Friona Country Club team scramble.

The 170 yard 4-iron shot at the par 3 hole was witnessed by teammates Renee Downey, Dr. Bob Alexander, John Crozier, and Mark Neill, who also attested to the fact that Mears used a Titleist ball.

Thanks to the "ace", the team also won the weekly scramble contest.



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NEW AMBULANCE MONEY...Excel Friona has made a generous donation to the Friona EMS toward the purchase of a new ambulance. Excel officials are shown presenting the "big" check for \$50,000. From left, Brad Churchill, Friona paramedic Dana Hendrix, Hector Villarreal, Friona city manager Paula Wilson, and Lori Clayton. Thank you Excel for your support.
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Modern Study Club Hosting Photo Show

The Modern Study Club of Friona will host a photography show this year at Maize Days. It will be held at the Jennings building adjacent to Ingram's on Saturday, September 19.

The show is open to amateur photographers. The club asks that photographers bring their pictures to the Jennings building on Friday, September 18 between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Photographs will be judged that evening and will be on display from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. No pictures may be picked up before 4 p.m.

Arrangements may be made with Donna Mears, 1215 Elm, or 250-3456, to leave pictures at her home and to pick them up there also.

Rules of the show: 1. Bring pictures that have not been entered in previous shows. 2. Minimum size is 5X7. The only exception will be for a collage that is framed as one picture. 3. All pictures must be matted and/or framed. 4. Pictures may be black and white or color. 5. You may enter only pictures you have taken.

Modern Study Club would like to have for exhibit only some restored pictures. If you have any pictures for the public to view, please bring them also.



HEADS UP!!At the girls basketball camp last week, it paid to keep your eyes on the basket as these little ones seemed to like to all shoot at once. Coaches North, Read, Kirton, and Hofferichter were pleased to have a record number of little girls participate in the summer basketball camp.
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City Gets Showers, Temp Drop

City residents enjoyed a shower last Sunday evening that measured .4 inch of rain in the official gauge, to somewhat less in the western part of town.

In fact, for six consecutive days, at least a trace of rain was measured in town, the rest ranging from .02 to .06 inches. Total for the week was .56 inches. Main benefit of the week's weather system was to cool things off. The low temp on Monday and Thursday mornings was 59 comfortable degrees.

The high temperature was in the 70s Tuesday and Wednesday.

Date	Hi-Low
Friday, July 31	88-64
Saturday, August 1	91-65
Sunday, August 2	91-65
Monday, August 3	88-59
Tuesday, August 4	78-60
Wednesday, Aug. 5	76-54
Thursday, August 6	80-56



DRUG DOG DONATION...Friona Police Chief Randy Gerries, left, and FPD Sergeant Mike Howard are shown receiving a \$5,000 check from Excel Friona. The money was donated toward the purchase of the new drug dog for the police department. Presenting for Excel were Brad Churchill and Trish Peterson. Thanks Excel for your generous support.
ron carr photo



JAMAICA FUN was all around last Sunday at St. Teresa's Catholic Church. At left, Susie Perez shows off the huge clown pinata that was raffled off while Raul Garza engineers the kiddie train that made many rounds during the day.
ron carr photos



COACH SCOTT thinks it over, coach Merket calls a play, and the 1998 Friona Chieftains took the practice field last Wednesday on an overcast and rainy day. Perfect weather to begin a great season of Friona Chieftains football. Go Big Red!
ron carr photo

Friona Man Will Get \$9 Million Settlement

According to a report in Thursday's Amarillo Globe-News, Baltazar Samaniego, 33, of Friona, has settled a lawsuit against Excel Friona for more than \$9 million.

Samaniego was burned March 24, 1995, when a hot lye solution overflowed from one of the plant's tanks. He suffered second and third degree burns because of the lye and scalding water. He was burned over 65 percent of his body according to the News report.

Samaniego settled his claims for \$9.05 million, with \$8.5 million to be paid by Excel and its parent company, Cargill, Inc. The remainder will be paid by two other companies doing work at the plant. The settlement was reached last Monday in 357th District Court in Cameron County.

Mark Klein, a spokesman for the company, said "we are glad we were able to resolve the issues and take care of Mr. Samaniego."

Samaniego, who still lives in Friona, has had three skin-graft operations and remains under a doctor's care, the Globe-News said.

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Prairie Acres Resident Submits His Life Story For Publication

Every month a resident of Prairie Acres Nursing Home submits a story about his/her life's history to be submitted in the home's newsletter, "The Prairie Times," and for printing in the Friona Star. This month we feature David Woodruff.

By DAVID WOODRUFF

I was born on April 25, 1941 to W.P. Woodruff and Levy Childers Woodruff in Alba, Texas, where we lived until I was about four years old. Then we moved to Zuitman, Texas.

Later we moved to Yantis, Texas where I started school. We lived out of town, so I rode on the bus. I had lots of friends and I really enjoyed school!

I lost eyesight in my right eye when I was six.

I had three brothers and I have a sister. My brothers were Earnest Paul, James Clifton, and Lonnie Ray who was a twin to my sister Cleta Faye. Lonnie was killed on a horse when he was nine.

My father was a farmer in the Rhea Community. My father had a wagon and two horses that he used on the farm. I recall one day my father had some wood loaded on the wagon and wanted the horses to pull but they wouldn't. I turned to father and said "I wished I had a cigarette", he asked "What would I do with it?", and I said, "I would light it to their tail and I guarantee those

horses would go." Father laughed!

We also had a goat that had twins. She would take her twins to the pasture and leave them and come back to the barn. Mother and I would have to go get them in the evenings. We had lots of hogs, cows and chickens. I helped milk the cows. Mother and I planted a garden.

I remember one day my niece and I started the pasture on fire. Mama put it out, and then asked, which one of you thought this out. "My niece immediately said", David did, but my sister-in-law said, go ahead and whip her too. Mama got a switch off a tree, and my niece and I got it good.

On another occasion our pickup started on fire and my Dad thought I did it, but I told him I had nothing to do with that one. I guess it started itself!

We had a goat, and he'd catch me going to the bathroom, and when I came out he'd walk right behind me and he would butt me over and I would holler at Mama to bring me a stick so I could use it on him. One day he took me all the way to the ground!

I also recall on another occasion when my nephew decided to help me and Mama gather up some eggs and he went near one of the hens that was sitting and she jumped up and started running after my nephew. He ran all around the chicken house, trying to get away



DAVID WOODRUFF

from the hen. He didn't know what to do! He was hollering, "Granny, Granny, get that old hen off of me!"

Let me tell you something else that was funny, about my niece! She had a bad habit of putting her legs around her shoulders and I always helped her get them down. Well one day no one was around and she did that. She had to stay with her legs up until my mother came in, around noon, and helped her get her legs back down. Mother and I always teased her.

I went up to my Junior year in school, when I lost eyesight in my left eye also. My parents then carried me to Austin, to a school for the blind. I left in January and was back in May.

Then I went to Kerville where they taught me mobility, cooking and they also taught me how to make different things. I once made an apple cake and brought it to Prairie Acres for a party.

We moved to Friona in 1968. Mother used to clean about five houses per week and I always went along and helped her.

My father came from a family of twelve kids and my mother was one of six kids. My father is now deceased.

Mother and I came to live at Prairie Acres on December of 1997.



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Twyla Lusk



ARTIST OF THE MONTH—Twyla Lusk of Farwell is the Guest Artist of the Month for August. Her interesting oil paintings are on display at Prairie Acres. Each of her paintings tells a story. Twyla has been painting for about seven years, studying under Virginia Gregory of Clovis and Jean Green of Olton. She is the daughter of Eddie Ray and Alta Hutto and is a 1972 graduate of Bovina High School. Twyla and hubby Terry Lusk run the Lusk Union Inc. located just east of Clovis. They are parents of Jason of Las Vegas, Nevada; Justin who is a Freshman at WTAMU; and Jessica who is a Junior at Farwell High School.

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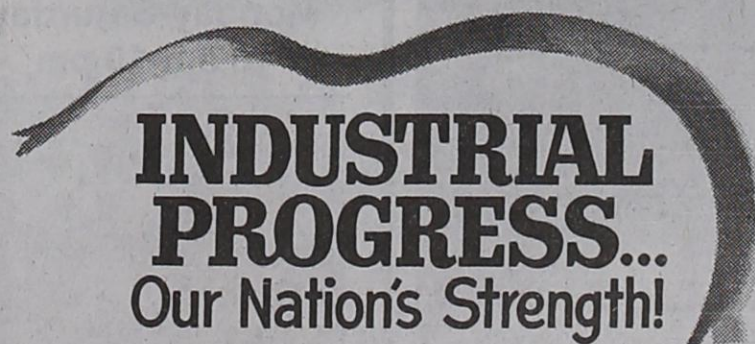
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Summer Readers Enjoy Special Library Session

By **BRENDA PATTERSON**
Close to one hundred children remembered to register and read at Friona Public Library for the annual Summer Reading Program sponsored jointly with the Texas State Library.

Highlighting this year's activities were the three programs presented July 15, 22 and 29 at the Depot in

the park. The Depot was used since the Library has so many new furnishing items stored for the new library addition.

Presenters were volunteers: Deirdre Osborn, whose program about Fitness and Nutrition included a live aerobics workout; Rebecca Walls and Martha Russell, librarians from Deaf Smith County

Library, who shared their story telling abilities in a presentation of the "Stinky Prince"; and Betty Lewellen who graciously shared her pet, "Connie, the raccoon" story.

We appreciate Connie Slagle for her help with the Mystery Animal Picture Guessing Contest and also for the "Furry Tails, Funny Tales" Animal Clubhouse display she did for the foyer. Thanks to Veronica Velazquez who volunteered for several weeks and helped us prepare for the program. We want to express our thanks, also, to Community Heritage Society for the use of the Depot.

Contest winners for the bookmark contest announced at the first program were: nine years and under--1. Sean Lookingbill; 2. Kathleen Wylie; 3. Staci Murphree; 4. Jessie London; 5. Chris Haile; 6. Andrew Stowers. Honorable mentions were: Ariel Duran, Gonzalo Gonzalez, Desi Duran, Joshua Silva, Wendy Tafoya, Edlyn Romero, Tina Fehr and Anna Murphree.

12 years and up--1. Johnny Lee Franklin; 2. Melissa Vazquez; 3. Brenda Murphree; 4. Derek Fairweather; 5. Jeremy Constancio; 6. Tyler Jameson. Honorable mentions were: Maria Fehr.

The two first place winners in the bookmark contest will have their bookmarks printed for distribution beginning in the fall.

Coloring contest winners included: six years and under--1. Shawn Jordan; 2. Bryan Baxter; 3. Michelle Zolman; 4. Weston Wylie; seven year olds--1. Alex Ferguson; 2. Kathleen Wylie; 3. Heather Sandoval; 4. Christy Widner; 5. Rachel Pipes; 6. Devin Boren.

Eight year olds--1. Stefanie Tirado; 2. CeCe Benavides; 3. Edlyn Romero; nine year olds--1. Allison Jones; 2. Traci Carrera; 3. Marie Tirado; 4. Andrew Aguirre; 5. Randall Zamora; twelve year olds--1. Lory Wylie; 2. Bridget Soltero.

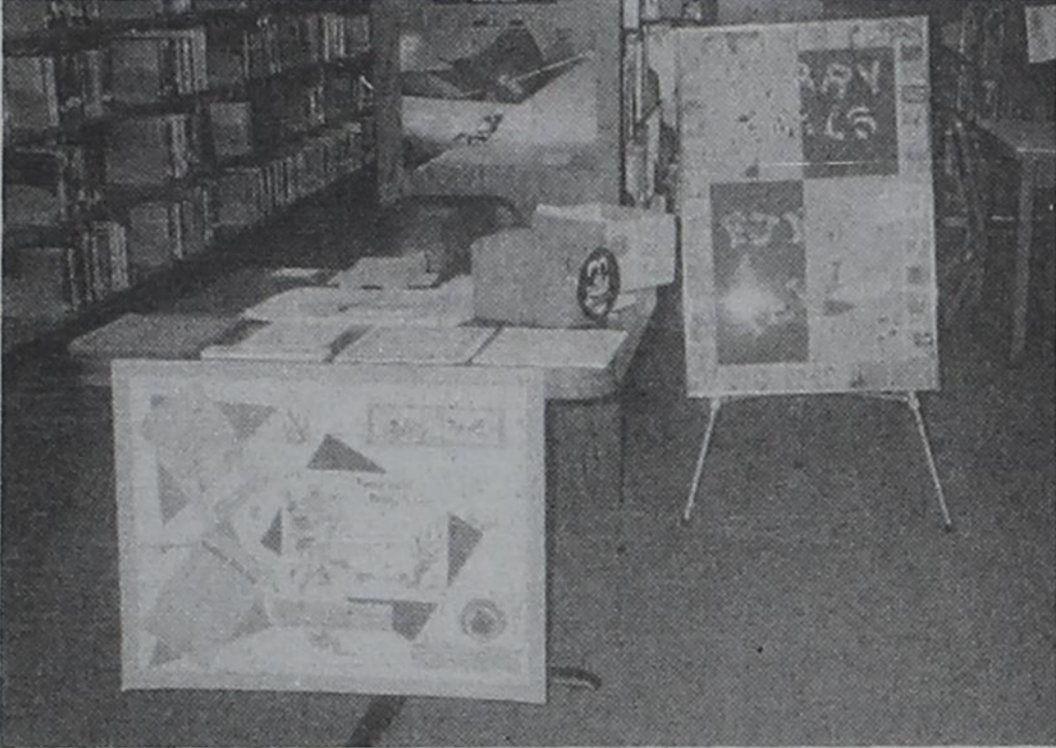
A "Tale End" party was held July 29 and refreshments of "raccoon" cupcakes, animal cookies, fish crackers, carrots and juice were served to approximately thirty members and friends. A special appearance of the Library Dragon was made possible by a loan from Deaf Smith County Library.



SUMMER READERS...These youngsters attended the Library's Summer Reading Program. Pictured are: (back row, left-right) Tyler Jameson, Johnny Franklin, Melissa Vazquez, Maria Fehr, Tina Fehr, Sean Lookingbill, Brenda Murphree and Derek Fairweather; (front row, l-r) Jessie London, Kathleen Wylie, Desi Duran, Ariel Duran and Staci Murphree.



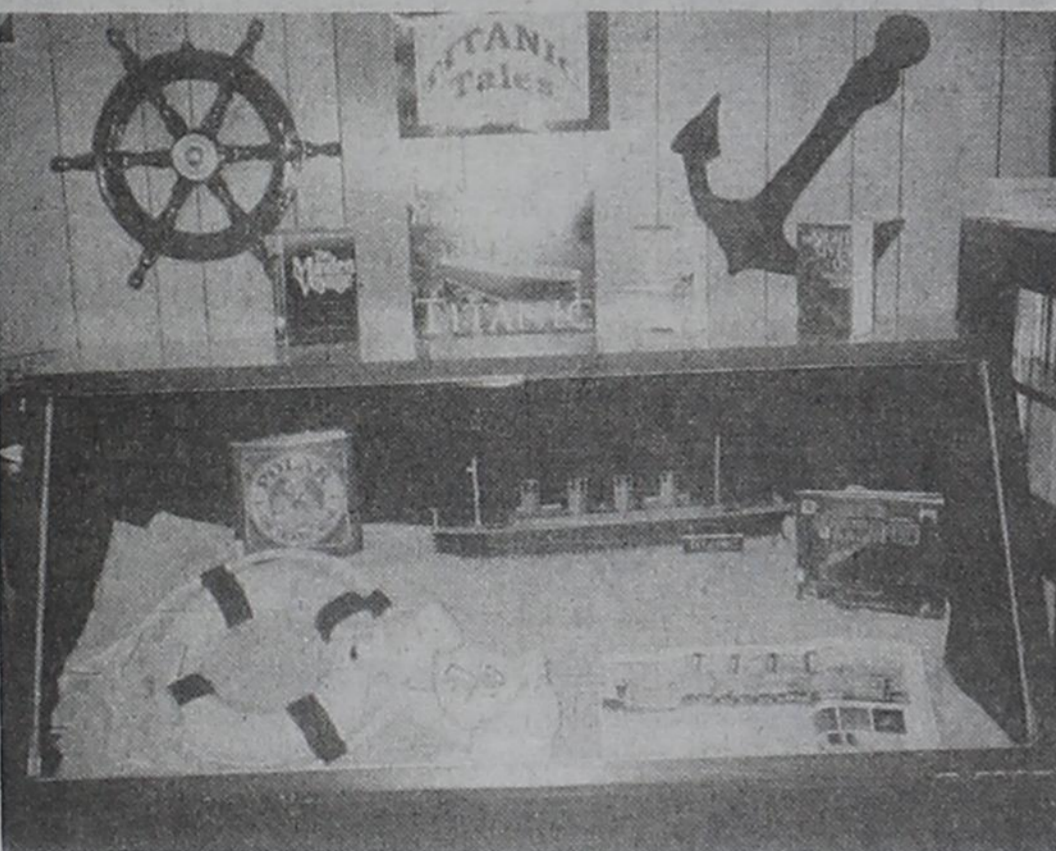
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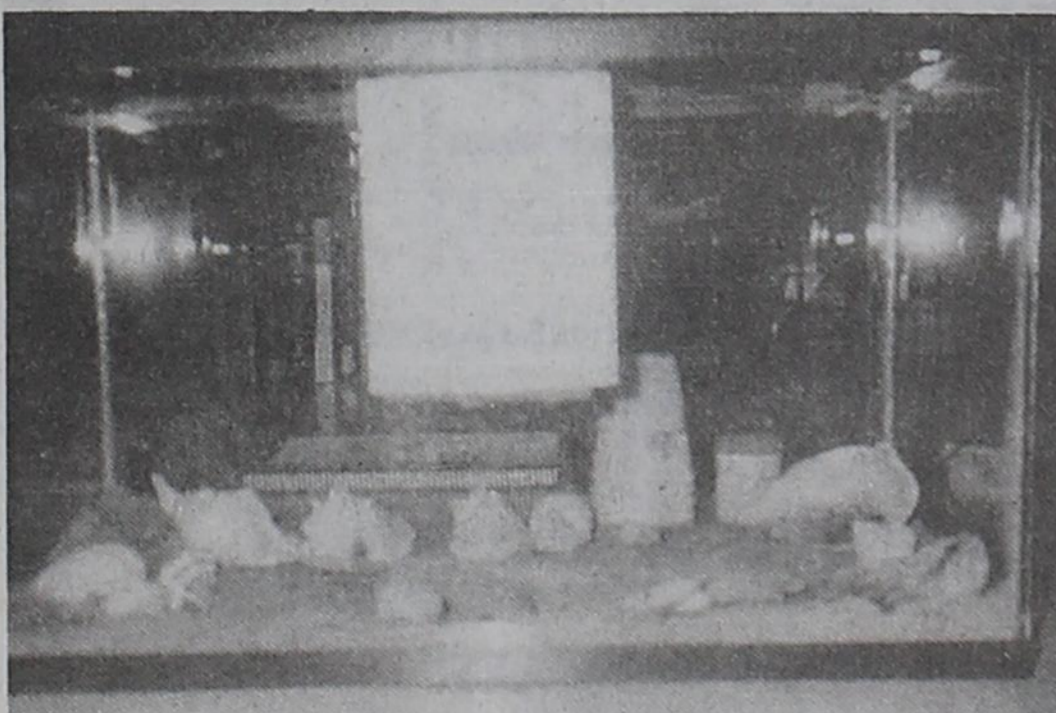
REGISTRATION DESK



FOYER DISPLAY by Connie Slagle



TITANIC DISPLAY (front case)



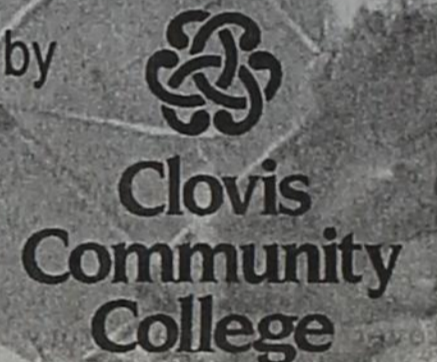
HERMIT CRABS....Hermit, Kermit and Dermit, loaned by Julie Davidson.

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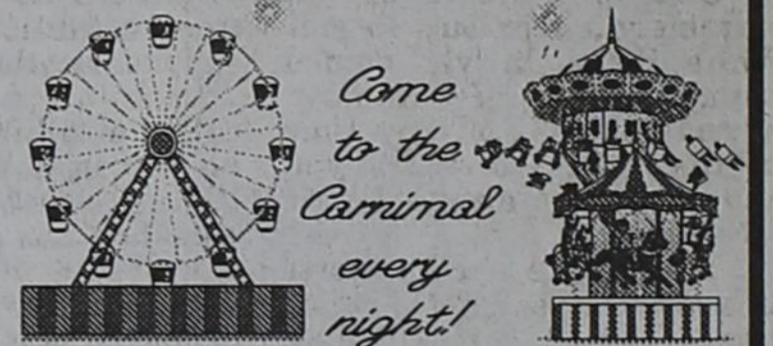
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 11 -- Merchants Day
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DJ - 7-11 pm - Square Dance Arena
Talent Show - 7:30 pm - Indoor Arena
Asleep at the Wheel - 8 pm Entertainment Area
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12
4-H & FFA Day
Little Buckaroo Rodeo - 6 pm - Rodeo Arena
Southern Sky Band - 8 pm - Entertainment Area
DJ - 8 pm - Square Dance Arena
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13 -- Parents' Day
CGRA Barrel Race - 6:30 pm - Arena
Youth Pet Show - 7 pm - Indoor Arena
DJ - 8-11 pm - Square Dance Arena
Los Palominos - 8 pm - Entertainment Area
FRIDAY, AUGUST 14 -- Agriculture Day
Junior Livestock Sale - 7 pm - Grass Show Arena
Square Dancers - 7-9 pm - Square Dance Area
Jody Nix - 8 p.m. - Entertainment Area
SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 -- Pioneer Day
Team Penning - 10 am
Old Timers Celebration - 10 am - Old House
Horseshoe Pitching Championship - 2 pm
Ken Ryan - 8 pm - Entertainment Area
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LOS PALOMINOS
Aug. 13-8 pm Entertainment Area



Out Here

By RON CARR

Who Are The "American People" & Why Do They Hate Me So Much?

Warning: This column is about the mess on the dress and the bigger mess in Washington. If it hacks you off when writers say bad things about the Arkansas doofus that the "American People" elected as president, you will not like this column. Remember I warned you.

"I can only please one person per day. Today is not your day. Tomorrow doesn't look good either."

When politicians want to divert your attention from issues they had rather you not know about, they put tears in your eyes by talking about how much they care for the children.

Children issues are always good for a smoke screen. "We care for your children. We know more about how to take care of your children than you do so, my fellow Americans, we are going to provide day care and reading tutors and work programs and scholarships for your children."

Health care is another emotional issue that Washington can use to take your mind off of their greed and character defects.

A third ploy is now being used. This one was made popular by Billy Jeff and Hill Rod Clinton, our first family who care so much.

Perhaps you have seen your president, at one time or another, look into the TV cameras and declare that the "American People" don't really believe any of the bad things and the "American People" just want him to go forward with all the good work he is doing.

I guess I must have been out covering a local story when Billy Jeff's gang changed the definition of "American People".

What gripes me about all those Beltway bandits is how they use the farce that they have the interest of the "American People" in everything they do. Especially Billy Jeff Clinton and his talking heads.

One of them is an extremely obnoxious former White House lawyer named Lanny Davis. If you have turned your TV on any time in the last two years you have seen Lanny Davis somewhere.

There were early reports of a blue dress that Monica wore and Billy Jeff apparently spilled some coffee on, or something. Then for a while, the rumor was that

there was not a blue dress, so Lanny rubbed the media and everyone else's nose in it about how hard we were on the president while he was just doing what the "American People" wanted him to do.

Then, much to Lanny's surprise, a blue dress did show up. The FBI lab is testing it to see if the coffee that was spilled on it is Billy Jeff's brand.

Now, Lanny and the other mouths are saying that perjury, adultery, illegal FBI files, lying, and making a mockery of morality is okay with the "American People".

Well, Lanny baby, count me out as an "American People". Matter of fact I am offended that you might think that I agree with you and your "American People". How can you poll 1,500 people by phone and apply those findings to the other 250 million Americans. So far I haven't found one single person in Parmer County that has been asked their opinion in one of those "American People" polls.

In the next election, how about if we just let those 1,500 people vote for all of

Hay Hotline Open For Assistance

The Texas Department of Agriculture has set up a Hay Hotline to help connect farmers and ranchers who need hay with those producers who have hay for sale.

The Hay Hotline number is 1-877-429-1998. The hotline is staffed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and is a free call.

"The Hay Hotline is an opportunity for farmers and ranchers to locate forage during this difficult time," Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said. "The hot, dry weather continues to take its toll on range and pastureland across Texas, and producers in scattered areas need additional forage supplies for their livestock."

Producers with hay can call the toll-free number and be put on a list of suppliers. Farmers and ranchers who need hay can call and request a list of hay suppliers. An up-to-date list will be mailed to them the day they call. In addition, TDA will put the list of suppliers on its website (www.agr.state.tx.us).

us, then even the illegal campaign finance money you guys took could be spent on something for the "American People".

Based on the current mess on the dress in Washington, and everybody going around saying morality and perjury is not important these days, I ain't so sure what kind of long term future the "American People" have.

Both India and Pakistan have flaunted their nuclear weapons, now Iraq has developed a missile to carry death as far as Israel, maybe further.

I think these countries, and soon to be others, are no longer concerned with the power of the "American People", thanks to Billy Jeff's legacy.

You can poo-poo this situation, or downplay it as much as you want but there is a serious problem with the federal government which could have been averted a long time ago if the "American People" president had told the truth.

I think after this week I will just quit writing about Billy Jeff and Hill Rod and how they have abused and made a mockery of the office of the president of the United States of America.

After all, high school football kicked off this week. It is a heck of a lot more fun than listening to those folks jabber about how wonderful The Clinton's are. Personally I think they stink and I do not want to be counted in their "American People" bunch.

If someone from Larry Combest's office reads this, please tell Larry to leave me out of any association with Billy Jeff, Hill Rod and all

Perry Asks For Livestock Relief

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry urged Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman to fund a disaster relief program for livestock producers to help with additional feed costs because of the continuing drought. Texas farmers and ranchers expect to pay an additional \$136 million in feed costs this year.

Currently about 70 percent of the state's ranges and pastures are rated in "poor" and "very poor" condition, and Texas expects to lose from 50 percent to 80 percent of the 1998 hay crop. In addition, feed grain crops continue to deteriorate across the state.

"With Texas producers facing their second major drought in three years, many farmers and ranchers need help to pay for additional livestock feed," Perry said.

The Emergency Livestock Feed Program that was in place in 1996 was replaced by the Drought Relief Assistance Program. Under DRAP, the Secretary of Agriculture has the authority to establish and fund a disaster relief feed program to help livestock producers.

Shot Dates Are Given

Immunization clinics offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases are scheduled for August.

Protection is against polio, diphtheria, lockjaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps and HIB (Haemophilus Influenzae Type B).

The Texas Department of Health is charging fees to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

The vaccinations are available at the WIC Office, 704 Main Street in Friona, on Friday, August 21 from 10 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3:45 p.m.

Vaccinations will also be administered at the EMS Office, 109 East Third Street, Bovina, Monday, August 10 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

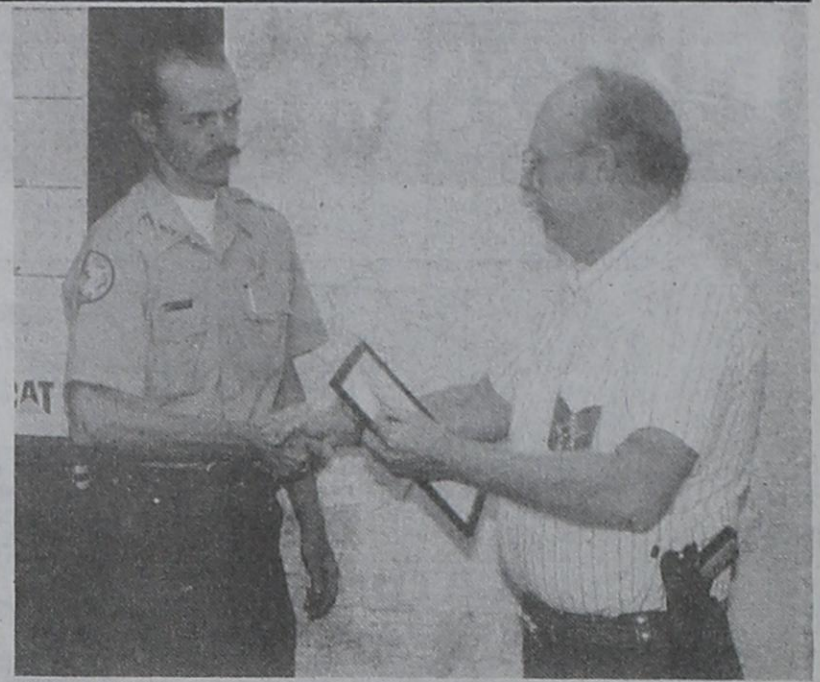
their other lying bunch of paid puppets. I guess I will just go back to calling myself a "Native Texan".

It all reminds me of a Texas tale about the town bully that attended a revival and was so deeply moved by the preacher's appeal that he came forward to the mourners bench.

"Confess your misdeeds," the preacher urged—but the man shook his head.

"The Lord will forgive you," the preacher persisted.

"Yes," the horse thief answered, "but the Lord ain't on the grand jury."



SHERIFF'S COMMENDATION.Parmer County Deputy Keith Payne, left, receives a commendation from Sheriff Walt Yerger at a presentation at the courthouse last week. In July, Deputy Payne was on a stolen vehicle call when he stopped at a residence south of Friona and was just in time to deliver a baby. Friona EMS had been called, but Payne had the baby delivered when they arrived. Mother and baby are now doing fine. (Photo courtesy of the Sheriff's Dept.)

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Degrees were officially conferred on 504 West Texas A&M University graduates at the May 16 commencement ceremonies.

The University awarded master's degrees to 81 graduates and bachelor's degrees to 423 graduates.

WTAMU's graduating class represented 10 states and 77 cities and towns in Texas.

Graduate Nathan E. Brockman, son of Tommy Brockman of Friona, and Ralph and Pat Waller of Grand Prairie graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in Nursing. Nursing degree pinning was May 15.

Local 5th Grade Teacher Attends Writing Project

Sixteen elementary and secondary education teachers from throughout eastern New Mexico, western Texas and Florida recently completed the High Plains Writing Project at Eastern New Mexico University.

Jeri Lynn White of Friona was among those selected for this year's HPWP scholarship program. She teaches 5th grade English at Friona Elementary School.

All participants spent four weeks on the main campus of Eastern New Mexico University and received six hours of graduate credit upon completion of the program.

Teachers participated in an intensive four-week process writing program in which they explored new and innovative ways to teach reading and writing to children in their classrooms.

Among activities introduced in the program were extensive presentations and demonstrations during the morning and afternoon hours with response groups and other activities scheduled throughout the day.

All activities were designed to give participants access to a wide range of writing philosophies and ideas which we hope will improve their teaching techniques," Dr. Marian Matthews, HPWP co-director, said.

Co-director Nell Jones coordinated published authors as special guests of the HPWP. Teachers had opportunities to meet Albuquerque author Eleanor Schick, a published author and artist of children's literature, Nancy Robinson Masters, noted author of short stories, children's books, magazine articles, and how-to-get published books, and Elsie Karr Kreischer, a published author of children's literature, and co-founder of Southwest Writers Workshop.

Matthews noted that all activities help teachers implement "a workshop-type approach that encourages long-term involvement with peer-modeling and support."

This marks the seventh year for the High Plains Writing Project, which is funded through a grant from the National Writing Project. The other components of the budget are the Friends of Eastern Foundation and Eastern New Mexico University.

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Registrations and roommates are just the basics. Classes and lack of sleep are also a part. The college experience can be exciting and overwhelming. Extra preparation can create an easier transition for parents and students, according to West Texas A&M University's Dr. Don Johnson, assistant professor of psychology.

"It is important to establish clear guidelines between parents and students," he said. "For example, what are acceptable grades? What are the car arrangements going to be? How often is your student going to call home?"

Johnson said some practical things like setting up a checking account and giving laundry instructions can also be helpful for the new student.

"My mother taught me minor sewing repair," he said. "Try to prepare your student to live independently."

Johnson said this is a time when parents should try to give extra love and support to their new college student.

He suggests parents help their new student move in and spend the day with him or her.

"Spend a little time on campus; don't just dump your student off," he said. "Give your student a chance to adjust to the new setting. Don't make immediate plans to change his or her room drastically, and make the first 'homecoming' a special occasion," he said.

He also said special arrangements should be made for the commuting student.

"Look at changing the status of the student," Johnson said. "For example, how long can the student stay out?"

Johnson advises parents to understand that college is a completely different environment than high school, and the student will have different expectations placed on him or her even though he or she is living at home.

Another area parents should address is campus safety.

"Ask the college personnel about the crime rate on campus and safety measures in place for students," Meri Lyn Odell, University Police Department director of police administration and WTAMU victim assistance coordinator, said. "For example, WTAMU has a really low crime rate, and most of our crime involves private property. Students don't always take proper precautions to protect their possessions."

Odell encouraged students to take the same precautions they would take in public places.

"It is the student's home, but there are more people on campus than at their parents' home," she said.

Walking in groups, staying out of the dark areas and always having car keys ready are some of the safety measures students should

take. Some campuses offer an escort service to assist students after dark. WTAMU's service is available 24 hours a day.

Odell said parents and students should also talk about the freedom that go along with being away from home. Even though 18-year-old students are not old enough to legally drink alcohol, parents should discuss the responsibilities and dangers of alcohol and drug use.

"It may also be important

to have frank discussions about sexual situations," Johnson said. "Share with them the realities of date rape."

Overall, Johnson said simple things like mail from home, periodic phone calls and a willingness to listen and share can be very reassuring to the new college student.

"Parents should communicate that even though the student is leaving home, he or she is not leaving the family."

Happy Birthday Friona Folks....

Week of August 9-15
Friona residents having birthdays next week include:

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August 11--Leland Hutson, Clifford McLellan, Bertha Shapley, Karen Saddler, Kendrick Burns, Briana Wright.

August 12--George A. Jones, Ann Schueler, Mindy Johnson, Charles Caudill, Lisa Weatherly, Floyd Rector, Mary Johnston, Jimmy Putman, Jo Ann Ewing,

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August 13--Abel F. Mendoza, Donna Smith, Nancy Norwood, Amber Alexander, Keith Hunt.

August 14--Charlie Wise, John Goen, Charles Sanders, Deirdre Osborn, Sheri Ratcliff Gervais, Brian Lane, Jay Lee Widner, Storm London, Zachery Rule.

August 15--Patrick Henry, Mary Crump, Ryan Gerles, Marvin Childers, John Terry, Candi Baca, Jay Lee Widner.

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, call the Friona Star office at 250-2211 and report it.



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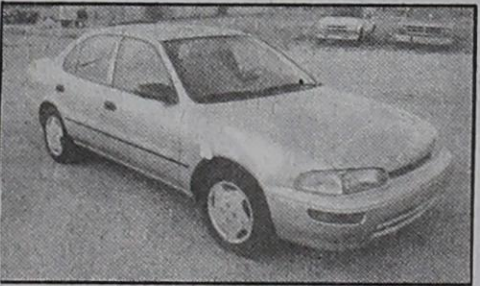
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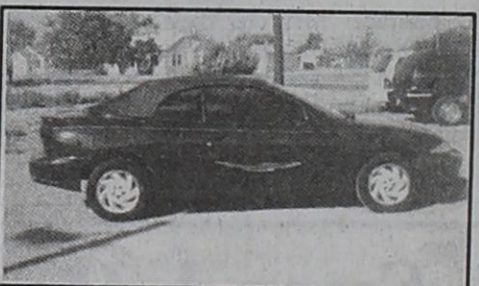
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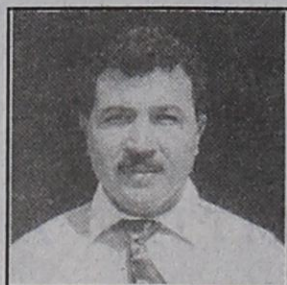


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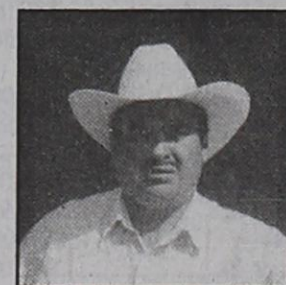
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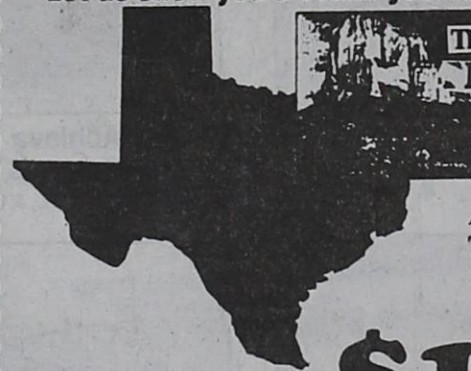
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A copy of the bid specifications is on file at the County Judge's office.

The equipment to be considered on trade-in is one (1) 1993 John Deere, 772BH Serial Number DW772BH538090.

Bids must reflect the total cost of the equipment.

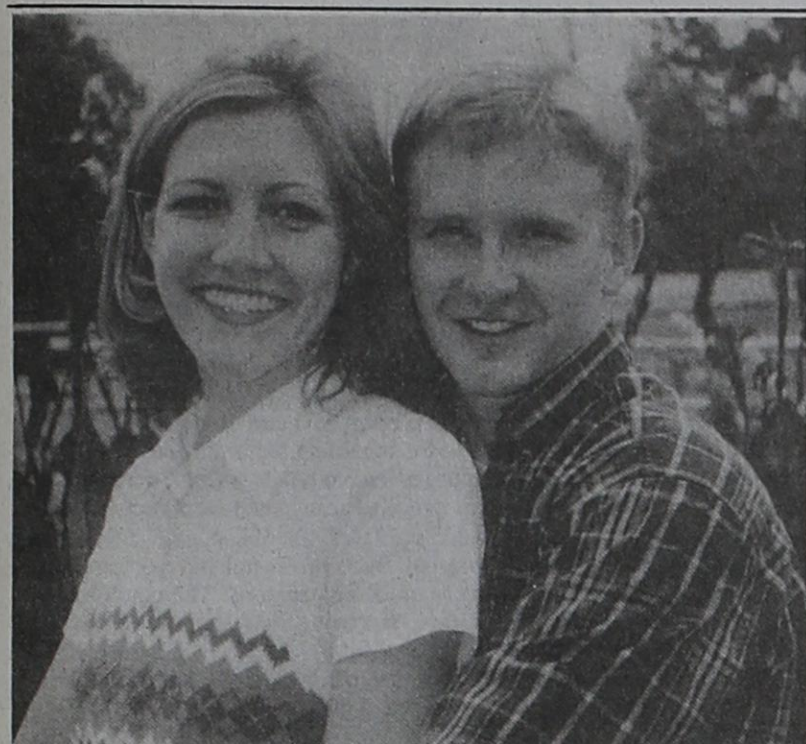
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AIMEE RENNER and SETH HOUSTON....Mr. and Mrs. Gary Renner announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Aimee, to Seth Houston. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Houston. The couple will exchange wedding vows on Saturday, August 22 at 6 p.m. in the Union Congregational Church in Friona. They are graduates of Friona High School and are currently attending Texas Tech University in Lubbock.



HONOR AWARDS LUNCHEON.....1998 FHS graduate Tammy Spencer receives congratulations from F. G. Crofford at an honor awards luncheon in Arlington on July 8. See story for more details. (Photo courtesy of Cathy Spencer)

Tammy Spencer Bound For Lubbock Christian

It would be an understatement to say that Tammy Spencer, a 1998 graduate of Friona High School, loves basketball. She earned all-district honors two years and has played in several state all-star games. At the end of August, Tammy will begin her basketball career at Lubbock Christian College, where she is enrolled as a freshman on a basketball scholarship. She plans to major in kinesiology and hopes to be a basketball coach someday. Tammy was in Arlington, Texas, for a few days in July where she was part of the North Division I basketball squad that participated in the Texas Girls Coaches Association All-Star basket-

ball competition. The girls who attended the TGCA meeting and competition were featured at an honor awards luncheon on July 8 at the Arlington Marriott Hotel. The 1998 Basketball Honor Coach at the event was F. G. Crofford, who coached girls basketball from 1951 until 1985, including a stop as Friona girls basketball coach. Crofford was inducted into the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame in 1990. Today he resides in Amarillo and is an insurance representative for Horace Mann Insurance Company. Tammy Spencer is the daughter of Raymond and Cathy Spencer of Friona.

Opinion Poll, Town Meeting To Aid In Service Expansion

A new kind of opinion poll that brings randomly selected customers together in a "town meeting" will help Southwestern Public Service Company plan for the energy needs of the area it serves in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas.

An opinion research company is contacting customers served by SPS now. About 250 customers who agree to participate will meet in Amarillo, October 2 and 3 at a public meeting on electricity issues. They will hear expert panelists with various points of view discuss the costs of new power plants, environmental issues, alternative energies, greater competition in the electric industry, and other subjects.

The customers will offer their own opinions and questions in small group discussions. At the end of the day-and-a-half meeting, they will individually fill out opinion questionnaires.

The process is called Deliberative Polling and is being conducted in conjunction with the Center for Deliberative Polling of the University of Texas at Austin. Professor James Fishkin, director of the center, developed the process. It's a step beyond traditional opinion polls, said David Wilks, SPS president and chief operating officer.

"When people have the chance to deliberate about a subject, they are providing more than just a top-of-the-head response to a phone call from a polling company," Wilks said. "This process allows them to really get into a subject, hear different points of view, think about consequences, and then offer an opinion."

To make sure the information presented to the participants is unbiased, an advisory panel representing consumer, business, environmental, technical and other interests has been meeting since May planning the poll and the town meeting.

The deliberative polling process is encouraged by the Public Utility Commission of Texas and will be part of SPS's "integrated resource plan" required in Texas. Since the resources SPS plans affect all of its service area, the company decided to include its customers from New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas in the process as well, Wilks said.

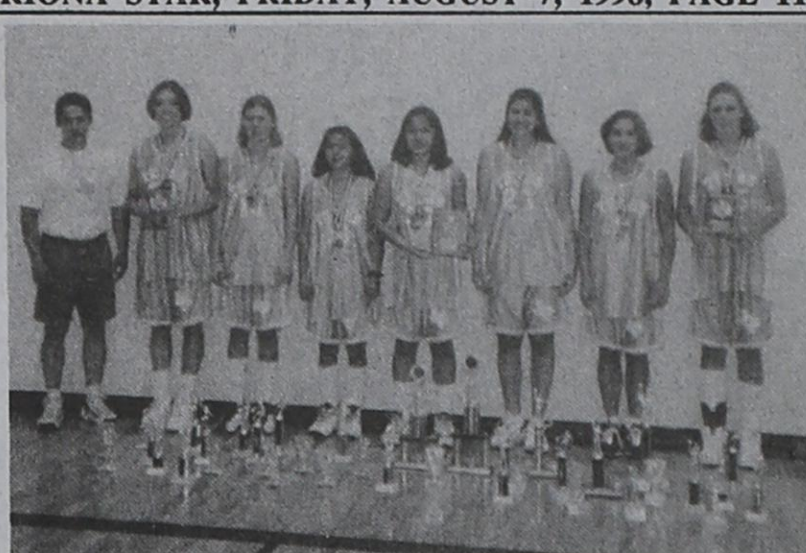
"We are going to great lengths to ensure that the customers attending our

"town meeting" are a true representative sample of the area we serve," Wilks said. "And we are working hard to ensure all points of view are represented at the meeting. There are many options for the years ahead: building new power plants, adding to the transmission system, increasing our efforts to help customers control their demand for energy, and more. We want a true, honest look at what our customers believe are the best options."

Members of the SPS polling and town meeting advisory panel are: Carol Bierdrzycki, Texas Ratepayers Organization to Save Energy, Austin; Randy Chapman, Texas Legal Services Center, Austin; John Davis, Texaco Natural Gas, Houston; Kristen Doyle, Office of Public Utility Counsel, Austin.

Also, Ron Lanclos, Altura Energy Ltd, Houston; Tom Lapoint, Institute of Environmental and Human Health, Texas Tech University, Lubbock; Jim Martson, Environmental Defense Fund, Austin; Jerry Miller, College of Business, West Texas A&M University, Canyon; Jo Moore, Head Start, Region 16 Education Service Center, Amarillo; Jerry Partin, Roosevelt County Electric Cooperative, Portales, N.M.

Also, Vaughn Nelson, Alternative Energy Institute, West Texas A&M University, Canyon; Paul Ravelle, NORESO, Amarillo; Jerry Sweeten, Texas A&M Agricultural Experiment Station, Amarillo; Henry Tarango, South Plains Community Action, Levelland; Charles Warford, Warford-Walker Mortuary, Inc., Amarillo; and Karla Weatherly, Region 16 Education Service Center, Amarillo.



TEXAS PANHANDLE PHENOMS are, l-r, Coach Sammie Herrera, Sheena Embry, Lacy Lee, Consuelo Garcia, Chyla Torres, Sarah Vartabedian, Tiffany Lewis, and Crystal Dow of Friona. See related story. (Courtesy Photo)

Panhandle Phenoms Compile 'Phenom' Basketball Summer

Led by Friona Squaw Crystal Dow, the Texas Panhandle Phenoms, a 15 and under girls basketball team, compiled an impressive 40-10 record in tournament competition this summer.

The team took 1st place trophies in tournaments at Canyon, Tucumcari, the Basketball Congress International (BCI) Invitational in Lubbock, the West Texas Flash in Lubbock, Lubbock Hoops, and TPP Invitational in Farwell.

They earned 2nd place finishes in the Summer Cup, Texas Speed Invitational, West Texas Invitational, and a 2nd at the AAU Regionals in Amarillo where they lost to the West Texas Flyers who went on to win the National Championship.

(The team qualified for the AAU National in Kenner, Louisiana, but were unable to participate because funds

were not available.)

The girls also placed 3rd at the National BCI tournament in Colorado Springs, July 23-29. At this tournament, the Texas Panhandle Phenoms received a Final Four Award and a local Friona girl, Crystal Dow, was a nominee for the All American Award.

Dow was a starter for the Friona Squaws last year as a sophomore and will return to an even stronger Squaw team this year.

Sammie Herrera and Shawn Stewart were the coaches. In addition to Dow, the team members included Sheena Embry of Springlake-Earth; Lacy Lee and Christie Harp of Portales; Consuelo Garcia of Clovis; Chyla Torres of Muleshoe; Valerie Wootan of Borden County; Brittany Huddleson of Slaton; Melissa Degrade and Stacey Maxwell of Amarillo; and Dawnne Cheadle of Roswell.

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TERESA MCCOY

McCoy Honored By TCCE

Teresa Buske McCoy, executive vice president of Stephenville Chamber of Commerce, was in Plano, Texas on July 23 and 24, attending the Annual Conference of the Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives.

McCoy is a newly elected member of the Board of the ninety-three year old association, which serves chamber of commerce professionals throughout the state.

The association conducted a two day conference on issues and programs that face today's chamber professional.

As a leader of the organization, McCoy serves on the board of the association, dedicated to improving the skills of chamber professionals working at the state's 603 local chambers of commerce.

Incoming TCCE Chairman Bill McCoy, president of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, indicated that "service on our board is one of the highest honors available to chamber professionals in Texas; and Teresa Buske McCoy has been honored by our members in being requested to serve."

Newtons Welcome Baby Girl

Kayla Grace Newton arrived on July 22, 1998 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

She weighed in at 8 pounds, 2 1/2 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Her proud parents are Darren and Sharon Newton of Friona.

Grandparents are Bill and Phyllis Crockett of Hope, New Mexico and Dale and Rondelle Newton of Plainview, Texas.

Her great grandmother is Inez Crockett of Hope, NM.

Don't Seek Investment Advice From Strangers

Investing is serious business. No one wants to lose hard-earned dollars. Sorting through the multitude of choices, understanding the benefits and risks of each type of investment, deciding which are right for you, and then monitoring their performance — these tasks are not to be taken lightly.

So why do people expect strangers to be able to provide personal financial advice in five minutes or less?

A woman inherited about \$25,000 and wanted to invest in mutual funds for the long term. To get the answers to her questions, she called a man giving financial advice on a radio talk show.

The woman asked three reasonable questions:

1. Was the market too high to invest all her money now?
2. Would it be more sensible to dollar-cost average, investing her money in installments?
3. Should she put all the money in one fund or spread it among two or more?

The man on the talk show had instant answers. He said the market was not too high, and therefore the woman should not be afraid to invest all her money now. The market could continue upward, making mutual fund shares more expensive later, he said.

As for dollar cost averaging, the man didn't feel it was necessary. He said this systematic form of investing serves two purposes: (1) It makes investors feel more secure to dribble money into the market, and (2) It allows people with small amounts of money to invest.

The man also advised the woman to put all the money in one fund — but if it made her feel better, she could divide the money among a couple of funds she "liked."

This financial specialist knew nothing about the woman's age, years to retirement, financial goals, income needs or other investments. How did he know these were the right answers for her?

His advice not to worry about the height of the market is generally appropriate. No one can predict the best time to invest. More money has been lost by investors who stayed out of the market fearing a downturn than by those who went ahead and invested. Solid companies that earn money and pay dividends have always proved to be good investments over the long term. Most financial professionals agree, the best time to invest is when you have the money.

As for whether the woman should dollar cost average, that is a personal decision. Dollar cost averaging may be appropriate if it would make her feel more comfortable. The woman could avoid a commission with each installment and obtain the discount usually allowed for lump sum deposits by signing a letter of intent with the mutual fund.

Finally, suggesting the woman put all the money in one fund or find a couple "she likes" is chancy. Unfortunately, too many investors "like" the funds showing the biggest gains in recent months. Typically, these funds also carry more risk.

Rather than picking a fund you "like," investigate a variety of funds and choose only those that meet your financial objectives and risk parameters before you even consider investing. Over the long term, mutual funds with a consistent growth pattern often exceed riskier funds with erratic performance. Allocating your money among several of these funds will minimize your risk even further.

Again, these are general principles. There are as many ways to invest as there are individual investors. Don't expect personal answers from the media. We can only convey general guidelines that have proven successful over time. For specific guidance, talk to a competent professional who takes the time to understand your situation and goals.



1998 ALL STARS.....Friona Kids Inc. 9-10 year-old All Star team was, l-r, front, Tolby Wilcox, Kelby Monroe, Caleb Miller, Garrett Timmons, Antonio Monreal, Stephen Campbell. Middle row, l-r, Luke London, Zane Anderson, Hayden Patton, Cody Jamerson, Fabian Dominguez, Matthew Whiteley. Coaches are Kevin Patton, Curt Miller, Alan Monroe. ron carr photo

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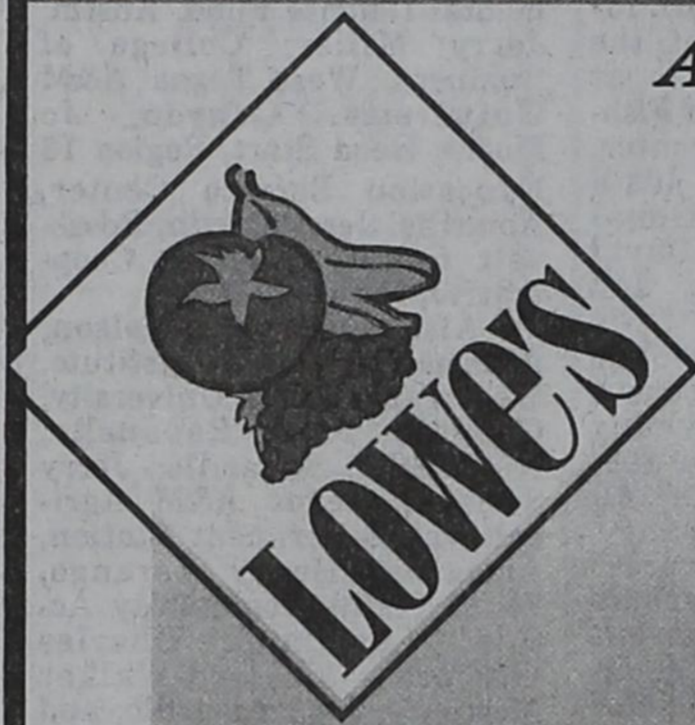
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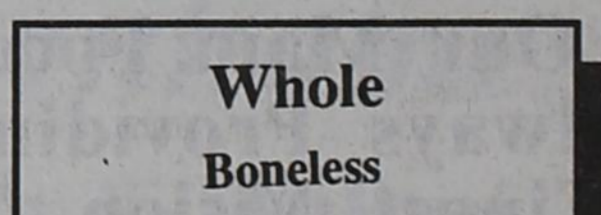
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