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Friona Star
Football Contest

WELCOME TO

MAIZE DAYS

FOR MAIZE DAYS

Miss Friona, Little Miss Pageants Set



1997 FRIONA QUEENS---Kayla Wyly, pictured left, has reigned as Miss Friona since being crowned last September. Little McKayla Morton, shown right, was crowned as the 1997 Friona Little Miss. The two girls will be relinquishing their titles on Saturday and Tuesday evenings at the two pageants at the High School Auditorium.

The Miss Friona Pageant for 1998 will be held on Saturday. Talent competition will begin at 2 p.m. at the Friona High School Auditorium. General admission for the talent competition is \$2 at the door.

The pageant finals will begin at 7 p.m. at the high school, where tickets will be available for \$5 (adults) and \$3 (children). The Little Miss Friona Pageant will be held starting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the high school auditorium.

Contestants and sponsors for both pageants are as follows:

Miss Friona--V'Lynda Wilcox, sponsored by Bi-Wize Drug; V'Laura Wilcox, Parmer County Pump; April Pope, Prairie Insurance Agency; D'Nae Murphree, Kendrick Oil; Carolina Camarillo, Friona State Bank; and Kristen Carson, Law Office of Kathryn Gurley.

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Little Miss--Monica Denise Dominguez, Friona State Bank; Hailey Paige Slay, Kendrick Oil; Shelby Hutson, Friona State Bank; Marisol Benavides, Benavides Trucking; Regan Lenae Anthony, Modern Study Club; Kaylee L'Shay Crozier, John B. Crozier III, P.C. and Hanna Nelson, Parmer County Pump.

Also, Gabriela Elena Santillan, Parmer Co. VFW Post; Kelsey White, Parmer County Implement Co.; Caitlin Bronniman, Hi-Pro Feeds; Ashley Monique Trevino, Bermea Bros. Trucking; Laci Austin, Kathryn Gurley, Attorney; Jessie London, London Farms/Hub Gin; Shayla Parker, Circle A Trucking; and ALee Gee, Norma Alexander.

Local residents are urged to attend these, as well as all of the Maize Days events. Support our young people in the pageants, and the clubs and organizations who sponsor various events!



Brownfield Visits For Home Opener

Brownfield's Cubs will make an infrequent appearance, when the Chieftains play their first home game of the season Friday. Kickoff time is 8 p.m.

Brownfield was last on Friona's schedule in 1991, ending a four-year run for the two as grid opponents. The Chieftains have yet to beat the Cubs, losing both the 1990 and 1991 games, 14-0.

"They are kinda young, like us," said Chieftain coach Mike Scott. "They are probably bigger than Lockney was, but might not run quite as well. The Cubs dropped their season opener last Friday to Kermit, 20-2.

"Their quarterback is a good athlete, and may be their best offensive player. He threw about 20 passes last week," Scott said.

Brownfield is coming off a 2-8 season in 1997, and had only nine of 32 lettermen return, including two offensive starters and three defensive. The Cubs are in District 3-3A, which contains such teams as Seminole, Slaton, Denver City, Colorado City and Lamesa.

Friona sustained one serious injury at Lockney, when junior standout Joseph Bandy dislocated his elbow while being tackled after a good punt return. Scott said Bandy could miss the team's next two to four games.



THESE FHA students attended the state FHA conference in Houston where they heard an inspirational message by Bobby Petrocelli. At their suggestion, Petrocelli is now coming to Friona. See story for details. From left are V'Lynda Wilcox, Juan Tafoya, Lindsay Buske, Courtney Clark, & Rusty Peace.



BOBBY PETROCELLI
ron carr photo

Coach Merket Is Week One Football Contest Winner

BY RON CARR

Hello everybody and welcome back for the 1998 Friona Football contest. It was nice to see most all of the veteran players send entries again and we had quite a few newcomers.

One of those first time players, Hayden Merket, won the first week's contest. Of course he should have won since he is one of our new football coaches and the head basketball coach at Friona High School.

Merket was one of four players that picked 16 out of 18 games. Using the old tie-breaker tradition, he emerged in first place with a prediction of Dallas 24, Arizona 13, which was 17 points off.

Coach Merket won the \$20 first prize and no doubt will treat his fellow coaches to the pizza buffet at Town & Country.

In second place, and \$10 richer this week, was Colby Carthel of Friona. He had 16 correct, guessed the tie-breaker at Dallas 27, Arizona 20, was 21 points off.



FIRST TIME PLAYER and first time winner in the Friona Football Contest was new coach Hayden Merket, left, being presented his loot by editor Ron Carr, who interrupted a coaches meeting to pay the prize.

The two remaining 16-correct players were the father-son team of Ron Smiley and Mitchell Smiley. Ron missed two high school games and Mitch missed one college and one pro game.



B. Petrocelli Will Bring His Message To Friona Youths

In 10 seconds one bad choice can change a life.

That is the message that 25 Friona FHA students heard at the state FHA conference last April in Houston.

The speaker was Bobby Petrocelli, author of a book, *Triumph Over Tragedy*, and motivational speaker. Petrocelli has traveled and presented his program in 36 states to more than 300,000 people from Alaska to Bermuda.

His story is one of personal triumph. One night he went to bed in suburban America, a happy man with a loving wife--but when he woke up dazed in his dining room, his wife was dead and his life would change forever.

The pickup truck that crashed through his bedroom wall was driven by a man who was nearly twice legally drunk.

The FHA students who heard Petrocelli's message last

April, recommended to their teachers this year that Bobby Petrocelli be invited to speak at Friona High School.

The young FHA'ers described his message as "powerful...made you think...inspiring." They said that they are more aware that you really never know what is going to happen in life, which makes you think of your own purpose.

And now Bobby Petrocelli will be at Friona High School on Tuesday, September 22. At 10 a.m. he will speak to the high school students in the auditorium.

At 3 p.m. he will speak to the junior high students in the junior high auditorium.

Then at 7 p.m. the evening of September 22, Petrocelli will speak in the high school auditorium for the general public.

According to FHA sponsor Gayle Murdock, who along with her students heard Bobby Petrocelli speak at the Houston conference, his message of triumph over tragedy is a riveting and inspirational experience.

Parents and the entire community are invited to meet and hear Petrocelli on September 22 in Friona.

Maize Days Tickets Are On Sale Now

Ticket sales for all Maize Days festivities are in progress now at the Chamber of Commerce office.

Ticket prices for the Miss Friona and Little Miss pageants are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Seating will be reserved for both pageants. The preliminary talent portion of the Miss Friona contest, scheduled for 2 p.m., is open to the public and tickets are \$2 each.

The barbecue tickets will be \$5 per plate. The barbecue dinner with all the trimmings will be catered locally.

Stop by the Chamber office at 621 Main and purchase your tickets for these great Maize Days events.

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Star Lites

By BILL ELLIS



Friona Flashbacks

...from the files of The Friona Star

MARK MCGWIRE has done more this summer for the sport of baseball than any single player in a long, long time. Despite all of the media pressure, and being thrust in the national sports limelight, it was mind-boggling that (#1) he could hit the towering home run number 61 on Labor Day, with the nation's entire sports fan population looking on, and (#2) that he could come back the next day and get number 62 on his team's final home appearance for awhile.

Having watched several sports stars in the past as they challenged one of the top records, and how the pressure can get to even the best players, I have to salute McGwire for his ability to go up to the plate and block out everything except the pitcher who is determined not to be a "postscript to sports history," and still get the home runs that he did this week.

Years ago as a big fan of Stan Musial, Ye Editor became engrossed when "Stan the Man" was chasing the Major League's all-time hit record, and in particular was seeking his 3,000th hit.

At that time, unlike today's offering of 50 channels on TV with the top sports attractions offered, I had to follow Musial's quest via radio. Not only that, I had to try to pull in radio station KMOX, St. Louis, since none of our area stations carried the St. Louis Cardinals' games. That took a pretty dedicated fan, since you could get about one minute of clear reception in every five minutes of radio time.

As I recall, after being "stuck" on 2,999 hits for about a week and seeing his batting average begin to dip, Musial finally got the big one, and if memory serves, it was in front of the home crowd, just as McGwire's homers were this week.

After I earned my journalism degree and landed a job with a daily newspaper as sportswriter in San Mateo, California, I was elated that I had the chance to cover Major League baseball, as well as the National Football League.

One of the highlights of my career with the *San Mateo Times* was having the opportunity of meeting Stan Musial when he visited San Francisco with his St. Louis Cardinals team. I've always remembered how polite he was to this young reporter and took time to visit after the game. Told me he had a lot of friends in Texas. And this Texan, when he got back home and had his number one son, named him—you guessed it—Stanley.

Mark McGwire has impressed me with the way he has handled himself in the current record chase. It is refreshing to see a sports star these days that conducts himself in a way that his young fans can emulate.

I was reminded this week while seeing the recap of Roger Maris breaking Babe Ruth's season record 61 homers in 1961 that—guess what—I also got to see Maris play in person that season.

The San Francisco Giants were in the National League, and you ordinarily would not get to see American League players, but the Major League All-Star Game was played in San Francisco, and I got to cover it for my newspaper.

With a field pass, I was able to take close-up pictures of Maris, Mickey Mantle, Stan Musial, Willie Mays, Yogi Berra, etc., etc. Little did I realize that before the 1961 season was over, Maris would top Ruth's home run record.

Did you know that Maris held the record longer (37 years) than Ruth had (34 years) when Maris broke it? Too bad that Maris didn't receive the credit that McGwire has this week, but at least the new record-setter was very cordial to the Maris family members at the games. 'Way to go, Big Mac!

70 Yrs. Ago-Sept. 14, 1928
Mr. and Mrs. D.W. Porter and son, Jack, were Amarillo visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D.H. Meade and Mrs. A.L. Berry spent Tuesday in Clovis.

F.T. Schlenker and family returned to their home west of town Saturday night from a six weeks trip and visit to California in the vicinity of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Pitman and daughter, Mrs. Eloyse, of Hereford, called on friends in Friona Saturday.

A.F. Ford and family of near Fort Sumner, New Mexico, arrived here Sunday night to visit his brother, J.W. Ford and family west of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Newt Farris spent Monday evening of last week in the Furlong home visiting their old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Williams.

During the early part of last week, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Adams of Greenville, Texas, visited Mrs. Adams' nieces' homes. Hamlin and Furlong, who lives southwest of town.

50 Yrs. Ago-Sept. 17, 1948
Patsy Anthony, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Anthony, Sr. of Friona, was given medical care at the local hospital last week for an injury to her leg.

Rev. and Mrs. Walter H. North, pastor of the local Congregational Church and his wife, returned to Friona, Wednesday afternoon, after a few weeks' vacation at their summer home on the lake near Burtrum, Minnesota, and express themselves as feeling fine.

45 Yrs. Ago-Sept. 17, 1953
Lora Harris returned last week from a visit with her son and family in Berger and a business trip to Pampa.

Fred White drove Ray McKee to Hereford Monday night for a dentist to pull a tooth.

Wanda and Zelma Fay Beaty and Bryon Dukes were visitors in Clovis Tuesday night.

The Women's Fellowship group of the Friona Congregational Church met yesterday afternoon in the new home of Mrs. J.C. Wilkison.

40 Yrs. Ago-Sept. 11, 1958
Benito Castillo, 30-year-old Latin American employed by Friona Growers & Shippers escaped injury Monday when his pickup truck overturned northeast of town.

A series of forgeries and hot checks have plagued local authorities and merchants the past week.

Mrs. Alpha Sprinkle of Stillwater, Oklahoma, is a guest in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Fred L. Dean. Mrs. Sprinkle, who is Dean's mother, expects to return to her home later this week.

Word was received here this week of the death and burial of Coy Pope, 51, former Friona resident for 10 years at Crane, August 27.

35 Yrs. Ago-Sept. 1963
Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Frost of Bernon and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Frost and family of Amarillo visited in the home

of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Charles recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Langer of Torrance, California and Mrs. Walter Prussner of Fort Worth, brother and sister of Joe Langer, visited here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burnam of Medford, Oregon, are visiting in the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Erith Hawkins.

Steve Owens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Owens, celebrated his third birthday with a party Tuesday afternoon at his home.

30 Yrs. Ago-Sept. 19, 1968
Cathy Cunningham, who observed her eleventh birthday Friday, was honored with a party in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cunningham, from 5 to 7 p.m. Following the gift presentation was a game session.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Romer and Mrs. Minnie Orr, of Marquaketa, Iowa, were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Reed last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Blackburn, Route 1, Friona, became parents of a baby boy at 6:30 a.m. Monday, September 16 at Parmer County Community Hospital. He was named Brian Eugene and weighed eight pounds.

Mrs. Frank Reed and children, Zonya and Ronnie, Amarillo, were weekend visitors in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ashcraft.

25 Yrs. Ago-Sept. 9, 1973
Gwendolyn Louise Corn of Friona has been named one of the Outstanding Young Women of America for 1973, according to Mrs. Pandora Benis, director for the national awards program.

Kenneth Williams was host for a Williams family reunion during the Labor Day weekend.

Children of the late Erwin and Mae Johnson met last weekend at the Herschel Johnson home. For the first time all children were together at one time since their father's death in February, 1960, said Mrs. Herschel Johnson. Mrs. Erwin died in July, 1943. The Johnsons had lived in the Friona area since 1926.

20 Yrs. Ago-Sept. 24, 1978
Effective September first the ownership of Plains Hardware and Furniture, changed for the fifth time since its beginning in 1907.

New owners are Steve and Mary Bovousett, longtime city residents.

The first hardware store in Friona was opened in the present location of Plains Hardware by a man who lived in Hereford, as Friona Hardware. One of its first

employees was the late Will Harris, who later became known at the "Mayor of Goathead Prairie," a pioneer resident of the Summerfield Community.

Later the store was purchased by D.W. Hanson and the name was changed to Hanson Hardware.

A few years later the store was sold to Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Kinsley, who operated it until the middle nineteen twenties. Then it was sold to Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Blackwell.

The Blackwells operated the store about fifteen years before selling it to Elroy and Faye Wilson and J.G. and Irene McFarland as a partnership enterprise. Then in 1965 the Wilsons bought the McFarland interest.

15 Yrs. Ago-Sept. 11, 1983

A lot of contestants thought they hadn't done too well in the first week of the Friona Star's football contest, including Danny Guerra, who correctly picked 15 of the 22 games.

But Guerra won first place for his entry, and for all those who thought their scores were bad—they probably weren't that bad, in reality.

Guerra was one of only four contestants who correctly picked as many as four of the games the first week.

A new city manager was named at a special meeting of the Friona City Council this week.

Beelee Kent Goodwin, 36, currently serving as administrative assistant in charge of personnel for the City of Sweetwater, is the city manager.

10 Yrs. Ago-Sept. 10, 1988
Loren Drew Blake, United States Navy, graduated from the Nuclear Field "A" School, Naval Training Center in

Orlando, Florida on June 30. He has been promoted to the rank of Electrician's Mate Third Class.

By special invitation of the U.S. Navy Recruiting District, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Jackie Morgan, a counselor at Friona High School, was among a group of counselors and educators given the opportunity to experience life in the Navy for six days recently.

Morgan's agenda included a tour of Naval Air Station, North Island, California; a Recruit Graduation Ceremony at Navy Training Center, San Diego; a tour of various submarines and ships, including the aircraft carrier USS Ranger.

5 Yrs. Ago-Sept. 11, 1993

"We are very proud of Friona's support for the Muscular Dystrophy Association with its contribution of \$5,500 to help fight Muscular Dystrophy," say James and Ann Gee, pledge center coordinators for Friona.

In the Panhandle area, a total of \$102,368 went up on the toteboard and nationally \$46, 014, 922 was pledged.

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AROUND TOWN

German sausage dinner Oct 4

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Happy Birthday Friona Folks....

Week of September 13-19

Friona residents having birthdays next week include:

September 13--Ty Van Potts, John Tate McFarland, Misty Turbeville, Mike Hanes, Ashley Duke, Karen Sirnic, Valerie Chilton, Kayla Wyl, Blanche Boyle, Emily Harris.

September 14--Jerry Hinkle, Chad Hamilton.

September 15--Ramyrri Randolph, Mamie Lou Welch, Nedra Cash, Jana Renner Martinez, Eddie Gauna, Paul Fant, Jeff Landrum, T.A. Kelley, Betty Wiseman, Michael Wilhelm, Lorri Garza, Aaron Spence, Jessica Alexander, Caleb Monroe.

September 16--Angela Kube, Brandon Petree, Marie Sanders, Sarita Gay Reeve, Ronald Walker, Mark Anthony, Jean Hamilton, Dallas Fleming, Brian Blackburn, Ashley Ingram.

September 17--Pamela Bauer, Sharon Black, Mike Hutson, Hank Duke, Roger Denton, Andi Rhea Kitten.

September 18--Sue Smith, Jonathan Espinoza, Hollis Horton, Jr., Charles Ray Widner, Christy Allen, Jessie Gonzales, Amanda Gonzales, Rachel Burkart, Chuck Widner, Tyler Jameson, Nathan King, Wendy Lookingbill.

September 19--Sharlene Kimbrell, Shirley Schueler, Cleo Gauna, Lupe Guerra, Betty Louise Rector, Milli Dixon Watson, Toni Chapman, Phillip Dean Saiz, Henry Gauna, Adrienne Osborn, Adam Barker, Misty Chesher.

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

Library closed Tuesday afternoon

The Friona Public Library will be closed Tuesday afternoon, September 15, so that the librarians may attend computer software training in Amarillo. No fines will be charged for this day.

Chili supper before Dimmitt game

The sophomore class will hold a chili supper Friday, Sep 18, before the Dimmitt game. Serving is from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Tickets are \$4 adults & \$2.50 kids 12 & under.

Senior citizen covered dish luncheon

A covered dish luncheon will be held at the Friendship House on Tuesday, Sep 15. A program is being planned. All senior citizens are invited.

Class of '48 reunion Sep 19

The FHS class of 1948 will have their 50th reunion on Saturday, Sep 19. Some of the members will be in the Maize Days parade. Reunion will be at the Bank community room starting at 2 p.m.

El Cid charity auction Sep 22

The annual El Cid charity auction benefitting the United Way will be Sep 22 at the El Cid Ranch in Farwell. Social hour at 6 p.m. (Texas time), dinner at 7 p.m. Donation is \$15 per person.

Lazbuddie women's christian fellowship

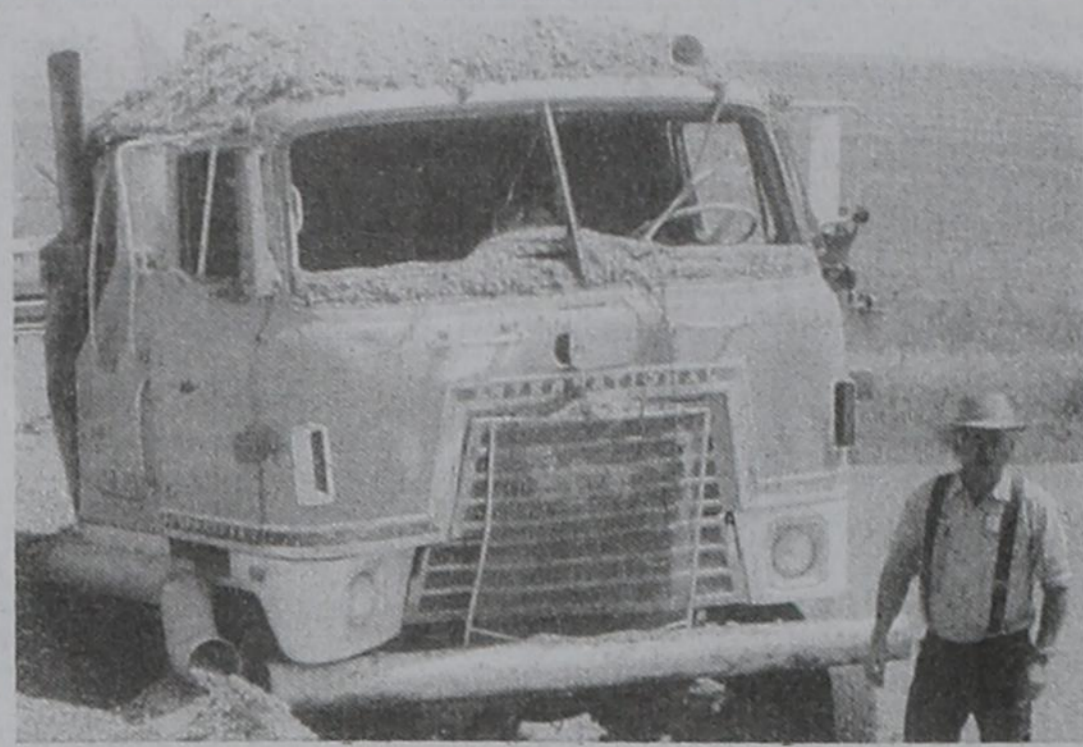
The Lazbuddie Women's Christian Fellowship will meet Saturday, September 19, at 9:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Lazbuddie. The group will meet the third Saturday of every month. Tammie Willard, owner of the Master Book Store in Clovis will be guest speaker.

See You At The Pole

All youth are invited to attend the "See You At The Pole" at Jr. Hi & High School flag poles on Wed, Sep 16 at 7 a.m. to pray for schools, friends, & our nation. Breakfast will be served following at 1st Baptist church.

Mexican dinner at St. Ann's Bovina

The Guadalupanas annual Mexican dinner will be held at St. Ann's Parish Hall in Bovina Sep 27. Serving is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donation is \$4.50 adults & \$2.50 kids under 6. Take-out plates are 25 cents extra.



ANOTHER TRUCK-TRAIN WRECK occurred on Thursday, Sep 3, at a marked crossing near Black. The silage truck was totaled and the driver was apparently not seriously injured since he left the scene and at press time had not been located. Friona fireman Bobby Jordan is shown with the front of the wrecked truck in these front and rear photos. The silage belonged to Raymond Hamilton of Friona. ron carr photos



Football Contest Standings

Here are the point totals after Week One of the football contest. There are 12 more weeks to play.

16-Hayden Merket, Colby Carthel, Ron Smiley, Mitchell Smiley.

15-Shirley Steinbock, Wayne Amstutz, Richard Dickson, Bruce Barrett, Kade Carthel, Dee King, Martha Clements, Kayla Smiley, Ashley Smiley.

14-Lisa Reed, Steve Foster, Mark Zachary, Rusty McFarland, Scott Brown, Daniel Hernandez, Kevin Wiseman, Jim Dixon, Larry Rogers, Veca White, Rick Roden, Danny Guerra, Sr., Courtney Carthel, Tyson Neill, Mark Neill, Jon Field, Rhonda Crozier, Bill Sanders, Eddie Gauna, Brett Field.

13-Jack Clark, Walter Hudson, Casey Williams, Mark Walker, Clint Mears, Max Steinbock, Ernest Mills, Joe Lafuente, Don Spring, Mike Hutson, Kirk Frye, Andy Carthel, Bobby Wied, John Crozier, Alesia Tucker, Jerry Hinkle, Don Max Vars,

Teresa Shelby.

12-Claire Brown, Ray Stanley, Raul Brailif, Thomas Reed, Jerry Harrelson, Jimmy Walker, Jerry Gossett, Ky Graham, Joshua Burleson, Francisco Torres, Myrtle Melton, Shirley Fangman, David George, Joe Tongate, Kenneth Neill, Jeff Williams, Carmella Hernandez, Charla Chesher, John Seright.

11-Richard Barnett, Landon Martin, Rodney Shelby, Linvell Rose, Martha Rodriguez, Stuart Davidson, Kent Patterson, Dennis Field, Scottie Brown, Eufemia Torres, Lance Field.

10-Cliff Daniel, Barbara Grimsley, Eric Espinoza, Antonio Duran, Jr., Tim Elmore, Sally Putman, Quentin Shelby, Oscar Torres, Donita Martin.

9-Carroll Cook, Johnny Carrasco, Joseph Bandy, Jennifer Gonzales, Bill Miller, David Woody, Raymond Delgado, Juan Hernandez, Dario Hernandez.

8-Nathan Haile.
7-Randi Burkart.

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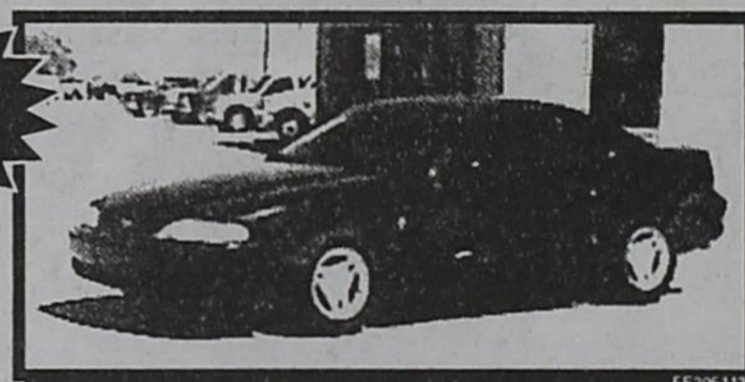


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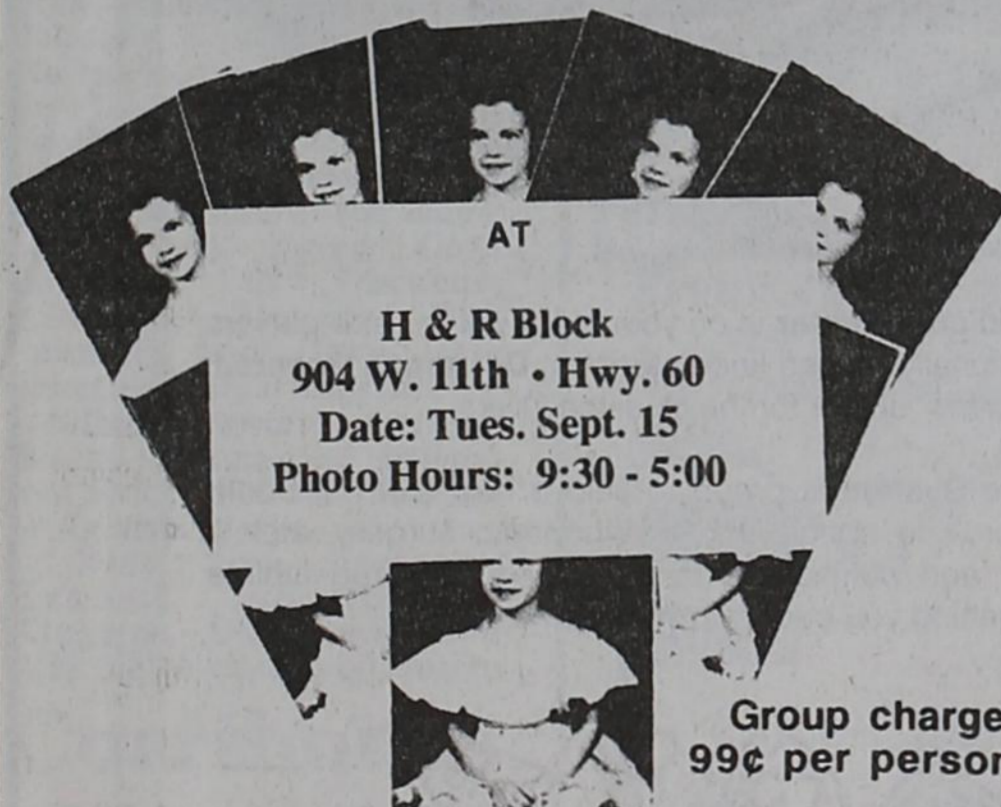
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CHIEFTAIN DEFENDERS...A group of Chieftain linemen and linebackers are shown in action last Friday, when they held Lockney to only 125 yards total. From the left are Daniel Rosales (75), Tony Duran (51), Gaines Butman (65) and Daniel Wiseman (72). Friona downed the Longhorns, 18-14. (Photo by Ron Carr)

Coach: Pleased With Chieftains' Tenacity

"I was real pleased with the way the kids 'hung in there' in the game at Lockney. We couldn't buy a break in the first half, plus we kept shooting ourselves in the foot. We played quite a bit better in the second half. It wasn't a pretty win, but it was a win," said Coach Mike Scott following the season-opening 18-14 win by the Chieftains at Lockney last Friday.

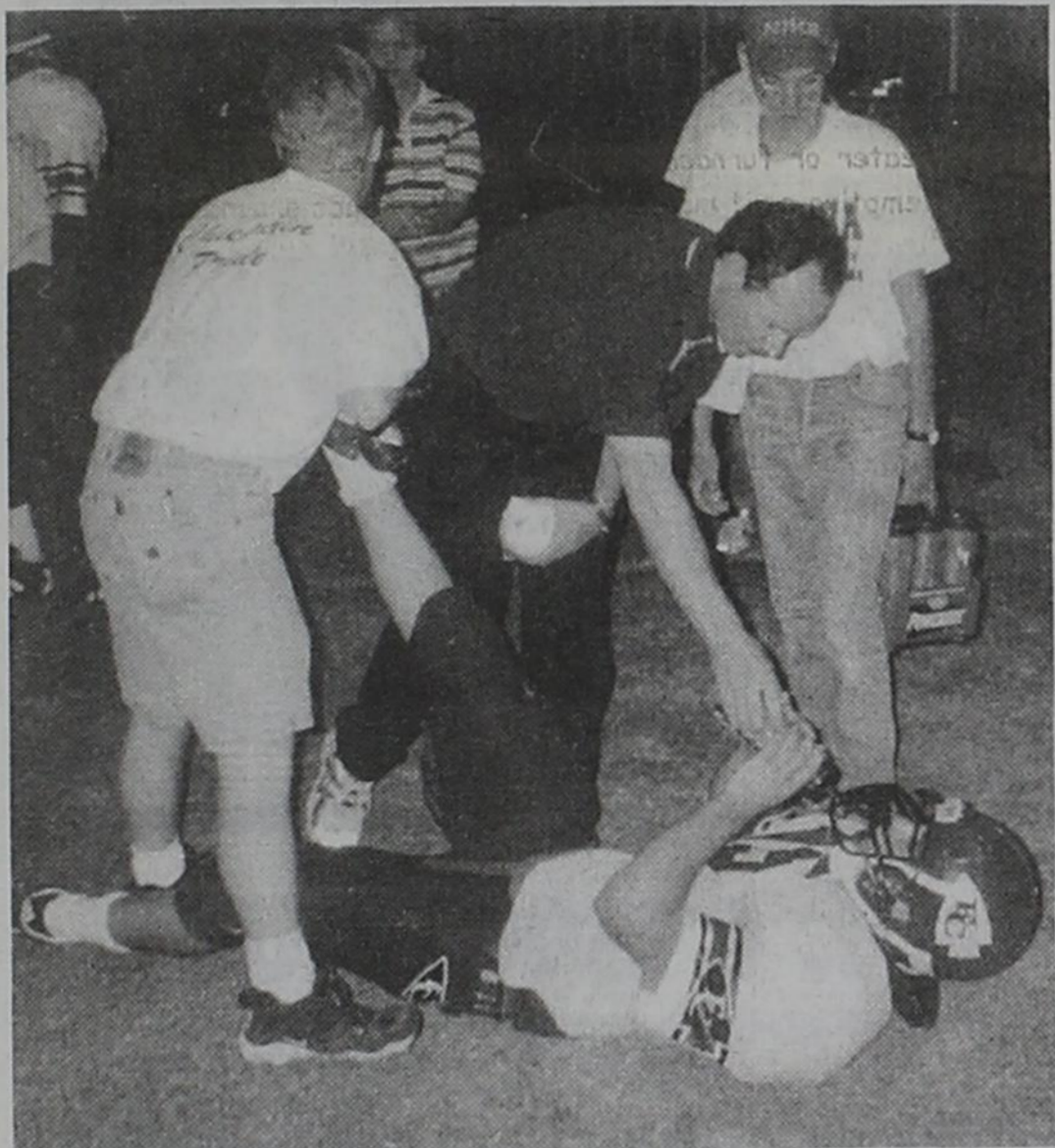
Regarding the punt-fumble return that Lockney cashed in for a touchdown, Scott said "That was kind of wild. We had the punt well covered. We stripped the ball away from their man, then we couldn't see the ball, and their kid picked it up and ran with it," Scott explained.

It was a bizarre play, the likes of which many observers (including Ye Editor) hadn't seen in a long time.

"We felt we were in better (physical) shape than they were, and that we kinda wore them down as the game went along."

"I thought the team played very well on defense," the coach continued. At one point, Friona blocked a Lockney field goal after a good defensive stand, then had to put the ball in play on their own three-yard line. Matthew Kendrick helped get the team out of this hole with his 87-yard touchdown run.

Hugo Rivera and Barry Procter paced the defense, with 12 and 11 tackles respectively. Landon Martin added six tackles, plus having a very timely QB sack.



YOU'D CRAMP TOO, if you had just run 87 yards for a touchdown! The Friona team trainer Danny Nasey and manager Rusty Peace are shown working with Chieftain runningback Matthew Kendrick, who developed leg cramps during the Lockney game. Kendrick scored a timely TD and gained 128 yards in all (ron carr)

AT LOCKNEY

Patience Pays Off With 18-14 Victory

by BILL ELLIS

As a rule, youngsters are not usually a patient group. But the 1998 Chieftains had to give a lot in the "patience department" in their opening game at Lockney last Friday, before their efforts began to pay dividends.

When they did, the Chiefs posted 18 points on the scoreboard in the second half, and held Lockney to zero, in the 18-14 opening game win.

Thanks to a couple of breaks, the hometown Longhorns scored a pair of first half touchdowns, and enjoyed a 14-0 lead over the visiting Chieftains.

Friona was unable to mount a drive in their first couple of possessions. In fact, their second try ended with a fumble at their own 30-yard line, covered by Lockney.

Three plays later, Longhorn QB Jordan Lambart hit receiver Josh Quebe with a 29-yard scoring strike. It was a good throw and an even better catch, resulting in an early 7-0 Lockney lead.

On Friona's fourth possession, the Chiefs showed a little more promise, on a nine-yard pass from Justin Daniel to Matt Kendrick, and a 20-yard run by Noel Grajeda. Friona drove to the Lockney 12, but a fourth down pass left the Chieftains five yards shy of their mark.

The team next drove to the Lockney 26, but on another fourth-down attempt, Daniel's pass bounced in front of his receiver in the end zone and Lockney took over.

A little later, the team had to punt, and Trent Cook's kick looked like it might pin the Longhorns deep in their own territory. A Chieftain defender knocked the ball loose, but rather than getting a break, a Longhorn picked up the loose ball and ran up the sidelines 80 yards for the TD. The kick made it a 14-0 Lockney lead.

With time running out in the first half, Daniel lofted a long pass on which Celio Tafoya made a beautiful catch, and almost scored. But Tafoya had had to jump to catch the ball, and was off-stride when he came down, falling at the Lockney two.

Only two seconds were left on the clock, and Daniel was smothered on a rollout attempt, so the 'Horns kept their 14-0 lead.

The Chieftains answered the second half kickoff with a more determined attitude.

Kendrick ripped off a 37-yard gain on Friona's first offensive play. Daniel gained 13 yards to the Lockney 17, and after passing to Grajeda on fourth down to keep the drive alive, Daniel picked up his fumble and ran 13 yards for Friona's first TD. A high snap contributed to the point-after miss, but Friona was on the scoreboard, 6-14 with 5:54 gone in the third.

Backed up to their own 10 by a punt, the Chieftains lost their second fumble of the game at that point, and the defense was called upon to really dig in.

It did, and a field goal attempt was blocked and recovered at the Friona three. Grajeda ran twice to the 13 and a vital first down as the third quarter ended.

Kendrick got the call on the first play of the final quarter, and burst through the line. He found himself in the clear at about his own 40, made a couple of great moves, and outran his defenders to the Lockney goal—an 87-yard TD run!

That brought the score to 12-14, as a passing attempt for points went incomplete.

Lockney drove to the Chieftain 31 and elected to punt. Friona couldn't move on this possession, but the next time, James Evans broke off a nifty 23-yard gain to the Lockney 22, and Daniel added 21 yards to the one. Grajeda crashed in for the TD, and Friona had the

lead for the first time, 18-14, with 4:19 left to play.

The final four minutes seemed an eternity. Lockney took to the air, and Friona's pass defense was turned up a notch. A roughing penalty against the Chiefs kept the ball in Lockney's possession at one point, but the defense refused to break. A pressing defense, led by linebacker Barry Procter, was instrumental in Lockney's last ten passing attempts to fall incomplete.

Evans also had a part, almost recording an interception.

On paper, Friona dominated the game, outgaining the Longhorns, 349-125, and leading in first downs, 14-7. The Chiefs allowed the 'Horns to complete only four of 22 passing attempts. This, even though Lockney controlled the ball for three minutes more than the Chieftains in the game, including most of the final quarter.

Kendrick, bolstered by two runs for 124 yards in the second half, led with 130 net yards. Daniel gained 69 yards and Grajeda 63.

JV Wins; Frosh Lose

The Chieftain Junior Varsity set the pace for their "older brothers" last Thursday, scoring a 20-14 win over the visiting Lockney JV team.

Earlier, the Freshman team dropped a 26-0 decision to Lockney. The freshmen got behind 26-0 at the half, and played much better in the second half, shutting out the 'Horns. Running back Oswald Almaguer was the leading ground-gainer for the team.

Tailback Matthew Mata scored a pair of TDs for the Junior Varsity in their win, and Josh Burleson came up with a touchdown. Cason White ran a two-pointer.

Game Statistics

| FHS | LHS |
|-------|-------|
| 14 | 7 |
| 276 | 72 |
| 71 | 53 |
| 347 | 125 |
| 12-5 | 22-4 |
| 0 | 0 |
| 5-2 | 2-1 |
| 5-180 | 7-256 |
| 36.0 | 36.6 |
| 11-90 | 5-45 |
| 22.35 | 25.25 |
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| FHS | LHS |
|-----|-----|
| 0 | 6 |
| 0 | 12 |
| 7 | 0 |
| 7 | 0 |

Individual Rushing

| | |
|---------------|-------------|
| Matt Kendrick | 12-128-10.7 |
| Justin Daniel | 9-69-7.7 |
| Noel Grajeda | 14-63-4.5 |
| James Evans | 2-39-19.5 |

Sacks & Team Losses

| | |
|-------------|----------------|
| Team Losses | 3-(-19)-(-6.3) |
| Totals | 40-276-6.9 |

Individual Passing

| | |
|-----------|----------------|
| J. Daniel | 12-5-0-71-0 TD |
|-----------|----------------|

Individual Receiving

| | |
|--------------|-----------|
| Celio Tafoya | 1-43-43.0 |
| M. Kendrick | 3-22-7.3 |
| N. Grajeda | 1-6-6.0 |
| Tot: | 5-71-14.2 |

Punt Returns

| | |
|--------------|-----------|
| Joseph Bandy | 2-20-10.0 |
|--------------|-----------|

Kickoff Returns

| | |
|---------------|---------|
| Corben Baxter | 1-8-8.0 |
| Tony Duran | 1-1-1.0 |
| Barry Procter | 1-1-1.0 |

Individual Punting

| | |
|------------|------------|
| Trent Cook | 5-180-36.0 |
|------------|------------|

Tackles: Hugo Rivera 12; Barry Procter 11; Landon Martin 6; Matt Kendrick 4; James Evans, Jeff Rando, Justin Daniel, Tony Duran, Ismael Juarez, 3 each; Victor Alvarado 2; Noel Grajeda, Colby Patterson, Daniel Wiseman, Joseph Bandy, Adrian Cruz, Corben Baxter, 1 each.

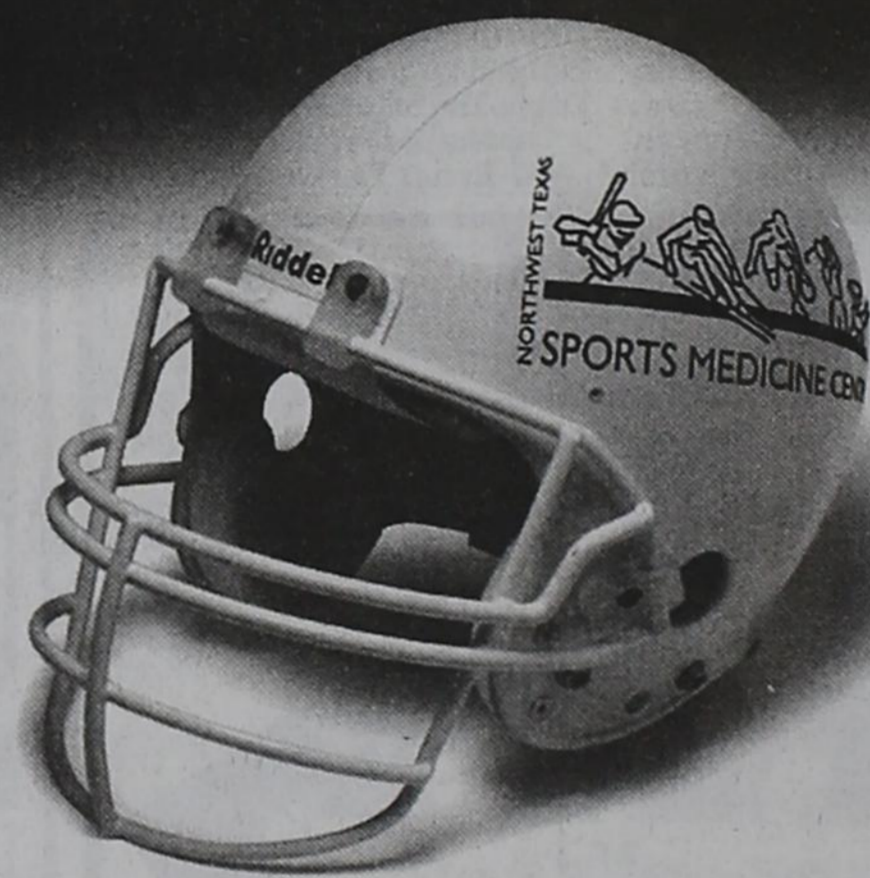
QB Sacks: Landon Martin 1.

Fumbles Recovered: Procter 1.

The Lockney Series

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| 1938 | LHS 19, Friona 0 |
| 1939 | LHS 33, Friona 0 |
| 1940 | FHS 25, Lockney 0 |
| 1946 | FHS 12, Lockney 6 |
| 1947 | LHS 26, Friona 13 |
| 1964 | *FHS 28, Lockney 14 |
| 1965 | *FHS 12, Lockney 7 |
| 1966 | *FHS 13, Lockney 12 |
| 1967 | *FHS 14, Lockney 12 |
| 1968 | *FHS 14, Lockney 13 |
| 1969 | *LHS 39, Friona 6 |
| 1970 | *FHS 35, Lockney 14 |
| 1971 | *LHS 41, Friona 21 |
| 1972 | FHS 25, Lockney 6 |
| 1973 | LHS 10, Friona 0 |
| 1976 | LHS 27, Friona 0 |
| 1977 | LHS 20, Friona 6 |
| 1978 | FHS 7, Lockney 6 |
| 1979 | FHS 14, Lockney 14 |
| 1998 | FHS 18, Lockney 14 |

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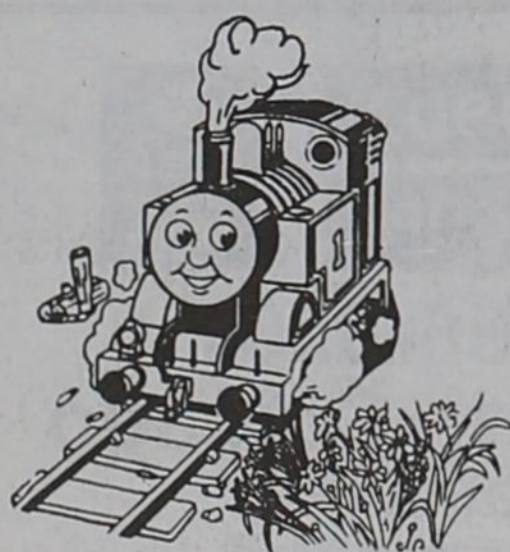
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ARTIST OF THE MONTH—Friona Art Association has named Ruby Stone as Artist of the Month for September. Her oil paintings and a framed piece of crochit will be on display in the lobby at Prairie Acres for the remainder of the month. Ruby is a charter member of the Friona Art Association. She has been painting off and on for many years, and says she never has as much time as she would like to spend on her painting. She has studied under Dr. Merrit, J.D. Keel and Jean Green.

Ex-Bovina Resident Buried September 5

Funeral services for Teresa Garcia, 66, of Muleshoe were held September 5, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina, with Father Eddie Kieran, Pastor, officiating. Rosary was said in the St. Ann's Catholic Church. Burial was in Bovina Cemetery in Bovina. Mrs. Garcia died September 2, 1998, at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. She was born November 2, 1931 in Monterrey, Mexico. She married Julio Garcia 1948 in Los Indios, Mexico. He died in 1995. Mrs. Garcia was a lifetime member of the Catholic Church. She was a former resident of Bovina, having lived there ten years. She had lived in Muleshoe 26 years. Teresa was a seamstress for the Excel Corporation. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Dora Alice Garcia and two sons, Jose Garcia and Juanito Garcia. Survivors include three sons, Jabier Garcia of Grand Prairie; James Garcia of Florida; and Julio Garcia, Jr. of Muleshoe. Four daughters, Mary Ann Arzola of Muleshoe; Rosalinda Martin of Tyrone, Oklahoma; Janie H. Sherbon of Bovina; and Beatrice Morin of Fort Worth. Also, four brothers, Jesus Martinez of Midlothain; Tomas Martinez of Sheldon; Guadalupe Martinez of Abilene and Ovidio Martinez of Reserve. Three sisters, Olivia Longoria of Earth; Maria Garcia of Sheldon; and Lourdes Rodriguez of Abilene. Twenty-one grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren also survive.

Elvin Johnston Is Buried In Amarillo

Funeral services for former area Bovina resident Elvin Johnston, 81, were held Thursday, September 10, 1998 at Southwest Church of Christ, Amarillo, with arrangements by Blackburn-Shaw Memorial Chapel. Officiating was Mr. Brent Adams of Southwest Church of Christ. Burial was in Memory Gardens Cemetery, Amarillo. Johnston died Monday, September 7, in Amarillo. Mr. Johnston was born in Roaring Springs, Texas. He had lived in Amarillo for three years. He married Wilma Newbrough on February 5, 1942. Johnston was preceded in death by a great-grandson, Colton Blake Johnston Weathers in 1995. He has been a farmer/rancher and a member of the Southwest Church of Christ. Survivors include his wife, Wilma Johnston of the home; three sons, Loyd Olen Johnston, of Decatur, Alabama; Dennis Ray Johnston and Gary Dale Johnston both of Amarillo. Two daughters, Carolyn Elaine Timmell of Friona, and Evana Sharlene Betcher of Amarillo. Also, two brothers, Kenneth Johnston of Kingston, Oklahoma, and A.M. Johnston, Jr. of Huron.

Courthouse Records

(Ending August 19)
 TD: Dany Saiz FHA-Carrie Melear, E50' L1 B49 OT Bovina
 WD: Carrie Melear-Raul Garcia, E50' L1 B49 OT Bovina
 WD: Santiago Reyna-Antonio Carillo L28 Eatview Add, Bovina
 WD: Krr Armstrong-Eddie S Grahah, W75' L7 & 8 & W75' f S1/2 L9 B25 OT Friona
 WD: Don Bandy-Lazaro Munoz All Lots 2, 3, 4, & 5 B42 Ct Friona
 WD: Jose L Prieto-Javier Huera, Lot 7 B7 M & F Add, Friona

LONGTIME RESIDENT

Bernice Hartzog Rites Held In Bovina Tues.

Funeral services for Bernice Jean Clark Hartzog, 81, were held on Tuesday, September 8, 1998, at Bovina First Methodist Church, with the Rev. J. B. Fowler, retired, of Irving, and Rev. Don McNeerlin of Bovina officiating.

Interment was in Bovina, under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mrs. Hartzog died September 5 at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo following a short illness.

The ninth of ten children, Bernice Clark was born April 10, 1917, at Groom, Texas, to George Ethan and Minnie Charlotte DeLaughter Clark, who moved to Texas in 1910 from Iowa. She graduated from Groom High School in 1933 and attended West Texas Teachers College in Canyon for three years.

She married Arlin LeRoy Hartzog on July 31, 1936, in Amarillo. They lived in Meadow, Lubbock, Brownfield and Floydada before moving to their home between Farwell and Bovina in 1949, where they were engaged in farming and ranching.

Mrs. Hartzog was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Bovina for 49 years, and the Bovina Women's Study Club. She was a member of the American Angus Assn. for 47 years. She was an avid bridge player and a member of bridge clubs in Bovina and Clovis, New Mexico.

Mrs. Hartzog was preceded in death by her husband in 1986.

She is survived by two sisters, Loucille Smith of Mesquite and Mable Beardsley of New Castle, Wyoming; three daughters and their husbands, Helen Arline and Allen Estlack of Clarendon; Sharon Kay and Jerry Strawn of Panhandle and Dixi Jean and Richard Jones of Pueblo, Colorado; and one son and his wife, Arlin



BERNICE HARTZOG

LeRoy and Trudy Hartzog of Oklahoma Lane.

Also, eleven grandchildren and their spouses, Charlie Strawn and Millie of Claude; Mike Strawn and Joan of Austin; Karen Strawn of Panhandle; Roger Estlack and Russell Estlack of Clarendon; Amy Gruntmeir and Brian of Lubbock; Ashley Hartzog of Oklahoma Lane; Shelly Nafziger and Steve; Cindy Cirra and Mike; Todd Jones and Derek Jones and Kristine, all of Pueblo, Colorado.

Also, nine great-grandchildren, Melissa Strawn, Jerry Strawn and Dixi Strawn of Claude; Caleb Strawn of Austin; Danae Nafziger, Bethany Nafziger, Christian Nafziger, Mikey Cirra and Abby Cirra, all of Pueblo, Colorado; and Ann DeLoach of Lubbock. Also, a huge number of nieces and nephews, very special family friend, Janice Richards of Bovina, and a host of friends.

Pallbearers were grandsons of Mrs. Hartzog. Honorary pallbearers were Tommy Williams of Farwell, Oakley Stevenson, J.T. Hammonds, Hugo Falkenberg, M.H. Carson and Scott Gober, all of Bovina.

The family requests that memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church of Bovina or to a favorite charity.

Cecil M. Floyd Died Sept. 3 In Austin

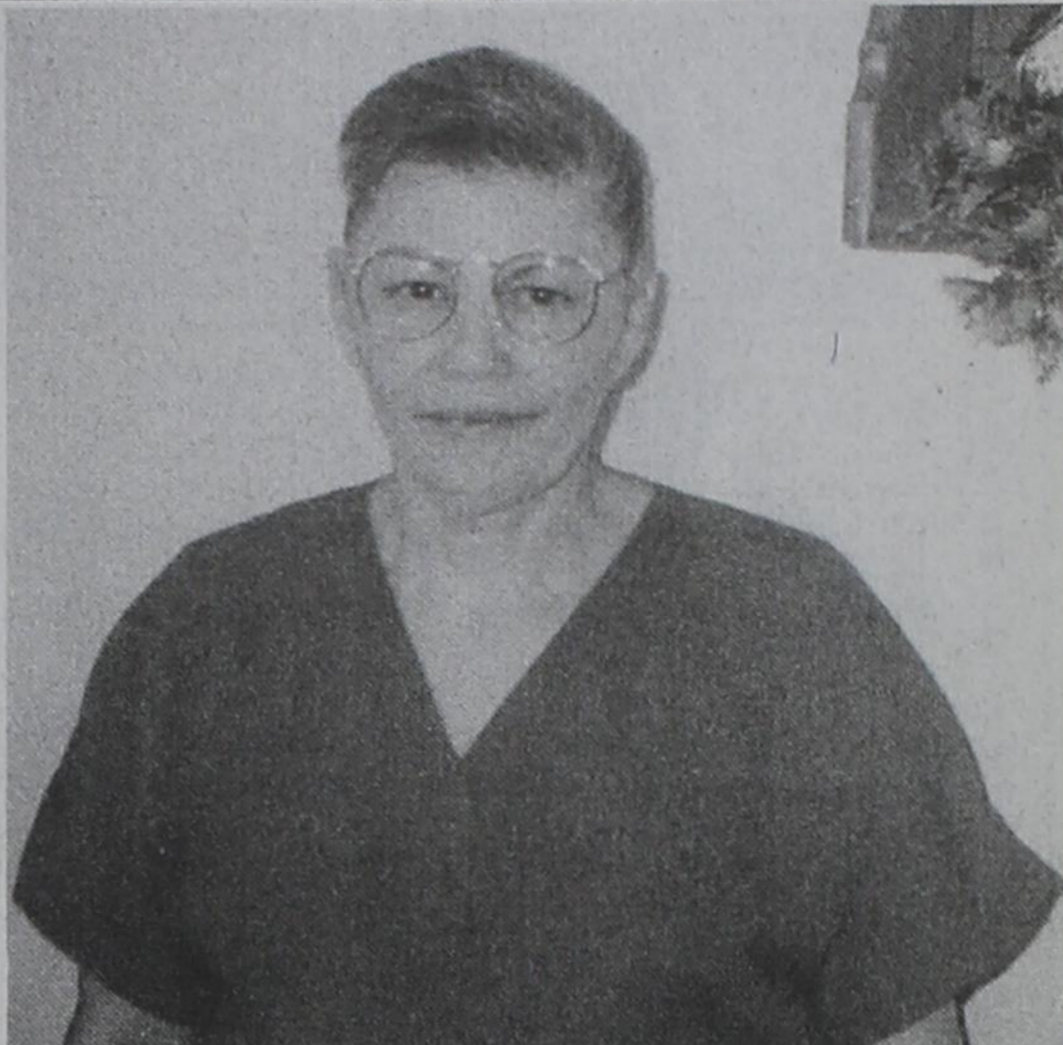
Cecil M. (Bud) Floyd, 76, of Marble Falls passed away September 3, 1998 in Austin. Graveside services will be held September 19, 2 p.m. at the Bovina Cemetery.

Mr. Floyd was raised in Bovina and lived in Parmer County many years. He was a retired Blacksmith, a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include one son, H.N. Floyd of Grandbury and wife Brownie, two daughter, C.C. Crow of Marble Falls

and husband Larry, Patricia Wilkins of Paducah and husband Floyd; grandsons, Guy Wilkins, of Canyon, Stanton Crow and Kyle T. Wilkins, Arlington and Craig Floyd, of Las Vegas, Nevada; two sisters, Leatha Venable of Amarillo and Lucille Treewitt of Pomona, California.

The family will gather at the EMS Hall in Bovina after the service. The family requests flowers to be given to someone that needs their day brighten or to a church or favorite charity.



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GLADYS MOSELEY

Prairie Acres Resident Submits Her Life Story

Every month a resident of Prairie Acres Nursing Home writes a story about his/her life's history to be submitted in the home's newsletter, "The Prairie Times," and for printing in this issue. This month we feature Gladys Moseley.

By GLADYS MOSELEY

On June 15, 1916, I was born to Harley and Willie White. I was the second of six children.

We lived in Childress County and grew up on a place known as Pease River. My father was a farmer and my mother and us kids all helped in the fields. I have hoed lots of cotton and pulled many cotton sacks pulling bolls.

Mother was sick a lot so my older sister and I took care of the younger ones and did the chores. This was everything from cooking to milking the cows. My least favorite job was cleaning the chicken house. To this day chicken is not my favorite food!

I married John Wright on

January 26, 1938. He was a farmer. We had one son. I wanted more children but I guess it wasn't God's will.

The drought was bad in the fifties in the "dry land" country of Childress. We sold out and headed west to Friona, Texas on June 22, 1953.

What a day that was! When we arrived at one "new" home, 7-1/2 miles west of Friona, the people that lived there previously had raised chickens in the basement. Needless-to-say we had to get the scoops and get to work. Another reason I don't care for chicken!

John passed away January 12, 1973. Three years later I married David Moseley on March 24, 1976. He passed away March 31, 1985.

My son and daughter-in-law, Jarrell and Karen Wright, live and farm west of town. They have three children.

I came to live at Prairie Acres April 14, 1998. I appreciate the loving care that they give to me.

Warning: This column contains several lies. If you find them, I apologize for misleading you. If you do not find them, then there aren't any.

Our Maize Days issue this week is one of our largest papers of the year and we had to finish it in a short work week. But we have a really professional staff here and we are trying to get Bill & Carol to let us publish daily instead of weekly.

Last Monday the Noon Lion's put out the American flags all over town, as we do on holidays all year. Danny Black, Raymond Cook, Darrell Barlow and I were the flag crew volunteers.

Danny Black and I took his pickup and put out the flags at 7:30 a.m., then he and I met at 5:30 p.m. to pick them up. We hope you enjoyed them.

Because of the short week, I didn't start thinking about a column until Wednesday when the girls in the back room started nagging me. If it hadn't been about a column, they would have found something else to nag me about.

I always make sure that they have plenty of stuff to nag about. It makes them happy and easier to get along with.

I had several ideas already tucked away for this week's column before they started their hounding. I thought about writing about Mark McGwire's 62nd home run and that I watched two baseball games this weekend for the first time in 20 years.

What more can you say about the 62nd home run after it has been hit? He hit it, he broke the record, next column please.

It is like that Titanic

Out Here

By RON CARR

"I Lied. Forgive Me. I'm Sorry I Got Caught"



movie everyone is so nuts over. I haven't seen it yet. At my age, I don't even buy green bananas, much less sit down for a 3-hour movie.

Besides, the boat sinks. Every time. People drown and die but it is a love story?

Now it is out on video, in a two-box set, and I think I heard they were thinking about making a sequel, Titanic II. What in the heck will it be about?

I am afraid I will go visit some relative or friend and they will haul out their copy of the Titanic and insist that we watch it since we don't have anything else to do for the next three hours.

I think it should be a law that if you have a copy of the Titanic video you have to put a warning sign in your front window: "Caution: this property protected from visitors by the Titanic video. Visit at your own risk."

Or I was going to write a column titled "Tombstones In The Moonlight." A few folks around town will know what that means and what the column is about. And it is not about what you might think. Right Jon Mack?

A few weeks ago I wrote that I didn't think I would write about Billy Jeff Clinton anymore but I misled you. No, I didn't mislead you, I lied.

A few folks get upset when I pick on poor old Billy, God love him. If I write too much about your President, some folks tell me not to write about him.

So last week I wrote about high school football. A lady cornered me in the canned goods aisle at the grocery store and explained that she doesn't care about football.

"I didn't get past the second paragraph of your column last week", she explained, while I tried to decide between whole kernel or cream style corn. "When I saw it was about football, I just didn't read the rest."

With that encouraging critique, I decided to treat myself to a can of Del Monte whole asparagus.

(I could do a series of columns about the grocery shopping experience. They have items over there I don't have any idea what to use

them for, and chicken pot pies that can cost from 59 cents to \$3.50.)

Billy Jeff Clinton is finished as president. He may even hold on to the office for the rest of his term. I hope he does, because it is great fun to have a total doofus to write about when you can't think of anything else.

Billy Jeff Clinton is finished as an effective president. He is done, folks. He is toast. Stick a fork in him. It is not my fault. I didn't do anything except watch and listen and try to tell you that this administration, led by Billy Jeff and Hill Rod, has the same characteristics as a truckload of feedyard residue.

I could write about the two women in this minor little sex indiscretion. That is what a few Democrats still say. It is only about sex and that ain't a major offense.

Hill Rod and Monica still have stories to tell. I do not think Hill Rod is a martyr who should be elevated to Mother Teresa status.

I think she is a conniving woman who really doesn't care what Billy Jeff does. In the meantime, if she goes public and says she forgives him and slobbers on the public, you can have your

own opinion.

The most hated man in America, Judge Ken Starr, sent 18 boxes of evidence and reports to the Congress this week. How long to you figure it will take them to screw things up.

We have a bunch of elected officials up there, sworn to uphold the Constitution, who can't even agree on an interpretation of the Constitution.

What does it mean, "high crimes and misdemeanors." They don't know. They cannot agree on a definition.

North Korea is starving but firing missiles, nuclear weapons are on the increase, Saddam Hussein in Iraq is laughing, our chief weapons inspector in Iraq assigned because of lies from Clinton's Secretary of State, Iadeline Allright.

The government is a mess and it is mostly Billy Jeff's fault. Not my fault. Not your fault (unless you voted for him).

Frankly I am going to enjoy watching him trying to wiggle out from under this gate when Starr's report tells you what a piece of feedyard residue this administration really is.

I told you so. But then I do lie sometimes but I don't mean too.



FLYING FOR LIFE.....This was one of the many flights into Parmer County by medical helicopters. Air evacuation is made from Lubbock and Amarillo hospitals. This one, TEMSCO, is out of Amarillo and is the back-up helicopter for LifeStar. ron carr photo

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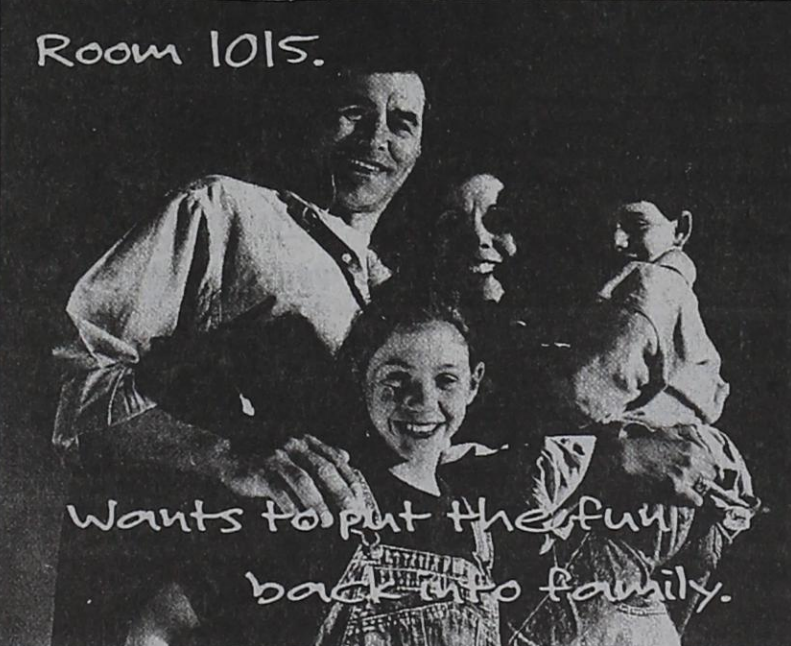
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LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held at the beginning of the regular City Council at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 1998 in the Council Chambers of Friona City Hall, 623 Main, Friona, Texas. The purpose of the hearing is to receive any public comments concerning the proposed FY 1998-99 city budget. The proposed budget is on file in the office of the City Manager and may be viewed by the public between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. F-1tc-9/11



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PUBLIC NOTICE

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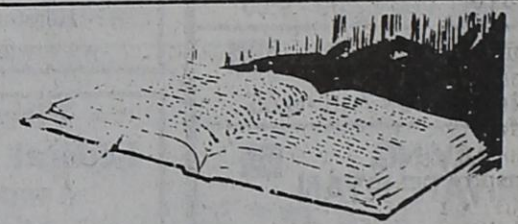


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SIDELINED....Joseph Bandy managed a smile, but wasn't happy after he suffered a dislocated elbow early in the Lockney game that will sideline him for a bit. (Ron Carr photo)

Merket Is First Week Winner....

(Continued from Page 1)

So the management here at the newspaper, in a sudden urge of charity and to celebrate the first week of the contest, gave both Smiley's a \$5 third place check.

Coming in with 15 correct picks out of 18 the first week were some familiar names: Shirley Steinbock of Muleshoe, Wayne Amstutz & Richard Dickson of Hereford, Bruce Barrett of Springlake, Kade Carthel of Gruver, and from Friona, Dee King, Martha Clements, Kayla Smiley, Ashley Smiley.

Another 20 entrants scored 14 out of 18 correct. A complete list of first week score ranking is elsewhere in this paper.

Remember, this is a 13-week contest with 18 games per week. That is a total of 234 points possible in the season. The player with the highest point total at the end of the contest wins the grand prize of \$150.

We award a total of \$35 per week to weekly winners, \$20 for first, \$10 for second, and \$5 for third. That is a cash pot of \$455, plus another \$150 for grand prize.

Don't miss out on the opportunity and the fun of the competition. We look forward to seeing you every week. Support the Friona contest and the Friona Chieftains. Go Big Red!



LINING UP AT LOCKNEY, senior quarterback Justin "Bird" Daniel (13) calls signals. The band and the fans cheered the Chieftains to what was termed "an ugly win", 18-14. Also shown are, left, wide receiver Celio Tafoya (81), running backs Matthew Kendrick and Noel Grajeda, and, right, James Evans (23), and Landon Martin (22). ron carr photo

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Caprock, a subsidiary of Cargill, in partnership with Reading is Fundamental (RIF), Hale County Literacy Council and Amarillo Independent School District, will sponsor a "Texas Reading RoundUp" September 18 to promote the importance of literacy and reading aloud to children. Hundreds of Cargill employees, local teachers, parents, and volunteers are participating in literacy activities at school and day care centers in 11 Texas communities.

In Bovina, volunteers from local businesses, the community, and Caprock Industries plan to take part in presenting activities such as watching a farrier as he shoes a horse, roping demonstrations, horseback riding, and along with each activity, reading books to children.

Pay-N-Save Grocery has offered to provide a train for rides at Ridgelea Schools. Scott Blazek of Clovis will also be in the primary and elementary schools reading stories and illustrating them for the children.

If you are interested in volunteering as little as thirty minutes of your time, you can also help during this reading event. Contact Darla Sealey at the Bovina schools at 238-1316.

"We are pleased to support this important event for our children," said Scott Nelson, Feedlot General Manager of Caprock. "We hope these activities will help inspire parents and leaders in our community to read to the children."

Part of the \$15,000 contribution to support the RoundUp, Excel and Cargill will donate \$100 to each participating school to purchase books for their libraries. Texas communities participating in the RoundUp include Amarillo, Beaumont, Bovina, Dalhart, Friona,

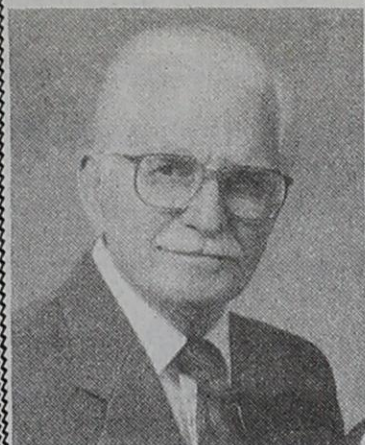
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Davin Micheal and Loretta Agee of Amarillo are the parents.

Grandparents are Dean and Jan Agee and Elaine and Pat Tucker, all of Amarillo.

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STEPHANIE RUTH SOTO and OSCAR TORRES...Dr. and Mrs. Robert Alexander and Loida Soto of Friona announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Stephanie Ruth, to Oscar Torres. His parents are Jose Torres and Rosario Torres, also of Friona. The couple will exchange wedding vows October 10 at 6 p.m. in the E.B. Black House in Hereford. She is a graduate of Friona High School and is employed at Bi-Wize Drug in Friona. The prospective bride-groom is a Friona High School graduate, is currently working at Hi-Pro Feeds and will begin a tour of duty with the U.S. Marines on October 26.

Baby Boy Is Born To Brock Bakers

Brock and D'Anne Baker are parents of a new baby boy, Kaleb Chad, born August 22, 7:18 p.m. at Plains Regional Hospital in Clovis, New Mexico.

The infant weighed seven pounds, thirteen and one-half ounces and measured twenty inches long.

Grandparents are Joe and Denise Jones of Bovina and

John and Karen Baker of Friona.

Great-grandparents are Gwen Clements of Bovina; J.G. and Frances Baker of Friona and Howard and Doris Johnson of Normandy Park, Washington.

The great-great grandfather is Jim Clements of Muleshoe.

This is the couples first child.

Aimee Renner, Seth Houston Exchange Wedding Vows Here

Aimee Leigh Renner and Seth Wayne Houston, both Friona residents, exchanged wedding vows Saturday, August 22 at 6 p.m.

The ceremony was conducted by Rev. Lee Roarke of Amarillo at the Friona Union Congregational Church.

Church decorations included two spiral candleabras enhanced with greenery.

Parents of the couple are Gary and Karen Renner and Sammy and Sandy Houston, all of Friona.

Joey Welborn of Lubbock sang "I Will Be Here" by Steven Curtis Chapman. He was accompanied by Charles Turner, organist. Other selections included the wedding march, "Pachibel's Canon In D," and the recessional, Beethoven's "Ode To Joy."

A scripture was read by Jana Renner Martinez of Irvine, California, and Kriste Kemple of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, sisters of the bride.

Julie Goddard of Dallas served as the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Andrea Murray of San Angelo and Christy Stephens of Lubbock.

They wore royal blue fitted dresses with bow trimmed shoulder straps. They carried bouquets of white daisies accented with different colored gerber daisies.

Scott Houston of Pampa, brother of the groom, was the best man. Serving as groomsmen were Sheldon Burelson of Lubbock and Casey Renner of Canyon, brother of the bride. Joey Welborn seated the guests.

As the bride was presented in marriage by her father, she was attired in a formal length white shantung gown featuring a satin bodice, beaded straps and schiffli lace jacket accented with beaded neck trim. The gown was made by the bride's mother.

She wore a white beaded headband attached to white



Mrs. Seth Houston

tulle and carried a bouquet of yellow roses and white daisies accented with pussy willows.

The bride wore a ruby necklace which belonged to Sammy Houston's grandmother. The Bible carried with the bride's bouquet belonged to the bride's grandmother and was carried by the bride's mother and two sisters in their own weddings. The handkerchief she carried belonged to Clara Renner, great-grandmother of the bride.

A reception was held in the church's Fellowship Hall. Abbey Johnson and

Jenny Hamilton served the wedding cake. Punch was served by Mary Ann Fury and Holly Jack. Sandra Turner assisted with the reception.

Lori Jordan presided at the guest registry.

Following a wedding trip to Ruidoso the couple is making their home in Lubbock where they are attending Texas Tech University.

They are graduates of Friona High School. She is majoring in elementary education and he is majoring in petroleum engineering.

Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

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If you pay a neighborhood kid to mow your lawn, I am sure that you expect your lawn to be mowed and not your next door neighbor's. It is only reasonable to think that if you pay someone an honest wage that you get in return an honest day's work. In the case of the Social Security Administration, you are paying government employees to work for their unions, not for Social Security beneficiaries. Since the Clinton Administration's Executive Order "partnership", your hard-earned tax dollars are spent to subsidize federal labor unions.

"Official time" is a term that means individuals who are members of a union and employed by the federal government can work for their unions and not the taxpayers. In other words, you are paying for these people to provide free services for organized labor unions.

The Inspector General of the Social Security Administration (SSA) recently reported at a Congressional Oversight hearing that as a result of Clinton's Executive Orders, the cost of these "partnership" arrangements at the SSA has risen dramatically since 1993. Ironically, the size of the overall workforce has remained virtually the same.

With the Social Security Benefit System needing reform, we do not need to pay union bosses \$14.7 million to work on non-beneficiary projects. This so-called "partnership" President Clinton has created restricts managers from limiting the amount of time an employee devotes to union activities. Furthermore, the Inspector General concluded that 145 full time SSA employees work solely for the union, rather than for the federal government. The report also revealed that 1,655 SSA employees dedicate 75 percent of their time to union activities.

The Federal Labor Relations Authority has continued to liberalize the meaning and use of official time. These activities have even expanded into lobbying. As a result, federal employees can travel to Washington D.C. and lobby on political issues, and receive federal pay. Clearly, this is an abuse of your tax dollars. I do not believe taxpayers should subsidize unions and their activities.

To address these abuses, the House Social Security Subcommittee has held hearings on labor-management relations at SSA. H.R. 986 "The Workplace Integrity Act" will end the practice of federal employees making union activities their full time job, allow the agencies discretion over the use of official time, and provide effective means for determining where taxpayer money is spent in federal agencies. "The Workplace Integrity Act" is a common sense approach to making sure taxpayers stop subsidizing unions. If the taxpayers hire someone, they should put in an honest day's work for them, not for some other neighbor.

Cotton News



from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Protecting a market is probably one of the most important things a West Texas cotton producer can do and one of the last things he usually considers when making late-season management decisions.

When it comes to the cotton aphid, and the potential it has to cause sticky cotton, the issue of market protection takes on a whole new meaning.

The good news is that producers have the ability to take care of the problem, before it costs them real selling opportunities.

Understanding the mechanics of late-season aphid populations and how they cause problems is the key.

Members of the West Texas Sticky Cotton Committee are at the forefront of efforts to educate producers about the dangers of not addressing aphid infestations when bolls are opening and lint is vulnerable to sugar deposition.

Although the problem is difficult to pin down producers need to take the offensive. Acting before the aphid population escalates to dangerous levels, in addition to timely crop termination and harvest, is often the only defense. Mother Nature doesn't always come through.

Late in the season producers have to focus on two potential problems from aphids—yield reduction and line contamination.

The window for significant yield reduction because of aphids is rapidly closing. Lint contamination, however, is a serious threat from now through harvest.

It only takes a relatively minor outbreak to cause sticky problems and, as producers learned in 1995, the "sticky cotton area" label would be devastating to the marketability of all West Texas cotton.

Producers can obtain guidelines, recommendations for treatment thresholds and advice from their crop consultant or the Texas Ag Extension Service. An informational bulletin is also being put together for area agents in order to help spread the word.

County agents will be receiving updated information in the next week to ten days.

Making a commitment toward prevention is the best way to avoid trouble down the line.

With increasing numbers of boll weevils showing up in traps across most of the South Plains, cotton producers would be well advised to review their fall boll weevil management strategies.

With no areawide diapause program in place for the second year in a row, producers are on their own for any control of boll weevils going into overwintering stage. Addition of a suitably labeled insecticide to harvest aid applications could reduce building weevil numbers. When weevil numbers are excessively high, a separate insecticide application may be called for.

Timely termination and harvest of the 1998 cotton crop will not only help in the reduction of boll weevil numbers but will also minimize the chance of regrowth and late season aphid honeydew contamination of cotton.

Cotton aphids aid sticky

Baby Girl Is Born To D. Normans

Ronda and Darby Norman of Canyon are the parents of a baby girl born September 11 at 3:40 a.m. at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

Named Faith Marie, the new arrival weighed six pounds, eleven ounces and was nineteen and one-half inches long.

This is the first child for the couple.

Grandparents are Hal and Charlotte Ratcliff of Friona and Mike and Debbie Hunter of Amarillo.

Elsie Blaylock of Hereford and Dee Lila Casler of Amarillo are the child's great-grandmothers.

cotton can become a problem at this time of year as bolls are opening. Even low infestation levels of cotton aphids can excrete sufficient honeydew to contaminate the lint of open bolls and create significant and costly problems at the textile mill. Mills are reluctant to buy contaminated lint.

Late season aphid problems may be enhanced when ULV malathion of pyrethroids are used for boll weevil control applications in late August-early September.

Cotton producers should seek advice from their crop consultant or county agents as early as possible to develop cotton aphid and boll weevil management strategies for their farming operation.

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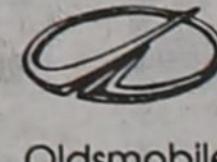


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Mandatory Beef Price Reporting On Market

Mandatory price reporting has been in the news and on the minds of cattlemen recently. From the hallways at association meetings to tabletops at the cafe, the current cattle market situation and what to do about it has been the topic of a lot of discussion. "That's certainly understandable," says Jim Gill, market director at the Texas Cattle Feeders Association. "With the cattle market in the shape it is, it's only natural for cattlemen to look real hard at any idea that might bring relief sooner than later, and mandatory price reporting for the live cattle is one of the ideas that has been given lots of attention."

But is mandatory price reporting the "silver bullet" answer? "There are no silver bullets in the cattle market," Gill says. "We're dealing with cyclical forces, low grain prices, changing consumers and a difficult global economic situation. If time heals wounds, it also is the best antidote for a sick cattle market. No one single action, such as mandatory live cattle price reporting, will solve all the issues facing cattlemen."

In fact, mandatory live cattle price reporting may actually create more problems than it solves. For a price reporting system to be successful, it must: (1) capture how all cattle are sold; (2) accurately report all cattle sales; (3) be based in legislation; (4) be funded, probably by user fees passed on to cattlemen; (5) be timely and useable for both daily spot and grid markets.

Also, (6) enjoy consensus and confidence among all segments of agriculture; (7) be under government control for data collection and enforcement; (8) cover all data collection points, including private treaty sales; (9) be flexible over time; (10) have sufficient penalties and investigative authority to be enforceable.

Does mandatory live cattle price reporting meet these criteria? If mandatory price reporting became reality, it's likely that a new government bureaucracy would be created. USDA doesn't have the manpower to collect additional data and does not have the injunctive powers required to enforce a mandatory reporting system. That means any new program will have to be funded, most likely through user fees paid by cattlemen. USDA estimates it will cost at least \$60 million just to monitor for compliance.

To enforce mandatory price reporting, individual business audits would have to be done by the new bureaucracy to determine if all sales

are being reported. That means the federal government would have the right to come onto your farm, ranch or feedyard and have complete access to all financial records.

To ensure participation, a schedule of fines and penalties would have to be legislated, be severe enough to get everyone's attention, and enforcement of these fines and penalties would have to be rigorous enough to be noticeable. Cattlemen have long enjoyed operating their businesses in an environment that is relatively free of direct government intervention.

Further, mandatory live cattle price reporting would likely create a downward bias in prices. According to a 1995-96 study in Texas by the Packers and Stockyards Administration over 66 weeks, there were 52,000 cattle sold and not reported that traded above the reported USDA daily high.

However, there were 400,000 sold and not reported that were below the USDA daily low. There may be ample reason these cattle sold at a discount--plainer cattle, heiferettes, roping steers, etc.--it probably would not benefit cattlemen to force reporting of these sales.

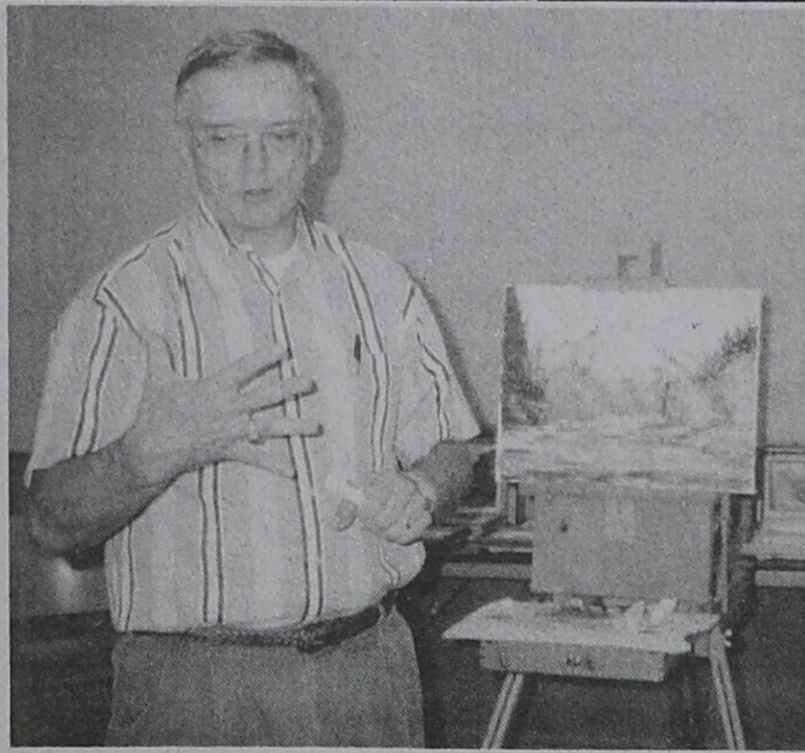
Alternative marketing methods are now a fact of life in the cattle business. Forward contracted cattle are often committed--but not priced--for weeks or months ahead of time. If these prices were reported when they were set, they would be meaningless in relation to daily cash prices.

Mandatory price reporting for formula cattle would be rather useless in analyzing daily markets since there would be at least a week's delay before the price is actually set and reportable.

As more and more alliances develop, especially those that involve the retail sector, determining live cash prices will be more delayed. In fact, with a feeder-retailer alliance, a live cattle price may never be determined.

Given the problems associated with mandatory live cattle price reporting, the Texas Cattle Feeders Association supports the NCBA decision to seek improvements in voluntary live cattle price reporting, while working for legislation to establish mandatory price reporting for boxed and import-export beef.

Under NCBA policy, if voluntary live cattle price reporting proves insufficient by 2000, NCBA could develop a mandatory price reporting policy and develop legislation that defines who must report and what classes of cattle to report.



DEMONSTRATION PAINTING...Local art teacher Bobby Wied was a guest of the Pintores Art League of Clovis, New Mexico this past Tuesday evening. He demonstrated an oil painting done with palette knife for a group of about 30 artists.

YOUR EYES

Women And Dry Eyes

If you're over forty, chances are you have dry eyes. Though you can get dry eyes from overheated or air-conditioned rooms (or cars), pollution, allergies and certain medications, there are also hormonal changes that can contribute to dry eyes. Specifically, there is a drop in estrogen production that accompanies menopause.

Fortunately, there are several things you can do on a day-to-day basis to keep your eyes from getting too dry and uncomfortable.

- *Use artificial tears. You can use these as often as you like.
- *Moisten your eyes before blow-drying your hair. The blower dries your eyes as well as your hair.
- *Use a humidifier. If your work environment or your bedroom is dry, a humidifier can work wonders.
- *Avoid alcohol. Alcohol has a way of dehydrating both the skin and the eyes.
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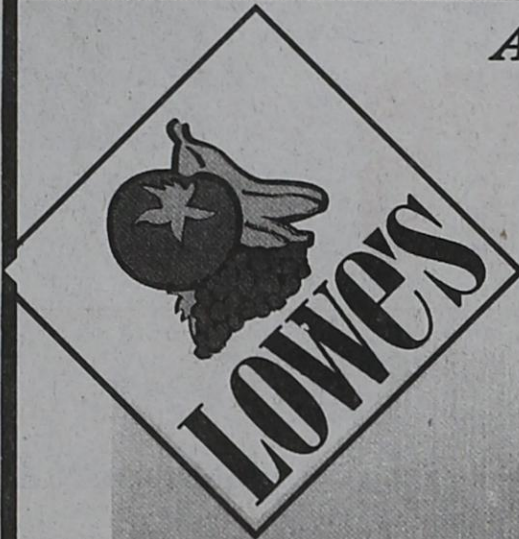
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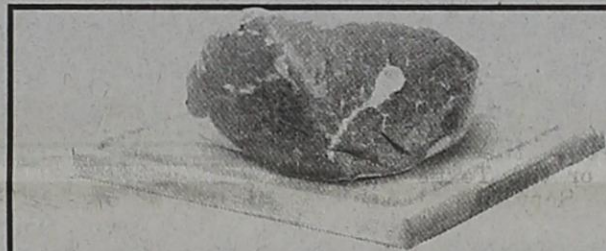
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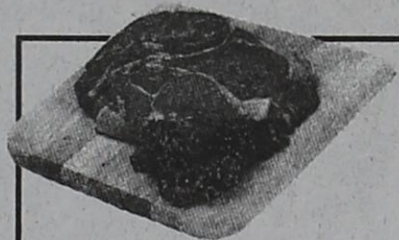
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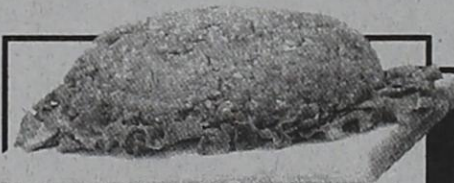
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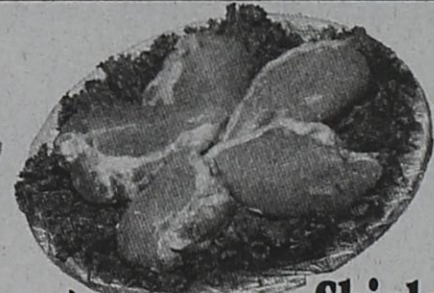
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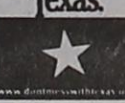
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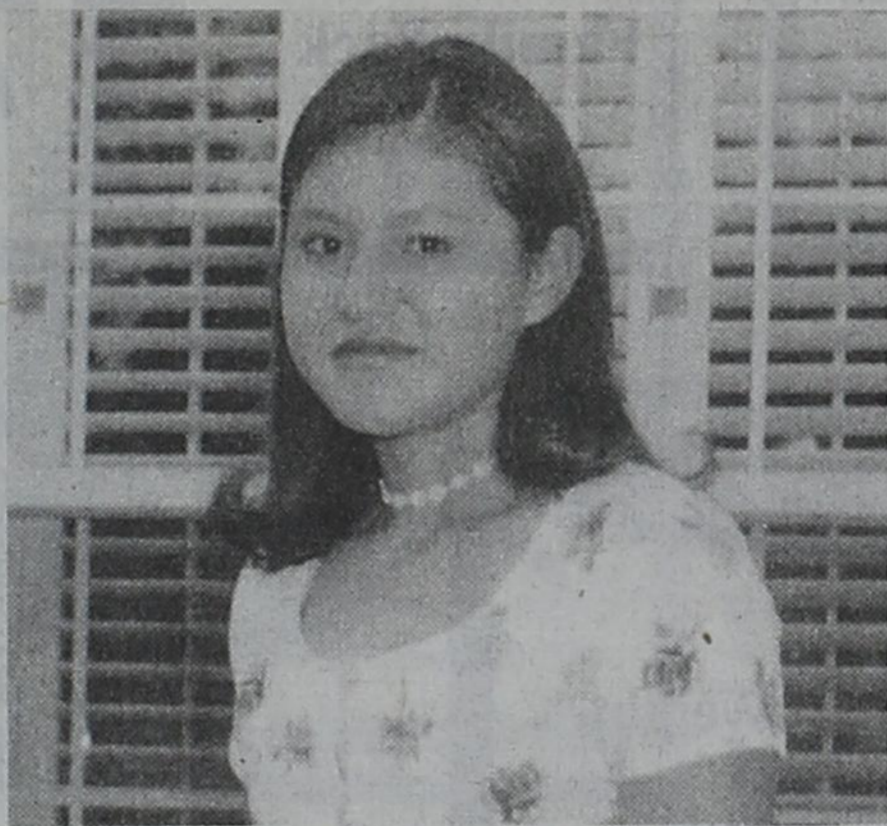


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Friona State Bank will be sponsoring an all-day art show featuring the works of **KENNETH WYATT** next Thursday, September 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. You are invited to drop by, view the art and have refreshments with us.

Dr. Kenneth Wyatt is well known to area residents as an artist, author, minister and lecturer. He appeared as Friona's Chamber of Commerce speaker in 1994. He is internationally recognized for his Christian paintings and has authored several books on art, poetry and illustration. Wyatt has two galleries, one at his home in Tulia and the Red River Gallery in Red River, New Mexico. He has also been an ordained Methodist Minister for 37 years.



Best Wishes and Good Luck to **CAROLINA CAMARILLO** We'd like to say "Thanks" for representing us in the Miss Friona Pageant.

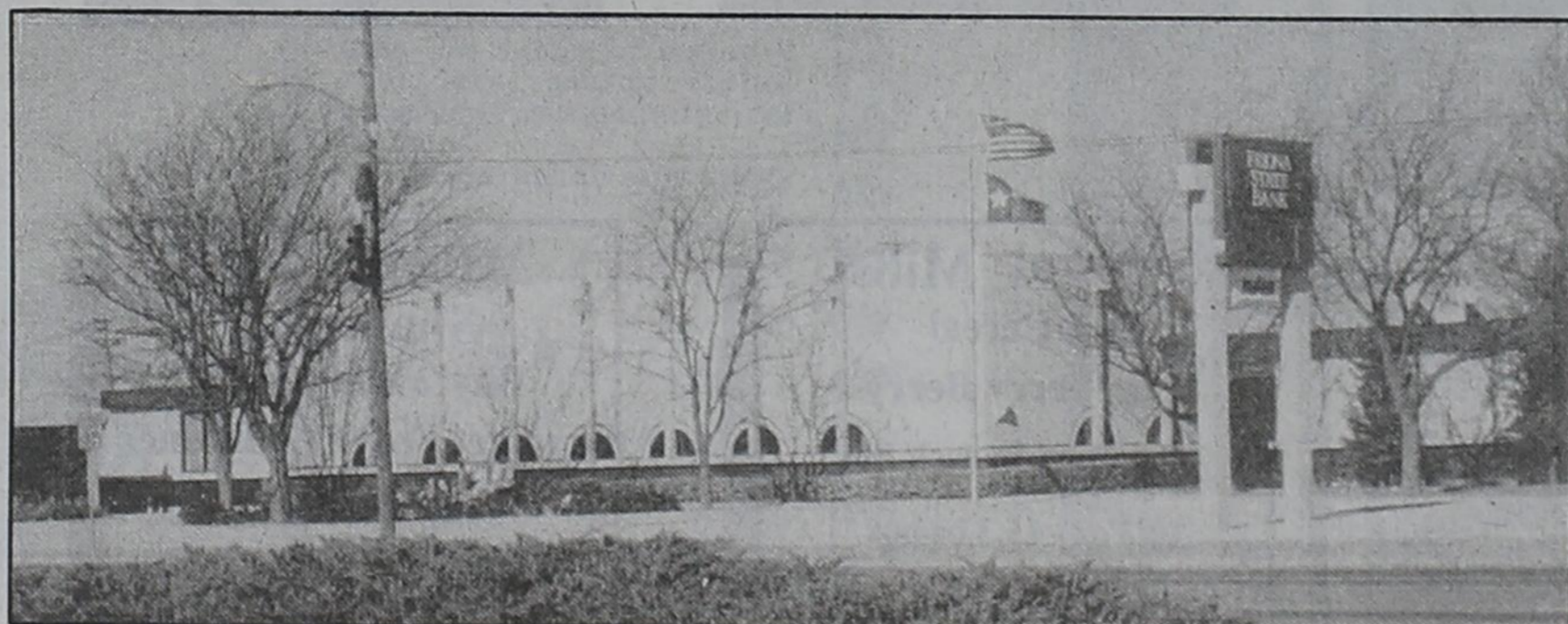


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We are proud of our two darling contestants in the "Little Miss Friona Pageant." Best of luck to you both, and Thank You for representing the Bank. We are proud of all of you!



FRIONA STATE BANK

Severe Drought Conditions May Impact Livestock Industry For Years To Come

Without rains in August, cattle ranchers could face losses worse than the devastating drought of 1996—a blow that likely will put some ranchers out of business and leave the rest struggling for years to overcome.

Dr. Ernie Davis, agricultural economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, said the drought since May has already cost livestock producers \$451 million in losses.

An estimated \$126 million of that total involves direct revenue losses, as ranchers liquidate their herds or sell lighter-weight cattle. The other \$325 million is the estimated extra feed bill that producers have had to pay just to hang on to the cattle they are keeping.

Dr. Larry Boleman, Extension beef cattle specialist at Texas A&M suggests that this year's loss figures could double with no August rains.

"There's no doubt, as I talk with ranchers and farmers, that they are in the greatest despair I've ever seen," said Boleman, who heads up the annual Beef Cattle Short Course at Texas A&M University. The short course draws more than 1,200 ranchers to learn more about beef cattle production and this year, how to manage drought.

A doubling of this year's loss figures would exceed the \$794 million that the 1996 drought cost Texas livestock producers. So far the drought this year has cost farmers and ranchers \$1.75 billion in direct losses—very close to the \$1.9 billion in losses producers suffered two years ago.

With 5.4 million animals, Texas is the top producer of beef cattle in the nation and is usually the number one hay producer as well. But the state probably will drop to nearly last place in hay production this year because it has made only 10-15 percent of its usual crop of dryland hay, according to Dr. Don Dorsett, Extension agro-

nomist. In normal years, producers cut 3.5-4 million acres of hay, producing 7.5-9 million tons, he added.

Less hay is available for livestock producers, and the hay that can be found is more expensive. Normally, the price for small 40-50 pound bales would be from \$4-\$5. It is \$7 per bale now, Dorsett said. Also, Boleman said, the price for large round bales was \$75-\$85 per ton; it is now \$125-\$185 per ton because of added transportation costs.

If the drought continues, Boleman said, ranchers also may face the additional expense of buying or hauling water to keep animals alive. As stock ponds dry up, ranchers face the additional safety concerns of cows getting bogged down in surrounding mud.

Shorter bouts of pestilence—things such as grasshoppers or disease—can be dealt with, Boleman said. There is little ranchers can do about the drought except buy more feed just to keep cattle going, he added.

Tom Stewman of Maryneal, a purebred Limousin cattle producer attending this year's short course, said the 1998 drought has gotten worse than anyone thought. Dry, hot weather, bad cattle prices, dismal oil prices and poor row crops in the area have added up to a gloomy picture.

"We're in a depression out in West Texas," he said. "The money lenders are getting real concerned." If his area does not receive rain soon, Stewman said, "we'll have to sell out and there will be lots of people going broke. There will be lots of real estate on the market."

John Dudley of Comanche, a purebred cattle producer and second vice president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, said ranchers he has talked to are still retaining their optimism. They are hoping it will begin raining again in the fall, just as it

did in 1996. "To stay in the cattle business, you have to be an eternal optimist," Dudley said.

Producers are concerned about how they will manage cattle through the fall and winter if they do not get rain. They are also beginning to have problems with stock tanks drying up, he said. The drought of 1998 came too soon, he said.

"The drought of '96 was a killer. Ranchers haven't had time to heal up, get money in the bank and get debts paid off. It's going to really work a hardship for some people."

Davis, the economist, said the drought will impact consumers very little. In the short run, it will increase the number of cattle going to market, depressing prices.

"However, it takes nearly a year of prices being lower (at that level) for the savings to be passed to the consumer," he said. Eventually, because of the drought and market trends in other parts of the country, cattle supplies will be tighter, possibly driving prices up, he added.

One of the biggest impacts to the general public, Dorsett said, is to people who keep one or two horses in the country. With hay prices up, these people will be looking for alternative feed. He cautioned them to remember that all animals need fiber that hay normally would provide. Some substitutes could include cottonseed meal or rice hulls, he said.

Boleman expects it will take at least two or three years for ranchers to recover from the drought. Ranchers have lost potential income from the cows they have culled because they have lost the future reproductive capacity of those cows, decreasing next year's cash flow.

If ranchers stay in business, they eventually will have to buy \$600 or \$800 replacement cows for cows they sold at perhaps \$250 to \$350, Boleman said. Even the cattle that producers keep—creating a higher-than-normal

feed bill—will be in poorer condition and probably will not reproduce as well in the future.

"I speculate it's going to take our very best producers a minimum of 24 months to actually get back into a situation where they are restocked and they have their normal cash flow," he said. "That's exclusive of their losses and expenses in getting back to that point."

For other producers, it may take 30-36 months, he said. Additionally, many producers have lost years of genetics they have built into their herds.

"That's a much greater loss than a commercial cow selling for \$300 and replacing her at \$600. These people may have thousands of dollars in genetics. They may feel the cow they are selling at \$300 is worth \$2,000."

Wayne Hamilton, director of the Center for Grazingland and Ranch Management at Texas A&M University, said he is doubtful that some of the state's rangeland will recover from the drought. About 71 percent of the state is either improved pasture or rangeland.

As of August 1, he said, an estimated 97 percent of the state's rangeland was reported to be in fair to very poor condition, making it difficult or impossible for livestock and wildlife to survive without supplemental feed.

Hamilton cited studies from the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station near Sonora that showed significant declines in rangeland production during the droughts of the 1930s and 1950s. Moreover, rangelands weren't able to reach pre-drought production levels even after it began raining again, he said.

Severe droughts, along with overgrazing, caused permanent changes in a region's vegetation, Hamilton said. The vegetation that moves in is that which can survive more arid, stressful conditions, he said.



AUDRA KING is being sponsored in the Miss Friona Pageant by Byron Boyd, Attorney-at-Law. Her parents are Dee and Cindy King. Audra is 4'11" tall and she is a sophomore student at Friona High School.



D'NAE MURPHREE is being sponsored in the Miss Friona Pageant by Kendrick Oil Company. Her parents are Joe and Audrey Murphree. She is 16 years old and a junior at Friona High School.

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Russian Visitor Takes Tour Of Parmer Co. Business, Industry

By BETTE JONES

Parmer County had a surprise visitor last Thursday. Tanya Taratynova of Moscow, Russia came for a short visit in Mr. and Mrs.

Estis Bass' home.

Bette Jones took Tanya on a whirl wind tour of things which were of interest to her. At supper Wednesday night in Amarillo, Tanya had

mentioned she had always wanted to get on a horse and throw a rope. We knew this was possible so she was invited down for the day.

The first stop was Paco Feedyards south of Friona, where Dennis Anthony met Tanya and Bette to give a tour and answer a flood of questions.

Later, Dennis turned that job over to Feller Hughs, manager of Paco Feedyards, who did an impressive job of dispelling any notion of there being any possibility of contacting mad cow disease and several misconceptions.

Feller then borrowed a horse and gave Tanya a few minutes in the saddle complete with riding instructions.

After leaving the feedyard Bette took Tanya out to Dennis Anthony's farm to observe large farm equipment in operation.

She rode several rounds with Dennis pelting him with questions. Dennis' wife Lauraine stopped by to bring him lunch and visited awhile.

As we were leaving the field Tanya said she would love to meet a real live western Sheriff so we headed for Farwell where she met Deputy Keith Payne who gave us a tour of the jail and allowed interviews with all the prisoners and pictures to be taken.

Then Sheriff Walt Yerger arrived and gave an interesting interview, presented Tanya with much sought-after law enforcement patches, traded by officers world-wide.

Both the Sheriff and the Deputy impressed on Tanya the feeling of their desire to work with the people unlike what she's experienced at home.

Next stop was at the Excel Plant but we were not allowed a tour on such short notice.

The last stop was at the Friona Star office. Tanya charmed them all, I think, asking questions and

answering about her home and life.

There was much good will exchanged in those few short hours.

Tanya, a foreign exchange student to Ft. Worth in 1993-94, had never been to "Small Town America" and was very impressed. She had always thought country people led very boring lives. But she said after her visit to Friona, "You people are very interesting and lead very busy, exciting lives."

Friday at 6 a.m., Tanya flew to Washington, D.C. for four days and then back to Moscow where she will return to her job as a conversational English teacher and translator. She will return to the University there also where she is majoring in Linguistics.



RUSSIAN VISITOR....Dennis Anthony showed Tanya Taratynova of Moscow around his farm when Tanya was hosted for a day in the Friona area by Bette Jones, left. Anthony let Tanya ride a couple of "rounds" in his tractor, which made a big impression.



IT'S SIMPLE.....Carol Ellis showed Russian visitor Tanya Taratynova how we "paste up" the newspaper layout at the Friona Star. Miss Taratynova, who teaches conversational English in Moscow did most of the interviewing, and was very knowledgeable in several areas for her 20 years.



HAILEY SLAY, five-year-old daughter of Sgt. and Dana Slay, is being sponsored by Kendrick Oil Company in the Little Miss Friona Pageant.



CAITLIN BRONNIMAN is being sponsored in the Little Miss Friona Pageant by Hi-Pro Feeds. She is the five-year-old daughter of Bart and Leslie Bronniman.

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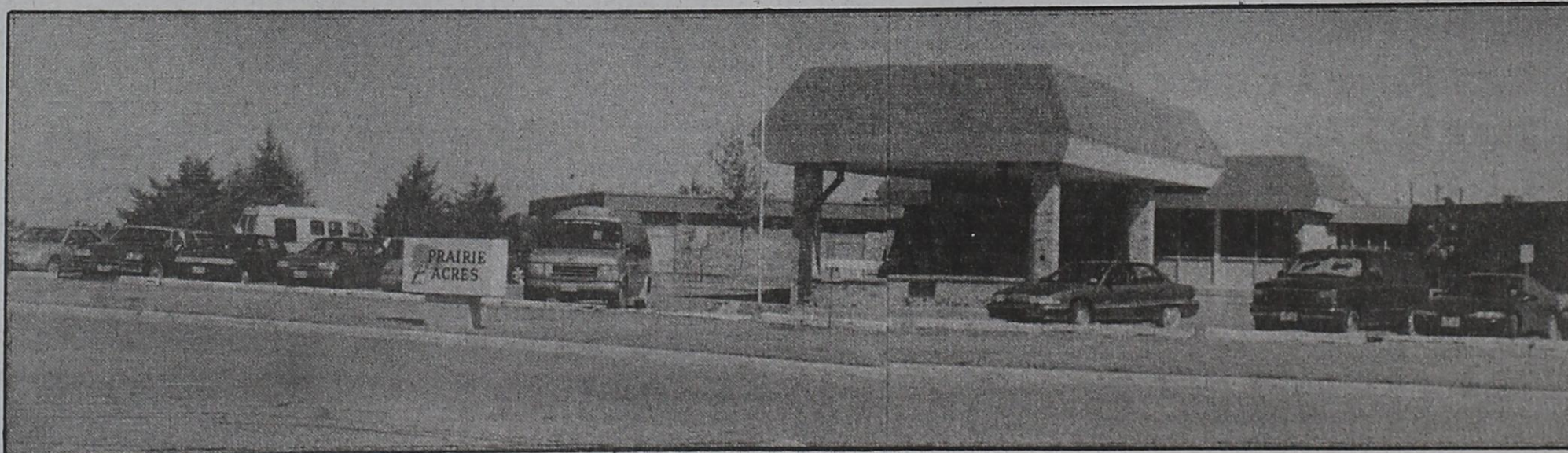
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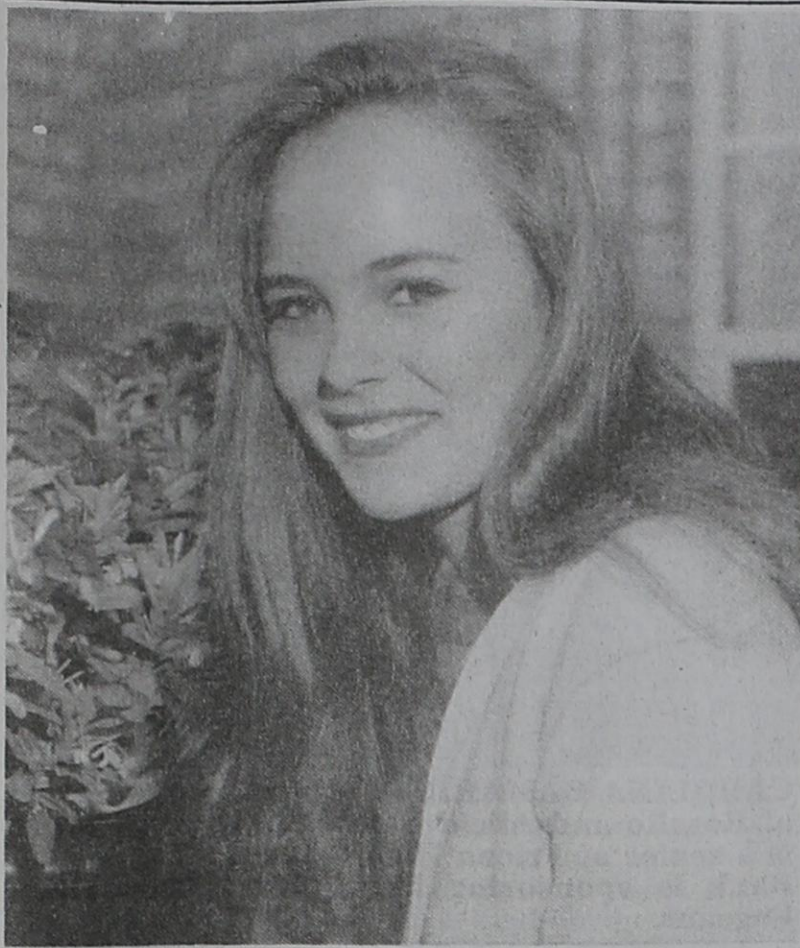
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KRISTEN CARSON is being sponsored in the Miss Friona Pageant by Kathryn Gurley. She is the 16-year-old daughter of Elaine and Galen Carson. Kristen is 5'6" tall and is a junior student at Friona High School.



CHANTELL LEWELLEN is being sponsored in the Miss Friona Pageant by J.D.'s Welding and Tire Service. Her parents are Jody and Detrica Lewellen. She is 17 years old, is 5'6" tall and a junior at Friona High School.



ALICIA SMITH, 17-year-old daughter of Doris Smith, is being sponsored in the Miss Friona Pageant by Lakeside Parts & Machine. She is 5'3" tall and a senior student at Friona High School.



VLYNDA WILCOX, 17-year-old daughter of Terry and Varla Wilcox, is 5'5" tall and is a senior student at Friona High School. Her sponsor in the Miss Friona Pageant is Bi-Wize Health Mart.



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You know you're in a small town when:

You write a check on the wrong bank and it covers you.
You miss a Sunday at church and receive a get-well card.
Someone asks you how you feel and listens to what you say.
Thank God for small towns....and the people who live in them.

-----Author Unknown
(Submitted by Tommie Boeckman)

42ND ANNUAL MAIZE DAYS CELEBRATION

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| <p>FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH</p> <p>FRIONA FALL ART EXHIBITION Artists can take paintings to Depot between 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Info: Carol Ellis 250-3053</p> | <p>TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH</p> <p>LITTLE MISS CONTEST 7:00 p.m. FHS Auditorium Reserved Seating \$5.00 adult - \$3.00 student Info: Chamber Office 250-3491</p> | <p>SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19TH</p> <p>EMS BREAKFAST 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. FHS Cafeteria \$5.00 adult - \$2.50 child Sponsored by EMS Association</p> <p>DIXON SIX & TWO MILE RUN & WALK 8:00 a.m. Run Starts: 6 miles N. Hwy 214 Walk Starts: 2 miles N. Hwy 214 Finish at Town & Country No Cost - Register day of race Info: Jim Dixon at 295-6392</p> <p>FRIONA FALL ART EXHIBITION 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Depot • City Park Sponsored by Friona Art Alliance Info: Carol Ellis at 250-3053</p> <p>PARADE 10:30 a.m. Line-up at 9:30 a.m. Main Street Info: Chamber Office at 250-3491</p> <p>BED RACE Immediately following parade Main Street • Friona Info: Chamber Office at 250-3491</p> <p>PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 707 Main St. Sponsored by Modern Study Club Info: Donna Mears at 250-3456</p> <p>COUNTRY STORE 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 707 Main St. Sponsored by Modern Study Club Info: Mary Johnston at 250-2588</p> <p>BARBEQUE Serving begins at 12 noon City Park \$5.00 per plate Catered locally Info: Chamber Office at 250-3491</p> <p>COW PATTY BINGO 2:00 p.m. City Park \$5.00 per ticket Prize: \$200 Friona Bucks Info: Chamber Office at 250-3491</p> <p>PARMER COUNTY FEEDYARD RODEO Rodeo Grounds West Highway 60 6:30 p.m. \$5.00 adult - \$3.00 student Info: Chamber Office at 250-3491</p> |
| <p>SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH</p> <p>MISS FRIONA PAGEANT Talent Competition 2:00 p.m. \$2.00 - General Admission Final Competition 7:00 p.m. Pie Supper during Intermission FHS Auditorium Reserved Seating \$5.00 adult - \$3.00 student Info: Chamber Office 250-3491</p> | <p>WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH</p> <p>"GOSPEL GATHERING" 6:30 p.m. FHS Auditorium Free to public Info: Chamber Office 250-3491</p> | <p>THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH</p> <p>FRIONA STATE BANK OPEN HOUSE 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Kenneth Wyatt Art Display Friona State Bank Info: Friona State Bank 250-5000</p> |
| <p>SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH</p> <p>ARTISTS RECEPTION 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Depot • City Park Open to Public Info: Carol Ellis 250-3053</p> <p>PRAIRIE ACRES APPRECIATION DAY 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Prairie Acres On Display will be a Doll Collection, Quilts, and Antiques Info: Chamber Office 250-3491</p> | <p>FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH</p> <p>PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW Entries will be accepted between 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. 707 Main St. Sponsored by Modern Study Club Info: Donna Mears 250-3456</p> <p>CHILI SUPPER 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. FHS Cafeteria \$4.00 adult - \$2.50 12 & under Sponsored by Sophomore Class</p> <p>CHIEFTAIN FOOTBALL Friona vs. Dimmitt 8:00 p.m. Chieftain Field</p> | <p>MONDAY - FRIDAY SEPT. 14TH - 18TH</p> <p>FRIONA FALL ART EXHIBITION Depot • City Park Group Tours by Appointment Only Call: Carol Ellis 250-3053</p> |

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Lost: One Black & Tan Shaggy Dog

A Short Story by Carol Ellis
Everybody in the small East Texas Community of Denkins has heard of Dude the Wonder Dog. Several years ago, Uncle Fletcher and Aunt Tessa Ellis found a scrappy bag of black and tan fur out on their front porch; all ribs, hip-bones and big sad eyes. They put an ad in the "Lost and Found" section of the paper and called the area vets to see if the dog belonged to anyone. By then he was putting on a pound or two and looked a bit better, so Fletcher and Tess decided to just keep him out in the back yard.

Over the years, Fletcher and Dude got to be real pals. They loved to go fishing every weekend that they could get away to one of the little lakes which dot that area of the country. Of course Tess would rather Fletcher'd stay home and clean out the mess in the storage shed out back.

One Friday evening after work, Fletcher gathered up his gear and plopped it in the back of the pick-up. Said he was going over to Pine Cone Lake about 36 miles east of Denkins and spend the night in the pick-up so he could get a real early start the next morning. Fletch liked to have the cooler already half-full of bass and crappie by the time the rest of his buddies came dragging their butts out to the pond on Saturday morning.

The guys would start up a camp fire when they got there, and they'd fry up a mess of fish for breakfast, which was helpful when the game warden came around because he wouldn't know how many they had caught and already eaten.

"Besides," he told Tess, "We can come back in on Saturday night and I'll have Sunday to help out around here a little bit."

"It's fixin' to rain, ya' old fool," Tess was grumbling the whole time she was packing pimento cheese sandwiches and a thermos of hot coffee for him. Besides, she knew there was no way he could drive home the next night after he and his fishing buddies had been out on the lake drinking beer all day.

The dog didn't much want to go either. It was already starting to sprinkle a little bit when Fletcher whistled for Dude to get in the pick-up. He had to whistle twice and finally holler at the dog to get him interested in the trip. Dude jumped up in the back of the truck and sat down in the plastic pet carrier with no door that served as his dog house away from home. Tess watched out the kitchen window as the pick-up pulled out of the driveway. The sun was getting low and rain was beginning to patter down.

Twelve miles out on the state highway where it intersects with Pine Cone Lake Road is Tulley's place where the fishing folks always stop to pick up a few provisions and to top off their gas tanks. Tulley has the best collection of spoons and spinners known to man or fish. And he stocks in all the necessary spools of nylon line, hooks, flies, jars of stinky marshmallows that fish are supposed to like, fake wiggly things, and even some live worms if you're too lazy to dig your own.

Fletcher went in and bought some weights and a couple of bobbers, a bag of potato chips, two cases of his favorite beverage, and a package of weiners for old Dude.

The vet had told them they were going to have to quit feeding Dude so many weiners. Forty pounds was too much weight for a medium size dog and they figured he was getting close to eight years old, which is pretty old for a dog that size. But boy, that dog did love weiners! Fletcher had cut way down on the weiners, but he couldn't resist giving Dude just a couple of 'em for a special treat now and then.

It was getting dark when he put his sack of stuff on the front seat of the pick-up and opened the package of wieners, handed one inside the door of the pet carrier for Dude. When the dog didn't chomp down on the weiner, Fletcher figured something was wrong. He peered inside the carrier and discovered that Dude had left.

"Where'd that doggone dog get off too?" Fletcher whistled and called, but no Dude came running up with that goofy wide smile on his face and his tongue hanging out of the side of his mouth. Fletcher went around back of Tulley's store and checked across the road on the other side, whistling and calling. Then he began to get worried. The dog had been acting tired. What if he'd fallen out of the truck on the road?

Fletcher trudged back up the rain-slicked highway for about a half mile, squinting into the darkness. His heart skipped a beat when he spotted a dark lump lying in the road across the center stripe, but on closer inspection, it turned out to be a dead fox about half the size of old Dude. Sad and drenched, he turned toward his pick-up still parked back at Tulley's place. He scrawled out a "Lost Dog" sign on a piece of paper and taped it up on the door of the store, then drove slowly back toward town while closely watching every inch of the wet highway. He took a couple of detours along some side roads and pulled over every few miles, got out and called and whistled for the dog. He even stopped at some of the rural homes along the way to give out his phone number and a description of the dog.

At the edge of town he pulled into a convenience store with a pay phone and called in an ad to the "lost and found" section of the newspaper so they'd be sure to get it in the paper the next day. "Reward offered for return of shaggy black and tan dog with leather collar, lost in vicinity of Tulley's Bait and Tackle Shop on Pine Cone Road. Answers to name of Dude. Phone 859-6063."

Fletcher had only been gone from home about four hours when he pulled back up into the driveway with a heavy heart, dreading what he was going to have to tell Tess. There in the headlights, wagging and wiggling with his tongue hanging out of the side of his mouth, was wet old shaggy Dude. He'd come home all that way! What're the odds of a dog that age running almost twelve miles back home in less than four hours!

Good old Dude didn't know what he'd done to deserve such attention, but he sure enjoyed all the fuss being made over him; all the hollering, hugging and patting, all the rolling around in the wet grass, and especially that whole package of weiners.

After that, everybody in Denkins got to hear about Dude the Wonder Dog; everybody from the old geezers at the domino parlor, to the waitresses at the coffee shop, to the good ole boys at the tire shop where Fletcher worked. The phone was busy constantly and Tess got tired of hearing Fletcher tell the story over and over again. The local paper even came out and got a picture of Fletcher and Dude smiling in the back of the pick-up.

Fletcher was clipping out the story, getting ready to send it off to "Dog World" magazine when Tess decided enough was enough. She finally broke down and told him that she was watching out the kitchen window and Dude had jumped out of the back of the pick-up before they'd gotten out of the driveway. The dog had been at home that whole evening.

The humiliating experiences of life give us something to look back on and laugh at in later years.

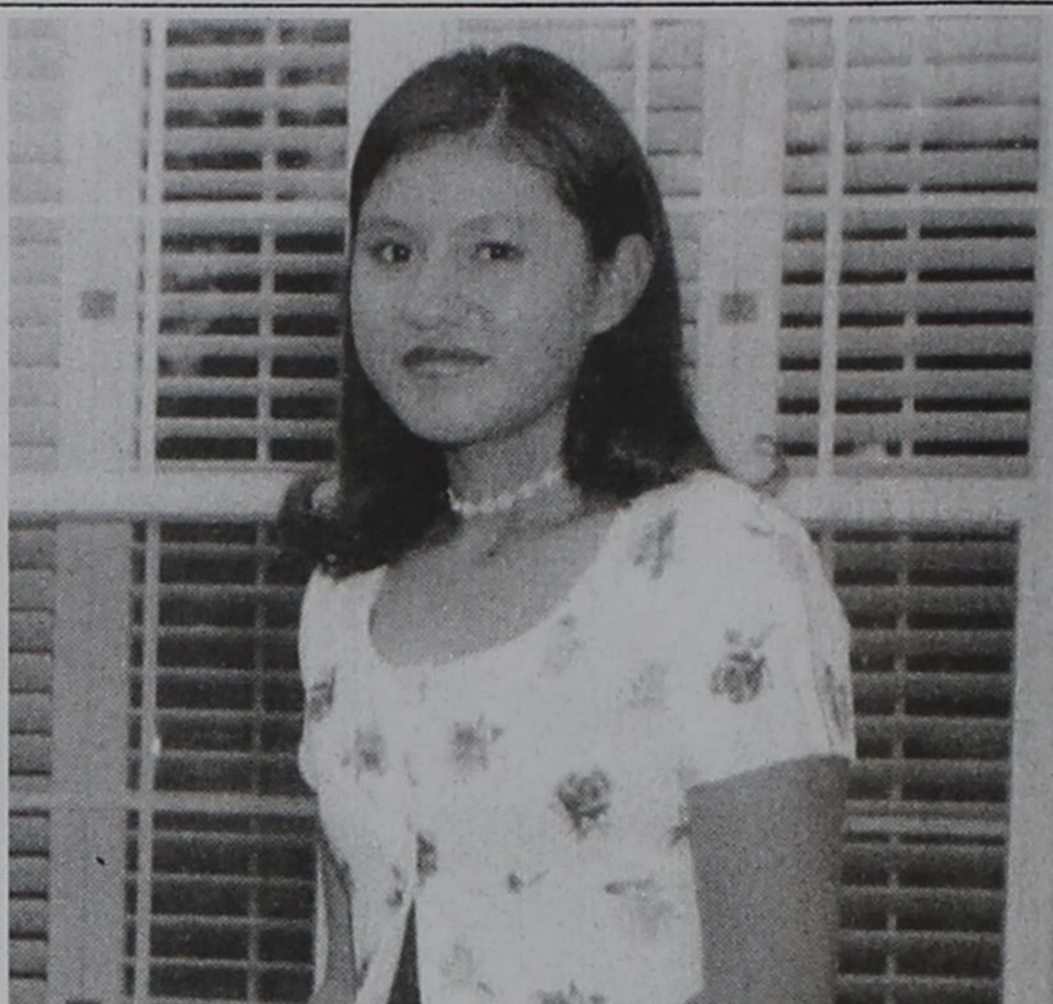
"Gospel Gathering" Scheduled

The "Gospel Gathering" is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the High School Auditorium. The event is sponsored by the Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture and is held in conjunction with the Maize Days celebration.

Groups and individuals are encouraged to sign-up as soon as possible. Each performance is to be limited to 10-12 minutes so that all interested parties will be given an opportunity to participate.

It will be helpful if the music to be used is recorded on a tape by itself. Please contact us if you need assistance with the recording.

Please call the Chamber office at 250-3491. Deadline to sign up is Friday, September 11.



CAROLINA CAMARILLO, 17-year-old daughter of Rosalio and Alicia Camarillo, is 5'7" tall and is a senior at Friona High School. Friona State Bank is sponsoring her in the Miss Friona Pageant.

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Betty Louise, Janet Rector Exhibit Musical Talents



HUB HOE-DOWNERS....Betty Rector cuts loose with a tune on her musical saw while granddaughter and accompanist, Janet Rector Denton, plays along on a keyboard. This pair may be the only grandmother/granddaughter musical saw duet in Texas. (Photo by Jim Steiert)



BETTY RECTOR'S Stradivarius musical saw Fungus Showing Up In Panhandle Corn

Usually the fungus, called common smut, is only a minor threat in corn, said Dr. Brent Bean, agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. But this year, the organism is showing up more and causing more damage.

Corn under stress from drought can be subject to infection, but Bean thinks other factors are helping to compound the problem, particularly this year.

"Smut lives through the winter in the soil, and on corn residue," Bean said. The spores may remain viable for several years. The disease can infect plants from emergence through silking.

"Anytime the corn plant is placed under stress, it's subject to infection," he added. The fungus will appear most often following a hail storm or when the corn has been damaged from blowing sand or mechanical injury.

"But, there are other promoters of infection," Bean said. These include high soil nitrogen content, manure application, heat, and critical this year—drought stress.

"Infection across the Panhandle seems to be particularly high this season. Some farmers are reporting 80 percent of the ears in a field may be affected. This is

extremely unusual," the agronomist said.

"We don't yet understand if the upturn is due to drought stress or merely exacerbated because some corn varieties may be less tolerant of infection than others. We'll be attempting those identifications this season," he added.

"No one seems to know why the smut infection is so severe," Bean explained. Certainly the heat and dry weather has had an effect.

"At least that's the assumption. What we do know is that there are plenty of spores present to infect corn every year. We just don't see it to this degree," he said.

There are no effective control measures other than planting tolerant varieties.

"Turning under corn residue may help, and of course, controlled burning can be an option," Bean said. "Since the spores can move with the air currents, corn residue in surrounding field would also need to be destroyed."

In some cases where infection is particularly severe, producers may want to consider harvesting the crop for silage rather than grain.

"The smut is not toxic to animals," he said, "so feeding silage to cattle shouldn't be a problem."

(Story written by Jim Steiert and Reprinted from West Texas Rural Telephone's "Co-Op Connection")

Betty Rector of the Hub exchange, is on the "cutting edge" of music.

Already an accomplished piano, accordion, keyboard, organ and trombone player, she also learned to carry a tune in a toolchest upon mastering yet another instrument. This one is identified more with hardware stores and halving two-by-fours than with harmonious notes.

Betty's musical repertoire includes a talent for making handsaws "sing."

Her ability to coax a tune out of a steel saw blade has won Betty recognition with a large contingent of "Winter Texans." She has appeared with her equally-gifted granddaughter, Janet Rector Denton, on the syndicated television show *Texas Country Reporter* with Bob Phillips, the well-known voice featured in Dairy Queen commercials.

A *Texas Country Reporter* segment on these Hub handsaw hoe-downers, taped last fall in Friona schools and at the Rector farm home, appeared on television in April.

Television crew members filmed for over six hours as Betty and Janet performed. Miles of video tape were edited-down to a segment that ran a little over three minutes on the air.

"As far as we know, we're the only grandmother/granddaughter musical saw duet performing in Texas, and the only one to be featured on television," Betty beams.

She says musical saws trace back to the mid-1800s when a German merchant traveling in South America came across natives striking crosscut saws with mallets to produce music while they worked.

Upon returning to Germany, the merchant began producing "singing saws" from high-grade steel. The blades of these saws were more pliable and resonant than regular working saws.

Playing saws became popular in the U.S. in the early 1900s.

Mrs. Rector heard her first saw music during a church service at Zapata, in South Texas, about 1979.

Clifford Knight, a retired Methodist minister from Iowa, played a hymn on a saw that came off-the-shelf at a True Value hardware store. The music was intriguing to Betty.

"It just blew my mind that you could take a hand tool and make music with it," she says.

After some instruction from Knight, Mrs. Rector visited a Sears store in Laredo and began testing saws for musical tone.

"Clifford worked with me three times. He told me that to play the saw you need three things—an ear for music, practice and a nervous knee," says Mrs. Rector.

The saw is played by tapping the blade with a mallet, or by stroking it with a violin bow. Playing with the bow produces a more sustained tone. This is the method preferred by Mrs. Rector.

The player holds the saw handle firmly between their knees, and flexes the blade with thumb and fingers while applying mallet or bow. All important is the "nervous knee," that is constantly jiggled to impart vibrato to the sound of the saw.

Although she began with basic hardware store instrumentation, Betty soon purchased musical saws especially tempered for flexibility and sound.

She owns a Stradivarius baritone saw, as well as a tenor saw, both tempered in Sweden. Only about 500 of the specially-produced saws are made annually. While they will cut wood, these musically-inclined hand tools aren't recommended for that use.

"When I began, there were about 40 women in the whole country playing the saw. There are a lot more now, but I still don't come across anyone in the Panhandle doing it," she says.

Betty's keyboard accom-

panist and granddaughter, Janet, though visually impaired, is quite a musician in her own right. Janet has performed before civic groups all over the Panhandle and made a Star Search appearance in Nashville. She quickly picks up music by ear. Janet and her grandmother have been performing together for years.

"Janet does a fine job of accompanying me," Betty says.

Betty and her husband, Lloyd, have been taking a mobile home to South Texas for the winter for the past twenty years. They usually visit the Lakefront Lodge at Zapata.

Betty was pianist for church services at Zapata for seven years before moving over to organ, and has many opportunities to practice her saw music while "wintering."

Many of the Winter Texans at Zapata are musically inclined, and enjoy participating in jam sessions. Betty says she can't attend one of these senior jam sessions without her saw.

"The saw only has a two octave range. When we have a senior jam session, we share an inside joke and ask anyone new to the circle if they can play in the key of saw," says Betty.

Her home south of Friona is also a likely site for a jam session. Many of her family and friends have musical talents and drop in for some tunes at least once a year.

"I've pushed music on all of the grandkids. Anytime they came to my house, they could get rhythm band instruments from a suitcase. We'd play and sing and have a big time. Several have quite a talent," says Betty.

Betty believes her musical talent came from the maternal side of her family. Artists and musicians run throughout her family.

Her daughter, Sheri Louise of Garland, plays piano, and a son, Ricky, has played cornet in the Clovis Community Band.

Granddaughter Christie Martin sings and plays piano and guitar by ear and Granddaughter Hailey Rector, a high school junior, leans toward classical music.

A grandson, Riley Rector, plays cornet and piano.

"Music does something therapeutic for the soul. It's a tranquilizer, a form of psychiatry, an expression of emotion and it especially reaches a child.

"We've enjoyed a lot of fun with family and friends through music," she concluded.

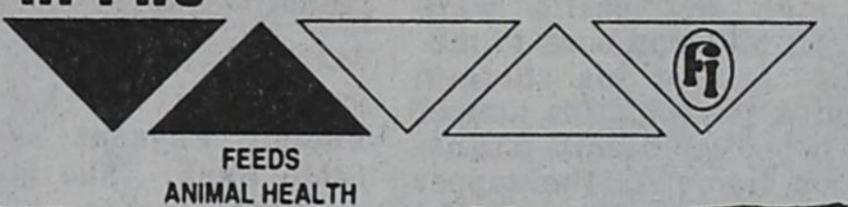
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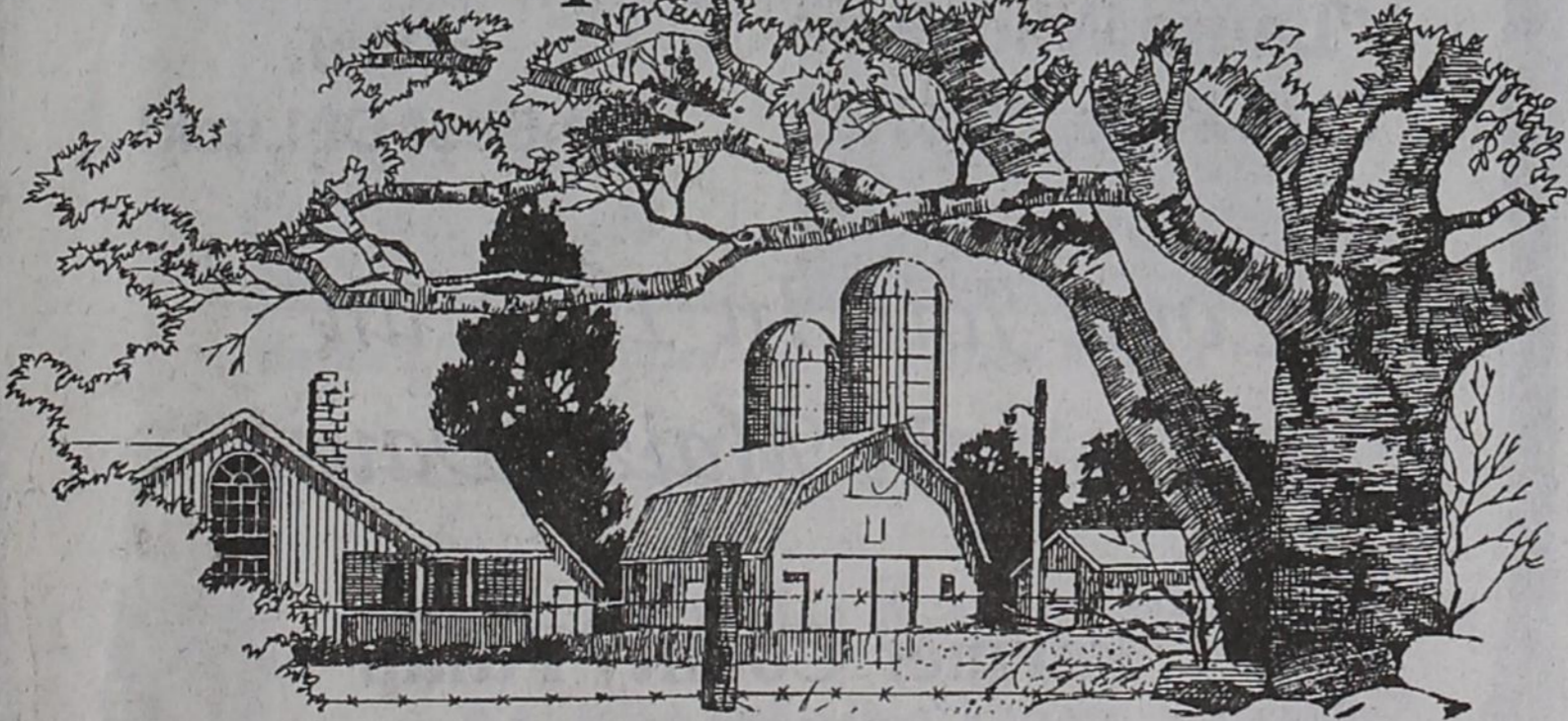
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TOMMIE WEEMES, DSEC's member services manager, grips the energized 69,000-volt transmission line. Although this is not exactly in his job description, he did it to research the article and to experience some of the techniques of bare-handing high-voltage lines.

Bare-hand techniques for working on energized high-voltage lines were developed so that there is a minimum of outage time on transmission lines while performing maintenance work.

These techniques mandate highly specialized and insulated bucket trucks. Lineworkers, in the buckets must be energized at the same voltage as the line being worked on and totally insulated from any ground source. In effect, they become part of the conducting power line.

Before raising the bucket to the high-voltage line, they remove their boots and stand in stocking feet or conductive shoes on a piece of stainless steel that lines the bucket. Standing on bare steel in stocking feet on 100 degree days can become downright painful.

A copper jumper installed with tools for working with high-voltage ties the bucket and steel liner to the energized power line. The steel liner links the workers mechanically and electrically to the 69,000-volt transmission line. Although the technique is referred to as bare-hand, some workers wear conducting leather gloves to grip and work on the energized line.

If rubber gloves were worn, there is enough difference in voltage between the fingers of the glove and the elbow to cause a high-voltage static discharge to their arms. This type of static discharge is painful but not fatal. This is nothing like the consequences of a high-voltage line coming in contact with a ground source.

Bruce Johnson and Harold

hissing, sizzling sound similar to pouring water into a red-hot pan. I then attached my jumper to the wire. I didn't feel anything that might indicate I had just become a part of the conductor as I stood in the bucket in stocking feet.

The instant we energized the buckets and ourselves, at 69,000 volts, things we normally consider safe to touch--the pole, the crossarm and even the insulators--become fatally dangerous. They were a ground source and we were energized at a very high voltage. The thinking process regarding the safety of grounded items must be reversed by 180 degrees. It was easy to see that this type of line work requires one hundred percent physical and mental focus one hundred percent of the time.

Bruce assured me that everything was as it should be, and with a deep breath I reached out and grabbed the high voltage transmission line. I felt nothing as I was already energized at the same voltage as the line. I moved my bare hands up and down the wire for short distances. Again I felt nothing. I held my arm just outside of the jumper and felt the hair on the back of my arm begin to rise. It seemed to be a good place to end this episode and get back to my real life.

As we prepared to descend in the bucket, Bruce removed the jumper on his side and I removed mine. With instructions from Bruce, I moved the jumper up and down into the line. This motion created an electric arc about two inches long accompanied by the sinister hissing sound I mentioned previously. The sound reminds us that working on high voltage lines presents a

Finch, DSEC's high-voltage crew, invited me to go up in the bucket and bare-hand 69,000 volts. The crew also includes Jimmy Rose, Steve Horrell and Mike Wilson who rotate as ground personnel. Although I have been employed by DSEC most of my working life with the first part of my career on the line crews, this was to be an entirely new experience for me.

First, I removed my shoes before climbing into the bucket. At a certain age climbing into anything is somewhat of a challenge. I also noticed that the truck's perforated steps were a lot sharper than I thought. I remember why I don't go barefoot anywhere except across carpet.

Bruce was in the bucket beside me giving instructions while Harold was in the back of the truck watching carefully to make sure I didn't do something foolish. I knew I was in capable hands.

Bruce explained that I shouldn't experience any physical effects from the high voltage. However, he told me that sometimes change and keys in pockets could cause a small electric discharge. Should this happen, it might tend to test my reflexes.

I learned again to operate the "shotgun" hot stick. It had been a long time since I used one. However, it's sort of like riding a bicycle. Although my skills were rusty, it all came back to me.

Bruce used his shotgun hot stick to attach his jumper to the 69,000-volt transmission line. As the copper jumper wire contacted the high voltage line I heard a

very danger and constant vigilance must be maintained.

It was time to call it a day for my bare-hand experiences and Bruce gently lowered the bucket boom back into its cradle. It is obvious that this crew knows what they are doing, and they are doing it safely and competently.

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HIGH VOLTAGE CREW...DSEC's high-voltage crew, Harold Finch (left) and Bruce Johnson, install vibration dampers on an energized 69,000-volt transmission line. The dampers are installed to prevent wire damage from wind vibration. The wire on this line was damaged and required splicing in several places. The new bucket truck was designed to allow the crew to work using bare-hand techniques on the energized high-voltage transmission line.

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Quail Numbers, Health Impacted By Drought

While folks complain about the heat, cost of watering a yard or expected crop losses likely from this year's drought, another impact is being felt by perhaps less noticeable victims—Texas quail.

Dry conditions translate into no hatch, no shelter and no food for the popular Texas bird, according to wildlife specialists for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"The drought is most drastically felt on things like quail," said Dr. Don Steinbach, Extension Service wildlife specialist in College Station. "There is no question that in South Texas this year, there will be a dramatic impact on quail."

Steinbach said that's because the quail's reproductive season has the mother quail making a nest on the ground in basketball-size clumps of grass to hide from predators in late April, sitting on eggs in May, hatching the little birds the first part of June and feeding them a lot of insects until they are old enough to start the cycle themselves.

Lack of moisture causes three significant detriments to quail—a lack of protective nesting sites, not enough moisture in the air for incubating eggs, and not enough feed to raise the 10-14 babies typically in quail nests, Steinbach said.

"I very much appreciate what a quail hen has to do laying 14 eggs, incubating them for 23 days and not getting killed herself in the process," said Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist in San Angelo. And quail can't go long distances in search of needs like some animals do, Rollins said. They are born and die usually within a space of no more than 40 acres.

In dry West Texas, Rollins noted, one study this year put radio transmitters on 90 quail prior to the breeding season. Only 15 nests have been documented from those transmitters and only one had surviving quail chicks.

"So, that's a long way of saying that drought has an impact on quail. The most sinister manifestation of the drought is on nest site availability, which plays right into the predators' paws," Rollins said. Practically anything from cotton rats to feral hogs, he said, will eat quail eggs, especially when all species are competing for shortened food supply.

Steinbach and Rollins said one trait in favor for quail is that the birds will often attempt to re-nest several times. But, the wildlife experts said, only if rains begin to fall within the next few weeks will the plants be likely to grow to large enough heights and will enough insects emerge to support additional nesting attempts by quail to produce young.

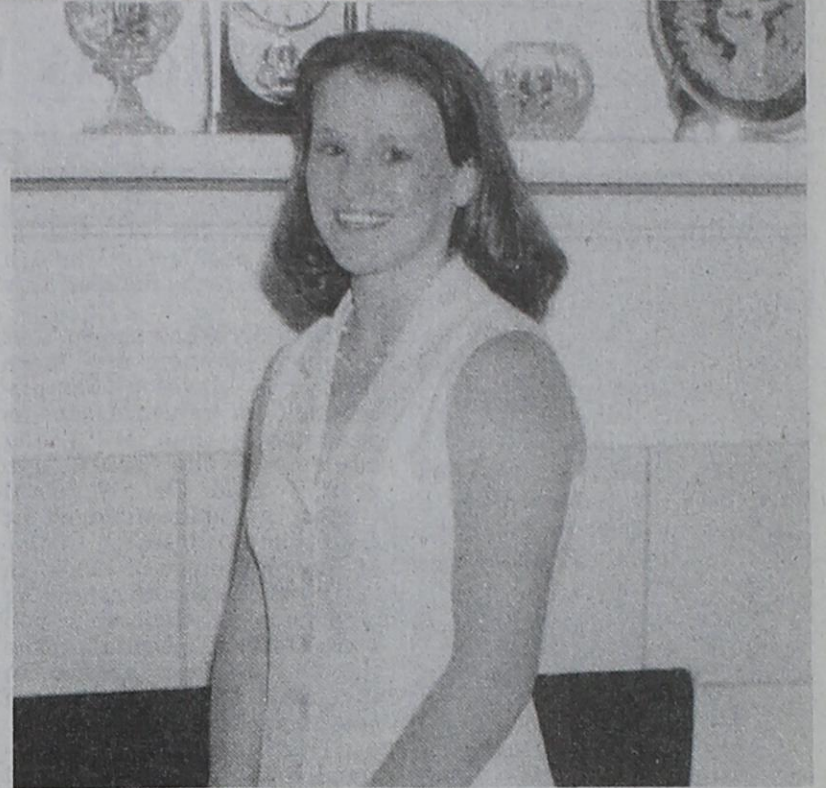
"If that happens, when hunting season begins in mid-October, there will be small quail out there just barely learning to fly," Steinbach noted.

Rollins said a few places in the

state—notably from Abilene to the Red River and over to Fort Worth—had rains at the right time in the season to allow for a better quail hatch there. Of some 110 birds that had radio transmitters placed on them, only 50 produced active nests, he said.

Steinbach said that though the animals are hurting, the reduced numbers will not likely cause a drop in hunting fees because hunters tend to continue leasing places on a continued basis because competition for such land is in demand. But there likely will be some disappointed hunters in the search for quail this year.

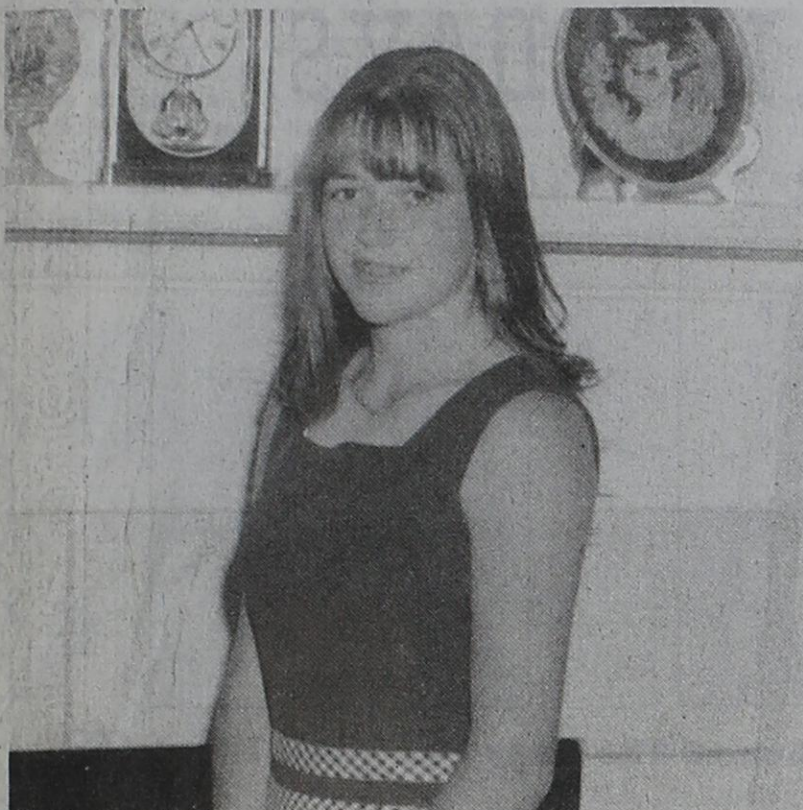
Rollins concurred, "There's still quite a few quail out there as a result of the good hatch last year and excellent winter survival," he said. But, "they'll be tough hunting, as now they're two-year veterans!"



APRIL POPE, 17-year-old daughter of Mike and Bonnie Pope, is 5'4" tall and is a senior at Friona High School. Prairie Insurance Agency is her sponsor in the Miss Friona Pageant.



TANIA HAND will be sponsored by John B. Crozier III P.C. in the Miss Friona Pageant. Her parents are Gary and Gail Hand. She is 15 years old, is 5'6" tall and a sophomore at Friona High School.



V'LAURA WILCOX is being sponsored in the Miss Friona Pageant by Parmer County Pump Company. She is the 15-year-old daughter of Terry and Varla Wilcox, is 5'4" tall and a sophomore student at Friona High School.



SHELBY HUTSON is the six-year-old daughter of Dave and Dee Ann Hutson. She is being sponsored by Friona State Bank in the Little Miss Friona Pageant.



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Residents Urged To Get Vaccines In Preparation For Flu Season

Pregnant women have been added to the list of high-risk people for whom a flu shot is recommended this year.

"Research has shown that pregnant women are more likely to develop complications from influenza, such as pneumonia, than are young adults in the same age group," said Dr. W. Paul Glezen, an epidemiologist at the Influenza Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and an attending physician at Houston's Ben Taub General Hospital. "The risk is 4.5 times greater in the last three months of pregnancy."

The vaccine is recommended for women who will be in the second or third trimester of pregnancy during flu season, which typically runs from November through March in the United States.

Others at risk for possibly fatal complications of the flu are the following:

*People who are 65 years of age or older

*People with heart disease

*People with diabetes, kidney failure, AIDS, cancer or other chronic diseases that have required regular medical visits or hospitalization during

the past year
*People with chronic lung disease, including asthma and bronchitis

*Children and teenagers on long-term aspirin therapy, which could put them at risk for Reye's syndrome after getting the flu.

Because flu season sometimes occurs in early fall, Glezen recommends that people at high risk of flu complications get their flu shots as soon as possible.

This year's vaccine provides protection against the three strains of flu virus expected to dominate the 1998-99 season: A/Beijing (H1N1), A/Sydney (H3N2) and B/Hardin. The vaccine is about 85 percent effective in helping people avoid influenza, which kills thousands of people every year, most of them elderly.

"People shouldn't worry about getting the flu from a flu shot," Glezen said. "That's not possible, because the vaccine isn't made from a live virus."

Flu shots significantly lower the risk of hospitalization for influenza and pneumonia in people 65 or older, he said. "But healthy adults and children can also

benefit from the vaccine by sparing themselves the misery of flu symptoms."

Flu shots are also recommended for health-care workers and others likely to have contact with the high-risk groups.

Influenza often strikes suddenly. Symptoms include fever, muscle pain, fatigue, a sore throat and a dry, hacking cough.

Adults can take aspirin or aspirin substitutes to reduce their fever and pain. Acetaminophen is recommended for treatment of these symptoms in children. Bed rest and liquids are also recommended for flu patients. Two drugs available by prescription only, amantadine and rimantadine, can help reduce the severity of illness caused by type-A flu strains if taken within 48 hours after symptoms develop.



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The young men and women who participated in the 1998 Junior Fed Beef Challenge, sponsored by the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA), learned first-hand how true that statement is as they took home an array of prizes and premiums during the event held August 22 at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

The TCFA Junior Fed Beef Challenge is a program that allows students in 4-H or FFA to gain practical experience in the commercial cattle feeding industry by feeding a pen of three steers, then competing on their knowledge of the cattle industry and the performance of their cattle. This year, 33 students competed in the senior division, six competed in the junior division and six teams matched knowledge in the team challenge division.

Overall champion and top scholarship winner in the senior division was Jacqueline Miller of

Texline, who won a \$2,000 scholarship. Joe Garren of DeKalb captured reserve champion overall and a \$1,500 scholarship and Pam Mitchell of Memphis was first runner-up, winning a \$1,000 scholarship.

The overall winners are determined by combining scores in four areas--written exam, oral interview, record book and carcass performance of the steers. A \$500 cash award is given to the first place winner in each area and plaques are awarded to second and third. In addition, each student who enters steers in the contest earns premium money.

In the senior division, Martin Mathis of Yeso, New Mexico took first place in the written exam, followed by Cody Lawrence of Dalhart. Tyler Keeling of Hereford and Eric Lasley of Dalhart tied for third. While the written exam tests the student's knowledge of the industry, the oral interview tests their ability to think on their feet and their understanding of the cattle industry. Gerald Pasley of DeKalb took first in the interview, with Pam Mitchell capturing second and Victoria Patton of Roswell, New

Mexico taking third.

Sandra White of Memphis captured top honors in the record book competition, followed by Dancy Hopping of Memphis in second and Roy McCracken of Stratford in third. In addition, TCFA awards \$500 and plaques for the top first-year students in the program. This year, Pam Mitchell was named top rookie, followed by Sandra White and Eric Lasley.

In the individual carcass competition, Jacqueline Miller captured top honors, with Pat Dodson of Texline taking second and Jocelyn Mitcell of Dalhart taking third. The award for top performing pen of three went to Joe Garren, with Roy McCracken taking second and Jacqueline Miller capturing third. In the live evaluation contest, Meredith McGowan of Hereford and Victoria Patton tied for first, with Jacqueline Miller taking second and Pam Mitchell capturing third.

In the junior division, youngsters compete in the same four areas, vying for a \$100 cash prize for first place and a plaque for second. Heath Barnett of Memphis was named the overall winner.

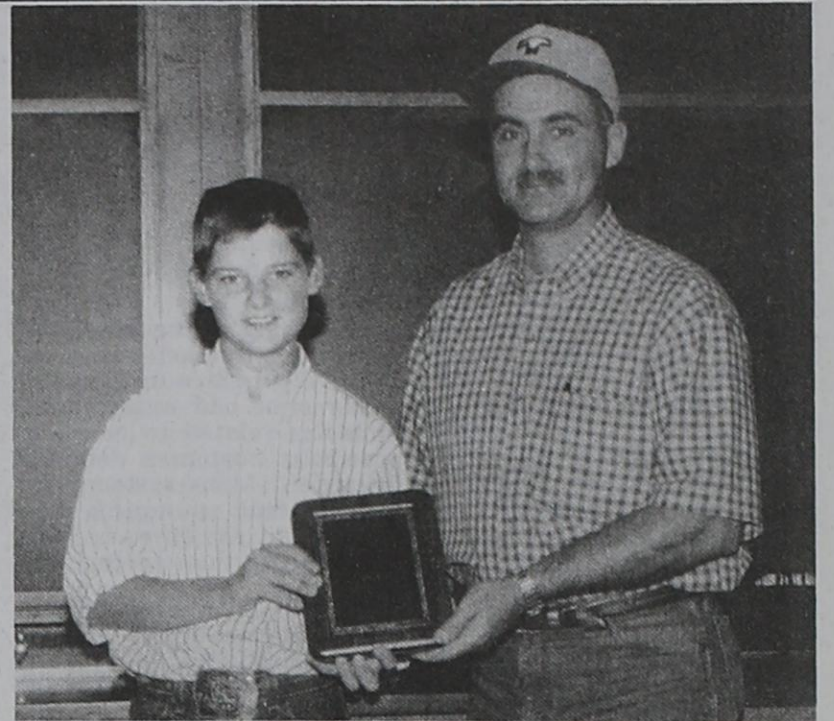
Cordi Ferguson of Sunray took top honors in the written exam, followed by Nicholas Odom of McLean. In the oral interview competition, Heath Barnett took first with Nicholas Odom taking second. Heath Barnett came back to win top honors for his record book, with Cordi Ferguson capturing second.

In the carcass contest, Nicholas Odom captured best individual carcass, followed by Clint Hopping of Memphis in second. Nicholas Odom also won the best pen of three title, with Will Hughs of Friona nabbing second. Clint Hopping won the live evaluation contest and Will Hughs took second. Hughs also captured top rookie honors.

Students also competed in the Team Challenge, where a team of two or three competes in the written exam and live evaluation. The top overall team hailed from Hereford and was made up of Chad

Christie, Jerad Johnson and Justin Johnson. This team also captured first place in the written exam. Second place overall went to a team from Hooker, Oklahoma made up of Randy Brown, Neal Hofferber and Ryan Humble. This team captured second place written exam and second place live evaluation.

A Hooker, Oklahoma team came back to win third place overall. The team was comprised of Casey Adams and Jake Arnold, who also captured top honors in the live evaluation contest. Third place written exam went to a Hooker, Oklahoma team made up of Lee Epperly, Lance Harrison and Kirby James. Third place live evaluation went to another Hooker team of Colby Campbell and Hick Huxman.



TOP ROOKIE... Will Hughs of Friona (left) was named top rookie in the Junior Division of the TCFA Junior Fed Beef Challenge at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. In addition, he captured second place best pen of three carcasses and second place in the live evaluation contest. Congratulating the winner is James Weatherly of Amarillo, contest chairman.



KELSEY WHITE, five-year-old daughter of Noel and Shirley White, is being sponsored in the Little Miss Friona Pageant by Parmer County Implement Company.



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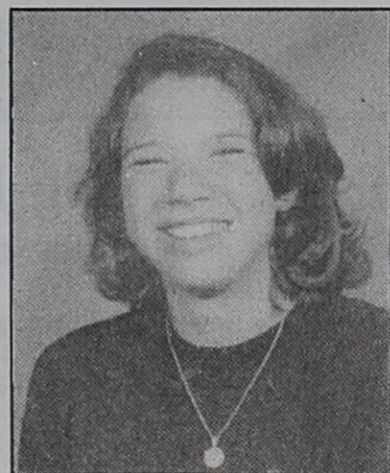
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Conservation Urged In Statewide Crisis

Texas is facing one of its biggest water crises in recent history. From the High Plains to the Rio Grande Valley, Texans are being asked, or ordered, to conserve water. Some need to lengthen the life of a limited water supply. Others have adequate short-term water supplies but must conserve to ease overburdened water suppliers.

Drought conditions statewide have only added to the problem, and recent scattered rain showers have done little to lessen water woes.

"When we get into dry conditions, people start using more water than water systems are designed to deliver because they use extra water for their landscape and their housing needs," said Dr. Bruce Lesikar, agricultural engineering program leader with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "One good way to alleviate this demand is to practice water conservation."

Water conservation measures, both voluntary and mandatory, are being practiced across the state as drought conditions make the need for conservation evident.

In the Rio Grande Valley, the Falcon and Amistad Reservoirs were at 19.5 percent of the total capacity as of August 1, their lowest since the 1950s. Citizens there were under mandatory conservation measures before the recent flooding in that region.

San Antonio and surrounding areas that rely on the Edwards Aquifer for water have enacted Stage 2 of their drought response plan which limits landscape watering to two days per week, and the aquifer level is about four feet away from triggering Stage 3 water restrictions. If that happens, watering is reduced to once a week. San Antonio is not alone.

Two hundred seventy-five public water systems in Texas are currently limiting water use to avoid shortages, according to TNRCC. Most of the systems are under a "watch," which means that the water system has instituted rationing due to excessive demand but is not in danger of loss of supply at this time.

Not all of the rationing is because of an impending shortage. In northeast Texas, for example, more water systems have had to resort to either mandatory or voluntary rationing due to high customer demand, according to the TNRCC. The problem is not that these areas are running out of water but that customers have such a high demand for water in these dry times that water suppliers cannot keep up.

"These are smaller, rural systems that just don't have the capacity to meet demand at such high levels," said Tom

Kelley of TNRCC. "These smaller systems are having equipment failure just trying to keep up."

As of early August, about 75 water systems in the TNRCC's 23-county east Texas area had experienced problems related to meeting enormous customer demand for water. Many systems are experiencing pumping demands that are three to four times higher than average.

When demands overburden the distribution systems, excessive pressure loss can occur, which leads to certain problems including the presence of bacteria. Customers on some systems have been notified by their water suppliers to boil water if the system has experienced excessive pressure loss. TNRCC had launched a major conservation awareness campaign in this area.

"The water systems designed for communities are generally established for a certain volume of water for each household," Lesikar said.

"So, when we get into these drought periods, we use more than the average capacity that the system was designed for, and you start seeing reduced pressure in the home."

Although some areas of Texas have adequate water supplies due to wet weather last winter, continued use of large volumes of water during this drought can push the state into a water shortage, Lesikar said. Diminished water supplies will lead to rationing.

Water conservation methods can ease the burden on water suppliers and lengthen supplies for the future. Conservation practices make good sense all the time, especially in times of drought. Lesikar offers the following common sense ways to limit water usage around homes.

Inside the home, make sure that you have lowflow shower heads, low-flow toilets and sink aerators. It only costs about \$25 to install water-conserving devices that will save money on a monthly utility bill. When doing dishes or laundry, make sure to wash only full loads so that water is not wasted.

When watering outside, provide enough water for plants to make it through this drought, but avoid excessive water use. Water when it is cooler so that the water will not evaporate. Most cities that ration water require that watering be done between 8 p.m. and 10 a.m.

If you must wash a vehicle, do it in an area where water can run onto the lawn. If using a water hose, make sure that you turn off the water or use some type of spray unit that regulates the flow so that the hose does not continue to run.



WHITNEY ELLIS, 17-year-old daughter of Trey and Tracy Ellis, is being sponsored in the Miss Friona Pageant by Ingram's Department Store. She is 5'8" tall and is a senior at Friona High School.

Cattle Industry Facing Many New Changes

The cattle industry is changing and the commitment from cattlemen to accept the challenge is unswerving. That's why the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) chose "Challenge, Commitment and Change" as the theme of its 1998 Annual Convention, October 25-27 at the Radisson Plaza in Fort Worth.

The opening general session on Monday, October 26, will feature TCFA President Bob Sims, who will share his thoughts on the events of the past year. Then, the Hon. Kay Granger, congresswoman from Fort Worth, will update cattle feeders on the political climate as the nation enters the home stretch of campaign season.

Following Rep Granger, cattle feeders will learn some insights on how successful businesses will survive and thrive in the new consumer marketplace from Don Taylor with the West Texas A&M University Small Business Development Center.

The afternoon general session will feature Clark Willingham, TCFA past president and current president of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, who will look at the industry's future. Then, Mark Mayfield will take a humorous look at staying balanced in an unbalanced world.

On Tuesday, October 28, cattle feeders will hear an update on meeting the

challenge of consumer expectations from Dr. Jeff Savell, leader of the Meat Science Section of Texas A&M University. And finally, Harry Balzar with NPD Group, will put it all together for cattle feeders as he discusses eating patterns in America and how the consumer is changing.

For more information on the TCFA "Challenge, Commitment and Change" 1998 Annual Convention, contact TCFA at 5501 West I-40, Amarillo, Texas 79106, e-mail a message to info@tcfa.org or call (806)358-3681.

Sen. Teel Bivins Is Named 'Man of Year'

Area legislator, Senator Teel Bivins was recently named Man of the Year in Texas Agriculture by the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association at their annual meeting in San Antonio.

The state senator was recognized at a reception hosted by TCAAA's Panhandle members on September 3 at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in Amarillo.

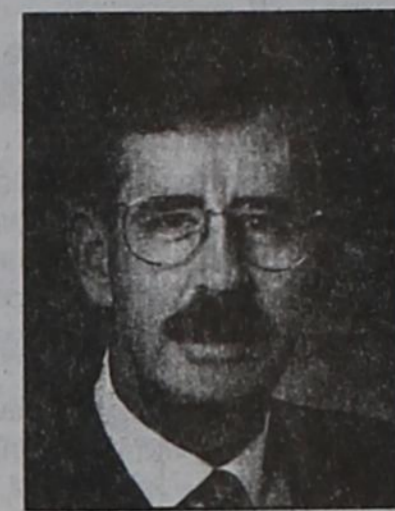
The state honor, presented annually by the organization, goes to worthy individuals in recognition of outstanding service and leadership in agriculture and agribusiness, and support of the county Extension agents of Texas.

Sen. Bivins serves as chairman of the Senate Education Committee and a member of the Senate Finance Committee, Natural Resource Committee and its subcommittee on Agriculture, Internal Relations Committee, Trade and Technology Committee and the Legislative Budget board.

He is currently leading efforts to secure support for the integrated pest management initiative on behalf of West Texas A&M University and the Texas Agriculture Extension Service.

Bivins, who is a full-time farmer and rancher, has been recognized for his dedication to agriculture producers and rural Texans by the Texas Chamber of Commerce with the "Legislative Leadership Award," the Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Association with its Legislative Leadership and Distinguished Service Award, and by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service with the "State Friend of Extension Award." Texas Monthly cited Bivins as one of the state's "Ten Best Legislators."

The Amarillo native received his undergraduate degree from Tulane University in New Orleans and his law degree from



SEN. TEEL BIVINS

Southern Methodist University in Dallas. Bivins was elected to the state senate in 1988.

"Senator Bivins is a great friend of Extension. We are fortunate in agriculture and in this district to have a lawmaker with his brand of leadership and expertise," said Dr. Bob Robinson, Extension director for agricultural programs in the Panhandle.

Maize Days Youth Street Dance Planned

A street dance for youth ages 18 and under will be held on Saturday, September 19, from 9 p.m. 'till 12 midnight. The dance, held in conjunction with Maize Days, will be on 7th Street, south of city park, between Main and Washington.

A disc jockey will be playing a cross-cultural mix of music for everyone's enjoyment.

Esther Barber is chairperson for this event. Parent participation is being sought to help make this a safe and successful night of dancing and socializing for the children.

Esther is forming a committee to assist with the event. Contact Esther Barber at 295-8212 for information or call community resource coordinator Joe Lafuente at 250-2761.

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Aflatoxin Outbreak Plagues Drought-Stressed Texas Corn



DALINDA BLACK, 17-year-old daughter of Danny and Linda Black, is 5'11" tall and is a senior at Friona High School. Her sponsor in the Miss Friona Pageant is Friona Noon Lions.



DIAMOND AGUIRRE, 17-year-old daughter of Joe and Minnie Aguirre, is being sponsored in the Miss Friona Pageant by Lowe's. She is 5'1" tall and a senior at Friona High School.

If any Texas corn plants survived the hot, dry growing season to produce kernels, chances are the kernels are loaded with aflatoxin, meaning further losses for farmers who attempt to market their crop.

"Two years ago was the worst season that we had seen for aflatoxin, and we had violation rates above 80 per cent statewide," said Todd Jones, Office of the Texas State Chemist mycotoxin lab supervisor. "And at this point this year, we seem to be approaching those levels again for Central and South Texas."

Jones said a "violation" is a sample which contains more than 20 parts per billion, the maximum amount allowed in grain for human consumption in products such as tortilla chips and for dairy cattle.

By comparison, the 1997 Texas corn crop—when the state was not suffering a widespread drought—had only 20 per cent violations, Jones said.

Jones' lab runs about 1000 regulatory mycotoxin samples a year on various susceptible crops such as corn, sorghum, cottonseed, peanuts and soybeans. Mycotoxins are toxins produced by fungi.

"I would be surprised if 100 per cent of the dryland crop isn't over the 20 ppb level from the Rio Grande Valley to the Red River," said Cloyce Coffman of College Station, Texas Agricultural Extension Service agronomist. "There'll be big time money lost on the corn that is harvested."

Aflatoxins are toxic compounds produced in contaminated grains by the fungi *Aspergillus flavus* and *Aspergillus parasiticus*, and usually are more prevalent in years of high temperatures during flowering and grain-fill and during drought. Animals that consume high levels of these toxins may develop various health problems, depending on their

susceptibility.

Though the U.S. Food and Drug Administration set 20 ppb as the maximum amount allowed in commodities for general market, 300 ppb is allowed for feedlot cattle, 200 ppb for market hogs and 100 ppb for breeding livestock, mature poultry, deer and other wildlife. Commodities with 1,000 ppb or higher must be destroyed. The law allows ammoniation of the affected corn crop with lower aflatoxin-containing crops. Feeds from aflatoxin-containing corn that has been either ammoniated or blended fall into more strict usages and cost producers more money than the crop may be worth, Coffman noted.

Corn and other crops are

checked for the toxic compound several times from field to market—at the grain elevator, at state labs and at the ports before loading to foreign buyers. Jones said that at his lab, many samples are registering at 100 ppb and 200 ppb, several are over 500 ppb and six have topped 1,000 ppb this year.

"The main thing we want to do is assist the marketing channels in trying to keep the corn in suitable uses based on its level of aflatoxin," Coffman said. "There's a lot of scrutiny going on at elevators to determine what the levels are and then try to find a market for it."

He noted that farmers faced a losing battle with

aflatoxin due to weather this year. Three conditions likely to stimulate aflatoxin outbreaks all have been present this year: hot, dry days at the time of the year when young corn plants are flowering, kernels damaged by earworms, ruptured seed coats as the kernels dry down for the harvest.

The hot, dry days at flowering were the first sign of risk for aflatoxin occurrence in grain crops this season, and farmers have no control or management tricks that can ward off such damaging temperatures.

"Aflatoxin molecules are very heat tolerant and stable," Coffman said. "Once the grain has it, it is not likely to break down."

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