



NRCS/USDA Is Relocating To Farwell

The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) office currently located at 1306 West Ninth Street will be relocating to Farwell sometime during the first week of July.

The new office will be co-located with the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) service center office in Farwell at 109 Third Street. The phone number will be (806) 481-3311 until further notice.

Please direct all your NRCS and USDA inquiries there in the future. They will be happy to assist you in any way possible.

Seniors Social Set Sat. Jun 30

Friona's Senior Citizens will hold their monthly social on Saturday, June 30, at 5 p.m. at the Friendship House.

Ice cream and cake will be served. Entertainment will be by Grady and Dorothy Sorley of Bovina. Donations will be accepted and all senior citizens are welcome.

Fourth Of July Schedule Given

Once a year, we have an opportunity to stop and celebrate the freedom which we all enjoy every day. Independence Day-July 4th reminds all American citizens that we live privileged lives because of the vision of our forefathers and those who have sacrificed to maintain the freedom which we enjoy. Join your friends and neighbors in the Park July 4th to recognize and celebrate America.

Fourth of July in the Park will begin at 6 p.m. with food, games, fun, visiting and entertainment. At dark, we will enjoy a fabulous fireworks display.

Plan to have supper in the Park. There will be hamburgers, fries, gorditas, soft drinks, lemonade, iced tea and homemade ice cream. Games for children of all ages will be available.

A highlight of the evening will be a patriotic presentation by the Calvary Baptist Church choir.

Jim Taylor and the Volunteer Fire Department will help us end this day of celebration with a fireworks display. Last year, the fireworks display was a production equal to those in much larger cities.

"The fireworks are possible because of donations made by Bi-Wize Drug, Hi-Pro Feeds, Friona Wheat Growers, Friona State Bank, Western Chevrolet-Olds and Excel Corporation. Remember to say thanks to the owners and managers of these companies which make immeasurable contribution to the quality of life in Friona," a Chamber spokesperson commented.

"Every business in Friona is called upon often to support community events and projects and we are able to maintain Friona as we know it because of these contributions. A great way to show our appreciation for this continued support is to 'Shop At Home!'"

Don't forget-Fourth of July in the Park, Wednesday, 6 p.m. Everyone is invited!



NOW FEEDING 70,000

One Year Later, ConAgra Is Big Part Of Community

One year ago, June 21, 2000, the first load of cattle was unloaded at the newly purchased ConAgra Beef Company feedlot northwest of Friona.

ConAgra purchased the former West Plains Feedlot in May, 2000, and began extensive renovation to get the operation up and running.

By June 21, 2000, with the feed mill still not operable, ConAgra began filling the lot anyway, unloading about 1,500 head the first day.

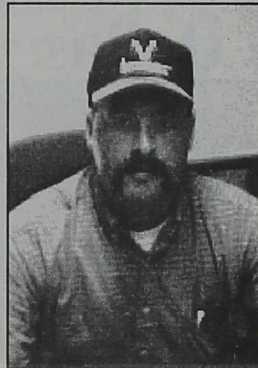
A short year later, the lot holds 70,000 cows. Although the lot has a capacity of more than 100,000 head, officials plan to hold to a maximum of 75,000 cattle.

ConAgra works hard to maintain an efficient feedyard operation and also to be an active part of the community.

Assistant manager Kody Kimbrough says they presently have 60 employees, most of them hired locally.

ConAgra completely rebuilt the feed mill and doubled the mill capacity in the process. The mill uses 1.2 million pounds of corn and 95,000 pounds of hay every day. To keep up with the grain demand a new silage pit is under construction, giving ConAgra three silage pits on site.

Employees are constantly monitoring the dust and air



KODY KIMBROUGH
ConAgra Asst. Mgr.

conditions in and around the feedyard. ConAgra has two water trucks, with another on the way, used to hold down feedlot dust as much as possible.

"We try to be good neighbors," Kimbrough said.

Kimbrough says they contract with local growers and truckers and purchase grain from local area elevators. A steady procession of grain trucks can be seen at the feedlot every day.

In another local effort, they have started buying some cattle from local cattle producers. Information on this

is available by contacting Kimbrough or feedlot manager Tommy Hefner.

In the rebuilding, expansion and maintenance at the feedlot, they have tried to use local contractors and purchase parts and supplies locally whenever possible.

ConAgra also participates in local events, including the junior livestock show sales, 4H and FFA activities, and the United Way. They have donated meat for local functions such as the annual Maize Days barbecue held by the Friona Chamber of Commerce.

In their efforts to be a big part of the community, ConAgra Beef Company adds to the economic success of Friona and Parmer County.

Area Gets Nice Rain Shower

The Friona area received .71 inch of moisture (as of 11 p.m.) in a thundershower Thursday evening, the most beneficial moisture since May 5.

This kept the month of June from ending with only .06 to show, this having been measured back on June 8.

High temperatures locally have been above 90 the past five days in a row. The rain cooled it off nicely Thursday

WITH FLYING COLORS

Hospital Passes Medicare Survey

Bill Neely, Administrator at Parmer County Community Hospital, expressed his appreciation and thanks to the physicians, department directors and employees who helped make the first Medicare Survey, under Critical Access designation, a success.

The three-day survey was conducted by the Texas Department of Health recently, and revealed NO DEFICIENCIES! The surveyor recommended a continuation of Medicare certification.

The survey focused on Federal regulations requiring our local hospital to be in compliance with all applicable Federal, State and local laws along with requirements related to the health and safety of patients.

The survey encompasses emergency services and staffing; governing body responsibilities; committee functions; policy and procedures; dietary practices; laboratory, radiology and

pharmacy services.

Also, patient record keeping; swing bed participation; social, occupational and physical therapy service; admission, patient transfer and discharge rights;

Also, equipment and supplies commonly used in life-saving procedures; blood and blood products; standard plant maintenance; adherence to life safety code regulations; and assessment of overall patient care.

Neely added "Results of the survey is proof of the dedication and professionalism of those responsible for the delivery of health care to the residents of our area."

The Friona Star/Bovina Blade adds their congratulations to the staff members of Parmer County Community Hospital. Our area is fortunate, indeed, to have a local medical facility that is keeping up its standards as well as those in much larger areas.

YOUNG READERS ARE HOSTED

Benger Air Park's History Is Given

(Editor's note: The Friona Public Library's summer reading program is entitled "To the Library and BEYOND." In this connection, Benger Air Park invited a group of young readers to tour the local airport, and some of the pilots put on a show for the youngsters with large inflatable balloons, large kites, and small aircraft. Librarian Darla Bracken submitted the following:

With the onset of irrigation, followed by a bumper wheat crop in the early 1940s, Carl C. Maurer and two of his friends, H.T. "Tiny" Magness, and Giles Cobb purchased their own plane—a maroon 4-place Stinson Voyager and soon began a lifelong dream—learning to fly.

They began flight instruction at Portales, New Mexico, according to Gaylord Maurer of Amarillo. Then, filled with enthusiasm, Carl Maurer purchased some land east of Friona and the Friona Air Field was born. They began operating the airfield with the hopes (though never realized) of getting a mail route.

The group hired a flight instructor to offer instruction for the entire surrounding area, and flew for their own enjoyment while also providing some passenger service. They flew to Hillsboro for the girls' state basketball tournament in the 1940s, according to Ann Barker, oldest child of Giles Cobb, who also remembered riding in their airplane.

In 1943, the airport was renamed "Benger Air Field" in

honor of Ira B. Benger, the first Parmer County youth to die in an aircraft-related accident in World War II, who was killed in a training accident at El Paso during the war. Tiny Magness was later killed in a Piper Cub plane accident while coyote hunting on July 18, 1958. Carl Maurer died in 1974 and Giles Cobb in 1989 (neither to aircraft accidents).

Elvie T. Jennings and Virginia Gayarre Jennings came to Friona on February 14, 1946 to take charge of the local airport, "Ira Benger Field." After they made their deal with Maurer, they immediately began to construct a hangar, which was completed in 1947. It was extremely hard to get construction materials at that time, and they hauled the

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My Turn

By Carol Ellis



A MAN AND HIS DOG were walking along a road enjoying the scenery, when it suddenly occurred to the man that he was dead. He remembered dying, and that the dog had been dead for several years. He wondered where the road was leading them. Soon they came to a high, white marble wall along one side of the road. At the top of a hill, the wall ended in a tall archway that glowed in the sunlight. A magnificent gateway in the arch looked like mother-of-pearl, and the street that led up to the gate shone like pure gold.

The man and the dog walked toward the gate and saw a tall man seated at a desk on one side. The dusty traveler called out, "Excuse me, but where are we?"

"This is Heaven," the tall man answered.

"Wow! Would you happen to have some

water?" the traveler asked.

"Of course, sir. Come in and I'll have some ice water brought right up for you." The tall man gestured, and the gate began to open.

"Can my friend," pointing toward his dog, "come in, too?" the traveler asked.

"I'm sorry sir, but we don't accept pets."

The traveler thought for a moment and then turned back toward the road and continued on in the direction he had been going. At the top of another long hill, he came to a dirt road which led through a farm gate that looked as though it had never been closed. As he approached the gate, he saw a man inside, leaning against a tree, reading a book.

"Excuse me!" he called to the reader. "Do you have any water?"

"Sure. There's a pump over there," the man said as he pointed to a place that could not be seen from the road outside. "Come on in and help yourself."

"How about my friend here?" the traveler gestured to the dog.

"There should be a bowl beside the pump."

The man and his dog went through the gate, and sure enough, there was an old fashioned hand pump with a bowl beside it.

The traveler filled the bowl and took a long

drink himself, then gave some to the dog. When they were full, he and the dog walked back toward the man beside the tree.

"What do you call this place?" the traveler asked.

"This is Heaven," was the answer.

"Well, that's confusing," the traveler said. "The man down the road said that was Heaven, too."

"Oh, you mean the place with the gold street and pearly gates? Nope. That's Hell."

"Well, doesn't it make you mad for them to use your name like that?" the traveler asked.

"No. I can see how you might think so, but we're just happy that they screen out all the folks who would leave their best friends behind."

A Dog's Prayer

By Beth Norman Harris

Treat me kindly, my beloved master, for no heart in all the world is more grateful for kindness than the loving heart of mine. Do not break my spirit with a stick, for though I should lick your hand between the blows, your patience and understanding will more quickly teach me the things you would have me do.

Speak to me often, for your voice is the world's sweetest music, as you must know by

the fierce wagging of my tail when your footsteps fall upon my waiting ear.

When it is cold and wet, please take me inside, for I am now a domesticated animal, no longer used to bitter elements. And I ask no greater glory than the privilege of sitting at your feet beside the hearth. Though, had you no home, I would rather follow you through ice and snow than rest upon the softest pillow in the warmest home in the land, for you are my god and I am your devoted worshiper.

Keep my pan filled with fresh water, for although I should not reproach you were it dry, I cannot tell you when I suffer thirst. Feed me clean food, that I may stay well, to romp and play and do your bidding, to walk by your side, and stand ready, willing and able to protect you with my life should your life be in danger.

And, beloved master, should the great Master see fit to deprive me of my health or sight, do not turn me away from you. Rather, hold me gently in your arms as skilled hands grant me the merciful boon of eternal rest --- and I will leave you knowing with the last breath I draw, my fate was ever safest in your hands.

--In memory of Chester

Friona Flashbacks

...from the files of The Friona Star

60 YRS AGO-JUL 11 1941

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

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

55 YRS AGO-JUL 28 1946

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

45 YRS AGO-JUL 5 1956

In a move which would increase storage capacity almost 50 per cent, the board of directors last week approved and set in motion plans to build 1,000,000 bushels more storage onto

Friona Wheat Growers elevator in Friona. The big expansion will get underway in the near future, says Arthur Drake, Wheat Growers manager.

40 YRS AGO-JUL 6 1961

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

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

30 YRS AGO-JUL 8 1971

The City of Friona last week received its second quarterly sales tax check from the state comptroller's office, and city officials were pleasantly surprised that their check compared favorably with the first one,

which included the busy Christmas season. The check received was for \$9,560.43.

25 YRS AGO-JUL 4 1976

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

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

20 YRS AGO-JUL 5 1981

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

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

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

15 YRS AGO-JUL 19 1986

L. G. Taylor, 69, was killed in a traffic accident near Albuquerque, N.M., on Wednesday, July 16.

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

10 YRS AGO-JUL 20 1991

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

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

5 YRS AGO-JUNE 29 1996

The Friona Star won a pair of awards at the annual convention of the Texas Press Assn., last week. The Star claimed first place in the category of "news pictures" and second place in "special editions".

Ex-Frionan M. Thomas Dead At 85

Margie Corene Thomas, 85, died Friday, June 15, 2001 in Rendon. Services were held June 18, 2001 and burial was in the Rendon Cemetery.

Corene Walker Thomas was born January 16, 1916 in Hopper, Arkansas to Caleb and Octavia Walker. She was the last member of her family to pass away.

A former resident of Friona, Mrs. Thomas had lived the past 25 years in Rendon, a suburb of Ft. Worth moving there from Lubbock.

She married Elbert Thomas September 4, 1933 in Hopper. He passed away in February of this year. She was a member of the Church of Christ at Rendon and was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by two grandsons, and a son, Elton Leon in 1998.

Survivors include two daughters, Norma Eileen Massey of Kennedale and Carolyn Stephenson of Burleson; eight grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Annie Mae Thomas, a sister-in-law, and Melba Smiley and Rex Bracken, her niece and nephew are all Friona residents.



LAST WEEK we reported that Raymond Delgado was in a car accident in Friona on Sunday, June 17. Mr. Delgado's accident occurred at Mitchell and Grand in Clovis. He is shown above with his car and is recovering at home now. He had five broken ribs, two of them broken twice, he said. We apologize for the error in last week's paper.



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Steve Bavousett Dies In Dallas

Memorial services for former longtime Friona resident Steve Bavousett, 74, will be held Saturday, June 30 at Vista Ridge United Methodist Church in Lewisville, with Rev. Tom Palmer officiating. A memorial service will be conducted in Friona at a later date, possibly in July.

Bavousett, who moved to Dallas about a year ago after a stay at Friona's Prairie Acres Nursing Home, passed away Sunday, June 24, 2001, in a Dallas Nursing Home.

Bavousett was born on April 9, 1927, in Camp Springs, Texas, near Snyder in Scurry County. He married Mary Olive Frye in 1954 in Friona. She preceded him in death on October 23, 1998.

Steve worked for the Soil Conservation Service for awhile, and later worked for Kendrick Oil in its fertilizer (anhydrous ammonia) department for several years. Later, the Bavousetts moved to Dawn where he took over operation of his father-in-law's farm. After selling the farm, the Bavousetts purchased Plains Hardware in Friona from the late ElRoy Wilson, operating it until the store closed. He also owned a cattle feeding company for a while.

Bavousett was a longtime Boy Scout leader for Friona's Troop 56, and was a long-time member and former president of the Friona Evening Lions Club. He had also been a member of Friona's First United Methodist Church for a number of years.



STEVE BAVOSETT

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Mark S. and Deborah Bavousett of Coppell; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Steve Mattick of San Antonio.

Also, two grandchildren, Anne Marie and Stephen Michael Bavousett of Coppell; a sister, Oma Duff, a brother, Lynn Bavousett, and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Prairie Acres Nursing Home Love Fund, 201 East 15th Street, or the First United Methodist Church's Permanent Endowment Fund at 301 East 8th Street in Friona, 79035.

Friends are asked to leave a message or memory in the Guest Book by clicking on Remembrance Registry at www.restlandfuneralhome.com

Around Town

Watermelon feed at Friona Bank

Friona State Bank will host its annual watermelon feed on the bank lawn in celebration of Independence Day. Stop by the bank on Tues, Jul 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and enjoy a slice of watermelon.

Vacation Bible school at Grace Baptist

Grace Baptist Church, 1601 N. Euclid, will hold Vacation Bible School on Saturday, Jun 30, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Sunday, July 1 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Truth Trackers and the Secrets of the Stone Tablets will include Bible stories, crafts, fun music and theme related refreshments. The VBS is open to 1st-6th graders. Lunch will be served on Saturday and supper on Sunday.

Rummage sale set Jul 6

Parmer County Community Hospital auxiliary ladies will hold their monthly rummage sale on Fri, Jul 6, from 9 a.m. until noon. The sale is located on Main St. just south of the City offices., next door to the Chamber of Commerce.

NRHC concert & dance

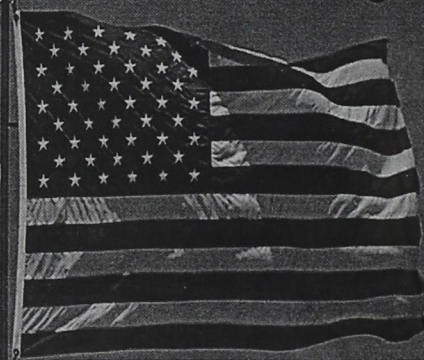
Red Steagall & The Boys In The Backhouse will perform a concert and dance on Sat, Jun 30, 8-11 p.m. at the National Ranching Heritage Center, 3121 Fourth Street, Lubbock. Tickets are \$20 at the door. For info call 806-742-0497 x222.

We need news for Around Town

It's summer. School's out. People travel. News is scarce. We need items for the Around Town column all the time, but especially in the summer. If your group or organization is planning an event, or if you have news you think is appropriate for Around Town bring it by the office, or call us at 250-2211, fax us at 250-5127, or write us at P.O. Box 789, Friona, 79035. Remember us for news this summer.

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It's in this traditional spirit that we celebrate Independence Day. The virtues this country was founded on are the values that allow us to serve customers like you as best we can. So, on this July 4th, we would like to wish everyone a fun-filled holiday, and say thanks for being a great customer. We remind you to be safe, and come see us again when we reopen on July 5th.

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50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY....Jim and Mary Johnston of Friona will be honored with a wedding anniversary reception Saturday, July 7 from 2-4 p.m. at the Friona State Bank Community Room. Hosting the reception are the couple's children, Larry Johnston of Friona, Dorothy Prudhomme of Tyler, Bryan Johnston and wife Allison of Friona and Diane Bryant and husband David of McKinney, Texas. The Johnstons were married in Fort Worth, Texas on July 6, 1951. They have twelve grandchildren ranging in age from eighteen years to eighteen months. Invitations will not be mailed locally, but all those who know Mary and Jim are warmly welcomed. No gifts, please.



--50 Years Ago, July 6, 1951--

Opportunity Plan Offers Financial Aid Students

Area students may be gearing up for summer fun in the sun, but not far from the back of some minds is the question "How am I going to pay for college?"

The current average cost of attending a public university for one year is \$10,276. While there are numerous state and federal aid programs available for students, a majority of these funds are awarded based on family income levels. The Opportunity Plan offers financial aid to students who fall through the cracks of some of these programs.

Thanks to the generosity of citizens across the Texas panhandle, area students have an additional source of assistance to meet their educational expenses. Established in 1954, The Opportunity Plan, Inc. of Canyon has provided financial assistance to more than 10,000 students through low-interest loans and scholarships. A total of \$3,683,831 is currently on loan to area students. During the 2000/2001 school year, more than \$250,000 in scholarships was awarded through the program.

Residents of the Friona community have established four different student loan divisions through the Opportunity Plan. The Dalton K. Caffey Loan Fund was established in 1985 in memory of Dr. Caffey by his wife, Estelle, son Dalton Caffey and daughter Cynthia Caffey Cotton. Mr. Caffey served as superintendent for the Friona school system for many years. Preference for this fund is given to students who reside in the Friona and Bovina area.

Established in 1971, the James Richard Fortenberry Division aids students recommended by deacons of the First Baptist Church of Friona. Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fortenberry of Friona established this fund in memory of James Fortenberry who was killed in Vietnam. The Friona Division was established in 1969 to aid students from the Friona community and have helped 54 students borrow more than \$59,800 to meet their costs of higher education. The original committee members for the Friona Division included: Glenn Reeve, Jr, Tom Jarboe, Cecil Maddox, Mrs. Ethel Ruth Spring, and Richard Collard.

The Modern Study Club of Friona established the R B Miller Jr. Loan Fund in 1971 in memory of R. B. Miller Jr., the son of one of their members who was killed in action during World War II.

Over the years, these loan divisions, and others, have assisted more than 82 Friona students. The Opportunity Plan manages 140 student loan divisions and 100 scholarship divisions. Student loans awarded through the Opportunity Plan carry an interest rate of seven percent.

The Opportunity Plan is currently accepting applications for low-interest loans and scholarships for the 2001/2002 school year. Students who are interested in applying for a loan or a scholarship should contact a member of the Opportunity Plan staff by phone at (806)B55-2528, by e-mail at info@opportunityplan.com, or by mail at P.O. Box 1035, Canyon, Texas 79015.



Lilah Gaye Gee has had company this week. Her niece, Becky Comstock of Magnolia, Texas has been here for a couple of days. Also traveling with Becky were her husband and son, John and Austin.

Over the weekend Lilah Gaye's great-niece, Terry was also here. Terry's husband, Roy Bob Popchoke was also here with their five children from Ralls.

Frank Spring's daughter, Mary Tom Isaac was in town for the weekend taking care of family business. Her son, Barry was with her and her daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Jeff helped her with things. The family is from Colorado Springs, Colorado. We all miss Frank too.

Bill and Carol Ellis were surprised to learn that they had somewhat of a connection with the young Lubbock man who was killed by lightning at Carlsbad Caverns National Park, New Mexico, last Saturday afternoon.

Their daughter Laura called them on Monday to say that the 32-year-old man, Nicolas Luna, worked for the Ellis' son-in-law, Noel Garcia, as bakery manager at the large United Super Market on University Avenue managed by Noel.

Luna had taken his wife and three children to tour the cavern, and upon returning to the surface, he and his son were walking to their car in the parking lot to charge a camcorder, when the father was struck. The young son was knocked down, but only suffered slight bruises.

Laura said that Luna's wife was a "stay-at-home" mother, and did not work.

Carlsbad Caverns officials said that it was the first time in the park's history for a death of this nature to occur. A park ranger and three nurses performed CPR on Luna for 15 minutes until an ambulance arrived, but Luna was dead on arrival at the Carlsbad Medical Center.

Danny and Pam Kendrick went to Alaska with Phillips 66 for five days during the first part of June. They flew into Anchorage and traveled daily to various locations.

During their stay they saw several active glaciers at Prince William Sound breaking off and falling into the ocean. Pam said when they break they sound like thunder and cause huge waves. One day some of the guides got some ice from the glacier and served it in their drinks.

After rafting the group had a cook-out on the bank and had grilled salmon and listened to a blue grass band.

Jeff King a three time winner of the Iditarod, spoke to the Phillips 66 group.

He brought his Alaskan sled dogs and spoke with the group. Pam said the dogs were little and that Mr. King

Pair Escapes Injury In Thurs. Wreck

Two people escaped serious injury Thursday evening when their 18-wheel semi-truck was slammed by not one, but two BNSF freight trains at the first crossing east of Friona.

The truck was completely destroyed, but miraculously the driver and a passenger were not badly hurt. The man was walking around, and a woman was taken to PCCH to be checked.

No names were available at press time. The accident happened during the thunder-showers Thursday evening.

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explained that the dogs' strength is not the key to winning, but speed is.

While in Alaska the Kendricks saw a moose daily. When they returned to Amarillo, a group of missionaries from Alaska were at the airport. Pam said a lady got so excited about seeing a coyote and said, "Oh look, a cowote!"

They all laughed and said it was a "coyote" and they are pests. The Alaskans were surprised and said the moose were terrible pests too. I guess we all have our own problems.

Dee Willard was the winner of just over \$2000 Wednesday from radio station KGNC. He entered a contest at Sherley Grain's Tam-Anne Elevator recently and was the lucky winner. Congratulations Dee!

Roy and Eva Miller had surprise company Sunday. Visiting were friends Wesley G. and Kathryn Banbury of Woodland Hills, California and Mrs. Ralph Duroy of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The out-of-town customers stayed the evening with the Millers and continued traveling.

Ben Konis, will have his artwork displayed June 28-August 6 at the Abraham Art Gallery at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. He is the husband of former Frionan Jinni (Landrum) Konis.

Holly, Danny, Dustin and Stephen Campbell had company last week. Cate Spain of New Braunfels came for a few days. She was Sarah's roommate when they attended school at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

Also visiting last week was Tiffany Blackburn. She stayed all week and spent a

couple of nights with the Campbells. She also stayed with her parents, Mike and Johnna Blackburn.

Voilet Finley attend the 13th annual Mahurin reunion was held June 10 at the old Aurora School.

A covered-dish dinner was shared by Audra Mahurin, Lula Harding, Agnes Martin, Jenna Harding, Tom and Anita Waggoner, Jim and Virginia Mahurin, Sonny, Sheri, Leanna, Kelsey, and Dustin Underwood, Pam Tedford, and Trent and Trevor, Fairland; Gene and Janomi Mahurin, Lauren, Janene and Niki, Ann Mahurin, and Darrel Mahurin, Grove; Voilet Mahurin Finley, James V. Finley and Scott, Dustin, Susan, and Brendon Finley, and David Finley, Cleburne; Jim and Julie Mitchell, and T.C. Mitchell, Joplin, Mo.; Danny and Charlotte Mahurin and Levi, Pea Ridge, Ark.; Tracy and Megan Smith, and Katie Ryan, Maysville, Ark.; Jane Mahurin, Justin, and Becky, Brittney, and Kyle Mahurin,

Arthur T. and Barbara Mahurin, Wesley and Sarah Maburin, and Joshua and Faith, Allen Mahurin, Jeremy Mahurin, and Wayne and Helen Mahurin, Miami.

A drawing was held for door prizes. The main prize, a handwoven tote basket made by Julie Mahurin Mitchell, was won by Becky Tvlahurin. Other prizes were won by Jim Mahurin, Janomi Mahurin, Ryan Faith Mahurin and Kyle Mahurin.



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Benger Air Park History....

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lumber in from a sawmill in Taos, N.M., and concrete block by flat railcar. H.H. Weis, a local contractor, constructed the hangar.

Originally, only flight instruction and charter flying services were available at the airport, until in 1947, when they added a crop-dusting and spraying service.

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The Jenningses raised their family in Friona and the Jennings' son Rick, along with mother Virginia, still own and operate the family business today as Benger Aero Spraying Service. The other Jennings children are Gaye Tannahill, who lives in Canyon and teaches in Hereford; Annette "Teto" and Dale Milner, who farm southeast of Friona in the Lakeview community; and Jo Anne Hill-Danner and J.D., who live in Amarillo.

Virginia also has six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Elvie passed away June 28, 1999.

(Acknowledgement to "Prairie Progress, c. 1980, Virginia Jennings, Hugh Moseley, Gaylord Maurer, AnnBarker and Billie Fairchild).



VETERAN PARMER COUNTY pilot and skydiver Jim Zehner participated in the Friona Library's airport day last Tuesday. Jim is a spray pilot for Benger Aero Spraying.



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EDUCATION AT THE TOP OF THE AGENDA

The Senate and the House of Representatives have made historic progress toward an education reform plan that represents the most significant changes in federal education policy in more than 35 years. Reflecting President Bush's education priorities, the legislation focuses on three basic principles:

- Requiring states to test students and measure their progress in grades three through eight;
- Rewarding states that improve children's education;
- Reducing federal red tape and giving states and local school districts unprecedented flexibility in how they decide to use their federal education funds.

To qualify for certain federal education funding, states will have to demonstrate that student performance is improving for children in all economic categories. They will have to provide parents with more information about their schools and with more alternatives when their kids are trapped in failing schools, such as the ability to transfer to another public school. Underachieving schools are to get help under the plan, but they will face serious consequences for persistent failure.

This is a landmark bill because, for the first time, both parties in Congress have agreed that real reform requires that parents must have a say-so and more control over their children's education. Parents — and the public — will have access to detailed school-by-school "report cards" on the performance of their schools.

That provision of the legislation follows the outline of my "Parents' Right-to-Know Act," providing parents with accurate records of school performance. States will make the information available to parents and the public on the Internet and through other means that ensure broad distribution.

I also have included an amendment to the education reform bill that offers even more options to public schools — options that parents of children in private schools have long enjoyed. This amendment would remove the obstacles preventing public schools from being able to offer single-sex classrooms and single-sex schools to parents and students who choose them. Public schools should be able to tailor their programs to what best fits the needs of students in their particular area.

Most of the time, co-education classes are going to be the right answer for children's educational needs. But in some circumstances we find that students do better in a single-sex atmosphere. We want parents who might not be able to afford private school or might not have the option of parochial school to be able to go to their school board and request, perhaps, a single-sex eighth-grade math class for boys, or a single-sex chemistry lab for girls. Or some districts might want to establish single-sex schools, some of which have had great success in improving the test scores of previously failing students of both sexes.

In addition, the bill includes my legislation providing federal incentives for mid-career or retired professionals to enter classrooms and teach where they can make a real difference.

Meaningful education reform is finally at the forefront of the congressional agenda. Congress has worked with the White House to produce constructive legislation that enjoys bipartisan support. As a result, we will have more accountability in our schools, increased flexibility and strengthened local control. Schools will measure their progress in terms of demonstrably improved results — rather than compliance with a one-size-fits-all federal rule.



Water Rate Hike On City Agenda July 9

Water is the most important commodity in the Panhandle. Water, or lack of it, is a daily topic of conversation throughout the High, Low, North or South Plains.

What Friona city water customers pay for water will be one of the topics on the Friona City Council agenda Monday, July 9, at 7:30 p.m.

Among other items on the agenda, the council will consider an ordinance of the first reading "providing for an increase in the charges for water services."

According to city manager

Paula Wilson the amendment will seek an increase of the base water rate from \$7.10 to \$10. The base water rate is the amount customers pay for the first 2,000 gallons of water used. The \$7.10 is billed whether or not a customer uses 2,000 gallons. It is the minimum rate for water customers.

Wilson said the average city water bill usage is 10,000 gallons and research has shown that Friona water rates are among the lowest in the state for cities our size.

She said the increase is necessary because of increased costs associated with water service. Unfunded mandates, i.e. state laws that require city action without funding to accomplish them, are one of the problems.

For example, the state requires cities to collect water samples for lead and copper testing. The state law requires a city to collect 20 samples to send for tests, then bills each city for each test. State legislators also will

begin requiring cities to pay a fee to each underground water district as a production fee. Recently passed Senate Bill 2 regarding management of water resources will have costs associated with it. Regulations will require a \$10 per acre foot fee for water pumped.

In addition to the above, the city is faced with maintenance of older wells within the city, replacing water lines, buying water rights, and updating equipment. Wilson said the wells in town are old and the city is forced to go out of town to purchase water rights and drill new wells.

She cited an example of a well in town near the baseball field that test drilled 300 gallons per day but is only producing 50 gallons per day because water levels are down.

The public is invited to the July 9 meeting which will be held in the council chambers at city hall.

'Texas Heat' Off To Ladies Softball Lead

The "Texas Heat" team, sponsored by the Friona Star, is off to a great start in the new women's softball league this summer.

The "Heat" downed "Just Do It," 25-6 in their first game on June 11. The Star reps scored 15 runs in their second inning to grab a big lead. Kathy Cabezula and Mary Ann Ramos scored four runs for their team. Teresa Serna scored three runs.

On June 18, the "Heat" outscored the Red Hots, 12-2. The Heat scored three in the first inning, four in the third and three in the fourth to put the Red Hots away. Cabezula scored three runs; Rosalinda Serna, Diana Perez and Mary Ann Ramos each scored twice.

On June 19, the Heat put down the Friona Angels, 22-3. Perez, Cabezula, and Stefanie Ancira each scored

for the Friona Star team, which scored nine of their first ten batters and 12 in all in their first inning, and romped to their third win.

Heat 25, JDI 6
R. Serna 4-2; Ramos 4-4; Perez 4-2; Cabezula 4-4; Gerekines 3-2; T. Serna 4-3; Davis 4-1; White 3-1; Raymond 2-1; Abarca 2-2; Ancira 3-2.

Heat 12, Red Hots 2
R. Serna 4-2; T. Serna 4-0; Perez 3-2; Cabezula 3-3; Gerekines 3-2; Davis 3-0; White 3-1; Carreon 3-0; Ramos 3-2; Raymond 3-0; Ancira 3-0.

Heat 22, Angels 3
R. Serna 3-2; T. Serna 4-2; Perez 4-3; Cabezula 3-3; Gerekines 3-2; White 3-2; Ancira 3-3; Carreon 3-1; Ramos 3-2; Abarca 3-2; Davis 3-0.



Texas' population is expected to double by 2050. And that means the state's water resources will be strained by municipal demands — especially during times of drought — if we don't take action now.

Today Texas uses 17 million acre-feet of water annually. That number is expected to increase to 20 million acre-feet by mid-century. It's clear we must find a way to reuse our state's water.

According to information provided by the Texas Water Development Board's Regional Water Planning Groups, 27 percent of the state's water use strategies will depend on conservation and reuse to meet water needs 50 years from now.

This is significant considering just over 1 percent of our current water is reused. In Texas we have municipal, industrial and agricultural water reuse. Municipal reuse usually means using treated wastewater for manufacturing, golf course irrigation and cooling purposes. In agriculture, water reuse can include collecting surface runoff in ponds for livestock watering. Reusing wastewater is promising because it's a relatively drought-proof water resource. It's also the only source of water that automatically increases with population growth.

Texas must have water to survive — it's one of our most basic requirements. Now is the time for us to start researching and fully using these water management strategies.

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Out Here

by Ron Carr

"I Can't Imagine"

WARNING: The following column contains graphic language and violence. Parental discretion is advised.

Some things in life are impossible for average unwashed citizens to imagine.

An imagination is a wonderful thing. Imagination can take us to faraway lands, make us rich and famous, or help while away a lazy afternoon.

Little kids often have big imaginations. A kid's world is not big and real and dangerous. Kids imagine fairies, or dragons, or sports fame. Little girls imagine themselves as Brittany Spears. Little boys can become Tiger Woods or Alex Rodriguez.

By adulthood reality sets in and imagination dims. A look in the mirror or the checkbook affirms we didn't quite become Brittany or Tiger. Our imagination, if we have any left, is used up on what life will be like after the kids leave home and the Social Security checks start.

There are many events that even in imagination we just can't comprehend. Grunt, it just doesn't soak in. For instance, I can't begin to compute the vastness of the universe: a billion galaxies, each with a billion stars. I've tried. The more I find out about space and planets, the less I know.

I can't imagine what it must have been like to be on TWA flight 800 when it exploded in mid-air. I have flown millions of miles in my lifetime. The horror of sitting comfortably one minute and being blown apart the next is beyond my imagination.

And so it was that I heard many people, mostly women, exclaim "I can't imagine" when talking about Andrea Yates drowning her five children. She snuffed out five little imaginations in a

gurgling, flailing frenzy.

At six months old, Mary was too young to have an imagination.

I'm trying to imagine what happens when you hold a child's head under water until they drown.

Have you ever had a friend "dunk" you at a swimming pool? If they do it when you are not ready, and water starts up your nose and your breath is cut off, you come up sputtering, coughing and throwing up water, all the while gasping for some precious air. It hurts and it is scary.

I'm trying to imagine how the 2-, 3-, and 5 year-old boys felt as they realized their mother, the number one person in their lives, looked down at them and pushed their heads under the water.

I'm trying to imagine what Andrea Yates was thinking while her boys were flailing and kicking.

I'm trying to imagine her repeating the process five times. And what 7-year-old Noah thought as his mother chased him around the house, dragged him to the bathroom and he realized what was about to happen.

Did he beg for his life? I'm sure he did. Did he scream for daddy? Did he fight? No doubt he did all that, and the last thought he had in life was, "No mommy. No. Please mommy. Don't."

But she killed all five of them. She called the police. Then she called her husband Rusty at work. When the policeman arrived she told him she killed her children.

Later on she told them how she had drowned them one by one in the bathtub.

Reports say that the community is sympathetic toward her. Poor Andrea they say. She is really sick. One guy who owned a home-school book store said, "We shouldn't rush to any judgments and

say she is a monster." Excuse me but a skunk with rabies is still a skunk.

If there is a heaven, I can imagine these five children were given a free pass thru the express lane.

I can't imagine what the daddy, Rusty, must be going through. You leave for work and before your coffee break, your five kids are dead.

Rusty told the TV cameras that he still loved Andrea. He said she had been really sick. He said she wasn't really a mean person. "She was a devoted, loving mother," another friend told us.

Her court appointed lawyer plans to enter a not guilty by reason of insanity plea. To be successful she would have to show that she was so mentally impaired she couldn't see circumstances for what they really were.

Her attorney said, "For instance if she believed her children to be devils, she's entitled to acquittal."

"If you believe the thing you destroyed was not a person, the verdict is your conduct was not criminal," he said.

So now Andrea Yates is society's problem. Yours and mine. Should she be executed? Life in prison? Rest of her life in a mental institution?

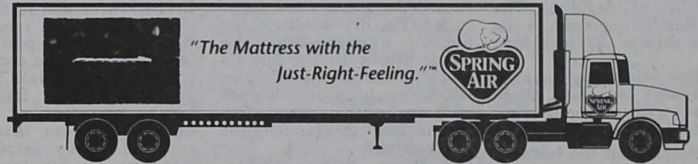
How about if we just excuse what she did and let her go. Should we hug her and tell her everything will be alright?

Here are a couple of bits of info you might have missed about Andrea: she was the captain of her high school swim team; she named her first son Noah; she was valedictorian of her high school class.

Five innocent kids murdered by their mother and we are supposed to feel that she is the victim?

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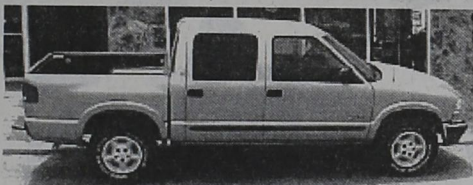
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JUNE WAS DRY!

Row Crops Badly Needing Rainfall

For the year to have started with the most beneficial rainfall in a number of years, fickle Mother Nature has "turned the faucet off" as if none of us had paid our water bills for the month of May/June. The last beneficial moisture in the local area was .87 inch May 12.

Unless something changes in the next two days, June will end with only .06 of an inch of moisture, on June 8.

This comes on the heels of a May that lavished the area with five to six inches of rainfall in a one-day shower which fell in the most beneficial manner. That was on Friday, May 4, and Friona's official NWA gauge registered 5.95 inches.

May ended with 6.82 inches in the official gauge, and a five-month total of 10.99 inches for Farmer County.

But the fact that it hasn't rained locally in 47 days has caused the young rowcrops to suffer. The dry condition has been aggravated by temperatures in the 90s for much of the month of June, which has been accompanied by a dry southwesterly wind, which has challenged the small plants.

Farmers with sprinkler irrigation have been working to save their crops in Farmer County, particularly on the heels of the announcement in the past week that the Lubbock area may lose up to a million acres of cotton, due to the dry weather for the most part, but also by a devastating hailstorm that cut a large swath through the South Plains early in June, wiping out thousands of acres of crops, ruining trees and roofs in the Lubbock area.

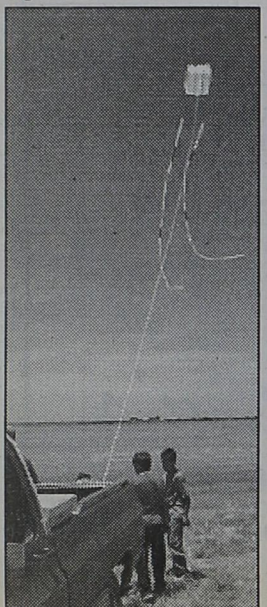
Cotton farmers in the South Plains are holding their breath this week, as the deadline of June 25 was

reached, when farmers could apply for federal Farm Service Agency aid, which would help them replant with maize or other grains.

The FSA deadline was extended a week in the Lubbock area due to the fact that a small area received a little rain in the past week. "Even if the cotton comes up, it will be useless," said producer Wayne Huffaker, former president of Plains Cotton Growers Assn. "I expected to be zeroed out Monday by his insurance company after replanting. But due to the little dab of rain, I must now wait another week," he told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

Huffaker said that the last day to plant maize is July 1. Plains Cotton Growers reported last week that 750,000 to 800,000 acres of dryland cotton are at risk. Some 350,000 to 400,000 acres of irrigated cotton already has been declared lost because of hail and wind.

If the dryland acres fail, the South Plains will have lost about a third of its cotton-producing acres.



ONE OF THE many kites in the air during the library day at the airport, left. At right, pilot Jim Zehner and Library Director Darla Bracken, back right, and some of the children and parents, look over Zehner's airplane. Zehner took Mrs. Bracken for her first ever airplane ride. ron carr photos

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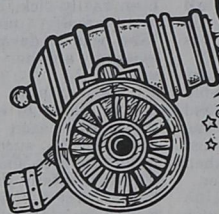
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Two Area Students Are Awarded Sybil B. Harrington Scholarships

The Amarillo College Foundation announced two 2001 graduates, Matthew Royce White, Friona High School, and Kati Danette Mimms, Lazbuddie High School, were awarded Sybil B. Harrington Scholarships.

White was president of the Math Club, speech team and National Honor Society; served as Computer Club secretary; Biology Club treasurer; Thespian Troupe #1379 officer. He was a Student Council member and named to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

He represented Friona High School on the Science Bowl team and UIL teams in math, science, current events, persuasive speaking and cross-examination debate. In addition to academic representation, White played varsity tennis, placing second in district and qualified at regional in tennis doubles.

He plans to major in biology and pre-medicine at Texas Tech University, Lubbock. His parents are Michael and Tammie White of Friona.

Mimms was National Honor Society president; Spanish National Honor Society; Robotics Club; and Family, Career and Community Lead-



MATTHEW WHITE



KATI MIMMS

ers of America. She served as drum major, Technology Student Association secretary and Future Business Leaders of America historian. In addition, she played basketball, tennis and track at LHS.

She was selected as Student of the Month and placed in computer science and piano at UIL state level.

The daughter of Clay and Reta Mimms, she plans to attend Lubbock Christian University and pursue studies to prepare her for a career in

secondary education.

Mrs. Harrington endowed the Sybil B. Harrington Scholarship through the Amarillo College Foundation in 1989. The fund encourages and assists outstanding students to pursue higher education. Students receive up to \$3,500 for tuition and fees a year and may re-apply for up to three additional years. Since 1990, more than \$2 million has been awarded.

Clinic Set July 16-18

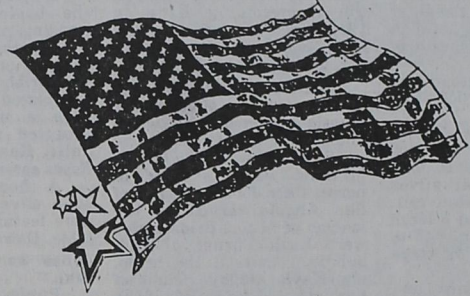
The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Parmer County Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Avenue in Friona on July 16, 17 and 18.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing breast self-exam each month.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by an RN in breast self-examination.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

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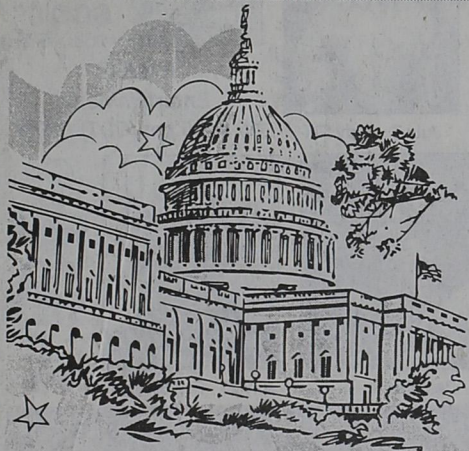
- Use close adult supervision.
- Follow fireworks label instructions carefully.
- Aim fireworks away from people and animals.
- Light one firework at a time, then move away quickly.
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SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us) and the Texas Pyrotechnic Association.

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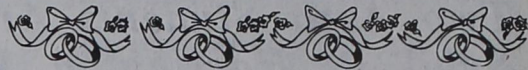
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Kimberly Smith, Guy Nickels United In Church Ceremony



Kimberly Joy Smith of Lazbuddie and Guy Wayne Nickels of Muleshoe exchanged wedding vows Saturday, June 2 at 6 p.m. in Trinity Christian Fellowship in Muleshoe. The ceremony was performed by Rey Don Stanford, pastor.

The bride is the daughter of Debbie and Dale Gallman of Bovina and Tim Smith of Friona.

Parents of the groom are Nicky and Debbie Nickels of Muleshoe.

Black and silver decorations, complimented with red roses, decorated the Fellowship Hall. A spiral silver candelabra holding white candles, green plants and a large centerpiece of red and white silk flowers accented the stage setting.

Becky Jones, pianist, and Chris Smith, brother of the bride on the trumpet, accompanied vocalists, Heather Engelking as she sang "From This Moment" and "The Rose," Rey Don Stanford as he sang "Parents' Prayer," and Guy Nickels as he sang "Cross My Heart."

As the bride's stepfather, Dale Gallman, presented her in marriage, she was attired in a formal length white Italian satin gown with alencon lace. The gown featured a halter top with a v-neckline. The sleeves and neckline were outlined with pearls and crystal beads.

The bodice was covered with alencon lace, pearls and crystal sequence. The back was a lace-up corsette. The basque waistline allowed the full ballgown skirt to fall to the floor with a scalloped cathedral length train, with

the skirt and train accented with alencon lace and finished with a matching hemline.

Following bridal tradition, for something old, she wore a tiara that she had been presented in 1996 when she was crowned Homecoming Queen by the groom who was the Homecoming King in 1996. She borrowed earrings from her aunt, Judy Dennis, and mother.

She carried red, black and white roses in a silver tussie mussie accented with white and silver ribbon.

Stephanie Bardwell of Midland was the maid of honor. Katy Jones-Williams of San Angelo served as the matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Leah Turner of Lazbuddie, cousin of the bride, and Kayla Magby-Nickels of Lazbuddie, sister-in-law of the groom.

They wore long black crepe dresses featuring empire waistlines and square necklines with two broad straps crossing in the back.

Chad Nickels and Trey Nickels of Lazbuddie served brother as best men. Groomsmen were Carey Williams and Jim Rogers, both of San Angelo.

Serving as ushers were Timmie Smith, Judd Glover, Christopher Smith, Russell Black, Cameron Turner and Shane Kirk.

Kennedi Nickels of Lazbuddie, niece of the groom and daughter of Chad and Kayla Nickels was the flower girl. The ring bearer was Keenan Wilson of Muleshoe, cousin of the bride and son of Andy and Krista Wilson.

Candles were lit by Chance Barrett, cousin of the

bride, and Durrel Hunter, cousin of the groom.

Garrett Crimm of San Angelo, six year old son of Shane and Shelly Crimm, was the "Best Buddy."

The reception was held at Trinity Christian Fellowship. Krista Wilson, cousin of the bride, registered the wedding guests.

The three tiered wedding cake was decorated with white ribbons and drapes and was placed on a table covered with a white satin cloth accented with black bows. Julie Gaasch and Socorro Reyes served the bride's cake.

A chocolate cake setting on a silver and black cloth were featured on the groom's table. Dawn Weir and Regina Jones served the groom's cake.

Punch was served by Kylee Veazey and coffee was served by Kayla Glover, cousin of the groom.

Programs were presented by Amberlee Steinbock and Montana Steinbock. Favors were handed out by Emily Agee, Crystal Jesko, Cassie

Steinbock and Mariah Steinbock.

Special guests included Betty Smith, grandmother of the bride; Ed and Donna Nickels and Josie Flowers, grandparents of the groom; John and Iva Lee Littlefield, great-grandparents of the bride; Johnnie Kimbrough, great-grandmother of the groom; Judy and Jack Dennis and Larry Jesko, aunt and uncles of the bride.

She wore a black skirt with a red pineapple top as she departed for a Western Caribbean cruise. Following the cruise, they are making their home in Muleshoe.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Lazbuddie High school and is a 2000 honors graduate from Angelo State University. She is a teacher in the Muleshoe Independent School District.

A 1996 graduate of Lazbuddie High School, he attended South Plains College, Levelland, and Angelo State University. He farms in the Lazbuddie community.



Mrs. Guy Nickels

Think Texas

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SUSAN COMBS

With Independence Day right around the corner, people across the state are priming their grills and getting fired up about the Fourth. The holiday is a big day for outdoor barbecuing, and beef is a mainstay at many of these celebrations.

The Fourth of July and Labor Day tie for being the second-highest beef consumption days of the year. This year, Americans will consume 20 percent more beef on the Fourth of July, Memorial Day, the No. 1 day for beef consumption, saw a 25 percent increase.

These days, more folks are eating beef in general. Americans ate about 70 pounds of it per person in 2000, and on any given day 77 million Americans eat beef.

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Immunization Clinics Are Set In Friona

Immunization clinics offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases are scheduled for July throughout several Panhandle communities.

Protection will be against polio, diphtheria, lock-jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (Haemophilus Influenzae Type B) and varicella (chicken pox).

The Texas Department of Health is charging fees to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability of the individual or family to pay, however, no one will be turned away if not able to pay.

The vaccinations will be administered at the Texas Department of Health WIC Office, 607 Main Street, Friona, Friday, July 20, from 10-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:15 p.m.

Vaccinations will also be available at the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Office, 109 East Third Street in Bovina, Monday, July 16 from 10 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3 p.m.

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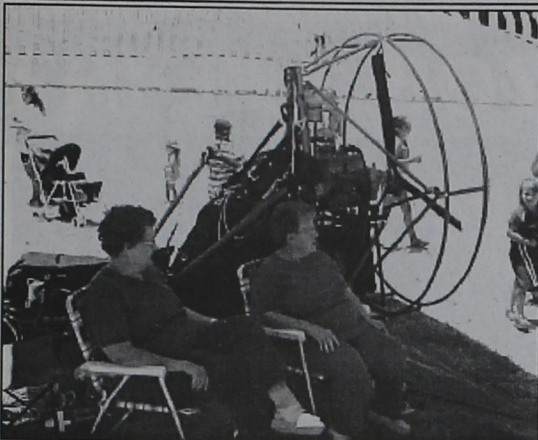
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RUTH MILLER & TINY TAYLOR found some shade at Benger Airport during the Library's outing. Ruth's son, Eddie, flies the powered parachute apparatus shown. ron carr photos



THE WIND helped out at the library outing as these boys wrestle with the big soccer balloon.

County Rural Routes To Have Address Changes

The Panhandle Regional 9-1-1 Network in conjunction with Parmer County is issuing 9-1-1 addresses to rural residents. Soon to be gone forever are the Rural Route and Box numbers as well as the Highway Contract and Box numbers presently in use by rural residents.

The purpose of this project is to provide emergency service personnel with a more efficient way of locating rural residents and businesses in an emergency. No longer will residents struggle to instruct 9-1-1 emergency personnel with how to reach a rural location in the midst of a crisis.

New "city style" addresses are being implemented for all rural residents. City style addressing provides a structure number and a road name for each rural residence or business.

For rural residents and businesses receiving mail on a route delivery, the US Postal Service will convert the 9-1-1 physical addresses to mailing addresses. According to the US Postal Service, this conversion will help with the automated sorting and processing of mail. For residents or businesses that utilize a PO Box, your mailing address will not change. Your residence or business will be issued a 9-1-1 physical address only.

The Regional 9-1-1 Network is requesting your help. If you have misplaced your 9-1-1 address or were never given a 9-1-1 address, you are encouraged to call 1-800-687-7911.

For structures not yet addressed be prepared to provide detailed directions to your location. Your name will be placed on a list to receive a 9-1-1 address. Most callers can expect to receive their 9-1-1 address within four to six weeks.

German Festival Set July 14 In Nazareth

Nazareth's 29th Annual German Festival in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus is set for Saturday, July 14, 2001, in Nazareth.

Activities begin at 10:00 a.m. with an arts & crafts show in the school cafeteria, sponsored by the Nazareth Art Club.

A German sausage meal, including German sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes, beans, salad and fruit, bread, apple crisp, and German chocolate cake, will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Community Hall. Tickets for the meal are \$6 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Frozen sausage will be

Powered Parachutes Punctuate the Sky

BY DARLA BRACKEN

Have you seen a great blue heron in the skies over Friona lately? No? Yes! If you have seen the brightly-colored powered parachute slowly flying overhead. Could it be? yes, it is Lazbuddie native, Eddie Miller, and his powered parachute making one of his leisurely afternoon jaunts into the wild blue yonder.

Eddie Bruce Miller, the youngest son of Roy and Ruth Miller of Lazbuddie, became interested in kites at the age of 8 and has been fascinated by flying ever since. He had made and flown many different types of kites, large and small, through the years and has quite an extensive collection of them and other wind toys. In 1998 he became interested in motorized parachutes through his friend Bruce DeFoor, an art professor at Clovis Community College.

He built his machine from a kit in January 2000 and began flying it in August of 2000. He now has over 90 hours flying time in the machine and also has a Basic Flight Instructor's license. His Blue Heron "Marathon" has 65 horsepower rotax engine which is very lightweight. The top speed of the powered parachute is 26 miles per hour and he has flown at altitudes ranging from 200 to 6,000 feet usually flying at about 500 feet.

When asked about the most amazing sight he had seen while flying his machine, he replied that it was the circular rainbows that were the most awesome sight. "While flying in the powered parachute you experience a great sense of freedom and no feeling of vertigo," Miller said, "and that, although the powered parachutes are FAA exempt, safety always comes first."

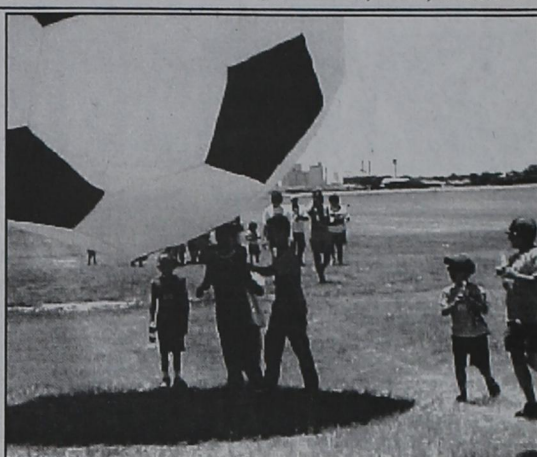
He learned to fly powered parachutes in Florida, but flying kites and riding in kite buggies taught him the most of what he knows about flying.

Last year in Columbus, Kansas at one of the largest powered parachute fly-ins ever held, Eddie and several members of his family met the man who helped design the first square parachute in 1962 while working on a design for a fold-up wing at the University of Notre Dame. With help from a

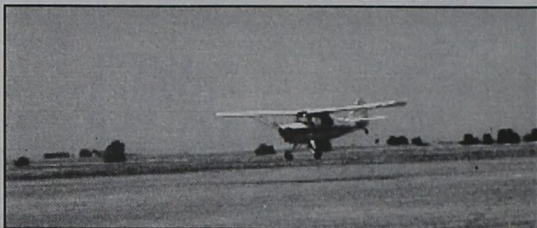
kite-flyer from Texas, they came up with the design for the ram air or square parachute and attached it to a 3 wheeler with a Volkswagen engine, props, and a whole new era of flight began.

Eddie operates a Blue Heron Dealership from his home in the Lakeview area along with his mechanical repair business. He generally takes off and lands from fields near his home but also flies from Benger Air Park and greatly enjoys his new hobby. He flies not only for his own personal enjoyment, but also to teach others who are willing to learn to fly these machines. An introductory flight is \$25 and an extended flight is \$50; and all flights are instructional flights. Eddie and his wife Debbie have one son, Tyler, who is 10 years old.

Our thanks to Eddie who has been gracious enough to provide a program on powered parachutes for members of our 2001 Summer Reading Club to help them go: "To the Library and BEYOND!"



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JIM ZEHNER PERFORMED A FLY-BY



DARLA BRACKEN & EDDIE MILLER, left, talk to the group of summer readers at Benger Airport last Tuesday. ron carr photos

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PARMER COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Parmer County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2002 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on Thursday, July 5, 2001, at 7:30 p.m. at the Parmer County Appraisal District Office Boardroom, 305 3rd Street, Bovina, Texas

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget is \$205,100.00.

The total amount of increase over the current year's budget is \$2,100.00.

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

The number of employees compensated under the current budget is 4.

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

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

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

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Rachael Cook, Heath Patterson Exchanged Vows In Canyon

Rachael Elizabeth Cook and Heath Kirk Patterson, both residents of Canyon, exchanged wedding vows Sunday, May 27 at 7 p.m.

The ceremony was conducted by David Lough, minister of the University Church of Christ, Canyon, in J.A. Hill Chapel, West Texas A&M University campus.

Parents of the couple are George and Patricia Cook of Canyon and Kent and Brenda Patterson of Friona.

The chapel was decorated with pewter candelabras, a family Bible, aubergine and pearl tulle pew bows, rose petals and a fluer de lis pedestal by the guest registry.

Musical selections were presented by Fidelity, Brian Hackett, Blair Fowler, John Paul Shepard and Robin Brannon. They performed "The Wedding March" and "You've Got A Friend in Me."

The bride wore a formal length wedding gown of pearl duchess satin featuring a bateau neckline, cummerbund, a-line skirt and cafe tiered trim with matching train.

Her two tiered fingertip length pearl veil flowed from a tiara. She carried a bouquet of red gerber daisy surrounded by carnival red, white and coral roses.

Becky Michelle Usleton of Canyon was the matron of honor. Attendants were Nathanael Cook of Canyon,



Mrs. Heath Patterson

brother of the bride, and Scarlett Grider of Fort Worth.

Colby Duke Patterson of Friona served his brother as best man. Kayla Wyly of Friona, cousin of the groom, was his attendant.

The feminine attendants wore aubergine two piece dresses and carried roses with mixed spring flowers.

Tristi Giddens presided at the guest registration table.

A reception was held in the University Church of Christ Fellowship Hall in Canyon.

Rose flower arrangements decorated the cake table and surrounded the bride's fluer de lis cream cheese pound cakes and the groom's red velvet cake.

Carrie Cox, Travis Zinck

and Lacy Venhaus served the cake. Punch and coffee were served by Chris and Francine Brons.

The couple took a wedding trip to San Antonio, Texas.

Special guests were Ralph and Charlene Dans of Portales, New Mexico; Dwayne, Wendy, Madalyn, Emma and Sam Woolard of Panhandle, Texas.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Canyon High School and is a senior business major at West Texas A&M University, Canyon.

A 1998 graduate of Friona High School, the groom attended West Texas A&M University and is now employed by Amarillo College as a network engineer.

M. Kendrick Makes ASU Dean's List

Matthew Guy Kendrick of Friona, a student attending Angelo State University in San Angelo, is included on the Dean's List for the 2001 spring semester.

He is a marketing major and son of Danny and Pam Kendrick.

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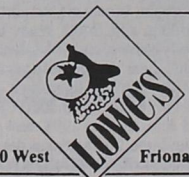


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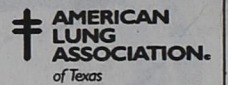
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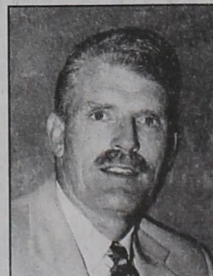
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Financial Focus

Are You A New Investor? Consider These Tips

Investing may seem confusing—but it doesn't have to be. If you're new to the investment world, or if you haven't started investing, you'll get off on the right foot by following a few common-sense guidelines. Here are some to consider:

Build up your liquid savings before you start investing. You should have anywhere from six months' to a year's worth of living expenses saved, in liquid form, before you start investing. If you don't, you may have to deplete some of your investments to pay for emergency home repairs, a new appliance, a new car or any other unplanned, major expenses. Still, you don't have to relegate your savings to a passbook account that pays almost negligible interest. Instead, look for a money market account that offers a competitive rate and easy access to your funds. Be aware, though, that a money market fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or other government agency. Money market funds strive to preserve the value of your investment at \$1 per share, but it is still possible to lose money.

Pay yourself first. If you want to invest until after you've paid the mortgage, utilities, grocery bills and countless other expenses, then you'll probably never invest. Paychecks have a way of disappearing faster than we could have imagined. That's why it's essential that you "pay yourself first." As soon as you get paid, put whatever you can afford—\$50, \$100, etc.—into an investment. You can even set up a bank authorization, allowing your bank to directly deposit the money. That way, you won't really "miss" it. And when you get a raise, you can increase the amount of your contribution—again without affecting your lifestyle. Consider investing any bonuses you get, as well. By regularly putting this "found" money to work, you'll speed up your progress toward your financial goals.

Diversify your investment dollars. When you're first starting out, you may not have enough money to buy a wide variety of investments, so you might want to choose just one or two. Over time, if you have more resources available, you can diversify further by purchasing mutual funds, stocks, bonds, government securities and other vehicles. Generally speaking, the more diversification you can achieve, the better off you are.

Raiding investments to pay for major purchases, investing in an irregular or haphazard manner, concentrating investment dollars in just a few vehicles—all these actions can hobble the success of even experienced investors. So, get into some good habits from the moment you enter the world of investing. You'll undoubtedly face some surprises along the way, but a good beginning will still serve you well.

Happy Birthday Friona Folks....

Week of July 1-7
Friona residents observing their birthdays next week include:

July 1--Richie Malouf, Karen Wied, Gregg Nichols, Haleigh Herbert, Courtney Clark, Mariza Santillan, Jennifer Harris and Pet Vargas.

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July 3--Jan Reeve, Tom Jarboe, Don Boren, Kristi Mills, Boone Gonzales, Hannah Overstreet, Liz Kessler and Cyle Lookingbill.

July 4--Lonnie Pederson, Anne Spring, Myrna Hill, Jacquessa Ryan and Rashel Sifford.

July 5--Joy Osborn, Kay Sanders, Joe Osborn and Cynthia Gonzales.

July 6--Max Jones, Krita Potts, Terry Copley, Doris Lange, Lance Gatlin, Patches Fleming, Bill Stephens, Alex Dunnam and Deidre Ferguson.

July 7--Michael Grable, Kemal Tongate, Noel White, Jaclyn Peace, Teresa O'Brian, Erin Knox, David Gowens, Fermin Reyes and Rachel Pipes.

When you see names which should be removed from our birthday list (moved away, names changed, deceased, etc.), call the newspaper and let someone know. Thank you.

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

YOUR EYES

Independence Day Precautions

Everyone loves the festivities on July 4th, but too many people take chances with dangerous fireworks and get hurt—especially children. Most often, the injury is to the eye. That's why a number of states have outlawed private displays. The Consumers Products Safety Commission says if you do your own fireworks, you should:

- Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks, even sparklers;
- Read and follow all warnings and instructions carefully;
- Be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks;
- Only light fireworks on a smooth, flat surface away from the house, dry leaves and flammable materials;
- Never try to re-light fireworks that have not fully functioned;
- Keep a bucket of water handy in case of a malfunction or a fire;
- Always wear safety goggles to protect your eyes from flying sparks and particles of debris (inexpensive goggles are available at most hardware stores).



In case of an eye injury from a fireworks accident, you should:

- Seek professional attention from your eye doctor immediately (even for seemingly mild injuries);
- Do not rub the injured eye. This will often cause more damage;
- Protect the eye from pressure. In an emergency, you may tape the bottom of a clean foam cup or milk carton over the injured area until you can get professional attention;
- Do not apply any ointment or medication without your doctor's instructions.

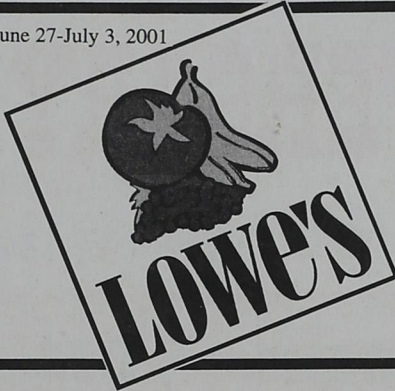
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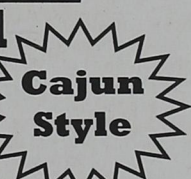
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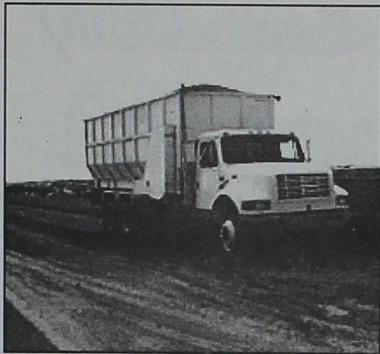
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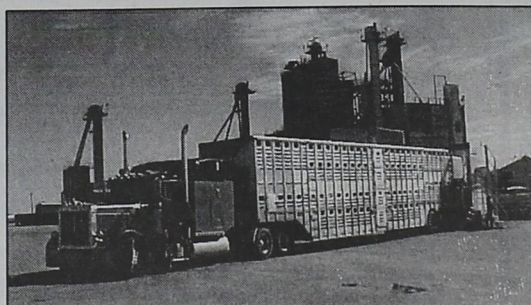
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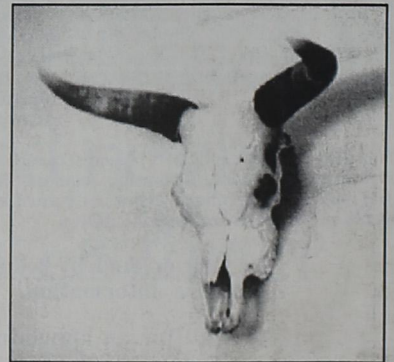
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