

PRODUCTION RECORDS FALL

County Cotton Crop Worth \$33 Million

by BILL ELLIS

Parmer County's 1996 cotton crop has set a new all-time record in number of bales produced, according to figures obtained from county gins, the CFSA office (ASCS), and the Texas Department of Agriculture.

This week's survey of county gins revealed that a total of 105,055 bales had been ginned, and two gins are still ginning. The official count for the county won't be available for awhile, but the weekly survey by the Friona Star and Bovina Blade usually comes fairly close to official figures.

The actual production figures are tabulated by the Texas Department of Agriculture, Austin. Doug Speelman of the TDA assisted the Star and Blade by filling in missing yearly figures since our last record year.

The previous high year,

(See the complete record of cotton production, Parmer County, from 1930-96, courtesy of Friona Farmers Co-op Gin, on Page 7)

from the standpoint of bales, was 1991, when a total of 89,400 bales were produced. The 1991 crop was produced from a total of 46,160 harvestable acres, which may outyield the '96 crop in terms of pounds per acre.

The 1996 crop was produced from 62,075 harvestable acres. There had been 64,775 acres planted, but of this, a total of 2,700 acres were failed or abandoned, according to Curt Miller, director of the Parmer County CFSA.

"The yield from the 1996 crop has been remarkable, especially in light of the way crop conditions started out at planting time last spring," Miller said, referring to the dry, dry winter and early spring.

"This year's crop yield was considerably higher than normal," said Jerry Butman, manager of the Friona Farmers Co-op Gin. "Many farmers averaged over two bales per acre, and some even topped the three-bale mark," Butman said. He estimated that the cotton in this area averaged 1200 to 1300 pounds per acre.

Cotton price has been fairly stable ever since harvest began, and has been "fairly steady" at 63 or 64 cents per pound. Butman said that many, if not most of his customers had already sold their crop. Many had obligations to pay off with their cotton.

Using the cotton count listed above, X 500 (pounds per bale) and the 63 cents per pound reveals that the 1996 crop will be worth just over \$33 million to the county's farmers--and the area's economy.

The USDA uses an average of 480 pounds per bale--so the final figures on bales for Parmer county might prove somewhat higher than our survey figures. Butman said that the Co-op Gin's bales averaged about 505 pounds per bale, and other gins should average at least 490 pounds.

Other outstanding years from a cotton standpoint include the 1990 crop, which now is the third-best overall, with 83,100 bales ginned; the 1993 crop, with 83,000 bales; 1995 crop with 81,000. These are the only years, in addition to 1991 and '96, to have topped 80,000 bales.

Beet Grower Banquet On Saturday

The Texas New Mexico Sugar Beet Growers Association will hold its annual banquet Saturday, January 18 in Hereford, said Kenneth Frye, association president.

The banquet will be at 7 p.m. at the Deaf Smith County Bull Barn.

Guest speaker at the 32nd annual banquet will be Lewis Baumgartner, a humorist who claims to be "the world's worst farmer."

The banquet will also feature the traditional award for the Deaf Smith County "Man of the Year in Agriculture." Growers who produced 10,000 pounds of refined sugar per acre will also be recognized.

"We urge all area beet growers and those interested in becoming growers to attend the banquet," said Frye. "Beets offer us an outstanding alternative crop for this area. Information presented will be of vital importance as we head toward planting the 1997 crop in just over two months."

For more information on the banquet, contact the growers association office at 806-364-6402.

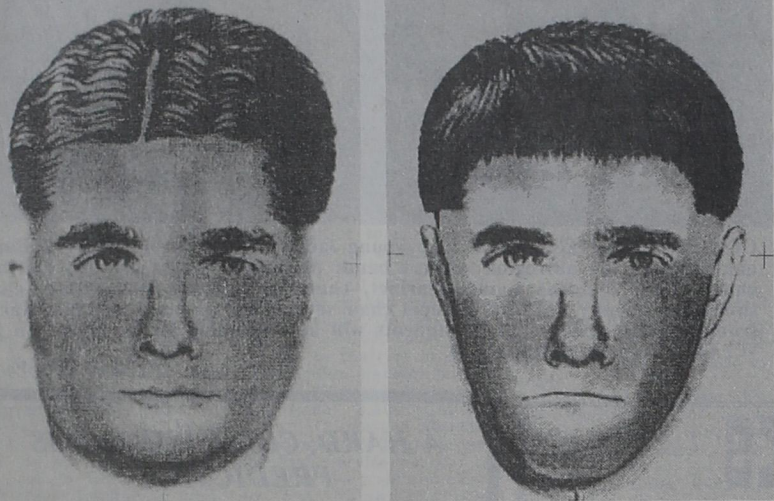


CARRIE COX

Friona High junior Carrie Cox was selected to the Association of Texas Small School Bands all-state band during tryouts recently at Sundown. Miss Cox plays bass clarinet and will participate at the all-state band concert at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in San Antonio February 15.

While Friona band members often qualify during all-regional competition, Band Director Zane Polson stated that this is the first Friona band member he can recall to make all-state since he came to Friona for the 1982-83 school year.

Carrie is the daughter of Terri and Leroy Cox.



ARTIST'S SKETCH....Witnesses who were in the Allsup's store minutes before last Saturday's robbery was committed gave the following description of one or more suspicious persons who were in the store. Hispanic male, 17-20 years old, 5'11", 180-200 lbs., clean shaven, black hair cut above the ears. Anyone having information on this crime or persons matching this description, is asked to contact the Friona Police Department at 806-247-2711 or Parmer County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-744-TIPS. A reward is offered.

Beating Leaves Snyder Critical

Tory Lynn Snyder, 24, of Friona, remains in critical condition at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo as a result of an apparent January 11 robbery at Friona's west Allsup's store.

Snyder suffered massive head injuries during the robbery. He was transported to NWH by Friona EMS ambulance where he underwent a four and one-half hour operation.

Officials said that he suffered at least three blows to the head with a blunt instrument. Snyder was discovered in a store aisle by two customers about 4:35 a.m. Saturday. An undetermined amount of money was taken during the robbery.

Two other local men who entered the store around 4:15 a.m. to make purchases, reported to police seeing at least one Hispanic male customer in the store.

Both men, who were in the store at separate times, came forward to give police a description of the man they observed. Local police, in conjunction with the Clovis Police Department, have released two composite drawings of a possible suspect or suspects.

Police Chief Randy Geries reported last Wednesday that due to the nature and severity of his injuries, police have been unable to question Snyder.

The composite drawings appear elsewhere in this issue. If you have any information regarding suspects, please call the Friona Police Department at 806-247-2711, or Parmer County Crime Stoppers at 800-774-TIPS, or 481-9178.

Parmer County Crimestoppers will pay a reward of up to \$1,000 for

information leading to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons responsible.

Snyder moved to Friona from Lubbock and lives with his grandmother, Cora Snyder. He had been employed at Allsup's for about one year.

At press time, his condition was reported as slightly improved. Although doctors stated he remains in critical condition, they were able to remove him from a respirator.

A love fund has been established at Friona State Bank to assist the Snyder family with expenses during this lengthy recovery period.

Donations for the Tory Lynn Snyder Love Fund may be made at Friona State Bank.

Work Underway On Special FHS Football Issue

The Friona Star is at work preparing a special souvenir edition, to commemorate the Friona Chieftains' outstanding season.

The issue will contain photographs, summaries of each of the team's 15 games, statistics, and a listing of the many new football records the team has set.

If you have an outstanding photo regarding the season that you believe we'd be interested in, please contact us ASAP.

Watch the Star for information on the issue. It will be printed on special book paper, and will not be mailed to subscribers.

Love Fund Established For Tory Lynn Snyder

Donations and deposits may be made at Friona State Bank for 24-year-old Tory Lynn Snyder.

He was critically injured in the January 11 robbery at Friona's west Allsup's store. He remains hospitalized at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

The Tory Lynn Snyder Love Fund has been established at the bank to assist the family with related expenses. Your assistance, thoughts, and prayers will be appreciated.

Area Gets Good Snow Moisture

The second winter snowstorm in as many weeks dumped around six inches of snow on the area, bringing with it some beneficial moisture.

The current week's snow "melt" amounted to .50 inches of moisture. The previous week, six inches were received: Monday, two inches; Tuesday, two, and Wednesday, two. The melt on those snows came to .44 inches, making the two weeks' moisture total .94 inches.

This week's measurement was far more than was received for the first five months of 1996. And the 12 inches of snow tops the three-inch measurement of last February, which was all the snowfall received in the January-March period.

A glance at the moisture received in Friona shows that at least average moisture was

received from June through September, when 13.48 inches of rain was measured.

That leaves only 2.3 inches of moisture which was scattered over eight months.

July turned out to be the "wet month," with 4.75 inches. August brought 3.48 inches, and September 3.49 inches. That's 11.72 inches for the three wettest months.

Here are the official figures, compiled by Bill Ellis, local weather recorder:

January: .05; February: .31 (3.0 inches of snow); March: .00; April: .00; May: .14; June: 1.76; July: 4.75; August: 3.48; September: 3.49; October: .90; November: .77; December: .13.

Temperatures

Date	Hi-Low
Thursday, January 9	36-16
Friday, January 10	25-19
Saturday, January 11	21-2
Sunday, January 12	7-2
Monday, January 13	11-3
Tuesday, January 14	28-13
Wednesday, Jan. 15	43-15

VFW Chicken Dinner Set For January 26

The Friona VFW Post will serve their popular chicken dinner on Sunday, January 26, at the local Legion Hall on Sixth Street.

The menu will consist of fried chicken, salad, mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy, rolls, and dessert.

The meal will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12.

Chamber Needs Nominations

The Friona Chamber of Commerce is now taking nominations for Man, Woman, Citizen, Employee, Teacher and Students of the Year.

These awards will be given at the 1997 Chamber Banquet scheduled for March 15.

You may submit your nomination by coming by the Chamber office and picking up a nomination form. Deadline for nominations is Friday, February 28.



HELPING HANDS.....Larry Knowles and Marca Lynn Herring, of Friona State Bank, represent the local United Way as they accept a \$1,000 donation from Classic Cable. Matt Howell, chief technician from Tulia, and Chet Hawkins of Friona, present the donation on behalf of Classic Cable.

(Ron Carr Photo)



ICICLES GALORE....Large icicles were everywhere this week, after nice snowfall and the season's lowest temperatures hit. The Old Depot is shown sporting its winter attire in Friona City Park.



SYMPHONIC SOUNDS....These fine young people qualified for the all-region symphonic band: (left-right) Janet Presley, French horn, chair eight; Shiela Wiseman, flute, chair seven; Carrie Cox, bass clarinet, chair one; and Leander Davila, euphonium, chair three. Carrie and Leander qualified to audition at the area level for a chair on the all-state band.

(Ron Carr Photo)



CONCERT CUTIES....These four young ladies, members of the FHS Band, qualified for the all-region concert band: (left-right) Kayla McCoy, clarinet, chair three; Melodee Lamb, clarinet, chair one; Sarah Hale, flute, chair twelve; and Jenny Ahrhart, trumpet chair seven. Not pictured is Omar Garza, trumpet, chair eleven. These students will be rehearsing for a concert on the WTAMU campus on January 18.

(Ron Carr Photo)

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

...from the files of the Friona Star

70 Yrs Ago-Jan. 18, 1927

Friona and Farwell are to engage in a basketball game Friday, Jan. 28. If the weather is good, the game will be played at Farwell on their outdoor court. If the weather is bad, the game will be played in the Friona High School Gym.

65 Yrs Ago-Jan. 15, 1932

It has been a mooted question as to whether cattle can be fed here on the Plains at a profit and whether or not one should undertake such a project with any expectation of breaking even financially. Messrs. Truitt and Landrum of this place have been feeding a few hundred head of calves and cows here during the past few months, are receiving satisfactory results from their efforts.

55 Yrs Ago-Jan. 23, 1942

Price Brookfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. F.P. Brookfield of Friona, is riding to fame on the strength of his part in the winning record of the mighty Buffalo basketball team of West Texas State. An Amarillo news story of this week states that "Brookie" is the spark plug of the team, which is standing 16-1 for the season and has been swept into the national spotlight, billed as the "world's tallest

A.D. Edens Buried In Guymon

A.D. Edens, 65, of Guymon, Oklahoma, died Sunday, January 5, 1997.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 8, 1997 in Sunset Lane Baptist Church with the Rev. Lloyd Riddles, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Elmhurst Cemetery by Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home.

Edens was born in Leonard, Texas on May 31, 1931 and attended schools in Plainview, Texas and Hereford. He married Cleta Stowers in 1955 at Friona and moved to Guymon from Friona in 1955.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War. He and his brother, Bill, were co-founders of the Texas County Sheriff's Posse. He was a member of Sunset Lane Baptist Church and was the owner and operator of Edens Trucking.

Survivors include his wife, Cleta Rea (Stowers) Edens of Guymon, Oklahoma; two daughters, Amanda Derrick and Toni Nolan, both of Guymon; a son, Danny Edens of Guymon; a sister, Barbara Morgan of Ardmore; and five grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Marvin Andrews, Rex Danner, Bob O'Hanlon, Jr. Davidson, Bill Hacker and Miguel Vargas.

Richard Gray and Mike Schaefer were honorary pallbearers.

The family suggests memorials be to a favorite charity. Memorials will be accepted at Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1112, Guymon, Oklahoma, 73942.

team."

45 Yrs Ago-Jan. 17, 1952

Fire early Wednesday morning swept through the Friona Poultry and Egg Firm here, destroying merchandise and equipment of several thousand dollars value. Much of the building was a total loss. All equipment, including office machines in the front of the building, was lost. S.T. Thornton is owner of the firm.

40 Yrs Ago-Jan. 17, 1957

Dr. Leon Hill, Texas humorist, traveler, philosopher and author, will be the featured speaker at the annual Friona Chamber of Commerce banquet Thursday. The result of a brainstorm session by the Friona school board on Monday night was the board's decision to "centralize" its facilities on its present site, rather than moving some part of the system to the acreage in the Staley Addition in the western part of town.

35 Yrs Ago-Jan. 18, 1962

Carbon monoxide poisoning was blamed for the death of one man in Friona last week. Twelve other persons were treated at Parmer County Community Hospital after receiving doses of the gas.

Leo McLellan, 58, former postmaster, was found dead in his home Thursday morning. His wife, Lillian and son, Joe were also found unconscious and were rushed to the hospital where they were at first given no more than a 50-50 chance for survival.

30 Yrs Ago-Jan. 19, 1967

After almost seven years in business, Friona Lanes, Inc. will close on Friday, according to W.H. Graham, owner. The bowling establishment was built in 1960 by Ed Hicks, Dean Bingham and Doyle Elliot. Graham purchased the business from Hicks in 1963. Eddie Irwin leased the business this past year.

25 Yrs Ago-Jan. 20, 1972

Postal receipts at the Friona Post Office set an all-time record, for the calendar year 1971, according to Wright Williams, postmaster. At the same time, Williams announced that the Friona Post Office will advance in rank, becoming a first class office on July 1, 1972.

The Cunningham triplets, Sherry Ann, Corey Dale and Shelly Gail, observed their first birthday Saturday, January 15. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. James Cunningham of Friona.

20 Yrs Ago-Jan. 16, 1977

Snow, which began late Saturday afternoon, and a brisk north wind combined to chill anyone venturing out of doors, severely restricted visibility and caused hazardous driving conditions for motorists during the weekend. Approximately three inches of snow fell in the Friona area, although drifting prevented accurate

measurement.

Once again the Friona Chamber of Commerce has landed a top notch personality to serve as principle speaker at its annual banquet. Zig Ziglar, noted motivational expert and author, will speak at the annual Chamber fete on Thursday, January 27.

15 Yrs Ago-Jan. 17, 1982

Parmer County commissioners will meet Monday to finalize the redrawing of the county's voting precincts, in order that the four precincts will have more equal population and all residents will be more equally represented.

The City of Friona awarded a contract on a 1,000,000 gallon water reservoir tank, to be located at the city's new water field 1 1/2 miles northeast of the city limits, at a meeting of the City Council January 11.

Among the political announcements carried in this issue were: Porter Roberts for re-elections as Parmer County Judge; Jack D. Young as District Judge for the 287th Judicial District of Texas; and Bonnie Warren as Parmer County Clerk.

10 Yrs Ago-Jan. 17, 1987

The Community Heritage Society held its annual meeting on January 15 at the Bank Community Room for the purpose of electing officers, board members and discussing future and immediate plans for the renovation of the old Santa

HS Students Compete At Seminole

The Friona High School speech team competed in a meet at Seminole on January 10-11. Twenty-four schools competed in the meet.

Results are as follows:
Quarterfinals
 Novice LD--Dalinda Black; championship LD--Clint Burney.

Semifinals
 Brown bag improvement--Candi Baca, Zubin Bhakta, Kayla Wyly and Jonathan Espinoza; informative--Richard Flores and Justin Grimsley.
 Novice interpretation--Zubin Bhakta and Jonathan Espinoza; cold interpretation--Jason Slagle and Zubin Bhakta.

Duet improv.--Kayla Wyly and Zubin Bhakta; prose--Jennifer McDonald; impromptu--Eric Espinoza.

Finals
 Novice interpretation--Kayla Wyly; novice extemporaneous--Clint Burney.

Third championship LD--Eric Espinoza; second radio broadcasting--Justin Grimsley; second championship CX debate--Jason Slagle and Justin Grimsley.

Second group lip sync--Justin Grimsley, Jennifer McDonald, Kayla Wyly, Kayla McCoy, Candi Baca, Coby Clark, Jenny Ahrhart, Jason Slagle and Lacy Venhaus.

Fe Depot building which has been moved to the middle of the City Park. Beautification of the Park.

Adolphus and Mary Grubbs were honored with a Golden Wedding Anniversary reception at the Bank Community Room on December 28. They were married January 10, 1937 in Lockney.

5 Yrs Ago-Jan. 18, 1992

During the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Friona Independent School District on January 13, Superintendent Hal Ratcliff reported that school enrollment as of December 20th stood at 1261, as compared to 1237 one year ago.

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By RON CARR



"The era of big government is over."

Clinton-1996. Did I promise that I would not write about politics this year? I don't think so.

I did promise not to use the words "President" and "Clinton" together for the next four years or as long as Clinton holds the office, whichever comes first.

This is not about Clinton, per se. (Per se means "by itself") Therefore, what I said was that this is not just about Clinton by itself. It is about Clinton only because he is a politician.

This is about politicians, per se, i.e., big government. (i.e. is latin for id est and means "in other words"). So, in other words, this is about big government politicians.

Now, see, you have learned two new terms this week, Per se and i.e. One of my goals in 1997 is to try and lift your intellectual level to at least the approximate height of the hood ornament on a Chevy low rider.

People who are employed by the government, like big government. The bigger the better.

After all, from what I can tell, the government pays pretty well, has good medical and retirement benefits, and is so big that it's possible to have a government job and nobody even knows what you do.

No one at government really wants government to shrink, regardless of what they say publicly. If you had a "guy" job where you could retire after 20-30 years with a hefty monthly, would you voluntarily give it up? I don't think so.

Truth is, big government spends a lot of money and keeps getting bigger.

No one ever seems to say, lets not do this, lets save the money. Seems like we do a lot of things at the government that really we could do without and save the money.

Take the inauguration ceremony on Monday, January 20. We went through a long, protracted, expensive presidential campaign to elect the next president, who turned out to be the current president.

So my question is why it is necessary to re-inaugurate Clinton since he has been inaugurated once. Have you checked out (or do you care) how much it will cost in terms of money and personnel to pull off this inaugural?

Actually, the inaugural ceremonial parties (balls, they call them in D. C.) begin on Saturday, January 18. You have to buy an expensive ticket to attend one of the more than a dozen glitzy balls. Ticket sales are supposed to cover the cost of the festivities, but it probably will not even get close.

Consider just the cost of military participation in the "festivities", according to a recent report in USA Today.

Hundreds of military officials are mobilized for this second inauguration, complete with a command post.

There is an inaugural "war room" where five clocks track time zones, 10 TV monitors display network news and The Weather Channel, and military drills are organized to prepare for possible disaster or delay.

It will take at least 2,000 soldiers to pull off the pomp, circumstance and ceremony for the January 20 ceremony, according to USA Today.

Add to that roster some 2,500 civilian planners on the staff of Clinton's inaugural committee; 3,400 Capitol police, D.C. cops and National Guardsmen to keep order; 200 Park Service workers to look after the grass and clean up the sidewalks; 100 volunteer florists to spruce things up.

This inaugural "army" will cost taxpayers plenty:

*\$950,000 for the swearing-in ceremony, including construction of a platform on the Capitol steps and a congressional VIP luncheon.

*\$400,000 to the Park Service and \$600,000 to the Park Police.

*\$5.7 million to the D. C. city government for hosting tens of thousands of revelers, including a special round of health-code inspections of the hotels and restaurants nearest the action.

*\$4.7 million spent by the Defense Department to set up its Armed Forces Inaugural command center in a former Naval Intelligence building on a suburban Maryland federal campus.

Another 1,200 service personnel will line Pennsylvania Avenue during the parade.

All of these military costs total over \$12,350,000.

Speaking of the parade, I read somewhere that there will be one band from each state marching along Pennsylvania Avenue. It did not say who paid to get them there but you can bet a lot of people sacrificed at car washes and bake sales.

Last weekend I saw a TV report where a lot of people were rehearsing the inaugural event. One young man was standing there with a sign

around his neck that said "vice-president" as they showed him where to stand.

I am not sure exactly how long the actual oath of office lasts since I don't ever remember watching one. Seems to me it is only a couple of minutes or so.

What bothers me about all this is why it is necessary. Do we still need pomp and circumstance when there are many other human problems to deal with?

All those millions of dollars and hours of time wasted just to administer an oath. Looks like they could just have Billy Jeff drop by an office for a second, take the oath, then get back to work.

I checked with the folks over in Farwell to see if Parmer County has an inauguration budget. They said, "Huh?"

I think those folks in Washington should do like Parmer County and most other small counties around the USA. Here we just had Rex, Doris, Johnny, and Jerry stop by the courthouse and we swore the whole bunch in at the same time.

Took five minutes and probably cost somewhere under \$10 for the whole dang event.

There were no reviewing stands and no parades afterwards. Sheriff Williams did offer to deliver an inaugural address, but everybody said they were really busy. "Besides," Bonnie Warren said, "we've been listening to you talk all year Rex."

I just can't find any positive reasons to spend those millions for something as simple as an inauguration. Surely someone somewhere could use those funds to feed or educate needy people.

It just seems like a waste of time and money. Maybe it is just me. Maybe I am just getting old and crusty because I find myself not liking all those TV and Movie Award shows any more either.

The era of big government is not over, per se, i.e. you ain't seen nothing yet and there is nothing you can do about it.

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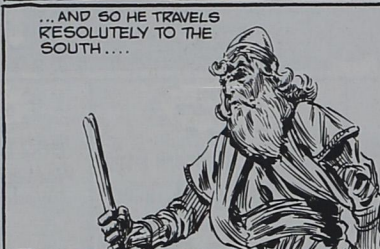
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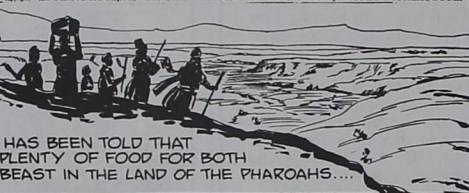
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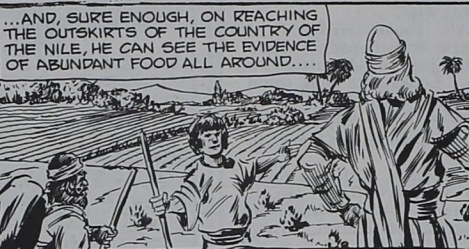
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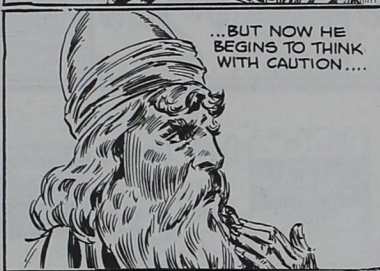
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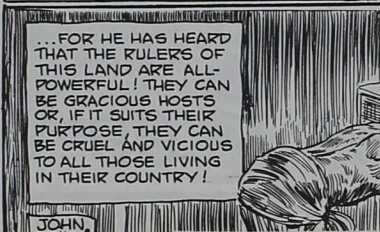
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Wilkerson's Services Held Here

Funeral services for Randy Wilkerson, 35, of Crowell, Texas, were held at 2 p.m. Friday, January 17, 1997 at Calvary Baptist Church in Friona with Rev. Vergil Ichtertz, pastor officiating, and Rev. Brent Rashall.

Burial was in Friona Memorial Park.

Wilkerson died January 12, 1997. He was born February 3, 1961 in Friona. He lived in Crowell one month moving from Lazbuddie.

He was a cowboy working with cattle, was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and graduated from Friona High School in 1979.

Survivors include one daughter, Averi Wilkerson of Dora, New Mexico; his parents, Junior Wilkerson of Clarendon and Katie Mae Wilkerson of Clarendon; one brother, Ronnie Wilkerson of Lazbuddie; and one sister, Debbie Pool of Big Springs, Texas.

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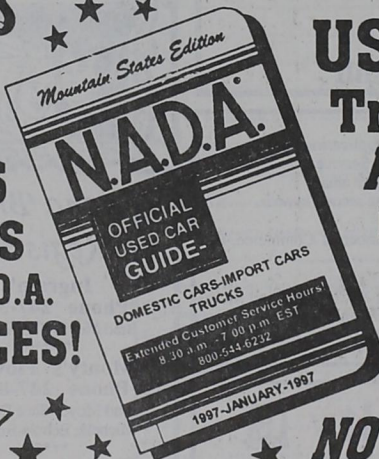
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The Chieftain basketballers split their district games during the week, edging River Road in Amarillo last Friday, 66-64, before losing to Dimmitt here Tuesday, 82-55.

In the game at River Road, Quint Ellis hit two baskets, one a three-pointer, and David Shelby scored seven, as Friona jumped out to a 20-13 lead.

The teams traded baskets in the second quarter, and Friona went to halftime with a 37-36 lead.

Friona outscored the Wildcats, 17-14 in the 3Q, to take a 55-51 lead, and then held off the 'Cats for the win.

Ellis scored 20, Kyle Grimsley 16 and Shelby 13.

When the team hosted Dimmitt on Tuesday, the Bobcats showed some reasons they were ranked sixth in state. In fact, some fans may have wondered why Tulia was ranked above the Bobcats.

The run-and-gun 'Cats, sparked by a pair of three-point baskets, scored 12 unanswered points to start the game up by 12-0.

The Chieftains just couldn't get a shot to fall. They got some shots, but they would go in and out, or rim the basket and fall off. Charlie Milner finally broke the ice for Friona with a jump shot with 2:36 gone in the game. Dimmitt responded with seven more points, and had a comfortable 19-2 lead with 3:05 remaining in the quarter.

The Chiefs finally got the lid off the basket, as Shane Blackburn canned a three-pointer, Milner connected on a rebound shot, and Quint Ellis made good on a follow shot. Dimmitt still led, 26-10, at the end of one.

Ellis and Milner made baskets, Justin Daniel made a jump shot, Kyle Grimsley sank a pair of baskets and Aaron King got a jumper to fall, and the Chiefs had made it respectable, trailing 36-24. They had outscored Dimmitt 10-2 in a 2.5 minute period. If they could do that again, the game would be tied.

But Dimmitt answered the challenge, and they were the ones to outscore Friona, 11-5 in the remainder of the period, to claim a halftime lead of 47-29.

The 'Cats outscored Friona 10-4 in the first five minutes of the third quarter, for a 57-33 lead, before King got a three-pointer. It was 63-36 after three quarters.

The Chieftains never quit. Ellis sank a three-pointer and a two, to open the fourth quarter. After Daniel made a pair of free throws, Ellis made a lay-in, was fouled and converted, for a 50-76 deficit.

King got another three-pointer, and Angel Vega made a pretty layup shot to close out Friona's scoring.

Ellis was Friona's only player in double figures, with 22 points, as most of the team was having an off night.

CHIEFS 66, R.Rd. 64
Aaron King 2-2-6; Shane Blackburn 0-1-1; Angel Vega 2-2-6; Quint Ellis 7-2*-0-20; Justin Daniel 1-0-2; Kyle Grimsley 6-4-16; David Shelby 6-1-13; Charlie Milner 1-0-2. *3-point baskets.

DHS 82, CHIEFS 57
King 1*-1-6; Blackburn 2*-0-6; Vega 1-0-2; Ellis 8-1*-3-22; Daniel 1-2-4; Grimsley 3-2-8; Shelby 1-0-2; Milner 3-1-7. *3-point baskets.



JUMP FOR THREE.....Chieftain guard Aaron King (12) offers up a three-point jump attempt as the Chiefs chased Dimmitt all night enroute to an 82-57 loss. King scored 6 points. The Castro County News reported that the Dimmitt Bobcats have won their last 44 games against Friona. Other Chiefs are Kyle Grimsley (34) and Shane Blackburn (21) (Ron Carr Photo)



FOLLOW THROUGH.....Friona Squaw point guard April Pope shoots a free throw against Dimmitt. The Bobbies breezed past the Squaws 62-42. Pope scored 5 points for the night. The Squaws finished the first half of district play with a 3-4 record. (Ron Carr Photo)

Squaws Lose To Wildcats, Bobbies

The FHS Squaws played well at River Road last Friday, coming back from a bad first quarter to give the district-leading Lady Wildcats a close call, before losing by two, 32-30.

The win kept the Lady 'Cats unbeaten in district play (6-0), while Friona dropped to 3-3 in district.

The Squaws were very cold at the beginning, and River Road built a 15-2 lead at the end of the quarter. Whitney Ellis hit Friona's only points.

The Squaws came back in the second quarter with 14 points. Tammy Spencer nailed a three-pointer, and Amber Martin was four for four at the line. Friona went to halftime trailing 26-16.

Friona continued to struggle from the field, getting only a pair of baskets, one by Miss Martin and the other from Miss Spencer, in the second half. The team did hit their free

throws, making 10 of 14 from the line, as they made a game of it. But Friona just couldn't overcome the home team.

Miss Martin led Friona scoring with eight points.

In their game this Tuesday against Dimmitt, the Squaws once again started out just as cold as the weather outside.

Sandra Gonzales hit a pair of baskets for Friona's only scoring, and the visiting Bobbies took a 17-4 lead.

Miss Gonzales continued to be Friona's most consistent scorer, making a pair of follow-up shots for the Squaws, but the team went to halftime trailing 30-15.

Jamie Stokes had a hot hand to start the third quarter, scoring on three straight trips downcourt, and this trimmed Dimmitt's margin to 11 points, 32-21.

Then, Amber Martin hit a free throw, stole the ball and scored a layup, for a 32-23 deficit.

Whitney Ellis took her turn, scoring on a layup and a hook shot, to trim the lead to 36-28. April Pope made two free throws for a 38-30 score at the end of the quarter.

The Bobbies outscored the Squaws, 9-2 to open the fourth quarter, to take a 47-32 lead. Miss Ellis scored a layup for a 47-34 score, but Dimmitt answered with ten more unanswered points, and had the game under control at 57-34 with 2:35 left to play.

Riv. Rd. 32, SQUAWS 30
April Pope 1*-2-5; Amber Martin 1-6-8; Whitney Ellis 2-1-5; Jamie Stokes 1-3-5; Sheri Fiel 1-0-2; Tammy Spencer 1-1*-2-7.

DHS 63, SQUAWS 42
Pope 1*-2-5; Sandra Gonzales 3-0-6; Martin 2-6-10; Ellis 5-0-10; Stokes 4-0-8; Fiel 1-0-2; Spencer -1-1.

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1988.....	46,000
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1948.....	2,450
1947.....	2,910
1946.....	140
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1944.....	410
1943.....	1,480
1942.....	1,560
1941.....	1,600
1940.....	4,720
1939.....	5,330
1938.....	2,740
1937.....	9,480
1936.....	4,680
1935.....	3,350
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1933.....	7,430
1932.....	3,320
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SQUAW JV WINS PAIR; STAND 5-1 IN DISTRICT

The Squaws' junior varsity team is doing well in District 1-3A with a 5-1 record, having lost only to Muleshoe.

In the past week, the team downed River Road, 76-39, and Dimmitt, 61-51.

In the River Road game, Sarah Hendley scored 21, VLynda Wilcox had 17, Robin Grantham 15 and Crystal Dow 11.

On Tuesday, Miss Dow scored 23 to pace the scoring, and Miss Grantham 12. The team stands at 9-6 for the season.

SQUAW JV 76, R.R. 39
Ruby Aronce 1-0-2; Sarah Hendley 10-1-21; M'Kell Jarecki 3-2-8; Crystal Dow 4-3-11; Robin Grantham 7-1-15; Chris Rodriguez 1-0-2; VLynda Wilcox 7-3-17.

SQUAW JV 61, DHS 51
Diamond Aguirre 1-0-2; Aronce 3-2-8; Hendley 0-2-2; Jarecki 1-0-2; Dow 9-5-23; Grantham 4-4-12; Rodriguez 1-2-4; Wilcox 3-2-8.

April Torres Participates In Program

By APRIL TORRES
I am the seventeen year old daughter of Rafael and Magdalena Torres. I am a senior and it is my second year in the co-op program. I am employed by Friona Rural Health Clinic.

By working at Friona Rural Health Clinic, I am enhancing my knowledge about the business world. It teaches me responsibility and helps me make decisions about the future.

I would like to thank Mr. Bronniman in the co-op program and Marilyn Watson for giving me the opportunity to work at FRHC. Especially I would like to thank the GANG.



APRIL TORRES

C. Carthel Listed On Dean's List

Colby Don Carthel of Friona, a student attending Angelo State University in San Angelo, is listed on the Dean's List for the fall semester at the university.

Carthel is a biology major at ASU. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled as a full time student and have at least a 3.25 grade point average.

FHS Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	J.V. GIRLS	J.V. BOYS	VARSITY GIRLS	VARSITY BOYS
Tues., Jan. 7	*Tulia	Here	7:30	6:00	6:00	7:30
Fri., Jan. 10	*River Road	There	7:30	6:00	6:00	7:30
Tues., Jan. 14	*Dimmitt	Here	7:30	6:00	6:00	7:30
Thurs.-Sat. Jan. 16-18	Whiteface J.V. Tour.		TBA	TBA		
Fri., Jan. 17	*Dalhart	Here	7:30	6:00	6:00	7:30
Tues., Jan. 21	*Muleshoe	Here	7:30	6:00	6:00	7:30
Fri., Jan. 24	*Sanford-Fritch	There	7:30	6:00	6:00	7:30
Tues., Jan. 28	*Tulia	There	7:30	6:00	6:00	7:30
Fri., Jan. 31	*River Road	Here	7:30	6:00	6:00	7:30
Tues., Feb. 4	*Dimmitt	There	7:30	6:00	6:00	7:30
Fri., Feb. 7	*Penyton	Here	7:30	6:00	6:00	7:30
Tues., Feb. 11	*Muleshoe	There	7:30	6:00	6:00	7:30
Fri., Feb. 14	*Dalhart	There	7:30	6:00	6:00	7:30

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DR. COBY DON PERKINS ...Parker College of Chiropractic of Dallas conferred Doctor of Chiropractic Degrees on 113 candidates Saturday, December 14. Among the recipients was Coby Don Perkins, a graduate of Hereford High School, who also received a Bachelor of Science with a major in anatomy. Dr. Perkins is the son of James Perkins of Hereford and the late Diane Jack Perkins. He is also the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Perkins of Friona and Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Jack of Hereford, who attended the commencement.

Modern Study Club Hosts Heart Forum

Heart disease kills more women than all cancers combined. It is the leading cause of hospitalization and death in post-menopausal women, yet it is often undiagnosed until the late stages of illness.

Although few women develop cardiovascular disease before menopause, one in nine women between the ages of 45 and 64 has some form of heart disease. After age 65, the number jumps to one in three women. Black women are sixty per cent more likely to die of heart disease than white women.

On January 21, Modern Study Club will host a community educational forum on women's health risks from heart disease. Mary Johnston, a representative of the American Heart Association, will present practical information about diagnosis, treatment and prevention of heart disease, including ways that women can reduce their risk for the disease. The forum will begin at 7:30 p.m., January 21, 1996, at Friona's Union Congregational Church.

"No woman can afford to make the assumption that heart disease is something that only men develop," said Sandra Turner, program director. "Prevention, early detection and treatment are the best strategies available and every woman should know how to use them."

Boy Born To Roddy Berends

Roddy and Sandra Berend are the parents of a baby boy born December 28 at 4:34 p.m. at High Plains Baptist Hospital, Amarillo.

Named Brandon Michael, the new arrival weighed eight pounds, three ounces and was twenty inches long. Brandon has one sister, Brittany, five years old, and one brother, Jason, three.

Grandparents are Leroy and JoAnn Berend of Friona and Bill and Cathy Fairweather of Hereford.

Dorothy Berend of Hereford and Lucy Hess of Muenster, Texas are the child's great-grandparents.

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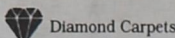


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Terri Loafman, Peter Golwas United In Church Ceremony

Terri Joan Loafman and Douglas Peter Golwas, both residents of Irving, exchanged wedding vows Saturday, December 14 at 7 p.m. in the Woodhaven Presbyterian Church of Irving.

The bride is the daughter of Bill and Maxine Loafman of Decatur and the granddaughter of Loy and Vuthill Loafman of Friona.

The bridegroom is the son of Pete and Phyllis Golwas of Abilene.

Church decorations included hurricane candles decorating the center aisle, enhanced with gold bows and greenery. A red carpet along with individual poinsettias

led the way to the poinsettia tree that was serving as the focal point of the sanctuary.

Grace Hood sang "In This Very Room," "One Hand, One Heart" and closed the ceremony with "I Will Be There." Carol West, harpist, presented "Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us" during the lighting of the unity candle. "Trumpet Voluntary," the attendants' march, was performed by Bob Helland on the trumpet, while Layne Littlejohn presented the traditional wedding march on the organ.

Stephanie Lowry of Bakersfield, California served her sister as maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were Leanne Miller of Arlington, Rebekah Wells of Bakersfield, California, Julie Perkins of Decatur, Lisa Rottner of Decatur, Brandy Neas of Bowie and Becky Peterson of Wichita Falls.

The female attendants wore formal length iridescent taffeta skirts in hunter green with waist length jacket tops in velveteen of the same color. They carried bouquets of fire and ice rosebuds accented with greenery.

Steve Golwas of Baton Rouge, Louisiana served his brother as best man. Groomsmen were Jeff Kowalski of Denton, Nick Voitos of Addison, Wayne Ledbetter of Lewisville, Michael Benton of Arlington, Mark Lowry of Bakersfield, California and John Elig of Flower Mound.

Serving as ushers were Steve Carson, John Wells, Scott Wells and Jim Cable.

The flower girl was Alisha Rottner, cousin of the bride, escorted by Kellen Miller, who is the bride's nephew.

Members of the houseparty were Jennifer Loafman, Brooke Loafman, Rachel Wells and Carly Bennett, all cousins of the bride.

As the bride was presented in marriage by her father, she was attired in a formal length gown of raw silk. The gown featured baroque pearls forming a sweetheart neckline with waistline and hem accented with the same baroque pearl trim. The train came together to form an open concept bustle.

Her chapel length veil was adorned with satin and pearls.

The bride carried a teardrop bouquet cascading with white dendrobium orchid sprays, white porcelain roses and off white gardenias accented with leatherleaf.

For something old, the bride carried her great-grandmother's wedding ring and wore her sister's wedding earrings for something borrowed.

The reception was held at Hackberry Creek Country Club in Irving after the ceremony. The bride's table was covered with a satin cloth to highlight the five layer cake of amaretta walnut.

A two layered chocolate amaretta cake decorated with frosted grapes and strawberries was served from the groom's table.

To complete the Christmas wedding theme, as the bride and groom left the church, they were showered with snow flakes and the ringing of gold sleigh bells monogrammed with their initials. These bells also were given as keepsakes for those in attendance.

The couple resides in the Southlake area after taking a wedding trip to Maui.

A graduate of Decatur High School, the bride will

graduate from North Texas State University in May. She will be teaching in the Birdwell School District.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Trinity High School and Texas Tech University. He is a marketing manager at Technol Medical Ind.

REHEARSAL DINNER

The rehearsal dinner was held in Grapevine at La Casa Mexican Restaurant. The groom's parents hosted the meal.

A luncheon was held at Runaway Bay Country Club in honor of the bride and her attendants on Friday before the Saturday wedding.

The bride and groom were given a couples shower as well as the bride being honored with a lingerie shower and a traditional miscellaneous shower.



MRS. DOUGLAS PETER GOLWAS

Fifth Graders Study Water Conservation

The fifth grade class at Friona Elementary School worked hard on their water conservation unit. They enjoyed studying about the Ogallala Aquifer, treatment plants and even designed and experimented with a treatment plant of their own.

The fifth graders even learned how Friona treats their water supply before it comes into homes and businesses. They learned and made many suggestions on how to conserve water and expressed those by making booklets, posters and cards.

Mrs. Taylor said the students really enjoyed working with their parents installing the low flow shower heads and other water saving devices. "We were all amazed at the amounts of water we use daily and we realized it is really easy to save great amounts of water by doing some really simple things. This was a really great program, and we feel honored that we were selected

to pilot the program."

The unit was completed by a visit from Mr. Carmon McCain and Ms. Lynn Moseley from the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 in Lubbock. They gave the class a great deal more information and answered any questions the students may have had.

Mrs. Taylor and the Friona fifth graders would like to thank Mr. McCain and Ms. Moseley for their support. They would also like to thank their parents for their help and support in this project.

"I feel that this was a great opportunity to learn about our environment in real life and meaningful situations since Friona experienced water rationing last summer. It helped the students understand why it took place. Not only did the students benefit, but also the parents and community," Mrs. Taylor commented.

Happy Birthday Friona Folks....

Week of January 19-25
Friona and area residents having birthdays next week include:

January 19--Larry Mohr, Gene Schueler, Iona Renner, Krista Renner, Jewell Robason, Kristi Neill, Susie Preston Perkins.

January 20--Brandon del Rosario, Peggy Sue Escobedo, Margie Wilkins, Dott Boatman, David Van Valkenburg, Darla Sue Procter, Arianna Pena.

B. Riethmayers Have Baby Boy

Mr. and Mrs. Brenton Riethmayer of Bryan, Texas became parents of a baby boy at 10 p.m. Saturday, January 4 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Bryan.

He weighed nine pounds, one ounce, was twenty-one inches long and was named Dawson Robert.

Grandparents are Mike and Becky Riethmayer of Friona and Charles and Hazel Shieldknight of Spearman.

Great-grandparents are Geneiva and Lester Stanley of Friona, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Shieldknight of Spearman and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hibbs of Enid, Oklahoma. Dawson is the first child for the couple.

It's A Boy For Micah Londons

Oran Lee is the name Mr. and Mrs. Micah London chose for the baby boy born to them Tuesday, January 7 at Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis, New Mexico.

He was born at 10:13 a.m. MST, weighed nine pounds, three ounces and was twenty-one and one-quarter inches long.

Oran has one sister, Jessie.

Grandparents are Jerry and Raye Jene London and JeDon and Kitty Gallman, all of Friona.

Loraine Gallman of Amarillo, Lillian Jones and Clyde and A.L. Black, all of Friona, are the great-grandparents.

January 21--Karen Carter.

January 22--Jeff Procter, Herbert Schueler, Courtney and Cameron Baxter, Hugh Moseley, Ann Kelley, Charles Turner.

January 23--Marc Hamil, Lori Schlenker.

January 24--Conny Dodson, Mark Edelman, Karen Wright, Greg Venhaus, Christina Escobedo, Marivel Castaneda, Tolby Royce Wilcox.

January 25--Nancy Edelman, David Murphree, Britny White, Jarrett Procter, Olga Rando, Dana Berend, Barbara Maynard, Tricia Kessler.

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, call the Friona Star office at 247-2211 by Wednesday noon.

Town Talk

By JUNE FLOYD

Call 247-3681 With Your News Items



Hasn't this past week been different? It has been a long long time since I've spent so much time inside due to snow and frigid temperatures outside.

As of Tuesday morning, we're really living in a beautiful Winter Wonderland. When I look out the west window I see several inches of snow all over the yard, trees that are beautifully decorated with small flakes of snow and a few birds picking up crumbs I have scattered out the back door for them.

Across the street I see a beautiful ice formation in front of the picture window in the home of Joe and Audrey Murphree and family. It started out as icicles a few days ago then when we had some thawing the icicles widened out and made a sheet of ice with jagged edges.

Looking at this formation makes me think of the stalactites in Carlsbad Caverns that are so majestic looking.

At least two persons who live farther north than we do spent the weekend visiting kin here.

Jim Surber of Leavenworth, Kansas stopped off at Benger Air Park as he was on his way to Phoenix, Arizona, for a visit in the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Kay and Gary Snead.

He was on a business mission and continued his journey Sunday afternoon.

Then, Joe Boggess, who lives at Whitefish, Montana, flew down for a weekend visit with his parents, Eugene and

Doris Boggess.

Ted Procter met him at Amarillo Airport Saturday and Clay Bandy took him back up there for his return flight on Monday.

Joe's sister, Robbie Rucker of Midland, Texas, was also a guest in the Boggess home.

Harley Davis, a former resident of Anchorage, Alaska, who is currently living in Carlsbad, New Mexico, has been visiting in the home of Leon and Jeffie Talley.

Davis, who is Jeffie's father, observed his eightieth birthday on Sunday.

Mike and Becky Riethmayer were in Bryan last weekend when their first grandchild, Dawson Robert Riethmayer, was born to Brenton and Carley Sheildknight Riethmayer.

Early in the week, Mike returned home but Becky stayed for a longer visit.

Barney Castleberry received word early this week of the death of a brother, Bill Castleberry, who had lived in Vernon, Texas many years.

Alvin and Murlene Gaines have both been patients at St. Anthony's Baptist Hospital in Amarillo. Alvin had surgery Monday and expects to be in the intensive care unit several days.

Murlene, who has had pneumonia, was dismissed Sunday afternoon and is recuperating at the home of her sister, who lives in Amarillo.

Kent Miller and daughter,

Masy, who live in Taos, New Mexico, came down last week for a visit with their local kith and kin.

They were guests in the home of his mother, Nelda Benge, who accompanied him and Masy to Shallowater, Sunday, for a visit in the home of Dana and Kendall Burton and daughters, Ellen, Jena and Haley.

The Millers also visited in the homes of Mildred May, Roy and Eva Miller and Curt, Kathi, Jacob and Caleb Miller before returning home early this week.

Meryl Massie returned home Thursday afternoon after spending four days as a patient in St. Anthony's Baptist Hospital, Amarillo.

He injured an ankle at his home and was taken to Amarillo for surgery.

His wife, Olive, reported, "He is making satisfactory progress at home but has to keep his foot elevated above his heart until we see the doctor again on Tuesday."

ATTENTION SENIOR CITIZENS.... Tuesday will be the third one this month, so start now making plans to attend the regularly scheduled noon covered dish luncheon at Friendship House. Zonah Bass, president, joins members in inviting anyone who is interested to attend.

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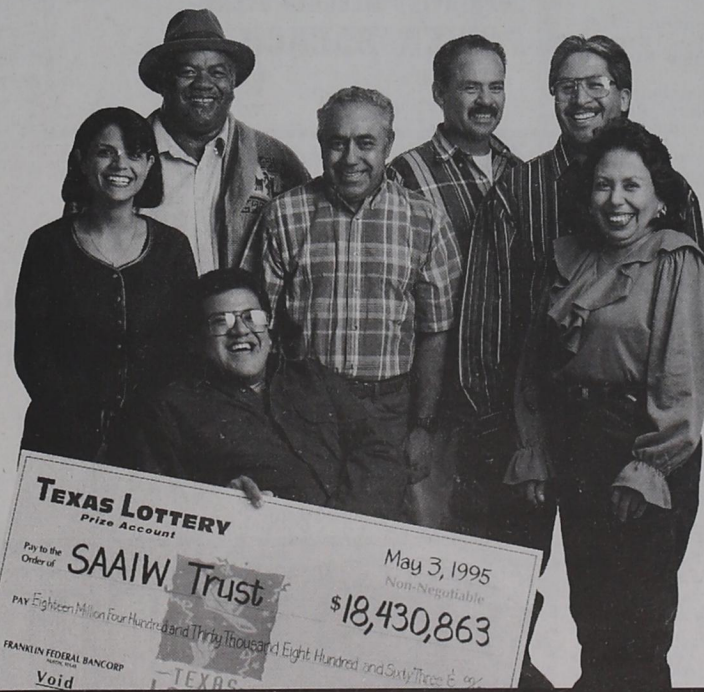
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SHAMBRYN WILSON and MATTHEW HUIE.... Mickey and Shirley Wilson of Hereford announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Shambryn Leigh, to Matthew Riggle Huie. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Bob and Janice Huie of Little Rock, Arkansas. The couple plans to be married June 14 in the First United Methodist Church of Hereford. The bride-elect graduated from Hereford High School in 1994 and is currently attending Texas A&M University where she is pursuing a bachelor of science degree in agribusiness. A 1994 graduate of A.C. Jones High School in Beeville, Huie is also attending Texas A&M and is pursuing a bachelor of science degree in agricultural development. Grandparents of the bride-elect are Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Wilson of Hereford, former Friona residents, and Mr. and Mrs. E.G. Phipps of Friona. Grandparents of the prospective bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. James Riggle of Beeville and Dr. W.O. Huie of Austin.

Friona Junior Stock Show Results Given

The Friona Junior Livestock Show was held last Saturday, January 4, 1997, at the Friona Community Center.

Results were as follows.
SHEEP
Finewool Lightweight: 1. (Reserve Champion) Keith Hunt; 2. Luke London; 3. Cassie London.
Finewool Heavyweight: 1. (Champion) M'Kell Jarecki; 2. Greg Lewellen; 3. Will Hughs.

Finewool Crosses: 1. (Champion) Ashlee Hunt; 2. (Reserve Champion) Cassie London; 3. Joni Johnson.

Southdowns: 1. (Champion) Keith Hunt; 2. (Reserve Champion) Kelby Monroe; 3. J'Mae Randolph.

MEDIUM WOOL
Lightweight: 1. Cassie London; 2. Billy Garner; 3. Luke London; 4. J'Mae Randolph; 5. Trevor Fields; 6. Christy Houston.

Middle Weight: 1. (Champion) Kevin Schueler; 2. David Drake; 3. Christy Bentley; 4. Christy Houston.

Heavy Weight: 1. (Reserve Champion) Ashlee Hunt; 2. Joni Johnson; 3. Katie Jack; 4. J'Lond Jarecki; 5. M'Kell Jarecki.

Jumbo Weight: 1. Ashlee Hunt; 2. Keith Hunt; 3. J'Lond Jarecki; 4. Greg Lewellen.

PIGS
BLACK OPB
1. (Champion) Chantell Lewellen; 2. (Reserve Champion) Keith Hunt; 3. Charee Lewellen.

CHESTERS
Lightweight-1. (Champion) Jeremy Campbell; 2. (Reserve Champion) J'Lond Jarecki; 3. Katie Jack; 4. Chantell Lewellen.

Heavyweight-1. Luke London; 2. Kelby Monroe; 3. Keith Hunt; 4. Leslie Fangman.

DUROC
1. (Champion) Misty Chesher; 2. (Reserve Champion) Kevin Schueler; 3. Jeremy Campbell; 4. Dustin Campbell; 5. Ashlee Hunt; 6. Chance Lewellen.

HAMPSHIRE
Lightweight-1. (Champion) Dustin Campbell; 2. M'Kell Jarecki; 3. Misty Chesher; 4. Hanna Carthel.

Middle weight-1. (Reserve Champion) Jeremy Campbell; 2. Molly Carthel; 3. Justin Jeter; 4. Kevin Schueler; 5. Andy Carthel; 6. Chantell Lewellen; 7. Chance Lewellen.

Heavy weight-1. Dustin Campbell; 2. Breann Barnett; 3. J'Lond Jarecki; 4. Steven Hunt; 5. Krysllyn Pacard; 6. Beau Barnett; 7. Trevor Field.

YORKSHIRE
Lightweight-1. (Reserve Champion) Leslie Fangman

2. Charee Lewellen; 3. Ryan Potts; 4. Chance Lewellen.

Middle weight-1. (Champion) Jeremy Campbell; 2. Luke London; 3. Chantell Lewellen; 4. Dustin Campbell.

Heavy weight-1. T. J. Randolph; 2. Joe Don Henry; 3. Andy Carthel; 4. Ryan Potts.

CROSSES
Lightweight-1. (Champion) Jeremy Campbell; 2. Charee Lewellen; 3. Ryan Potts; 4. Toby Jack; 5. Joe Don Henry; 6. Chantell Lewellen.

Middle weight-1. Molly Carthel; 2. Ryan Potts; 3. Misty chesher; 4. Billy Garner; 5. Steven Hunt; 6. Katie Jack; 7. Justin Jeter; 8. Trevor Field.

Heavy weight-Trenton Hunt; 2. Krysllyn Pacard; 3. Billy Garner.

Jumbo weight-1. Reserve Champion Kelby Monroe; 2. Jerrod Carr; 3. M'Kell Jarecki; 4. Beau Barnett; 5. J'Lond Jarecki; 6. Chantell Lewellen.

HEIFERS
1. (Champion) Alicia Smith; 2. (Reserve Champion) Breann Barnett.

STEERS
English breed-1. (Champion) T. J. Randolph; 2. (Reserve Champion) J'Lond Jarecki; 3. Joni Johnson.

Exotic breed-1. (Champion) Alicia Smith; 2. (Reserve Champion) Joni Johnson; 3. Chantell Lewellen.

Grand Champion Steer--Alicia Smith. Reserve Grand Champion Steer--T. J. Randolph.

Grand Champion Lamb--Kevin Schueler. Reserve Grand Champion Lamb--Ashlee Hunt.

Grand Champion Barrow--Jeremy Campbell. Reserve Champion Barrow--Misty Chesher.

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Women's Division Met Jan. 7

The Chamber of Commerce Women's Division board members met Tuesday, January 7.

Those present were Marca Herring, president; Nancy Edelman, vice president; Erin Barnett, secretary; Carol Boyd, Melissa Randolph, Lois Norwood, Peggy Monroe and Dawna Roach.

Christmas In The Park was reported to be a great success with more than 150 children having their picture taken with Santa.

The board discussed upcoming events, projects and meetings. The first general meeting is set for February 10 at Friona State Bank, so mark your calendars. The topic to be discussed is self-defense. If you are interested in being involved in the Women's Division, please contact the Chamber office at 247-3491.



COMPUTER BABIES....Not a computer class. A couple of "computer" babies for Patsy Allen's Parenting and Child Development Class are being used for the first time this year. Each student will be required to care for a baby for three days. The babies can be programmed to be cranky, happy and sick. Computers also monitor any neglect and how long the baby cries at night, etc. Allen says the class needs donations of strollers, car seats and/or baby carriers for the students to use. If you can help, contact Mrs. Allen at the high school.
(Ron Carr Photo)

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T-BONE STEAKS \$3.89 LB



FAMILY PACK

BEEF CUBE STEAKS \$2.19 LB

FAMILY PACK

CHUCK TENDER STEAKS \$1.99 LB

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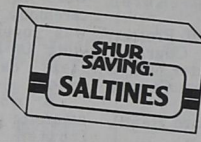


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10-CELCAPS NON DROWSY \$2.35**

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16 OZ BOX 79¢**



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8 OZ PKG \$1.69**

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**CHEESE SINGLES
10 OZ PKG-16 CT \$1.09**



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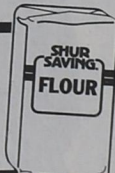
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