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Mitchell, Neal-Widner win school board seats

It was a light turnout and a narrow victory in the May 7 Bovina school board election. Six candidates were on the ballot to fill two vacant seats.

Mindy Neal-Widner was a handy winner with 88 of the 152 votes cast. Winner of the second seat was Larry Mitchell with 56 votes. Charles Wilkins had 52 votes, Esther Steelman 50, Honey Sue Gist 36, and Buddy Prather 14.

Votes will be canvassed and the two candidates sworn in during the board meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, May 16.

Special Olympics car wash May 13

The Friona Chieftains Special Olympics are having a 'Car Wash' this Friday, May 13 from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. They are trying to raise money to help with travel expenses to San Marcos May 18-22, where they will stay in dorms at Texas State University. While there, they will be competing in Basketball at State Level.

They also need volunteers to help with the car wash. If anyone is interested in helping, please call Donna Mullins at 250-3285 and leave a message.

Sports banquet tickets on sale May 13 & 16

Tickets to the Friona All Sports Banquet, to be held on Tuesday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m., can be purchased on Friday, May 13, or Monday, May 16 at Friona High School or at the door. Tickets are \$10.

Friona bands present spring concert May 19

It has been announced that the Friona Junior High and High School band departments will be presenting their annual Spring Concert on Thursday, May 19, at 7 p.m. in the Friona Junior High auditorium.

The bands will present a variety of music, from the traditional idiom, as well as pop. "We always look forward to this particular concert not only because of the music we perform, but also for the opportunity it gives us to honor our graduating seniors one last time," stated Ron McWilliams, band director.

The concert is free to the public and everyone is encouraged to come out and support the young musicians of Friona in their last performance of the year.

Physicals offered to Friona athletes May 21

Zack Thomas Physical Therapy and Panhandle Sports Clinic will be offering physicals to all Friona athletes in grades 7-12 (boys and girls) on Saturday, May 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The cost of the physical is \$15 and will be good for all sports in the 2005-2006 school year. If high school students have any questions, please contact Bob Ferguson at 250-3862 or Richard North at 250-8800; junior high students please contact Konrad Carroll at 250-2788.

Seventh graders will report at 9:30 a.m.; eighth graders at 10:00 a.m.; ninth graders at 10:30 a.m.; and all sophomores through seniors at 11:00 a.m.

FHS choir presents Follies on May 23

The Friona High School Choir will present "Coffee & Dessert Follies" on Monday, May 23 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the FHS cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased from any choir member. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Youth Fishing Day Sunday at Reeve Lake

Fishing in Friona is not a common practice for residents but a bunch of kids will tackle the sport Sunday May 15.

Texas Junior Anglers, Inc. (TJA), and the city of Friona will sponsor the first annual Youth Fishing Day at Reeve Lake located at the community center area on Highway 214, just behind Fast Stop. Fishing hours are 1-4 p.m. Pre-registration is not required.

The rules are these: registration form must be completed and turned in on-site; a waiver of responsibility must be signed by a parent or legal guardian; kids must be 16 years-old or younger to participate; catch and release of fish is encouraged; you may bring your own equipment or TJA will provide all the necessary equipment for you.

All state, federal and local game and fish laws apply and must be observed by all participants.

There is no entry fee. The pond will be stocked by TJA with adult sized channel catfish.

Prizes and trophies will be awarded by age categories. There will also be a raffle and randomly drawn prizes.

Age categories are 6 and under, 7 to 11, and 12 to 16. Trophies and prizes will be given for 1st and 2nd longest fish. Prizes will consist of

sporting goods and fishing equipment.

The Friona Noon Lions club will be there by noon cooking and selling burgers and fries and drinks. Bring your little anglers out and feed them lunch and enjoy a fun afternoon of fishing.

Event sponsors, as shown on the official program, are High Plains Dairy, Oller Engineering, Inc., Whiteface Ford, Stevens 5-Star Car & Truck

Center, Wal-Mart, Paco Feedyard, Ltd., and WT Services, Inc.

Texas Junior Anglers is a non-profit outreach program designed to educate young Texans regarding aquatic stewardship and conservation of our natural resources. The goal of TJA is to unite the community as well as the family in an activity that is educational and fun.



BIG TIME... Kayleigh Hardin, daughter of Friona TSA instructor Randy and Kara Hardin, checks out the projects at the state TSA meet in Waco. The clock was built by Friona TSA students Elveda Cantu and Angela Carrasco. TSA results and story on page 6.

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Relay for Life: Luminarias will light the night

The Parmer County Relay for Life, benefiting the American Cancer Society, will be held Friday June 10. Teams are being formed and plans are underway thanks to a group of loyal volunteers.

One of the most impressive parts of the evening is the lighting of luminarias that are lined all the way around the football field. The stadium lights are turned out, and silence descends on the gathering as cancer victims are honored through prayer and music.

Each luminaria, a small candle inside a sack, is purchased in honor of a friend or loved one that has died due to cancer. There are also luminarias purchased in honor of cancer survivors. The name of the honoree is printed on each luminaria. Some are elaborately decorated, others are plain.

There is a reverence in the stadium as names of the luminaria honorees are read over the PA system. If you have not experienced the luminaria ceremony, make plans to attend this year. You will be moved.

Luminarias are now being sold for a \$5 donation each. You can purchase a luminaria "in honor of" or "in memory of" your cancer victim. You can purchase as many as you wish. Make your check payable to the American Cancer Society and mail to Jyl Grimsley, 1708 W. 9th, Friona, TX 79035. Include the names of your honorees and whether it is in honor or in memory. For questions call Jyl at 250-5700.

Or you can stop by the Friona Banking Center and speak to Barbara Grimsley or Britny Pope. They will be glad to sign you up now. Early is good. It helps the organizers. Thank you!

School board to meet at 12 noon Monday

The FISD board of trustees will meet for the regular monthly meeting Monday, May 16, at 12 noon in the board room of the FISD central office. Please note the time change. This will allow trustees to attend the high school awards assembly Monday night at 7 p.m.

As part of the meeting agenda board members will consider bids and award a school funds depository contract. Also board members will canvass election results for the May 7, 2005, election. The oath of office will be administered to elected members Danny Hand, Tracy Bunker, and Alan Monroe.

Board members will also hear a report on the pre-kindergarten meeting that was held May 12.

Hand, Bunker, Monroe win school board seats

Two incumbents and a former school board member won election to the Friona Independent School District board of trustees in Saturday's election.

Up for grabs were two three-year terms and one two-year term. The two-year term was to fill a vacancy created when Kathryn Gurley resigned after being elected to the office of county attorney last November.

The two incumbents re-elected were Danny Hand, currently board president, and Tracy

Bunker, who was appointed to the board last year when board member Alan Monroe resigned. Hand and Bunker will serve three-year terms.

Monroe, who had left the board for business reasons, ran for election again and garnered the third-highest vote total and will serve the two-year term.

Total votes for each candidate were Hand 314; Bunker 227; Monroe 143; Brent Loflin 126; Jason Floyd 123; Joe Lafuente 93; and Lori Davila 84.



DANNY HAND



TRACY BUNKER



ALAN MONROE



OUT HERE

by Ron Carr

Hooryay for Amarillo voters.

The ban on smoking referendum lost the vote Saturday. Amarilloans, many of them non-smokers, voted for the rights of individuals and businesses to make their own choices. The ban on smoking everywhere except in your hall closet failed.

Smoking is bad for you, no doubt about it. So is drinking a bunch of beer and whiskey, doing drugs, or feeding cheeseburgers and fries to your family.

Driving and talking on a cell phone? Bad for you. Talking back to your momma? Bad for you. Milk, eggs, and bacon used to be bad for you. Someone changed their mind and now they are not bad for you. A glass of wine is good for you, a gallon is not.

Be ye not deceived, my brethren. The non-smoking moralists in Amarillo are not done. They will be back with a new hate campaign. Private business owners that invest money, hire employees, pay taxes, and try to eke out a living won the smoking ban battle in Amarillo only for now.

The one true fact about rights is when you have them you always have to defend them from somebody that wants to take them away. The no smoke people in Amarillo are mad now. Their feelings are hurt. How dare you not listen to their moral reasoning.

They will be back in public soon with their nice starched shirts that smell like citrus instead of Marlboros, crying out about the thousands of Americans that die every day just from nasty secondhand smoke, even though there is no scientific study that has proven secondhand smoke has actually killed someone.

Yes I know, your kid has

asthma and your great aunt worked in smoky cafes all her life breathing other people's smoke and died of cancer at the premature age of 80. Malarkey. I remember when Walkmans would make you go deaf and cell phones caused cancer too. The moral police will be after you again. They will always be after you.

Democratic state representative Al Edwards of Houston wants a piece of your morals too. You parents, teachers, and sponsors do not have a lick of sense when it comes to cheerleader routines. You are letting cheerleaders across Texas, in the words of Mr. Edwards, perform routines that are "cutting off their youthful life at an early age."

Edwards argued that lascivious exhibitions are a distraction for high school students that result in pregnancies, high school dropouts, and contraction of AIDS and herpes. Wow! And I thought they just shook their pomps.

Mr. Edwards' moral legisla-

tion, that passed the state House by a 65-56 vote, would prohibit overtly sexually suggestive routines at school-sponsored events. The state education commissioner would have the authority to tell school districts to knock it off.

By Edwards' own admission, the bill did not define bawdy performances. He said in a newspaper interview, "Any adult that's been involved with sex in their lives, they know it when they see it." (I won't even dignify that with a smart aleck remark.)

This Texas legislative session is about over. There is still no school finance solution but we can rest easy that school girls won't be shaking their behinds. How about if we just ban cheerleading?

Hey Edwards listen up. It's really, really, simple. Local school administrations, school boards, teachers, and parents can legislate their own student bodies. They don't need you people to tell them what to teach, how to cheer, and

what to serve in the cafeteria. Don't you get it? They don't even like you.

I have not met Mr. Edwards but my guess is he is a part-time pastor or at least sings in the choir at his church. I do know that as a legislator he is a moron. So are the 56 other House representatives that wasted your valuable session time voting for a stupid piece of ineffective crap. They should all be de-barred or ex-communicated, or repossessed or whatever it is you do to legislative morons.

There is never a lack of material for a column when politicians are in session. I can hardly wait for the first 'shake your booty' lawsuit filed by some fiery cheerleader mommas whose daughters' freedom of expression rights are being abused.

No smokin' and no shakin' please. Two bits, four bits, six bits, a dollar.

All for freedom stand up and holler.



Leave the politicians behind

By NEAL MCCLUSKEY

Utah Governor Jon Huntsman enacted legislation telling the federal government that the people of Utah, not policymakers in Washington, will decide how they'll run their own schools. Probably not coincidentally, the next day an op-ed by U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings in USA Today, served notice that Utah's insolence "could put more than \$75 million of federal funds at risk."

Unfortunately, Utah, and every other state that tries to buck the intrusive No Child Left Behind Act, faces a big problem: dollar signs. How do state politicians tell their constituents that they're turning down tens of millions of federal dollars?

It's an especially hard task because policymakers in Washington talk as if they're giving away free money, like parents who give their kids an allowance, and merely ask the children to follow a few, simple rules in exchange. As Spellings wrote, "A few states in particular are testing boundaries, trying to see how far they can

stray from the law without getting grounded and losing funds."

Unfortunately, one key point is almost never made in the debate between the states and their federal benefactor: Politicians in Washington are not spreading largesse around the county, blessing each state with education funds from heaven. They're really just giving money back to the states and taxpayers they took it from to begin with, but with a good percentage of the funds siphoned off and whole slate of rules attached. Where does the federal government get money, after all, if not from taxpayers?

Critically, the Constitution grants the federal government no authority whatsoever over education. The Framers gave the federal government a very small number of specifically enumerated powers because they knew there was little the federal government could do better than the states and the people. Not surprisingly, the word "education" is found nowhere among those powers.

The Framers also knew, though, that despite its inability to deal effectively with most of the nation's problems, if given the chance the federal government would grow beyond its proper powers and trample on the states' and the people's independence. As Madison wrote, "the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place oblige it to control itself."

Madison's warnings were eventually ignored. When politicians started offering federal money for educational problems, and voters in the 1950s and '60s sent enough of them to Washington to let it happen, control of the government was lost. Having the feds run classrooms was only a matter of time.

Unfortunately, a lot of people who are throwing tantrums about the law don't understand that if you take federal dollars, you take federal rules. Or, worse, they just want to get their hands on other people's money. "If you regulate, you have to pay," said NEA President Reg Weaver, justifying the suit launched by his infamously taxpayer-money-grubbing union and nine disgruntled school districts. Similarly, Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal explained that "we need funding and flexibility" in defense of his state's lawsuit challenging NCLB as an unfunded mandate.

The NEA and Connecticut are part of the problem. They are happy to be bought—they're just raising their prices.

So what are taxpayers to do if they want their freedom back? Unlike most of the states rebelling against NCLB, they must

tell politicians who promise federal solutions to education problems that they're on to them and they'll no longer let themselves be bought.

Citizens have to demand that the Constitution be obeyed, and they must be prepared to vote out politicians who violate it. Anything less, and their choice will continue to be either their money, or their freedom.

(Neal McCluskey is an education policy analyst at the Cato Institute, 1000 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20001.)

No smokin' & no shakin'



CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR

KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



Helping small businesses offer health care to employees makes sense

According to a recent study, 27 percent of working adults in Texas have no medical insurance coverage—the highest rate in the country. Many of them have no health coverage because they work for small business owners who want to offer their employees insurance, but are unable to provide this benefit. People who work for large corporations often have a variety of health plans from which to choose. With thousands of employees in different states and other countries, big businesses are able to negotiate a cost effective plan that enables them to offer affordable health benefits to their employees.

Health care and insurance costs are increasing across the board with rate increases of up to 30 percent during the last year alone. This hits small businesses particularly hard, since they pay more for health insurance already and often operate on razor-thin profit margins.

A farmer in Uvalde who employs 21 ranch hands, or the owner of a women's clothing boutique in Salado with three employees, may want to offer this important benefit, but current costs would exceed their profits. In fact, nationwide, 60 percent of uninsured Americans are employed by small businesses that cannot afford to offer health care benefits.

There is a light at the end of the tunnel. I am co-sponsoring The Small Business Health Fairness Act, which would allow the creation of Association Health Plans (AHPs). AHPs would permit members of bona fide associations to pool their resources to get affordable health coverage packages from insurance companies. For example, the local or national Chamber of Commerce could broker a deal with an insurance company to provide health benefits to all of its member businesses and employees whether the member is a dry cleaner or a hardware store.

AHPs would have to meet rigorous standards—even more stringent than those followed by large national corporations and labor unions. Uniform federal regulation of AHPs will help businesses lower their administrative costs. The Congressional Budget Office estimates small businesses participating in AHPs will receive insurance premium reductions ranging from 13-25 percent. By operating under federal law, these plans could avoid the complexity and cost of complying with regulations in 50 different states.

Small business provides the bulk of jobs in the United States. They also represent the entrepreneurship and innovation, which creates the industries of the future. Congress should help rather than create barriers to their success.

By promoting AHPs, we will encourage more small businesses to offer this benefit, which is not only good for workers and their employees, but good for Texas and our healthcare.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Ron Carr,

The Credit Union and myself really appreciated the write up in the newspaper concerning the credit union's 50th Anniversary and my pending retirement.

It has been an interesting 35-year journey at the credit union. When I started working here in February 1970 the assets were \$336,198.77. At the end of 2004 the assets were \$10,100,542.47. So you can understand that things have changed drastically over that 35-year period.

It is my desire that everyone will continue to support the credit union as they have in the past.

I also would like to thank Coy Jameson for the great pictures he took for us at our annual meeting.

Barbara Maynard
President



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Around Town

Girl Scouts cookies still available

The Girl Scouts still have cookies for sale! Trefoils (shortbread), Tagalongs (peanut butter and chocolate on a cookie), Samoas (coconut, caramel, and chocolate on ac cookie), and Thin Mints are still available by calling Kathy Sandoval 247-2809 or Pam Kendrick 250-2158 to order.

Lazbuddie Sr. class team roping set for May 15

The Lazbuddie senior class will host a Team Roping Sunday, May 15. The books will open at 12 p.m. and roping will begin at 1 p.m. at the David Allen Indoor Arena, 3 miles east of Muleshoe on Hwy. 84. #14-Handicap Draw/Pot Bring one Draw two—\$50 & #10-Handicap Draw/Pot Bring one Draw two—\$50. Hot, homemade food and snacks will be available in the concession stand. For more information contact Allen Scott at 806-272-3701 or 806-946-6900.

Men's prayer breakfast May 18

A men's prayer breakfast is set for Wednesday May 18 at 6:30 a.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church at 1500 North Cleveland. The breakfast will be over by 7:30 a.m. Invite your friends and come fellowship with the men of Friona.

Cookbooks available at Calvary Baptist

The Calvary Baptist Church is proud to offer a treasured collection of recipes from many outstanding cooks whose recipe contributions have made this cookbook possible. This attractive cookbook makes an ideal gift or keepsake. All proceeds will go to the J.P. Sims Scholarship fund for Friona youth. Contact the Calvary Baptist Church at 1500 North Cleveland, 250-3000, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bovina booster club sets athletic banquet

Tickets are now on sale for the Bovina athletic banquet set for May 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 for adults and children and are available from any booster club member.

Fish and Chips supper set for May 21

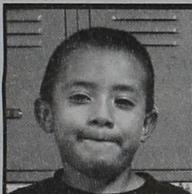
The Calvary Baptist Church will host a Fish and Chips supper Saturday, May 21 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to benefit the J.P. Sims Scholarship fund. The cost of this tasty meal is on a donation basis. For more information contact the Calvary Baptist Church at 250-3000 any morning from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Items needed for Calvary Baptist garage sale

The Calvary Baptist Church is collecting items for its June 27 garage sale. The proceeds from the sale will equally benefit the Friona Public Library, Friona Pioneer Heritage Museum and the J. P. Sims Memorial Scholarship for Friona Youth.

Diabetic education meeting set for August 4

The next diabetic education meeting will be held at the Calvary Baptist Church on Thursday, August 4 at 7 p.m. The educational program will be on eating right for excellent blood sugar control in all situations.



Meet the Class of 2017

Edgar is a kindergarten student at Friona Schools. His parents are Lorenzo Rios & Maria E. Ramirez. He has one sister, Jahaira.

Edgar likes fishing. His favorite food is chili and his favorite color is black.

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Bovina VFD gets \$100,000 grant

The Texas Forest Service has awarded the Bovina Volunteer Fire Department \$100,000 in cost-sharing grants from the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program. The grant went toward the purchase of a new large brush truck.

The RVFD assistance program was enacted in 2001 during the 77th Texas Legislative session. After more than two years in existence, the program has funded more than \$42 million in grants for trucks, equipment and training to volunteer fire departments across the state. Funding meetings are held several times a year, with \$15 million awarded annually. More than \$142 million worth of requests have been submitted.

"Our goal is to help all of the volunteer fire departments protect the people and resources in Texas," stated Joe Fox, program manager with the TFS in College Station. "The huge amount of requests we have received for this program shows that it is addressing unmet needs of the state's volunteer fire departments."

Volunteer Fire Departments can apply for grants for numerous items, including tanker trucks, small and large brush trucks, protective gear, computers, training tuition and other fire and rescue equipment.



PARMER COUNTY Sheriff Randy Gerics gave the program for the Friona Noon Lions May 5 meeting.
ron carr photo

Cowboy poetry breakfast May 14

Hody Porterfield, tall lean lanky cowboy and American Native poet, headlines Saturday, May 14 at the Cowboy Poetry Breakfast held at the Big Texan.

Festivities start at 8 a.m. Guest poets, singers and musicians are encouraged to participate with members of the Southwest Cowboy Poetry Association in the Round Robin following Hody's program. Bring your family, your friends and neighbors, all those interested in preserving the cowboy spirit and heritage.

Progress of the Southwest Cowboy Poet Spring Roundup in Wildorado on May 21 will also be announced.

Ivan Cates, spearheading the potluck gathering, plans on the friendly get-together to start at 4 p.m. at the Wildorado Community Center. Cowboy/girl poets, singers and musicians will entertain, with a warm welcome for cowboys, cowgirls and families in the area to participate.

For more information, call Ivan at 353-5617, or Charolyn at 426-3432.

Antonietta Arellano graduates with degree/honor from WT

West Texas A&M University Commencement was held on Saturday, May 7, 2005 at WTAMU Event Center in Canyon, Texas.

Antonietta Arellano was among the graduates earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education and Social Sciences. She was also named to the Dean's List.

Miss Arellano is the daughter of Manuel and Elvira Arellano of Friona.



ANTONIETA ARELLANO

Friona grad writes book about her great-grandmother

In three decades worth of storytelling and daily journaling, long-time Friona resident Clara Renner, chronicled the immigration voyages of the Baker and Renner families, her Oklahoma childhood, and her courtship with Rudolph Renner. She told of their move to the Texas Panhandle, their struggle to raise a family and a farm during the dust bowl years, and of their years of retirement, surrounded by children and grandchildren, in Friona.

Almost 20 years after her death, her great-grandmother, Krista Renner Kemple, compiled and edited the diaries and journals of her great-grandmother and published them in a book, *Another Beautiful Day*.

Krista grew up in Friona and graduated from Friona High School in 1990. She graduated from Trinity University in 1994 and enrolled in the University of North Carolina where she received her Master's Degree in English Literature.

Krista had always dreamed of becoming an author, and when she first read her Grannie's diaries, she knew she wanted her first published work to be a compilation of those diaries. Her dream was real-

ized in February 2005, when the book was ready for publication. It is available online at both Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble.com.

Krista currently lives in Wake Forest, North Carolina, with her husband, Chris, and her three-year-old

Lions Club News
BY RON CARR, PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

The Friona Noon Lions Club met Thursday, May 5, with 16 members and one guest present. Boss Lion Albert Ricketts told members that the Lions golf team of Clint Mears, Mike Hutson, Bud Rainey, and Mike Maynard won 4th place in the Lions District convention golf tournament in Dumas.

Lion Bud Rainey has been a regular at the Canyon high school baseball games lately. His grandson, Keegan Neill, is the starting catcher on the Canyon Eagles baseball team and is a sophomore at Canyon High School. Canyon is still in the state 3A baseball playoffs and will meet Abilene Wylie this weekend in area competition. Keegan is the son of Mike and Kristi (Rainey) Neill. Grandparents are Bud and Sandra Rainey and Kenneth and Lesta Lee Neill, all of Friona.

The club will be putting out flags for the Memorial Day holiday and June 14 for Flag Day. Also we will be cooking burgers and fries for the Youth Fishing Day Sunday and cooking French fries for the Friona all-sports banquet Tuesday May 17.

Lions Danny Black and Joe Walters are still battling health problems and have been unable to attend meetings. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Danny and Joe and their families.

The program was given by Parmer County Sheriff Randy Gerics. He told members that the county jail had been averaging \$18,000 per month income for housing prisoners from Curry County, New Mexico. Castro County is also considering sending prisoners to the Parmer County jail. Gerics said Castro County may close their jail.

The official county road map is finished and approved. The county received an \$18,000 Homeland Security grant through the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission which will be used to upgrade county emergency communications radio equipment and strengthen the Hub radio tower signal.

The Sheriff said drugs and alcohol are the main crime problems in Parmer County right now and urged everyone to remember Parmer County Crimestoppers at 800-774-8477.

The next meeting of the Noon Lions will be Thursday May 19. It will be held at Friona city park where we will be holding the all day broom and mop sale. I think we will be cooking burgers for our club meal and would love to sell you some cleaning supplies.

Mark your calendar and come by our broom and mop sale. It will make a "sweeping" change in your life. Prospective members are always welcome to attend as a club guest and check us out.

London is scholarship recipient

The West Texas A&M University Pickens College of Business announced its scholarship recipients for the 2005-2006 academic year during its annual Convocation, April 21 on campus.

Melanie D. London, of Friona, a senior accounting major, received the Gene Edwards Scholarship.

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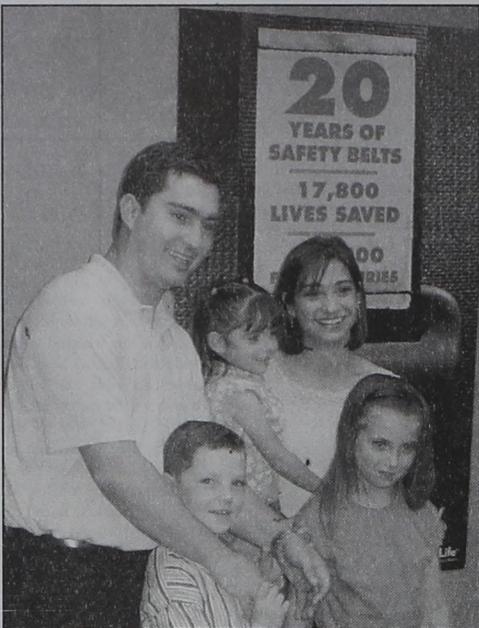
The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is marking the 20th anniversary of Texas' safety belt laws by kicking off the largest-ever statewide *Click It or Ticket* education and enforcement campaign. Thousands of state troopers and local officers will be patrolling Texas highways and streets between May 23 and June 5 to issue citations to drivers and front seat passengers not wearing safety belts. Drivers whose children aren't buckled up also will be ticketed.

Thanks to the state's safety belt laws, federal officials estimate that 17,800 fewer Texans have been killed in traffic crashes since 1985 and 420,000 injuries have been prevented, resulting in economic savings that top \$77 billion. In the past 20 years, the safety belt use rate in Texas has climbed from 14 percent to 83 percent.

TxDOT says its goal this year is to get at least another three percent of Texans—roughly 350,000 drivers—into the habit of buckling up. That's why officials are directing stepped-up law enforcement efforts at the one in five Texans who don't fasten their safety belts.

They include pickup drivers and passengers, teens and parents whose children aren't properly secured.

"Most people know the



ABILENE RESIDENTS Stephen and Ali Thatcher, with their children, six-year-old Harley (front right), five-year-old Dakota (front left), and three-year-old Cleya (rear center), joined officials from the Texas Department of Transportation in Austin to announce the annual statewide *Click It or Ticket* campaign. Ali and the children survived an SUV rollover crash last month and join the estimated 17,800 Texans whose lives have been saved by safety belts and child safety seats since the state law requiring motorists to buckle up went into effect 20 years ago. photo by Robert Nash

benefits of safety belts, but sometimes it takes the threat of an expensive citation to get drivers and passengers to obey the law," said Carlos Lopez, TxDOT's division director of traffic operations. "Since we started participating in the national *Click It or Ticket* initiative three years ago, safety belt compliance in Texas has climbed by almost 10 percent."

With almost four million pickups on the road in Texas, this year's *Click It or Ticket* campaign also includes a special focus on pickup drivers.

"In a crash, pickup trucks are twice as likely to roll over as cars, but their occupants buckle up less than any other group of drivers and passengers on Texas roads," said Georgia Chakiris, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's regional administrator. "We want people in pickups to know their chances of surviving a rollover crash increase by up to 80 percent if they buckle up in their trucks."

Drivers and front seat passengers are required to use safety belts in Texas. Children under 17 must be buckled up, whether they ride in the front or back of a vehicle. Child safety seats are required for children under four years of age or less than 36 inches tall. Fines for violations range from \$25 to \$200, plus court costs.

Courthouse Notes

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Sheriff's Report

May 5, Darrel Banister, 45, of Clovis, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with possession of marijuana - less than 2 ounces, pending County Court.

May 5, Manuel Ernesto Milles, 46, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police and charged with driving with a suspended license, pending County Court.

May 7, Hipolito Soto, 33, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police and charged with DWI-2nd, pending County Court.

May 8, Jose L. Torres, 19, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police and charged with driving with a suspended license, pending County Court.

Troop 56 takes merit badge trek, then travel to camp

By ETHAN WALES, Troop Senior Patrol Leader

On April 1-2, 2005, seven Troop 56 Boy Scouts, Abriel Terrones, Ethan Wales, Sam Wales, Clayton Sides, Jacob Hefner, Adrian Garcia, and Jaime Benavides took the Atomic Energy Merit Badge Trek. This trek was the boy's reward for completing the Atomic Energy Merit Badge requirements.

The scouts had to be in Amarillo on Friday, April 1 at 5:00 a.m., to leave on the trek. The first stop was the Bradbury Science Museum at Los Alamos, New Mexico, where they participated in experiments and saw the various exhibits. After that, the three buses of Boy and Girl Scouts traveled on to the National Atomic Energy Museum, in Old Town Albuquerque. At the

museum, they browsed the wonderful exhibits and shopped at the gift shop. Then they were driven to the Kirtland Air Force Base, outside of Albuquerque, to spend the night in the gym.

In the morning, the scouts ate breakfast at the Thunderbird Diner at the Air Force Base, which was very good. Then they went to the Trinity Site where the first Atomic Bomb was tested, located at the White Sands Missile Range outside of Socorro, New Mexico. The Trinity Site is only open twice a year, so the scouts were fortunate to get to see it. When the buses arrived in Amarillo at 10:00 on Saturday, April 2, the scouts were tired, but they had tons of fun.

On April 8-10, seven Troop



TROOP 56 at Spring Camp 2005, l-r, Sam Wales, Matt Knoll, Clayton Sides, Adrian Garcia, Jesus Anaya, and Ethan Wales. courtesy photo



TROOP 56 at the Atomic Energy Museum in Old Town Albuquerque, NM, l-r, Abriel Terrones, Sam Wales, Ethan Wales, Clayton Sides, Jake Hefner, Jaime Benavides, not pictured Adrian Garcia. courtesy photo

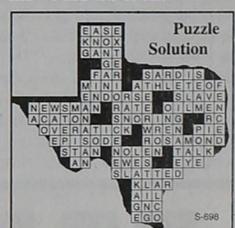
56 Boy Scouts went to Spring Camp at Camp M.K. Brown, outside of Wheeler. The boys earned a total of 17 badges. This was the first camp for Matt Knoll, who earned three badges, Leatherwork, Indian Lore, and Metalwork. He also completed most of the requirements for Dog Care (the only thing left is to take care of his dog for a period of time).

Adrian Garcia earned Indian Lore, Farm Mechanics and Citizenship in the Community badges; both Sam Wales and Clayton Sides earned Indian Lore, Metalwork, and Citizenship in the Nation badges; Ethan Wales earned Citizenship in the World, Citizenship in the Community, and Crime

Prevention badges; Jesus Anaya earned Indian Lore and Metalwork badges, and completed most of the requirements for Weather.

The weather at camp was good most of the time, except Saturday night, when it rained and rained all night. Most of the boys complained about sleep loss, except me, I never wake up during bad weather.

The scouts had lots of fun relaxing with Troop 50 from Hereford, playing croquet and Frisbee. Overall it was a very good camp and we had lots of fun.



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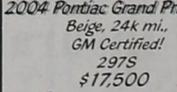
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THINK ABOUT THIS

God's library #1

By T. LEON TALLEY, Sixth Street Church of Christ

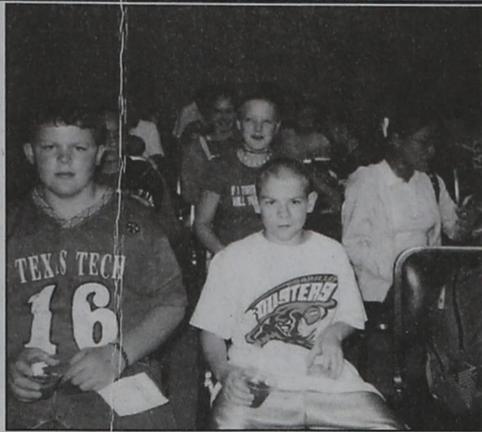
One of my favorite pastimes is browsing through a library. Books have always been a tremendous influence on man, both for the good and for evil. From the very beginning of recorded history, men have presented and transferred their ideas by means of books.

It shouldn't surprise us to know that God has some books. In effect, He has a unique library. Let's browse for just a moment through God's library.

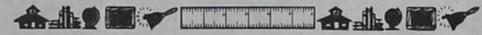
There's His Book of Nature. David describes this book in Psalms 19. Really, this Psalm talks about two Books of God. One, in verses 1-2, reveals God's glory in the starry sky. Verses 7-9 reveal God's Word or Law. Psalms 74:16-17 identify that the very rhythm of the universe, it's orderliness, gives testimony to God Himself. Paul tells us in Romans 1:20 that God's invisible qualities have been clearly seen since the creation of the world. Paul is talking about the witness of God's Book of Nature.

There is also another book that we need to identify as we look at God's library. It's God's Book of Remembrance. David refers to this book in Psalms 56:8 when he laments, "list my tears in your scroll, are they not in your record?" The prophet Malachi speaks of this book in 3:16. We're reminded that nothing escapes the all-seeing eye of God. Recorded in this book are all the happenings of your life. This thought can only be comforting to those who have had their sins washed away by the blood of Christ.

Think about it.



ON FRIDAY, May 6, Friona Junior High students were treated to an Honor Roll reception hosted by the Friona State Bank. The students walked over to the bank for refreshments. Above, Clayton Smiley and Zack Fair enjoy the break. *courtesy photo*



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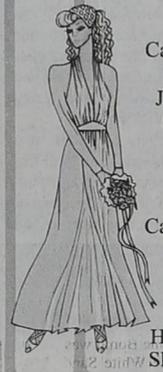
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New Arrivals

Brooklyn Rose Ray

Canna and Jeff Ray, of Watauga, Texas, are happy to announce the arrival of their daughter, Brooklyn Rose Ray, born on Friday, April 8, 2005.

She weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long at birth.

Brooklyn's grandparents are Charles and Rose Ann Ray of Summerfield, Texas, and Don and Ruth Ray of Granbury, Texas. Nellie Ray, of Friona, is her great-grandmother.



Gage Robert Campbell

Bryan and Dana Campbell, of Friona, proudly announce the birth of their second son, Gage Robert Campbell, born on Wednesday, April 27, 2005 at 11:43 a.m. at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

He weighed 8 pounds 2 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long at birth.

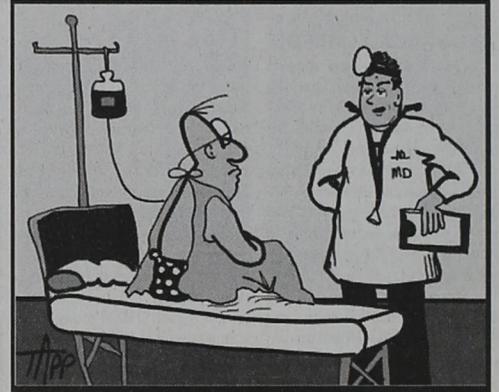
Gage has a brother, Jake, and a sister, Emily, who are two-year-old twins.

His grandparents are Randy and Deborah Campbell, and LeRoy and JoAnn Berend all of Friona, and Pam Campbell of Elk City, Oklahoma.

Great-grandparents are Lee and Elwanda Campbell of Friona. Opal Strickland, of Friona, is his great-great grandma.



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JETHRO--FIRST PRIEST TO THE ISRAELITES

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TSA STATE WINNERS, back, l-r, Tyler Jameson, Chance Lewellen, Daniel Aguilar, Tolby Wilcox, Antonio Monreal, Jeremy Campbell, Caleb Miller and Fabian Dominguez. Third row, l-r, Kasey Merritt, Ritchie Casas, Jesus Gonzalez, Ruben Chico, Krista Graham, Stephen Campbell, Dillon Welch and Derek Davila. Second row, l-r, Ruben Salazar, Artemio Garcia, Katy Welch, Sean Lookingbill, Blane Upshaw, Jimmy Centeno and Josh Jameson. Front row, l-r, Andrea Geries, Jessie Delacruz, Elveda Cantu, Erika Godoy and Angela Carrasco.

dana d. jameson photo

TSA students travel to state competition in Waco

By DANA D. JAMESON

I was asked to be a sponsor on the trip to Waco that the local Technical Student Association would be attending for the State competition.

TSA encompasses wood-working projects, TSA metal fabrication, photography, wire and pipe drawings and drafting to mention only a few projects that were taken on this trip.

Our journey began on the evening of May 4 with bag check and the loading of projects at the woodworking shop. Every project from hand-carved pens to full-size entertainment centers were wrapped, labeled, tagged and placed in the rental truck. The computer applications projects were logged in and placed in boxes and also loaded.

After the luggage was checked and loaded on the bus the kids went off to rest until the 3:30 a.m. Thursday morning departure time.

The bus and rental truck

pulled out of the FHS parking lot at 4 a.m. Most of the kids had not gone to bed the night before. They put on their headphones and fell asleep so we had a quiet drive. We stopped in Childress for breakfast and hit the road for Waco.

Traveling with teenagers has changed a lot over the years. I can remember taking a book, pens, pencils and paper to entertain myself. Kids today have a much wider variety of entertainment. I saw cell phones with cameras, mp3 players, cd players and Playstations to name just a few.

Construction is not confined to this area. Apparently there is a stretch of road between Dallas and Waco that has been under construction for the last six years. It doesn't seem to be helping. The road still bounces you all over.

After arriving in Waco and getting settled in we were treated to hamburgers and fries

at Fuddrucker's and the movie "Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy".

Sponsors for this trip included instructors Randy and Kara Hardin and daughter Kayleigh, assistant principal David Newhouse, Kurt and Kathi Miller and myself along with bus driver Clyde Renner.

Friday started early for Mr. Hardin, Mr. Miller and the un-

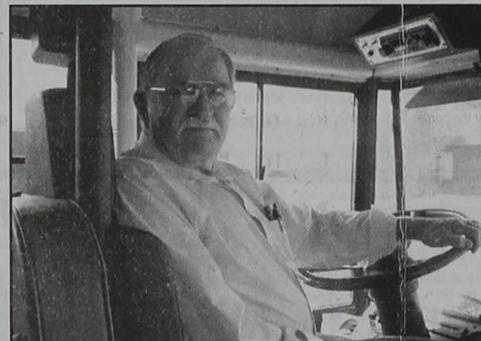
blue ribbons and one red ribbon for photography; Elveda Cantu and Angela Carrasco, one white ribbon for a grandfather clock; Jimmy Centeno, two red ribbons for pens; and Erika Godoy, one BIS for pens.

Katy Welch, one BIS, two blue ribbons and one red ribbon for a jewelry box and photography; Trisha Winebrinner, one BIS, three blue ribbons and



SOPHOMORE Stephen Campbell enjoys a few moments of quiet during the trip to Waco.

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BUS DRIVER Clyde Renner smiles for the camera while waiting for the students to board.

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loading crew of Jeremy Campbell, Stephen Campbell, Sean Lookingbill, Tolby Wilcox, Gerald Gonzalez, Jesse Delacruz, Caleb Miller and Tyler Jameson. They delivered the projects to the Waco Coliseum and unloaded them for judging. Upon returning to the motel the students and sponsors boarded the bus for a fun-filled and exciting day at Six Flags over Texas.

After the judging on Friday, the sponsors were allowed to view the award winning projects Saturday morning before the students were unleashed to see their competitors projects.

The wide variety of projects was amazing. The imagination shown by these students and the hard work were very evident. My interest was held by the photography projects and the woodworking projects were incredible.

Overall the students qualified 71 projects for the competition and returned home with 16 Best in State (BIS) projects, 28 blue ribbon projects, 24 red ribbon projects and one white ribbon project.

The following students received awards for their projects: Jeremy Campbell, one (BIS) and one red ribbon for hay hooks and saddle rack; Stephen Campbell, one blue ribbon for a baseball bat; Sean Lookingbill, two blue ribbons for pens; Tolby Wilcox, one red ribbon for pens.

Gerald Gonzalez, one BIS for an entertainment center; Jesse Delacruz, one BIS and one red ribbon for pens and darts; Caleb Miller, three blue ribbons and one red ribbon for pens and an end table.

Tyler Jameson, four BIS, four

two red ribbons for AutoCAD drawings; Ruben Chico, one BIS for a pen; and Antonio Monreal, two red ribbons for AutoCAD drawings.

Ritchie Casas, one blue ribbon for a hat rack; Fabian Dominguez, one blue ribbon for a gumball machine; Casey Merritt, one blue ribbon for a pen; Blane Upshaw, one blue ribbon for a butterfly house; Fermin Rosas, one BIS and one blue ribbon for pens.

Derek Davila, two BIS for a pocket watch and a pen; Artemio Garcia, one blue ribbon for drop leaf end table; Ruben Salazar, one red ribbon for a wine rack; and Dillon Welch, one blue ribbon for a back scratcher.

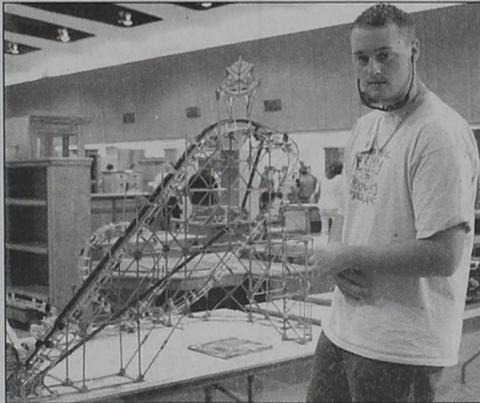
After an interesting awards assembly the students loaded the projects into the rental truck and headed out for an evening of shopping at Grapevine Mills Mall and dinner at the Rainforest Café.

With only a few hours of sleep we boarded the bus at 8:30 Sunday morning during a

thunderstorm. The kids and sponsors were tired and ready to go home. The drive home was as quiet as the trip to Waco.

I really enjoyed traveling with the students and found them to be well behaved and polite. I also am in awe of Mr. and Mrs. Hardin. They demanded respect from the kids and were well rewarded. Mr. Newhouse loves being with the kids, which was evident at Six Flags when he rode many of the roller coasters with the students. Mr. Renner had the hardest job next to the Hardins. He was driving while everyone slept, cleaning up after 27 students and making sure the bus was ready to go when it was time to leave. Kurt, Kathi and I probably had the easiest jobs of them all. We got to spend time with the kids, view the most spectacular projects, and help the Hardins when time came for lights out.

I had a wonderful time getting to experience what it was like to travel with teenagers on a bus. COOL!



SENIOR Jeremy Campbell poses with one of the many projects represented at TSA state competition.

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SENIORS Tyler Jameson, l, & Katy Welch stop during the busy schedule to try on leopard wraps at the Rainforest Cafe in Grapevine Mills Mall.

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EDUARDO GODOY

E. Godoy chosen for WTF Classic

Eduardo Godoy, son of Salvador & Maclovia Godoy, has been selected to participate in the inaugural West Texas Football Classic All Star game to be played on June 4 at 7 p.m. at Lowery Field in Lubbock. Eduardo was an all district defensive end for the Chieftains. He will play for the south squad coached by Blaine Springston of Andrews.

Volleyball, basketball coaches named

BY RON CARR

The Friona Chieftain varsity boys basketball team and the junior varsity (JV) girls basketball team will each have new coaches next year.

Pending the signing of official contracts, former JV girls coach, and Friona native, Ky Graham has been assigned the Chieftain varsity boys coaching duties. Replacing Graham as JV girl's basketball coach is Karen Carroll who coached the 8th grade girls last year.

Starting in fall of 2005, the Friona varsity girls will begin a volleyball program for the first time in the school system. Athletic director

Bob Ferguson said that a volleyball coach had also been hired. His name is Arnold Peralez and he will be moving here from Colorado. Coach Peralez is from Dimmitt and is looking forward to returning to the area. His parents live in Dimmitt according to Coach Ferguson. Peralez will also coach junior high basketball.

Ferguson said volleyball workouts can officially begin August 1, the same date football workouts begin. Volleyball is played in the fall with games usually being played on Tuesday and Saturday. In the case of a volleyball tourna-

ment, Ferguson said the games are played on Thursday and Saturday so as not to compete with Friday night football.

Also, since all schools do not have volleyball, Ferguson said Friona will be in a district that includes Colorado City and Shallowater. The volleyball district teams will not coincide with the regular district opponents. Non-district games are still being scheduled and Ferguson expects this year's team to play 12-15 games since it is the first season. A normal volleyball season is about 25 games he said.

Squaws 5th in regional golf

The Friona girls' varsity golf team had a good showing at the Region 1-2A regional golf meet at Shady Oaks Golf Club in Baird last week. They finished in 5th place in a 16-team field with a 39-stroke improvement the second day of play.

The girls finished with a 430-391-821 total. The 1st place winner was Sonora with a 748. Second round scores for the Squaws were Chance Barrett 92, Kourtnee Williams 95, Kimberlee Jones 101, Lauren Hughs 104, and Briana Wright 108.



CHANCE BARRETT



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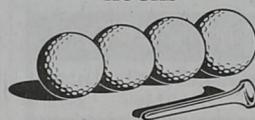
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- 5 Benjamin is seat of this county
- 6 TX Barry was Rev. ___ in "Shakiest Gun in the West"
- 7 Rice won ___ College Bowl in '66
- 8 TXism: "it's a right smart piece"
- 9 ancient Turkey city
- 15 TX-based "Lonesome Dove" was a TV ___-series
- 16 Nolan Ryan was '90 "TX Pro ___ the Year"
- 19 sign a check
- 21 work hard
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- 27 interest percent
- 28 TX wildcaters
- 29 TXism: "jumpy as ___ ice"
- 30 TXism: "___ like a rip saw running through pine knots"
- 32 past A&M coach ___ Slocum
- 33 TXism: "he could put a loop ___ on a mule's back" (good roper)
- 36 songbird
- 37 pecan dessert
- 38 last ___ of "Dallas" was in '91
- 39 World Championship Chili Cookoff is held in this CA town

DOWN

- 1 heart test abbr.
- 2 Alamo survivor Salazar Esparza
- 3 TXism: "gave me a ___ dance"
- 4 "Dallas" shot these at Southfork (2 wds.)
- 8 Huckleberry
- 9 rodeo bulldogging (2 wds.)
- 10 TX media giant Belo Corp.
- 11 '92-'98 Houston mayor Lanier (nit.)
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- 14 sewing junction
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- 17 too much liquid in the printing press?
- 18 enclosed the pasture
- 20 sergeant or major
- 22 Sha Na
- 23 Boerne's "Cibolo Wilderness Trail" has 3 ___ systems
- 24 a big one hit Galveston in 1900
- 25 TXism: "he two- ___ to his own beat"
- 26 "little mulberry" south of the border
- 28 wallet stuffers
- 31 branding ___
- 34 2,000 pounds
- 35 TX Charley Pride tune: "___ Rather Love You" (skunk)
- 37 TXism: "___ cat" (skunk)
- 40 in Brown Co. on hwy. 183
- 43 Rice mascot: Sammy the ___
- 44 oil ooze
- 50 in Titus Co. on hwy. 271
- 51 TXism: "let '___ rip!"

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OBITUARIES

Everett H. Gist, Jr.

Services for Everett H. Gist, Jr., 77, of Dalhart, were held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 12, 2005 at the Liberty Baptist Church in Dalhart with James Washburn, pastor of the Fellowship Baptist Church in Spearman, Texas and Dan Martin, pastor of the Liberty Baptist Church in Dalhart, officiating. A graveside service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 12, 2005 in Texhoma Cemetery in Texhoma, Texas under the direction of Horizon Funeral Home of Dalhart.

Mr. Gist died on Sunday, May 8, 2005 in Dalhart, Texas. Everett Horace Gist, Jr. was born on February 11, 1928 in Sulfer, Oklahoma to Everett Horace Gist, Sr. and Myrtle Bee (Higgs) Gist. He was raised in Texhoma and attended school on the Texas side and Oklahoma side.

He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1949. He was honorably discharged as a Sergeant, Forward Observer in 1952. He married Betty Jane Ledbetter on June 16, 1955 in Clayton, New Mexico. He worked for Fred Sweet Ranch for many years in Texhoma, and Hitch Feed Yard in Guymon, Oklahoma. He graduated from Fort Smith School of Auctioneers in 1971 and went to work for Caprock in 1976 in Leota, Kansas, transferring to Dalhart in 1979, and retiring in 1988.

Everett loved cattle and horses, he would rather have been on a horse than anywhere else. He team roped and broke horses. Everett and Betty operated the Bryan's Corner Restaurant in Bryan's Corner, Oklahoma from 1965-1969, before moving to Guymon. Everett worked at several feed ranches and feedlots in the Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma areas before making Dalhart his home in 1979. He attended Liberty Baptist Church in Dalhart.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Evelyn Gist; his wife, Betty Gist; one daughter, Samuella; and two grandchildren, Aaron and Deidre Hiningler.

Survivors include one daughter, Rhonda and husband Michael Hiningler of Dalhart; three sons, Billy and wife Honey Sue Gist of Bovina, Delmer and wife Cindy Cole of Shamrock, Texas, and Mike and wife Judy Gist of Hill Air Force Base, Utah; one brother, Billy Gist of Polson, Montana; two sisters, Wanda Gammell of Sturgis, South Dakota and Phyllis Garner of Topeka, Kansas; ten grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Liberty Baptist Church Building Fund, 1220 US Highway 87 South, Dalhart, TX 79022.



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May/June farm program deadlines looming

By SHAWN WADE

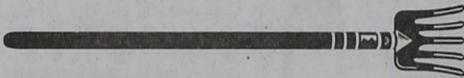
The month of May should bring more than thoughts of planting into the minds of High Plains cotton growers. It should also bring to mind that it is time to take care of any unfinished 2004-crop business down at the Farm Service Agency office.

While very few producers have yet to sign-up for the 2005 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program, June 1 marks the last day growers can sign-up for the 2005 program. The DCP sign-up period for the 2005 crop year began October 1, 2004. Growers intending to participate in the program should contact their local Farm Service Agency office as soon as possible to complete the required paperwork.

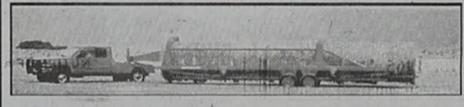
The next two deadlines that growers need to keep in mind, especially considering the extended harvest and ginning season, both fall on May 31. The first is that May 31 marks the last day a producer can request a 2004 crop cotton loan or apply for a 2004-crop Loan Deficiency Payment.

The second May 31 deadline concerns producers who received recourse Seed Cotton Loans on cotton in modules earlier in the 2004-growing season. Growers who received a Seed Cotton Loan must repay the recourse loan plus interest on or before May 31.

In addition to these key dates, growers should also remember that small grain certifications must be reported by May 15. Late filed certifications are subject to late filed provisions. Late filed acreage reports are required to have a field inspection, which costs \$35 for the first plot plus \$15 for each additional plot per farm.



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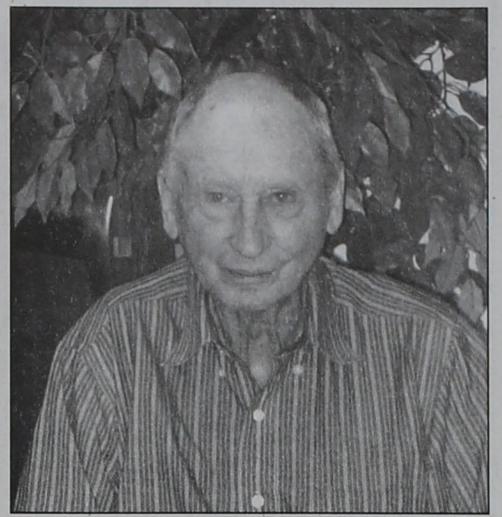


PRAIRIE ACRES Nursing Home Resident of the Month is Rheata White and Employee of the Month is Brook Stevick. dana d. jameson photo

My Life Story

By LAWRENCE MARTIN

Every month, a resident of Prairie Acres Nursing Home or Friona Heritage Estates, writes a story about his/her life's history for the home's newsletter, "The Prairie Times", for printing in this issue. This month we feature Lawrence Martin.



LAWRENCE MARTIN

I was born November 14, 1923 in Elk City, Oklahoma. My parents were the late Calvin and Lela Martin. My granddad, J.W. Baxter, was one of the first to buy land around Friona. Most of his land laid three to four miles west of town.

My brother, Clarence, myself, and several others built Hi-Plains Feedyard on some of the land granddad bought in 1925. My son, Loren, still farms some of the original land.

I went to Merritt School where I played basketball and baseball. I liked to pitch, so to practice, I tied up a bucket about the strike zone height and threw the ball in the bucket. I made many a step back and forth from the mound to the bucket.

In 1940, my family, Clarence and my sister, Marilyn, moved to Friona where I worked for granddad and went to school. In 1941, we moved back to Elk City where I graduated from Merritt School.

In 1944, we moved back to Friona and in 1946 I was drafted into the Air Force. I was stationed in Wichita Falls, then in Chicago. Finally, I was transferred to Amarillo Air Base. When I got out of the service, I came back to Friona. I enjoyed baseball, so I pitched for the town team.

I moved to Colorado in 1947, and played baseball for the town team. I was nicknamed, "Fireball Martin". Two of my uncles lived in Lamar

and they helped me get a start in farming and cattle. That's where I met Pat, my wife of 52 years. Our oldest daughter, Carolyn, was also born there.

In 1954, I moved my family to South Dakota. I had mother cows and nothing for them to eat because of the drought. My Uncle Charlie and I bought a ranch on White River to move the cows on. We lived there for two years and decided there was an easier way to make a living other than putting up hay all summer and feeding it all winter. While in South Dakota we had two more daughters, Susan and Linda.

Clarence found some land to rent west of Friona, so we packed up and moved in October of 1956. Clarence and I farmed and ranched together for many years.

After we moved here we had two sons, Loren and Jerry. All of the kids attended all 12 years of school in Friona.

Carolyn lives in San Ramon, California and works for Texaco and Chevron. She and her husband, Dave Wetmore, have two daughters and one son. Susan lives in Burkburnett, Texas and teaches in Wichita Falls. She and her husband, Jeff Harkey, have two sons and one daughter.

Linda lives in Wellington, Texas, she teaches in Hedley, and she and her husband, Don Klinger, have one son and one daughter. Loren farms and ranches and has a backhoe business. He and his wife, Jackie, have two daughters.

Jerry and his wife, Mary, live at Pleasant Hill, New Mexico. Jerry works for the Clovis Fire Department and drives a truck on off days. They have one son and four daughters.

I have lived at Prairie Acres since December of 2004. Everyone here is really nice to me. I was even elected Valentine King this year.

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- Susan Renner - May 23
- Nohami Benavides - May 24
- Martha Gonzales - May 26
- Kellie Ryan - May 26
- Jackie Padilla - May 30

Residents/Clients

- Lela Mae George - May 1
- Viola Maciolek - May 13
- Lunie Fleming - May 17
- Faye Smith - May 21
- Jo Witten - May 24

FLASHBACKS

75 Yrs. Ago May 16, 1930

At about four o'clock Sunday morning three masked men made their appearance at the front of the Friona Consumers Oil Company filling station. With their pistols staring the attendants in the face, made them stick up their hands and keep them up, while they rifled the cash drawer of its contents to the amount between forty and fifty dollars. No evidence of the identity of these has yet been found out.

60 Yrs. Ago May 11, 1945

Wayne B. Stark, former Santa Fe station agent at Friona and agent at Black for several months, has returned to Friona, and again taken charge of the local depot as agent. Mr. Stark's many Friona friends are truly pleased to have him here to serve them again, and he expresses his pleasure at being back.

45 Yrs. Ago May 12, 1960

With all the "Chamber of Commerce" figures going down the drain in the three towns in Parmer County, official reports from the district census director's office in Amarillo, revealed that the total county population in

Parmer County are as follows: Friona, 2,035; Bovina, 1,023; and Farwell, 1,009. The figures are said "subject to revision."

40 Yrs. Ago May 13, 1965

The Friona City Council annexed a total of 52 acres of land in its meeting Monday night, bringing in two new subdivisions. The newly annexed land is comprised of Western Addition, of which 24 acres are annexed and Welch Acres, a 28-acre plot, belong to Nelson Welch.

25 Yrs. Ago May 21, 1980

Due to recent rains, many fields in the area had overflowing furrows. Up to five and one-half inches of rain have been received during the month of May so far.

15 Yrs. Ago May 16, 1990

A former Bovina resident Diana Lumbrera, 31, has been charged with first degree murder in the death of her young child in Garden City, Kansas, and the incident has caused local law officials to re-open investigations of five infant deaths that occurred while she was living in Bovina. Lumbrera is currently in custody in Garden City, Kansas.

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION TO APPROPRIATE STATE WATER APPLICATION NO. 5851

SUMMARY: The Brazos River Authority has applied for a permit, designated its "System Operation Permit," to authorize: 1) appropriation of state water for multiple use purposes; 2) appropriation of current and future return flows; 3) an exempt interbasin transfer of the water rights and 4) operational flexibility to the System Operation Permit will prevail over inconsistent provisions in its existing water rights and the use of the bed and banks of the Brazos River, its tributaries, and BRA's reservoirs for the storage, conveyance and subsequent diversion of state water appropriated pursuant to this application and from other sources. More information on the application and how to participate in the permitting process is given below.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETINGS: The TCEQ will hold a public meeting to receive comments on the application filed by the Brazos River Authority. The public meeting will consist of two parts, an Informal Discussion Period and a Formal Comment Period. During the Informal Discussion Period, the public is encouraged to ask questions of the applicant and TCEQ staff concerning the application, but comments made during the Informal Discussion Period will not be considered by the Commission before reaching a decision on the application and a formal response will be made. During the Formal Comment Period, members of the public may state their comments into the official record. The Executive Director will summarize the formal comments and prepare a written response. The written response will be considered by the Commission in their decision-making process and upon request will be available to the public.

Public Meeting to be held:
Tuesday, May 17, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.
Brazos River Authority Headquarters
4600 Cobbs Drive, Waco, Texas 76714

Citizens are encouraged to submit written comments anytime during the meeting or by mail before the meeting to the Office of the Chief Clerk, TCEQ, MC 105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas, 78711-3087. If you need more information, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, toll free at 1-800-687-4040.

APPLICATION: The Brazos River Authority (BRA), P.O. Box 7555, Waco, Texas 76714-7555, applicant, seeks a permit to appropriate state water pursuant to Texas Water Code (TWC) §§ 11.121, 11.042, and 11.056(a), and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Rules 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §§ 295.1 et seq. and 30 TAC § 297.1 et seq. Published and mailed notice of the application is given to the water rights owners of record in the Brazos River Basin pursuant to 30 TAC § 295.151.

The BRA owns the following water rights, which comprise BRA's system of reservoirs for the purposes of this application: Certificate of Adjudication (Certificate No. 12-5155 (Postum Kingdom Lake), Certificate No. 12-5156 (Lake Granbury), Certificate No. 12-5165 (Lake Limestone), Certificate No. 12-5157 (Lake Whitney), Certificate No. 12-5150 (Lake Bellco), Certificate No. 12-5158 (Lake Proctor), Certificate No. 12-5164 (Lake Sonnevill), Certificate No. 12-5161 (Lake Shiloh Hollow), Certificate No. 12-5163 (Lake Granger), Certificate No. 12-5162 (Lake Georgetown) and Certificate No. 12-5158 (Lake Aquila). The BRA, along with the Texas Water Development Board and the City of Houston, owns Water Use Permit 2325A (Allens Creek Reservoir). The BRA also owns Certificate Nos. 5166 and 5167, which authorize various uses of water within the applicant's other certificates and permits.

The applicant is currently authorized, pursuant to a TCEQ order, to manage and operate its tributary reservoirs as elements of a system, coordinating releases and diversions from the tributary reservoirs with releases and diversions from the applicant's main-stem reservoirs to minimize waste, and to conserve water in reservoirs in which the supply is short by making releases from tributary reservoirs in which the supply is more abundant.

The applicant seeks a Water Use Permit to authorize: • A new appropriation of state water in the amount of 421,449 acre-feet per year for multiple use purposes, including domestic, municipal, agricultural, industrial, mining, and other beneficial uses on a firm basis in the Brazos River Basin. The amount of this new appropriation of water includes the current and future return flows requested in this application. BRA indicates that the entire amount of 421,449 acre-feet of water per year is available only if all of it is diverted at the mouth of the Brazos River, and can only be made available by the BRA through the system operation of its water rights. To the extent water is diverted upstream, the remaining unappropriated water downstream is reduced and will itself vary depending upon the location of its diversion and use. Out of the 421,449 acre-feet per year of unappropriated water being requested, the maximum amount of unappropriated water that will be available if such water is diverted upstream at USGS gage No. 0809290 near Highbank, Texas is 150,538 acre-feet per year firm, and if such unappropriated water is diverted upstream at USGS gage No. 0809290 near Highbank, Texas, the maximum amount

of unappropriated water that will be available at that location is 144,306 acre-feet per year firm.

• Diversion of the water authorized by this amendment, if granted, from: (i) the existing diversion points authorized by BRA's existing water rights; (ii) the Brazos River at USGS gage No. 0809100 near Glen Rose, Texas; (iii) the Brazos River at USGS gage No. 0809290 near Highbank, Texas; (iv) the Brazos River at the mouth of Mexico; and (v) at such other diversion points that may be identified and included in BRA's proposed Water Management Plan which is subject to TCEQ approval. • Use of up to 90,000 acre-feet of water per year of its firm supply (part of the 421,449 acre-feet of firm water requested above) to produce, along with other unappropriated flows, an interruptible water supply of 670,000 acre-feet per year and the appropriation of that interruptible water supply. BRA indicates that the entire amount of 1,001,449 acre-feet of water (331,449 acre-feet of firm water and 670,000 acre-feet of interruptible water) is available only if all of it is diverted within the mouth of the Brazos River, and can only be made available by the BRA through the system operation of its water rights. To the extent water is diverted upstream, the remaining unappropriated water downstream is reduced and will itself vary depending upon the location of its diversion and use. This new appropriation of water includes the current and future return flows requested in this application. Out of the 1,001,449 acre-feet of firm and interruptible water being requested, the maximum amount of firm and interruptible water that will be available if such water is diverted upstream at USGS gage No. 0809100 near Glen Rose, Texas is 60,538 acre-feet of firm water per year and 157,000 acre-feet of interruptible water per year and if such water is diverted upstream at USGS gage No. 0809290 near Highbank, Texas, the maximum amount of firm water is 54,306 acre-feet of water per year and 303,000 acre-feet of interruptible water per year.

• An exempt interbasin transfer of water to transfer and use, on a firm and interruptible basis, such water in the adjoining San Jacinto-Brazos Coastal Basin and the Brazos-Colorado Coastal Basin, and to transfer such water to any county or municipality or the municipality's retail service area that is partially within the Brazos River Basin for use, on a firm and interruptible basis, in that part of the county or municipality and the municipality's retail service area that is partially within the Brazos River Basin for use, on a firm and interruptible basis; in that part of the county or municipality and the municipality's retail service area not within the Brazos River Basin.

• An appropriation of current and future return flows (treated sewage effluent and brine bypass/return) to the extent that such return flows continue to be discharged or returned into the bed and banks of the Brazos River, its tributaries, and applicant's reservoirs. BRA indicates that such appropriation of return flows would be subject to interruption by direct use or indirect use within the discharging entity's city limits, extrajurisdictional jurisdiction, or contiguous water certificate of convenience and necessity boundary. Specific discharge points and amounts of water will be accounted for on a monthly basis as part of BRA's Water Management Plan which is subject to TCEQ's approval.

• Operational flexibility to (i) use any source of water available to the applicant's reservoirs for subsequent requirements of senior water rights to the same extent that those water rights would have been satisfied by passing inflows through the applicant's reservoirs on a priority basis; and (ii) release, pump and transport water from any of the applicant's reservoirs for subsequent storage, diversion and use throughout the applicant's service area.

• Recognition that the System Operation Permit approved pursuant to this application will prevail over inconsistent provisions in the applicant's existing water rights regarding system operation.

• Use of the bed and banks of the Brazos River, its tributaries, and the applicant's reservoirs for the conveyance, storage, and subsequent diversion of (i) water that the applicant seeks to appropriate under this application; (ii) waters that are being conveyed via pipelines and subsequently discharged into the Brazos River, its tributaries or stored in the applicant's reservoirs; (iii) surface water imported from areas located outside the Brazos River Basin for subsequent use; (iv) in-basin surface water and groundwater subject to the applicant's control; (v) waters developed from future applicant projects; and (vi) current and future reuse of surface and groundwater based effluent requested by this application. This bed and banks authorization is subject to applicant, after identifying specific points of discharge and diversion and conveyance and other losses, obtaining future authorizations to satisfy the requirements of TWC § 11.042. Such points of discharge and diversion and conveyance and other losses may also be identified and included in BRA's proposed Water Management Plan which is subject to TCEQ's approval.

Until the construction of Allens Creek Reservoir is completed, the applicant requests that the System Operation Permit include special conditions which authorize: • The applicant to appropriate state water in the amount of 425,000 acre-feet per year for multiple use purposes, including domestic, municipal, agricultural, industrial, mining, and other beneficial uses on a firm basis in the Brazos River Basin. This amount includes the current and future return flows requested in this application.

This amount is available if all of the water is diverted at the mouth of the Brazos River, and can only be made available by the BRA through the system operation of its water rights. To the extent water is diverted upstream, the remaining unappropriated water downstream is reduced and will itself vary depending upon the location of its diversion and use. Out of the 425,000 acre-feet per year of unappropriated water being requested, the maximum amount of unappropriated water that will be available if such water is diverted upstream at USGS gage No. 0809100 near Glen Rose, Texas is 150,538 acre-feet per year firm and if such unappropriated water is diverted upstream at USGS gage No. 0809290 near Highbank, Texas the maximum amount of unappropriated water that will be available is, at that location, 175,306 acre-feet per year firm.

• The applicant to use up to 90,000 acre-feet of water per year of its firm supply to produce, along with other unappropriated flows, an interruptible water supply of 682,000 acre-feet per year. This amount includes the current and future return flows requested in this application. BRA indicates that the entire amount of 1,204,059 acre-feet of water (335,059 acre-feet of firm water and 869,000 acre-feet of interruptible water) is available only if all of it is diverted at the mouth of the Brazos River, and can only be made available by the BRA through the system operation of its water rights. To the extent water is diverted upstream, the remaining unappropriated water downstream is reduced and will itself vary depending upon the location of its diversion and use. Out of the 1,204,059 acre-feet of firm and interruptible water being requested, the maximum amount of firm and interruptible water that will be available if such water is diverted upstream at USGS gage No. 0809100 near Glen Rose, Texas will be 60,538 acre-feet of firm water per year and 190,000 acre-feet of interruptible water per year and if such water is diverted upstream at USGS gage No. 0809290 near Highbank, Texas, the maximum amount of firm water will be 55,306 acre-feet of water per year; and

• Exempt interbasin transfer authorization to transfer and use, on a firm and interruptible basis, such water in the adjoining San Jacinto-Brazos Coastal Basin and the Brazos-Colorado Coastal Basin, and to transfer such water to any county or municipality or the municipality's retail service area that is partially within the Brazos River Basin for use, on a firm and interruptible basis; in that part of the county or municipality and the municipality's retail service area not within the Brazos River Basin.

This application is subject to the Texas Coastal Management Program (CMP) and must be consistent with the CMP goals and policies.

The TCEQ will review the application as submitted by the applicant and may or may not grant the application as requested.

The application was received on June 25, 2004, and additional information was received on October 8 and October 12, 2004. The application was declared administratively complete and accepted for filing on October 15, 2004.

CONTESTED CASE HEARING: The TCEQ may grant a contested case hearing on this application if a written hearing request is filed within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice. The Executive Director may approve the application unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days after newspaper publication of this notice.

To request a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number; if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "I will request a contested case hearing"; (4) a brief and specific description of how you would be affected by the application in a way not common to the general public; and (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the proposed activity. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address provided in the information section below.

If a hearing request is filed, the Executive Director will not issue the permit and will forward the application and hearing request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

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Tania Hand & Brady Raindl united in church ceremony

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Tania Leah Hand and Brady Lynn Raindl exchanged wedding vows on Saturday, March 12, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at Monterey Church of Christ in Lubbock, with Russell Frazier of Del Rio, Texas officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Gail Hand of Friona. Grandparents of the bride are John and Billie Jo Hand of Friona, and the late Bill and Tera McGlothlin.

The groom is the son of Mitch and Donna Raindl of Tahoka, Texas. The groom's grandparents are R.F. and Juanell Fort of Midland, Texas, and the late Bland and Quinn Draper. He is the great-grandson of Trueitt Slone of Tahoka.

As the bride was given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, she wore an elegant gown created by the designers of Mon Cheri. The strapless bodice of the romantic styled gown featured satin, richly adorned with imported lace appliques, encrusted with pearls and crystals. The float waistline was a shaped basque over a full ballgown skirt of English tulle. The hemline of the gown was a deep satin band adorned with the same lace as the bodice.

For her hair she selected a crystal tiara complimented with a dual layer veiling edged in beading.

Her clutch style bouquet featured Black Magic and Charlotte roses with crystal accents.

Tania carried a handkerchief belonging to her maternal grandmother and pennies from the bride and groom's birth years, and wore a blue garter.

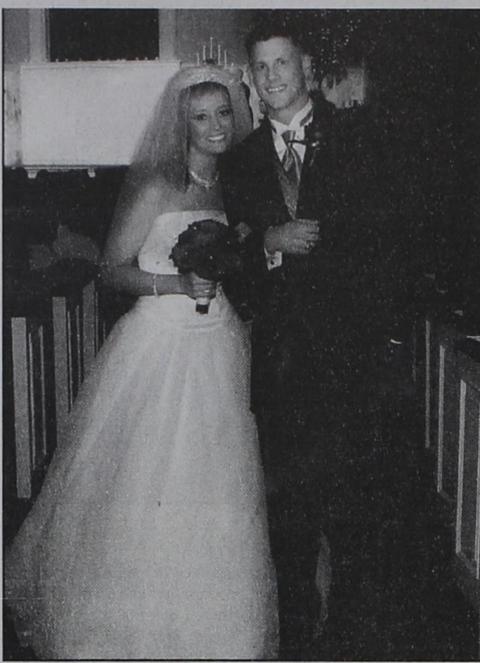
The groom wore a black tuxedo with a platinum vest. His boutonniere was a Black Magic rose.

Matrons of honor were Tamara Outland of Abilene and Trista Stallings of Rockwall, sisters of the bride. Maid of honor was Lynette Jubay of Midland. Bridesmaids were Ashlee Hunt of Weatherford, Oklahoma, Brittane McCleery of Lubbock, Brandi Raindl of Tahoka, sister of the groom, and Jena Grimsley of Abilene.

The female attendants wore black strapless, chiffon dresses with fitted bodices and A-line skirts. The bodices were trimmed in red with red sashes flowing down the back of the floor length dresses.

They carried bouquets of Charlotte roses in silver tussie mussie holders. They also wore matching necklaces and earrings, which were gifts from the bride.

Friends of honor were Valerie Bandy of Edmond, Oklahoma, Olivia Mendez of Pueblo, Colorado, Brek Paris of Seagraves, Jamie Slagle of Friona, Alisha Ward of Arling-



MR. & MRS. BRADY LYNN RAINDL
nee TANIA LEAH HAND

ton, Deanna Bird of Lubbock, and Taylor Washburn of Fort Worth.

Brent Raindl of Dallas served his brother as best man.

Groomsmen were Jordan Sarchet, David Densmore, and Mel McRee all of Lubbock, Gary Gandy of Cleburne, D.J. Sims of College Station, and Michael Cole of Schertz, Texas. The groom's attendants wore black tuxedos with red vests.

Taylor and Graci Stallings of Rockwall, nieces of the bride and Caroline and Hannah McLaren of Lubbock, cousins of the groom, showered rose petals before the bride. They wore red satin dresses with black tulle overlays on the full skirts.

The ring bearers were Cason Stallings of Rockwall, and Colton Outland of Abilene, nephews of the bride.

Ushers were Brandon Broyles of Abilene, and Chris Cavazos and Matt Chancy of Lubbock.

Musical selections were "Somewhere My Love", "Parents' Prayer", "This I Swear", and "Canon in D". As the couple lit the unity candle, a video of the couple's engagement photos was shown overhead, accompanied by the song "I Do".

The church decorations consisted of two large trees adorned with white lights, iron candelabras, and flower arrangements of red Charlotte roses. There were white columns accented with red roses and memorial candles, which the bride's mother and groom's mother lit in memory of their

parents.

Sherri Jubay of Lubbock, and Shayli Reed and Krista Graham of Friona attended the registry.

The reception was held in the activity center of the church. It was decorated with white tulle and white miniature lights which formed a complete canopy over the entire room. A large red rose ball in the center of the room accented the canopy. Lighted roman columns formed the backdrop for the serving tables.

The bride's cake was white with layers of raspberry filling and was decorated with red Charlotte roses accented with crystals.

The bride's table was decorated with a white tablecloth with red organza overlay with a platinum beaded runner down the center. A silver punch bowl, silver candelabras and a red rose arrangement finished off the table decorations.

The houseparty for the bride's table was Krita Graham, Shayli Reed, Kay Snead, Lisa Reed, Jyl Grimsley, and Sherry Atwell.

The groom's cake was red velvet also accented with red Charlotte roses.

The groom's table was decorated with a black tablecloth with a red organza overlay. It also had red roses and a Texas Tech snowglobe, which was given to the groom by the bride.

Those attending the groom's table were Nicole Nettles, cousin of the groom and Lezli Gandy.

A toast was given by Brent Raindl, the best man and

brother of the groom, and Lynette Jubay, the maid of honor, read a poem that she had written for the couple.

Special friends attending were V'Laura Wilcox, J'lond Jarecki, and Zach Barrett.

The couple left for the limousine amidst two long rows of well-wishers holding sparklers. They honeymooned in Solidaridad, Mexico.

Brady and Tania were honored with a shower in Tahoka in the home of Karen Huffaker and a tool shower in Lubbock at the home of Linda Linder.

The Friona shower was in the home of Jyl Grimsley. Tania was given a lingerie shower in Lubbock by her sisters, Tamara Outland and Trista Stallings, and friends Lynette Jubay and Brittane McCleery.

The bridal party was honored with a brunch at the Raspberry Garden Tea Room, which was hosted by her grandmother, mother and sisters. Mitch and Donna Raindl hosted a rehearsal dinner at the Lubbock Club. Highlighting the evening was a video pictorial of the couple.

Tania is a 2001 graduate of Friona High School and graduated Summa Cum Laude from Lubbock Christian University in December of 2004 with a degree in Family Studies.

Brady is a 2000 graduate of Tahoka High School and graduated Magna Cum Laude from Texas Tech in December of 2003 with a degree in Business Management. He is currently the Executive Director of the Perryton Activity Center in Perryton, Texas where the couple is residing.



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Larry started with Deaf Smith back in August and has been "learning the coop ropes", and how things are different from the investor owned utility. He states, "One of the reasons I came to work for Deaf Smith, is that the people are our greatest asset. It is good to be a part of the rural community again."

Larry and his wife Pat have been married for 22 years and both are from this area. They graduated from Clarendon High School, and West Texas State University, and have two sons Matthew 15, a freshman, and Andrew 12, a sixth grader. The family is active in the Central Church of Christ, and Larry and Pat work with the youth of the church. Besides his activities at the church Larry is a board member of High Plains Children's Home, a position he has held for six years.

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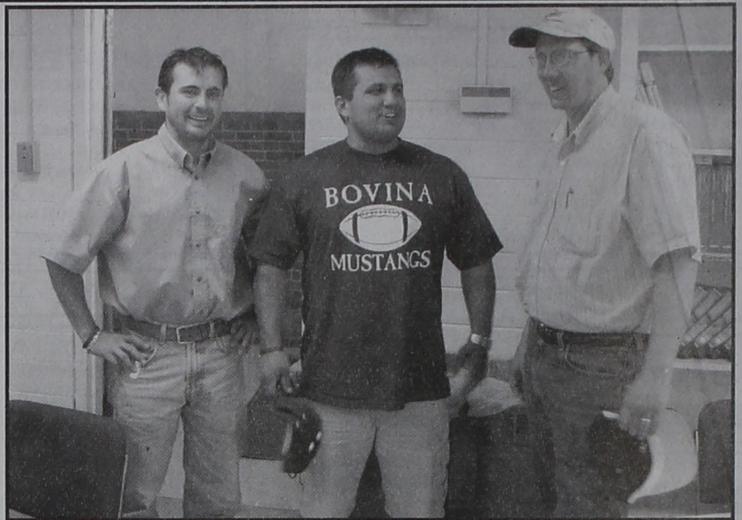
Students went to the gym in small groups, where they watched a short film excerpt about the effect of alcohol on the brain. They wore "beer goggles" which simulate intoxication and attempted to walk straight lines and zigzag around cones. They finished by attempting to shoot a basketball goal. The final part of the program was a question-answer game about the facts of alcohol and intoxication, the laws dealing with minors and alcohol, and drivers and alcohol.

The program was sponsored by the Friona High School Student Council.

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SENIORS Thomas Cook, Rudy Gonzales, Derek Fairweather & Gerardo Gonzales watch a short alcohol awareness film.



BOVINA BASEBALL coaches, l-r, Steve Arias, and Hector Guevara visit with Caprock Cattle Feeders Manager Pat Schwab at a Tuesday night steak feed in appreciation of all who contributed to the new baseball field. Caprock Cattle Feeders donated \$7,500 toward lights for the field.

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Friona Wheels for Life Bike-A-Thon will be held on Saturday, May 21

The Friona "Wheels for Life" Bike-A-Thon to be held on Saturday, May 21, 2005, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the Friona High School football field, has been announced by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Coordinator for this year's event is Mrs. Sharon Rector who encourages all residents and businesses to support this community effort.

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