



WELCOME FRIONA HERITAGE ESTATES...Chamber of Commerce officials, friends and guests gathered for the ribbon cutting and open house of Friona Heritage Estates last Sunday. Housing manager Rhonda Bentley and executive director Jo Blackwell, center with scissors, welcomed guests. ron carr photo

Banquet Set For April 9 --Nominations Sought

The 45th annual Friona Chamber of Commerce Banquet has been set for April 9, 2001.

The Chamber is accepting nominations for Citizen of the Year, Man and Woman of the Year, Students of the Year, Teacher of the Year, and Most Courteous Employee. Deadline for submitting names for these honors is Friday, March 23.

The forms available at the Chamber office ask for basic information about the individual being nominated. Information substantiating the nomination should be added in a letter or list of accomplishments for the individual or individuals being nominated.

For more information call the Chamber office at 250-3491.

BEWARE: ATTACK CAT-reads a sign on the garage entryway at the Ellis home on Maple Street. Ron Carr had been with us at the papers just a short time when we went for a weekend visit with our kids in Lubbock.



Star Lites by Bill Ellis

I had brought our "news camera" home for the weekend, and Ron Called me asking its whereabouts.

I told him it was on the coffee table in the living room, where I had left it the night before. I instructed Ron how to get into the house, which was locked.

Ron's story from here: "I got into the house and headed for the living room. I spied the camera, and went to pick it up. About the time I did, your (our) cat (napping on the top of the couch by the coffee table), stood up, arched her back and made the loudest hissing noise I ever heard. I almost dropped the camera!"

Getting over the surprise, Ron took the camera and decided to make his exit, before he got cat-bit. As he rounded the corner into the hallway leading to the garage, darned if the cat hadn't beat him there, and gave him another "hiss," sort of saying "and don't come back, either!"

We found Miss Kitty (which also went under a pseudonym "Amazing Grace") on a trip to Ruidoso in the fall of 1996. She was under the porch of the cabin we had rented for the weekend.

"MK" was our constant companion when Carol and I would walk around the area. She would run up ahead, then stop and look back at us, more like a dog, as if to say "Are you coming, or not?"

At the end of the weekend, after we had offered M.K. table scraps which were much appreciated, Carol went to town and bought a small "pet porter," and lined it with a towel, and was about to leave a week's supply of food.

I told her that the weather there was about to turn really cold, and that if she wanted to save the apparently unattached kitty, she'd better just put her in the travelling case and bring her with us back to Texas, which she did.

If you've had cats, you know that the cat does the choosing, as to who they belong to. Kitty chose Ye Editor, and set up shop in my home office. We fed her back there, as we could rig the door to where the pups couldn't come in to bother her food.

Whenever I'd be at my computer, Kitty would sit on the couch at my elbow, and usually take a nap. Many times I would feel a closer presence, and I'd turn my head and discover M.K. sitting on the arm of the couch, which made us eye-to-eye. She would stay there as long as I was in the room.

I tell everyone that I shared office space with a cat. Kitty and Chester, our elderly Pekingese became good friends. In warm weather periods, when we'd put them out for a time, they would take a leisurely stroll side by side down the back walkway.

I'll miss Kitty's "help" on my writing. She developed a bad infection this week and we lost her. We buried her in our backyard pet cemetery.

Like Ron, everyone who met Miss Kitty had a story to tell.

Republican and Democrat: A Republican and a Democrat were walking down the street one day when they ran across a homeless person.

The Republican gave the person his business card and told him to come to his business the next day for a job. He then took \$20 out of his pocket and gave it to the homeless man. A little later they met another "street person." The Democrat, not to be outdone, walked over to the man, gave him directions to the welfare office, and then reached into the Republican's pocket and gave him fifty dollars.

Steve Kersh Will Visit Sr. Citizens

Ted Tucker, president of the Friona Senior Citizens, has announced that Channel 7 meteorologist Steve Kersh will be the guest at the Seniors lunch on Monday, March 26, at 11:45 a.m.

He requests that if you plan to eat with the Seniors that day, please advise by Thursday, March 22, so they can plan the food. Call Ted at 250-2845 or the Friendship House at 250-3645.

He also reported that from June 2000 thru February 2001, 7,614 people have attended events at the Friendship House. All seniors are welcome.

BACK ABOVE 10,000

County Shows Small Gain: Census Report

A small gain is better than a loss! Parmer County's official census count for 2000 came to 10,016, according to figures released by the Bureau of the Census this year.

Although a small gain (153 people, and +1.6 per cent), Parmer County was one

of a few counties in the Panhandle/South Plains which did not show a population decrease.

By comparison, neighboring Bailey County lost 417 people during the 1990s decade, to 6,594: a 6.7 per cent decrease.

Deaf Smith County lost 592 people, standing at 18,561, a decrease of 7.4 per cent, and Castro County (Dimmitt) fell by 785 people, to stand at 8,285 in 2000, a drop of 8.7 per cent.

Figures for the cities and towns in Parmer County were not released when the county totals were revealed this week. One source said they may not be released for "several more weeks."

Latest population estimates by the Texas Almanac listed Friona with 3,785 people, Bovina with 1,766, and Farwell at 1,485. The Lazbuddie community had 248 folks, according to Almanac estimates.

Other county figures listed for the 2000 headcount showed Cochran County

(Morton) at 3,730, down 647 or 14.8 per cent; Swisher County (Tulia) with a gain of 245 to 8378. Swisher's gain can be attributed to Tulia's small prison unit.

Lamb County (Littlefield), lost 363 people, to 14,709, a 2.4 per cent drop; Floyd County lost 726 people, standing at 7771, an 8.5 per cent drop.

Lubbock (city) fell below its hoped-for 200,000 population, coming in at 199,564. This was a seven per cent gain from 1990. Amarillo's total came to just over 173,000. Part of Amarillo lies in Randall, with the main portion in Potter County.

Candidate Deadline Is Wednesday

During the May 5 general election, Friona will vote for three city council positions and two school board positions.

Terms expiring on the city council are Mark Osborn, Mark Neill and John Gurley. On the school board, Kathryn Gurley and Danny Black's terms will expire.

As of presstime this week, there had been no official filings for any of the vacant seats. Deadline for filing for city council or school board is 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 21.

Applications for city council are available at city hall and for the school board, applications are available at the Administration Office.

*May your troubles be less
And your blessings be more
And nothing but happiness
Come through your door.
--An Old Irish Blessing*

WTRT Annual Meeting Is Tuesday, March 20

The 47th annual meeting of the membership of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative is set for Tuesday, March 20, at the Hereford Bull Barn.

The meeting begins at 6 p.m. with a catered supper. The business meeting will get underway at 7 p.m. Three directors will be elected for the Westway, Tharp and Milo Center exchanges.

WTRT General Manager Thomas A. Hyer will give his report on Cooperative business activities of the past year. Drawings for door prizes will also be held.

New Toll Free Number For Sheriff's Office

Parmer County Sheriff Randy Gerles has announced an agreement with West Texas Rural Telephone Company which provides residents with toll free dialing to contact the Sheriff's Office.

"Until now, to make a call from Friona, Bovina and the surrounding areas was a long distance call," Gerles said. "West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative has come to help our community by providing a new number to contact the Sheriff's Office."

The new number is 295-3303. It will access the Sheriff's Office toll free from the following prefixes: 250 & 247 in Friona; 251 & 238 in Bovina; 265 in Hub; 225 in Tharp; 295 in Parmer; and 357 in Summerfield.

The service is provided as a community service by WTRT, Inc. "I would like to thank Tom Hyer, manager, and Dick Thompson for their work in making this possible," Gerles said.



AT FRIONA HERITAGE ESTATES' open house last Sunday, these officials were especially proud of the city-owned facility. From left, project manager Dave Charest, Friona city manager Paula Wilson and architect and designer Rich Oller. ron carr photo

Chieftain Coaches Say Thanks!

The Chieftain coaching staff expressed their thanks to all those who helped in this year's Jr. Chieftain and Chieftain Relays.

Coach Kelm said, "It is a big job to put on any kind of track meet and it takes a lot of work and help from many people. Once again the community of Friona responded in their usual outstanding way and made our meets a big success."

"There were so many who helped it would be impossible to list them all," Kelm said, "but rest assured that we sincerely appreciate each and every one of you as you support the Friona athletes and coaches with your time and effort."

The coaches appreciate the people of the community who are a part of Chieftain Pride, he stated. "We will continue to try to represent you with our best at all times. Once again, thanks from all of us to all of you. You are the best."

Junior High Open House Is Tuesday

Friona Junior High's open house will be Tuesday, March 20, from 7-8 p.m. Principal Kevin Wiseman invites everyone to attend.

The sixth grade will display special math projects, demonstrate the new laptop computer lab, view TAAS tests and student poems, display a family tree project and see the new Orchard software.

In 7-8 grade reading, students have rewritten various children's stories from the antagonist's point of view. These stories will be available for students to share with their parents. The computer will also be available for students to show their parents their reading records and how to take an Accelerated Reading test.

Seventh graders will display cross-curricular Indian

In case of disaster, the Red Cross needs to respond quickly. Your help is needed. Several merchants in the City of Friona and in Parmer County have placed a "March Is Red Cross Month" bank on their counters for donations.

Or you can send a donation to the Tri-County Branch, P.O. Box 1371, Hereford, TX, 79045.

Red Cross training is to be held on March 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Tri-County American Red Cross, 224 So. Main, Hereford. The local Red Cross will sponsor disaster training for individuals or groups concerned with community support during a disaster. Topics include Shelter Operations and Disaster Functions. Interested persons or civic groups can call 364-3761 to register.

booklets in their homerooms. Parents may examine TAAS results and writing samples in English class, advertisements in Math, models of the Alamo in history and ecology posters and geology projects in science class.

Junior high science students will present hands-on labs or demonstrations. Parents may use the brand new wireless computers in Mr. Herbert's room and the microscopes in Mrs. Slagle's room. Students will help visitors with activities on Newton's Laws in the science lab room and with physics experiments in Mrs. Hendrickson's room.

Eighth grade students will have work available for viewing, various projects will be on display and samples of TAAS materials will be available.

Free Napkins At VFW Chicken Dinner April 8

The famous, finger-lickin', fried chicken of the local VFW vets and auxiliary will be served on Sunday, April 8 at Veterans Hall, 6th & Euclid in Friona.

Serving time will be 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Takeouts will be available. Cost is \$6 adults and \$3 for children under 12 years. Fried chicken, creamed potatoes, white gravy, green beans, salad, homemade desserts, bread and drink are on the menu.

Eating chicken with your fingers is allowed and napkins are free. Bring the family!!

Friona Flashbacks

...from the files of The Friona Star

70 Yrs Ago-Mar. 13, 1931

The throbbing, vital question in the minds of most of the people of Parmer County today is "Where should the county seat be?" Where do you think the county seat should be and why? The *Friona Star* is sponsoring a contest for the person writing the best letter on the subject. First Prize is a \$10 gold piece. Second prize will be a \$5 gold piece, and to the next five letters will be awarded a year's subscription to the *Friona Star*.

65 Yrs Ago-Mar. 13, 1936

Parmer County's second annual Calf and Meat Show was held here on Saturday of last week, and was well attended by people from almost every part of the country. The calf division of the show was won by Boggs of Friona. Wines of Bovina was second, and Lilly of Bovina was third. Other entries were Julian, Lazbuddie; Welch, Friona; Harold Lillard, Friona; Franklin Lillard, Friona; Schlenker, Rhea; and Howard of Lazbuddie.

60 Yrs Ago-Mar. 14, 1941

Amassing a total of 1099 points in 34 games, the Friona Squaws earned the

title of "point a minute" basketballers, having met all comers from Texline on the Oklahoma line of the north Panhandle, to Silsbee, deep in East Texas. The Squaws lost their opening game of the state tournament, but came back with three wins to take the consolation title. The Squaws bowed to only three teams during the seasons.

55 Yrs Ago-Mar. 15, 1946

Two Friona men were badly burned in separate fires during past week. Wilmot (Red) Crow was burned at an explosion at the Friona Locker Plant, and Howard Ford of the O.F. & O. Supply Company was burned while doing some welding.

50 Yrs Ago-Mar. 15, 1951

A concert will be presented next Wednesday night by the Friona High School Girls Choir, under the direction of Glen H. Cunningham. The group is preparing to go on a 500-mile tour March 29-30-31. Included on their tour will be Crane-Odessa, Imperial and others.

45 Yrs Ago-Mar. 16, 1956

There will be 922 students enrolled in Friona schools next year, according to the annual school census

which was recently conducted. Postal receipts, which are generally considered a pretty good indication of a town's prosperity, total \$3,732 for the first two months of 1951, according to Postmaster Leo McLellan.

40 Yrs Ago-Mar. 16, 1961

Craig Coon of Friona FFA exhibited the grand champion steer at the Parmer County Junior Livestock Show.

Earl Smith, head coach of the Friona Chieftains for the past two seasons, resigned his post.

Ben Mooreman, who later was to return as police chief, resigned his position effective April 1.

35 Yrs Ago-Mar. 17, 1966

Parmer County Community Hospital has received a grant of \$25,000 from the Mabee Foundation of Tulsa, Oklahoma, it was announced this week by hospital administrator, H.E. Barnett.

A \$30,000 remodeling project has been announced by Glenn E. Reeve for Reeve Chevrolet Co., more than doubling the company's service department.

30 Yrs Ago-Mar. 18, 1971

Jayn Massie, previously honored as an all-district performer and an all-star

selection from the Panhandle, was chosen "Guard of the Year" by the Amarillo Globe-News this week. Also honored was Coach F.G. Crofford, the honorable selection for "Coach of the Year" in the girl's rank.

15 Yrs Ago-Mar. 16, 1986

The Friona Chamber of Commerce held its Salute to the Texas Sesquicentennial Banquet Thursday evening. Outstanding citizens awards were presented to: Patricia Fleming, Woman of the Year; Jim Johnston, Man of the Year; Rick Tullis, Teacher of the Year; Margaret Wilshire, Most Courteous Employee; Susan Bailey and Daniel Gowens, Outstanding Young People.

10 Yrs Ago-Mar. 16, 1991

Rod Britting, 1987 graduate of Friona High School, won the national championship in the pole vault event at the recent NAIA indoor championships in Kansas City.

Among the winners in the junior high science fair were Abel Camarillo, Jamie Cruz, Jack Wilson, Lance Looper, Julie Goddard, and Mary Frances Cass.

Ronda Racliff, a starter for the Southwest Texas State University women's basketball team, has been named to the 1990-91 University Division GTE Academic All-District VI women's basketball team.

5 Yrs Ago-Mar. 16, 1996

Parmer County voters, given a more convenient opportunity for the primary election, voted in the Republican primary more heavily than the Democratic, 54 per cent to 46 per cent this past Tuesday. It is the first time in the county's voting history for the Republican primary to outdraw the Democratic primary.



94TH BIRTHDAY HONOREE....Opal Hitt celebrated her 94th birthday with a party at K-Bob's Steak House in Clovis on Saturday, March 10. Forty-six people were in attendance coming from West Texas, Eastern New Mexico, Albuquerque, Alamogordo, Lubbock, Amarillo and Canyon. The family members and friends enjoyed visiting. Special guests included cousins, Carol Petree of Dallas, John Payne of Arkansas who sang, and Evelyn Merle Courtney of Hale Center.

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Around Town

Crisis Center needs volunteers

Women's & Children's Crisis Center (formerly the Rape Crisis Center) will be providing a domestic violence and sexual assault program beginning Mar 26. Persons interested in becoming a volunteer or those simply wanting to become aware of the existing problems in our community call the crisis center office in Hereford at 806-363-6727 and ask for Linda or Mary. The Women's & Children's Crisis Center serves Parmer, Deaf Smith, Castro and Oldham counties.

Senior steak dinner Apr 1

The FHS 2001 senior class will hold its steak dinner fundraiser on Sun, Apr 1, at the junior high cafeteria. Serving begins at 11:30 a.m. Takeouts available. Steak, baked potato, salad, dessert, drink. Tickets in advance are \$7 adult, \$5 kids 10 and under. Tickets at the door will be \$8 and \$6. See any senior for advance tickets.

Channel 7 weatherman to visit seniors

Steve Kersh, Channel 7 weathercaster will be the guest at the Senior Citizen lunch on Monday, Mar 26, at 11:45 a.m. at Friendship House. Let them know by Mar 22 if you will be there so they can plan the food.

Spring luncheons at the Depot

The Community Heritage Society will again be sponsoring four Spring luncheons on Apr 5, 12, 19, and 26 at 12 noon in the Old Santa Fe Depot in city park. Call Lois Norwood for reservations at 250-3209 or the Chamber office at 250-3491.

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West Texas single adult conference

All area singles are invited to the West Texas Single Adult Discipleship Conference, Mar 23-24 at Southcrest Baptist Church in Lubbock. The theme is "Under Construction: God's Blueprint for Health in a Broken World." Reservations and \$10 fee may be phoned or mailed. Southcrest Baptist Church, 3801 S. Loop 289, Lubbock, TX 79423. For info call 792-3363.

SPC job fair Apr 10

Prospective employers from around the So. Plains will participate in So. Plains College's annual job fair Apr 10. The job fair is open to any current or former SPC student and is scheduled from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Sundown Room in SPC's student center. For more info call Lynn Whitfield beginning Mar 19 at 894-9611, ext. 2365.

Handweavers meeting Mar 22

The Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild monthly meeting is Mar 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Amarillo. Anyone interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts is welcome. For meeting location or info call Becky Martin at 806-358-2765.

D. Rosales On Tigers BB Team

Daniel Rosales, Jr., a graduate of Friona High School, has been selected as a member of the 2000-2001 baseball team.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Rosales of Friona and is a freshman physical education major. The team is led by coach Bengie Rodriguez.

Central Christian College, McPherson, Kansas, is a member of the National Christian College Athletic Association. The school provides liberal arts and career-entry programs leading to Bachelor and Associate degrees.



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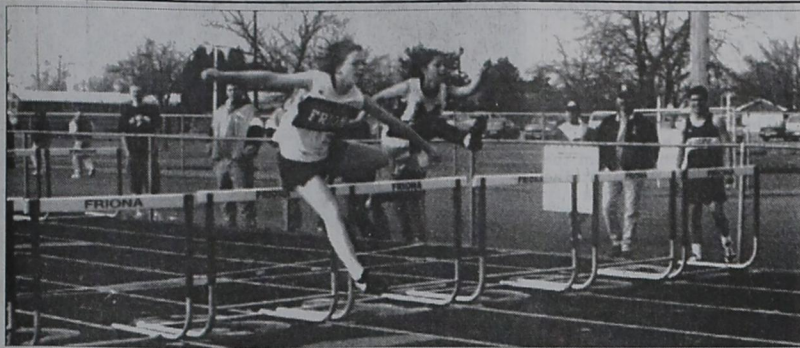
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WILCOX IN LEAD.... V'Laura Wilcox is shown clearing a hurdle last Saturday in the local meet. She has a step lead over her Morton opponent, right, who finished second. (courtesy photo)



WINNING FORM.... Kayla Smiley gets off a throw in the shot put event in the Chieftain Relays, which she won with a 28-2 mark. Kayla also finished third in the discus with a 96-7 throw.

Chieftains Sweep Dalhart, Stand 4-2

The Chieftain baseball team swept a double-header from visiting Dalhart last Saturday, 7-2 and 12-8, to run their season record to 4-2.

Chieftain senior Matthew Mata went the distance for Friona in the first game. Mata gave up a pair of unearned runs. He limited Dalhart to only four hits (by two players). He struck out seven and walked only one, in making his record 2-0 for the season.

Mata's teammates made the most of their seven hits. Friona also drew a pair of walks, and Dalhart made some costly fielding errors which helped the Chieftains score six runs in the first two innings, and Mata made the early lead stand up.

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benefitted from five walks, a hit batsman, and a pair of fielding errors.

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WIN SEVEN EVENTS

Squaws Win FHS Invitational Meet

The FHS Squaws' track and field team captured the championship of the 2001 Chieftain Relays' varsity girls division last Saturday, scoring 163 points to outscore the other three teams in what turned out to be a quadrangular meet.

Weather for the meet turned out to be pretty good, after a cool start in the morning events.

Tulia finished second in the meet with 151 points; Muleshoe scored 88 and Morton 53.

"The girls did pretty well. It was the first time for some of them to compete. We did especially well in the throwing events. It's always good to perform well in front of the home fans," said Coach Richard North.

The Squaws won seven events. Jena Grimsley and V'Laura Wilcox were double winners. Miss Grimsley won the 400-meter dash and 800-meter run medals, while Miss Wilcox won both hurdle events.

Three other members of the Squaws' basketball team—Kristie Jack, Kayla Smiley and Amy Murphree, also added first-place performances, like V'Laura seeing their first meet action.

Wilcox won the 100-meter hurdles race with a time of 16.29, and later added the 300-m hurdles title with a 50.43 performance.

Grimsley won the 400-meter dash with a time of 67.95, and later won the 800-m race by clocking 2:33.2.

Kayla Smiley won the shot put with a throw of 28-2. Amy Murphree won the discus throw with a 106-6 effort.

Miss Smiley was third in the discus with a 96-7 mark, and Stephanie Jones was sixth in the shot put at 22-1.

Kristie Jack added a win for the team, capturing the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.51. Crystal Padilla was fifth in that race at 15.97.

Betsy Clark placed second in the 400-meter dash with a time of 70.67, giving Friona a 1-2 place in the race. Miss Clark also placed second in the high jump, clearing 4-4, and was fourth in the 200-meter dash at 31.28.

Cara Evans also placed fifth in the 200-meter dash with a timing of 32.43.

The Squaws' three relay teams all placed second, giving the team 48 points toward their eventual team title.

The 400-meter relay team, composed of Christy Nava,

Cara Evans, Ashlee Hunt and Kristie Jack, ran a 55.4, being edged by Tulia, who posted a 53.2 time.

Friona's 800-m relay (Nava, Evans, Hunt and Jack), posted a time of 1:58, taking second again to Tulia.

The 1600-meter team, composed of Misses Nava, Hunt, Wilcox and Grimsley, turned in a 4:33.34 time, again good for second place.

Rocio Lugo, Friona's entry in the distance events, placed second in the 1600-meter run at 6:46, just three seconds behind Tulia's Rousseau. Miss Lugo also had placed third in the 3200-meter race, with a 14:51, rounding out Friona's scoring.

The Squaws will compete in the meet at Lockney on Saturday. Due to the spring break, a few performers may not compete.



CHIEFTAIN RELAY....Friona's varsity mile relay team is off to a good start after two meets. The foursome includes (l-r) Jesus Trejo, Adam Bandy, Andy Carthel and Michael Ortiz. (courtesy photo)

Chiefs Capture Title In Own Track Meet

The Chieftain varsity track and field team racked up their second team championship in two starts by capturing the team title at the annual Chieftain Relays last Saturday, scoring a total of 157 points.

"The Chieftain coaching staff was pleased with the efforts of the entire team as they continue to improve through hard work and competitive spirit," said Coach Dudley Kelm.

The next competition for the Chieftains will be at Lockney on Friday and Saturday, March 16-17. Field events will be held Friday afternoon, and running prelims will begin at 9:45 a.m. on Saturday. Finals are scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday.

MEET RESULTS

Shot put: 5. Cody Grimsley, 37-5-1/2.

Discus: 1. Dustin

TEAM SCORES

1. Friona, 157; 2. Tulia, 141; 3. Floydada, 117; 4. Morton, 70.

Thompson, 119-7; 2. Brian Wiseman, 116-9; 3. Cody Grimsley, 115-10.

High jump: 6. Adam Bandy, 5-6.

Long jump: 2. Bandy, 21-2-3/4; 5. Corbin Neill, 19-6.

3200-m run: 4. Rigo Tarango, 11:36.6; 5. Andy Vega, 12:08.78.

400-m relay: 3. (Ty White, Corbin Neill; Chance Hutson, Nathan Haile), 47.26.

800-m dash: 3. Jesus Trejo, 2:08.64; 4. Jose Herrera, 2:15.81; 5. Brian Wiseman, 2:17.57.

100-m hurdles: 2. Haile, 16.3; 3. Andy Carthel, 16.59; 4. Hutson, 16.71.

100-m dash: 5. White, 11.91; 6. Neill, 12.06.

400-m dash: 2. Michael Ortiz, 52.49; 4. Bandy, 54.33; 6. Neill, 58.8.

300-m hurdles: 2. Carthel, 43.97; 3. Haile, 44.47; 4. Hutson, 46.16.

200-m dash: 3. Ortiz, 24.17; 4. Trejo, 25.71; 5. White, 25.88.

1600-m run: 2. Jose Herrera, 5:09.35; 3. Tarango, 5:11.61; 5. Vega, 5:33.52.

1600-m relay: 3rd (Ortiz, Bandy, Carthel, Trejo) 3:37.41.

The Chieftain JV team placed fourth with 84 points. Point scorers were:

Shot put: 3. Gabe Rivas, 35-5.

Discus: 4. Isaac Arzola, 100-3; 5. Adrian Flores, 95-9.

Pole vault: 2. Brock Field, 9-0.

Long jump: 2. Trevor Fields, 17-5-1/2; 5. Hayes Jones, 16-7.

3200-m run: 6. Genarro Chavarria, 13:40.22.

400-m relay: 2nd (Jason Gutierrez, Jones, B. Field, Amador Rocha), 48.72.

100-m dash: 5. Gutierrez, 12.24.

400-m dash: 2. Trevor Fields, 58.3; 4. Jones, 58.92.

300-m hurdles: 2. B. Field, 45.63.

200-m dash: 6. Rocha, 26.66.

1600-m run: 5. Chavarria, 5:55.63.

1600-m relay 3. (T. Fields, Jones, Rocha, B. Field), 3:58.73.

Meet Friona's Class of 2013

Jorge Guerrero is a kindergartner at Friona Schools.

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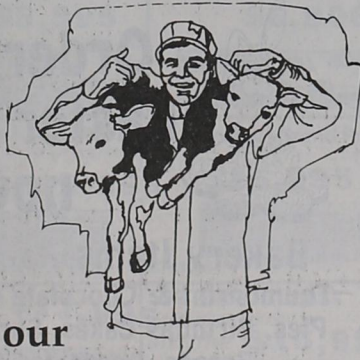
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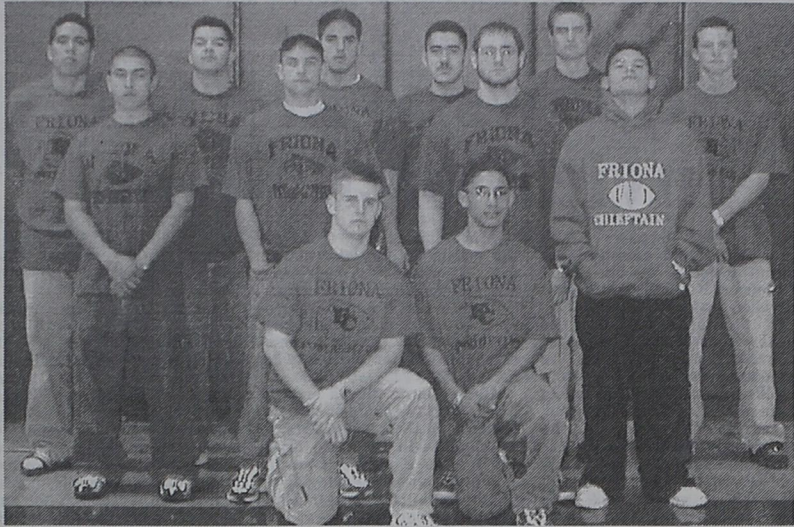
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POWERLIFTERS... Standing, l-r, Fabian Flores, Cesar Carrera, Frank Dominguez, Isaac Arzola, Matthew Rangel, Osvaldo Almaguer, Dwight Merrill, Cody Grimsley, Eric Rubio, Corbin Neill. Front, l-r, Ty White and Dario Hernandez. *courtesy school photo*

Eighth Braves Win Local Relays Title

In the Junior Chieftain Relays held here last Saturday, Friona's eighth grade Braves had the best showing, winning their division's title with 90 points to runnerup Tulia's 81, Morton's 79, Muleshoe's 78 and Crosbyton's 36.

The seventh grade Maidens placed third and scored 100 points, trailing only Tulia and Muleshoe. The eighth grade Maidens were also third, with 78 points and the seventh grade Braves placed fourth with 42 points.

8th GRADE BOYS
2400-m run: 1. Jonathan Nava, 9:20.76; 2. Matt Gammon, 9:22.54; 3. Godoy, 9:26.26.

800-m dash: 2. David Mendez, 2:27.35; 5. Nava, 2:37.99.

100-m dash: 5. Reyes, 12.62.

300-m hurdles: 1. Willy Castillo, 48.93; 4. Sergio Saenz, 50.02.

400-m relay: 4th, 49.9.

400-m dash: 3. Mendez, 60.25.

200-m dash: 4. Saenz, 26.36.

1600-m relay: 5th, 4:15.57.

7th GRADE BOYS
800-m dash: 5. Daniel, 2:57.56.

100-m dash: 1. Gonzales, 12.02; 4. Ben Santiago, 13.29; 6. Sanchez, 13.49.

1600-m run: 6. Daniel, 6:42.28.

400-m relay: 6th, 52.88.

110-m hurdles: 6. Sanchez, 21.58.

200-m dash: 1. Gonzales, 26.28.

1600-m relay: 5th, 5:05.34.

8th GRADE GIRLS
800-m dash: 3. Lupe Estrada, 2:57.67; 5. Laura Rosas, 3:00.84.

100-m dash: 3. Sylvia Stewart, 14.11; 6. Yvonne Ramos, 14.9.

400-m dash: 3. Misty Adams, 1:14.62.

200-m dash: 3. Jamie Gilliam, 31.53.

100-m hurdles: 6. Andrea Geries, 19.03.

800-m relay: 3. (Beth Nava, Adrienne Anthony, Yvonne Vega, Denise Perez).

300-m hurdles: 3. Chance Barrett, 60.58; 6. Maegan Ingram, 1:01.8.

1600-m run: 4. Mimi Benavides, 6:53.65.

1600-m relay: 2. (Trisha Winebrinner, Lupe Estrada, Meagan Ingram, Yvonne Ramos) 4:51.6.

7th GRADE GIRLS
800-m dash: 3. Adrienne Anthony, 3:03.93; 5. Courtney Williams, 3:09.84.

100-m dash: 3. Karla Padilla, 14.23; 4. Heather Clark, 14.55.

400-m dash: 2. Nuria Salazar, 1:13.02; 4. Claudia Candanedo, 1:15.66.

200-m dash: 1. Beth Nava, 31.94; 6. Lafuente, 34.12.

400-m relay: 4. (Padilla, Denise Perez, Vega, Heather Clark) 61.43.

100-m hurdles: 3. Yvonne Vega, 20.95; 4. Denise Perez, 21.43.

800-m relay: 1st (Nava, Anthony, Vega, Perez) 2:04.97.

300-m hurdles: 6. Jessica Silva, 1:04.45.

1600-m run: 2. Nuria Salazar, 6:34.59.

1600-m relay: 3rd (Perez, Nava, Katie Welch, Misty Adams) 5:01.63.

At the Dalhart meet, Dominguez and Merrill were 2nd, Eric Rubio was 4th and Dario Hernandez was 5th.

Powerlifters and their top total weights were:

Cesar Carrera 825; Dwight Merrill 1045; Osvaldo Almaguer 745; Frank Dominguez 1000; Fabian Flores 875; Dario Hernandez 770; Eric Rubio 900; Isaac Arzola 690; Cody Grimsley 780; and Ty White 955.

The total weight includes the best total pounds lifted in squat, bench press and deadlift added together.

Powerlift Season Results

Coach Bob Ferguson's FHS powerlifting team has completed its season with some good results.

Senior Dwight Merrill had the high weight in the squat with 360 pounds and was high in bench press at 330 pounds. In deadlift, junior Frank Dominguez led with 440 pounds.

Merrill's 330 in the bench press and Dominguez's 440 in the deadlift were both school records.

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QUITE A TROUT...Daniel Wiseman proudly displays his 28-inch, 12-pound rainbow trout, caught in the Taylor River near Gunnison, Colo. during a recent visit to see his brother, Landon. Daniel is the son of Mitch and Johnnie Wiseman. Landon attends college at Gunnison.

Spring Lunches At Depot Are Set For April

The Community Heritage Society will again sponsor four Spring Luncheons in the old Santa Fe Depot in the City Park. Luncheons are scheduled for the four Thursday in April; April 5, 12, 19 and 26th at 12:00 noon.

Tickets are \$10.00 each for the meal and entertainment and proceeds go for the continuing upkeep of the Depot building.

Call Lois Norwood for reservations at 250-3209, or the Chamber Office at 250-3491. Tickets can be picked up at the Chamber Office. Reserve your tickets early, as seating is limited and these usually sell out fast.



YOUNG COWPOKES...A couple of Little Buckaroos, Jaylee Floyd and Braden Pope, served as scroll presenters at the "Who's Who" assembly last Tuesday evening at Friona High School. Jaylee is the daughter of Jason and Leslie Floyd, and Braden is the son of Britny and Charlie Pope.

Cemetery Association Meeting

The Friona Cemetery Association met on Monday, March 12 to plan for the new year.

John Fred White, president, gave the association a check presented by county commissioner Kirk Frye. The check was from Farmer County to help with cemetery improvement.

The Cemetery Association expressed appreciation to Ralph Shirley who raised money for a memorial wall at the cemetery. It is an attractive wall and will be used to put the name of the person being interred and if they were a veteran, etc.

The annual meeting will be Thursday, April 19 at 4 p.m. at city hall. Everyone is invited and welcome.



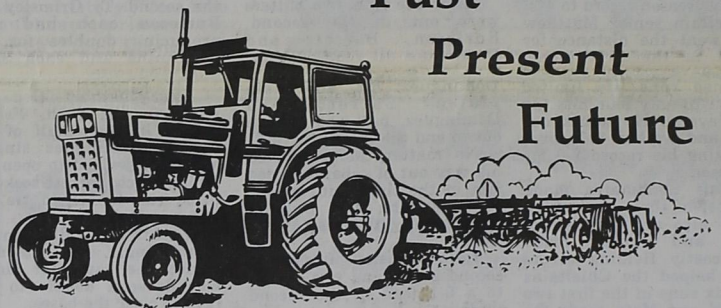
AND THE WINNER IS...Amber Wyly, left, and Holley Hand assisted with the Who's Who assembly last Tuesday, reading off the list of nominees for each category, announcing and introducing the winners. *(ron carr photo)*

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School Board Candidate Workshop Set

Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop, Thursday, March 22 from 7-9 p.m. at the Region 16 Education Service Center, 1601 S. Cleveland, Amarillo.

Topics to be covered include the school board's duties and responsibilities, important ethical practices during board service, how board members are accountable for the education of students and keys to responsible campaigns. Participants will also view "A Call to Service," a Texas Association of School Boards' video highlighting aspects of board service, featuring several experienced school trustees.

The workshop is open to anyone. Admission is free. For more information call Brenda Canul at TASB, (512)467-0222 or 800-580-8272, extension 6104, or check the TASB web site at www.tasb.org for other dates and locations.

FRIONA CHIEFTAIN Special Olympics Track Team members practice at the Chieftain track. From left are Ruben Diaz, Jessica Ripley, Raul Rios, assistant coach Logan Spencer, Zachary Graves, Felissa Dominguez, coach Donna Mullins and Paul Salinas. Not pictured are assistant coaches Raymond Diaz and Ross Paiz. The team will compete in an upcoming meet in Wheeler.

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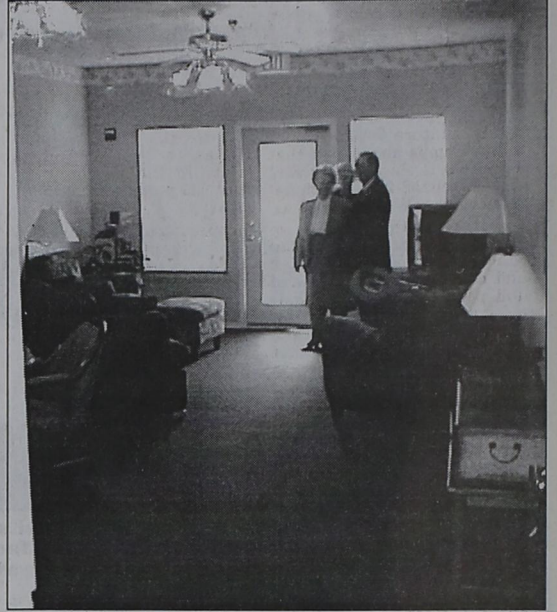
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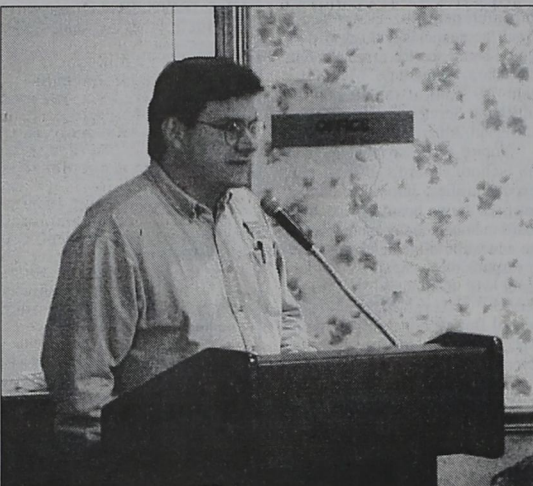
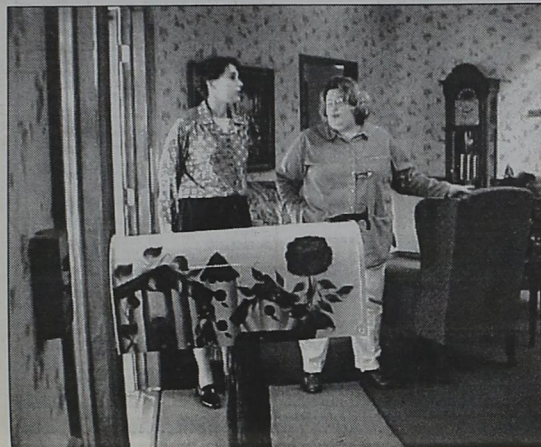
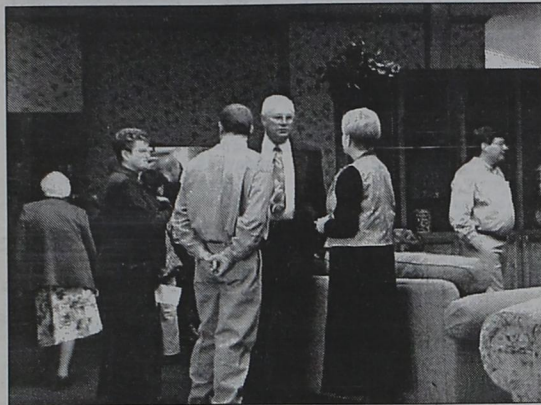
Heritage Estates' Open House



HOUSING MANAGER Rhonda Bentley is shown here with the first resident of Friona Heritage Estates, Effie Hicks.



THE DAY ROOM at Friona Heritage Estates was furnished in honor of T.I. and Melba Burleson by their daughter, Kay Burleson Cash, trustee of the Cash Foundation.



JEFF PRICE, Ombudsman for the Area Agency on Aging of Amarillo, addressed the crowd at the Open House.



MAYOR CLARENCE MONROE welcomed the visitors to Friona Heritage Estates' Open House Sunday afternoon.

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There will be an election of three directors from the following nominees:

Milo Center: Carl Strafuss (unopposed)

Tharp: Jimmie Cockerham & Richard Carson

Westway: Ernest Flood & Janice Brumley

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Com. Combs Says Ag Week Is Time To Honor Our Farmers, Ranchers

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that March 20 is National Ag Day and March 18-24 is National Agriculture Week in Texas.

"During this week, we honor the farmers and ranchers whose dedication and commitment to the land and people of Texas extends all year," Combs said. "National Agriculture Week is the time to honor the hardworking individuals in our state's food and fiber industry. It is also a good time to recognize the impact that agriculture has on our daily lives.

"In this new millennium, Texas' farm and ranch families face ever-increasing challenges. Yet, they continue to fulfill an enduring legacy that ensures people worldwide have an abundant, reliable and affordable supply of food, natural fiber, horticultural and other agricultural products," she said. The commissioner kicked-off National Agriculture Week in Texas with a proclamation signing Monday, March 19 at the State Capitol.

Agriculture is the second largest industry in Texas generating \$80 billion throughout the state's economy. The Lone Star State leads the nation in the number of farms and ranchers and approximately 80 per cent of the land is involved in some form of agricultural production. From the Gulf

Coast to the Panhandle, Texas is the most diverse state in the nation in agricultural production.

"For generations, Texas farmers and ranchers and their families have worked hard to build an industry that accounts for about seven per cent of the total U.S. agricultural income. Texas is the nation's second leading state in agricultural production," Combs said.

Although agriculture provides a job for one out of every five working Texans, less than two per cent of the population is involved in day-to-day farming or ranching activities.

Agriculture touches the lives of each and every one of us in ways no other industry can. But in today's urban society, many consumers are becoming so far removed from the agricultural process that they often take it for granted. Whether reaching into their closets for a fresh cotton shirt, or into the refrigerator for milk, juice or eggs—most consumers are confident the items they reach for will be there.

Most folks are not aware that agriculture products are used to make crayons as well as cosmetics. And they may not know that just about everything else they use, from soap, mouthwash and shaving cream, to the asphalt they drive on—all start on the farm. That's why it is crucial

that we increase consumer awareness and teach consumers about agriculture and the impact it has on our lives.

One reason why agriculture is taken for granted is that the dependability of our food and fiber sources is rarely in question. At least 20 per cent of the country's workforce is employed in the agricultural industry. That means that more than 22 million people have one of the many thousands of jobs in agriculture, whether it

Plan Now For Garden Butterflies

Butterfly gardening is a fun, fantastic way to enjoy insects, nature's most abundant form of life. Gardening for butterflies requires knowing local butterfly species, host plants for the developing caterpillars for foliage feeding and flowers that are attractive to the adults for nectar feeding.

Caterpillars feed only on specific plants, usually wild plants or weeds. Excellent plant hosts include: common milkweed or butterfly weed for monarchs, parsley, dill or fennel for the black swallowtail, canna for skippers, and nettles and thistles for brush-footed butterfly species.

Nursery flowers that are excellent nectar sources for adult butterflies include: white or blue mist flower, assorted colors of lantana, red scarlet sage Indigo spires sage, butterfly weed and Mexican mint marigold. Many different flowering plants provide the flower nectar the adults need for energy.

People often wonder if the caterpillars are causing more harm than good. The caterpillar begins feeding on foliage immediately after hatching and must be allowed to feed on plant parts to develop into a cocoon or chrysalis. As a general rule, butterfly larvae have a tendency to feed alone or sparsely distributed, as where pest caterpillars tend to hatch in masses.

For more information about butterfly gardening, contact your local County Extension Office in Farwell at (806)481-3619.

involves the selling and trading of food and fiber, or marketing, producing, processing or transporting it.

American farmers play a huge role in feeding the rest of the world as well. Last year, U.S. agricultural exports exceeded \$50 billion. As one of the nation's major exporters of agricultural products, Texas ranks sixth in the value of its agricultural exports with \$2.5 billion in 1999, creating 39,000 jobs in the state. And, the Texas grain industry figures prominently in those numbers. Texas exported almost \$500 million worth of grain products in 1999 and the economic impact of the food and feed grain industry to the Texas economy is more than \$2.6 billion.

Through good times and bad, America's farmers and ranchers continue to provide consumers with an abundant supply of safe food at bargain prices and with a quality that is second-to-none.

Agriculture continues to reach out to consumers and to change with the times. New research is constantly producing better tasting and longer lasting fruits and vegetables, and foods like pork and beef have become leaner over the years to appeal to health conscious consumers. And many of the products we use are being made with convenience in mind as lifestyles move at a faster pace. We can be proud the agricultural community is doing a great job keeping up with the changing tastes and lifestyles of consumers.

"It is incredible when you think that only a small number of people produce our food and fiber, and many times do so against difficult odds," Combs said. "Yet they continue to produce a quality, cost effective product that serves people worldwide. National Agriculture Week gives us an opportunity to recognize those producers who continue to enrich our lives. Please join me in thanking our farmers and ranchers for their dedication to agriculture."



MONTHLY HONORS at Prairie Acres Nursing Home for March went to employee-of-the-month Patti Widner, activities director, and resident-of-the-month David Woodruff.

Texas Agriculture

Did You Know....

• Texas is the second largest agricultural state, accounting for about 7 per cent of the total U.S. agricultural income. This generates \$80 billion for the state's economy.

• The top five agricultural producing counties are Castro, Deaf Smith, Parmer, Erath and Lamb. The top two agricultural regions of the state are the South Plains and the Panhandle.

• The Lone Star State ranks first in the nation in the number of cattle and calves, which is 14.1 per cent of the U.S. total.

• Texas is also a top producer of cotton, sheep, wool, goats, mohair and horses. The state's other top crops include vegetables, citrus, corn, wheat, peanuts, pecans, grain sorghum, hay and rice.

• Besides livestock and crops, the state's agriculture industry includes timber/forestry, aquaculture, bees/honey and nursery/greenhouse.

• The nursery/greenhouse industry in Texas is a \$9.76 billion industry that employs 222,000 people.

• Texas is one of the leading exporters of agricultural commodities. Texas' top agricultural exports are live animals and meat; cotton and cottonseed; feed grains and products; hides and skins; wheat and products; and feeds and fodder.

• Each Texas farmer grows enough food and fiber for 128 people—94.3 in the United States and 33.7 abroad.

• Texas ranks first in the nation in the number of farms and ranches with 226,000 as well as in farmland with 130 million acres.

• Eighty per cent of the land in Texas is in some form of agricultural production.

• Although agriculture employs one out of every five working Texans, less than 2 per cent of the population is involved in day-to-day farming or ranching.

• There are more than 100 different organizations and associations in Texas that represent the farmers, ranchers and businesses that grow, process, transport, market and sell the state's agricultural products.

• Texas farmers grow more than 45 different commercial fruit and vegetable crops.

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More Rain Is Needed To Bring County Soils To Field Capacity

Parmer County producers within the High Plains Undergruond Water Conservation District No. 1 may need from two to eight inches of water from irrigation and/or precipitation to bring the five-foot soil profile to field capacity prior to spring 2001 planting, according to pre-plant soil moisture survey data released by the Water District and the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS).

At the time the pre-plant soil moisture readings were made in November and December 2000, approximately 17 percent of Parmer County needed from two to four inches of moisture to bring the soil to field capacity. About 51 percent of Parmer County needed about four to six inches of moisture, and the remaining 32 percent needed from six to eight inches of moisture.

Since December 2000, the area has received some winter precipitation that may have slightly improved soil moisture conditions.

The pre-plant soil moisture survey provides general soil moisture information for the entire five-foot soil profile

since most crops have the ability to extract moisture from that depth.

"It is extremely important for producers to check soil moisture conditions in their individual fields so that they can make the best possible pre-plant irrigation decisions to conserve water and save fuel costs," said Gerald Crenwelge, USDA-NRCS Soil Scientist.

There are several factors that can influence a producer's decision whether or not to bring the five-foot soil profile to field capacity. These include the availability of irrigation water, the type of irrigation system used, irrigation water management and rainfall received prior to the growing season.

"If a producer is growing a non-irrigated crop, then he will very likely be concerned with storing moisture throughout the entire five-foot soil profile, since most crops can extract moisture from this depth. However, producers using LEPA center pivot systems many only need to concern themselves with storing moisture in the top two to three feet of the soil profile, since they can apply more-frequent applications of water," said Crenwelge.

If the producer determines that a pre-plant irrigation is needed, it is recommended that it be done early enough in the year to avoid water evaporation losses caused by warm temperatures and high winds. In addition, pre-plant irrigation should also be applied early enough in the year so that the moisture can soak into deeper parts of the soil prior to planting. This deep moisture can be used by the crop if irrigation and/or rainfall is not adequate to furnish moisture in the upper portion of the soil profile.

A Water District publication, *Estimating Soil Moisture By Feel and Appearance*, can guide producers in assessing their soil moisture conditions. Anyone within the 15-county High Plains Water District service area can

request a free copy by contacting the District headquarters in Lubbock.

It is important to keep soils in a condition that can easily absorb any precipitation that occurs during the pre-plant and growing seasons. Techniques such as furrow diking keep rainfall in place so that it can soak into the soil.

"Since there is some moisture already in the soil, producers can help keep it there by limiting tillage practices that might turn

moist soil to the surface, where the moisture can evaporate and no longer be available for plant use," said Crenwelge.

Copies of the regional and/or Parmer County pre-plant soil moisture survey maps are available at your local USDA-NRCS office or the High Plains Undergruond Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas 79405-1499 or by calling (806) 762-0181. The Water District's web site is www.hpwd.com.

PROCLAMATION

The role that Texas farmers and ranchers play in the lives of people worldwide often goes unrecognized. The food we eat, the clothes we wear, the houses in which we live, the flowers and plants we enjoy are all rooted in one industry--AGRICULTURE.

In this new millennium, Texas' farmers, ranchers and their families face ever-increasing challenges. Yet, they continue to fulfill an enduring legacy, which ensures that people everywhere have an abundant, reliable and affordable supply of food, natural fiber, horticulture and other agricultural products.

Agriculture is the second largest industry in Texas, generating \$80 billion annually for the economy. One out of every five working Texans has a job in agriculture. Agriculture touches our lives in many ways. Texas farmers and ranchers grow a lot of the food people eat every day--onions, pecans, peaches, cabbage, melons, spinach, cucumbers and potatoes. Texas also is a big producer of cotton, cattle and poultry. In addition, trees are used to make computer paper, goat's milk to make cheese, corn for cereal and for laundry detergent, and animal fats and proteins to make toothpaste and crayons. Also, antifreeze is a pork byproduct and oyster shells are used for artificial reefs. This list is endless.

Agriculture also has a major role in water conservation, rural economic development, global trade and the preservation of the environment. As we go forward in the new millennium, agriculture will continue to meet the basic needs of the world while providing opportunities for progress beyond food and clothing.

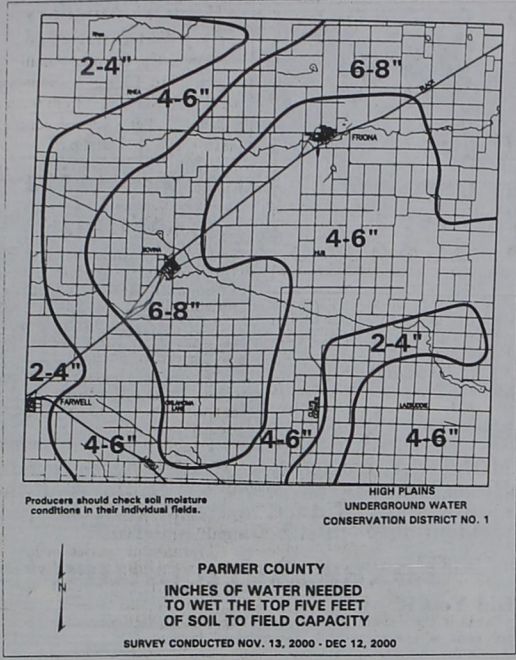
It is important that we all understand agriculture because it helps us to realize that everyday things, such as bread, blue jeans, laundry detergent and peanuts all come from one industry. It also gives us a sense of where things come from and how the global cycle of growth, consumption and conservation is forever necessary.

Because of their commitment to and love of agriculture, Texas farmers and ranchers will continue to do what they do best--produce food and fiber to meet growing global demands.

Therefore, I, Susan Combs, do hereby proclaim the week of March 18 to 24, 2001, as NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK IN TEXAS and urge all Texans to recognize those producers who help add quality to our lives.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 19 day of March, 2001.

Susan Combs, Commissioner,
Texas Department of Agriculture



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Youths Win At SA Show

The 2001 4-H and FFA major livestock show circuit ends each year in San Angelo, Texas.

Parmer County 4-H'ers exhibiting their barrows March 8 and 9 in San Angelo were: Logan Mason, Ryan Mason, Suzanne Mason, Wayne Terry, Jay Seaton, Dan Patterson, Alisha Wauson, Sarah Herington, Brice Haney, Keith Hunt and Steven Hunt.

Youth placing their projects were: Dan Patterson, Champion Black OPB; Suzanne Mason, Reserve Black OPB; Suzanne Mason, first place light OPB; Ryan Mason, third place Duroc; and Logan Mason, sixth place OPB.

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National Ag Week
March 18-24

We salute the hard working farm families of Parmer County.



CAR DRAWING St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona and St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Hereford are holding a drawing to give away a car. The vehicle is a 1988 Oldsmobile Cutlass Ciera with only 40,400 miles on it. It is maroon exterior with gray cloth interior, a 4-door with AM-FM cassette radio. Tickets are a \$10 each donation and the drawing will take place on April 1 at 7 p.m. The money raised at each parish will be kept in the parish. Money raised at St. Teresa's will go towards the building fund. St. Anthony's proceeds will go to the school roof fund. For tickets call one of these numbers: 247-2871; 247-3536; 250-3237; or 295-6143.

Drawing For Digital Camera by Press Ass'n.

Ron Carr, managing editor of the Friona Star and Bovina Blade is a member of the board of directors of the Panhandle Press Association (PPA).

The PPA will give away an Olympus D-360L 1.3 megapixel digital camera at its convention in Amarillo April 5-7. The camera is a \$300 value and has been donated by Hertner's Camera in Amarillo.

Ron has 25 tickets to sell for the drawing. They are \$3 each or 2 for \$5. You do not have to be present to win, so call or come by the Star office, or call 250-2211, and help the PPA and maybe win a nice camera. Thanks!!

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Get your tickets from a PPA board member, at the office of this newspaper or at the convention.



Cream of the Crop

Thanks farmers, for your commitment to producing the very finest crops. Your hard work improves the quality of our lives every day, from the healthy foods we eat to the comfortable clothes we wear. In honor of your dedicated efforts, we proudly salute you during National Agriculture Week, March 18-24, 2001.

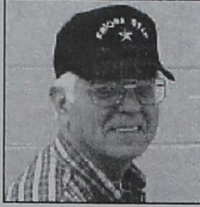
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Out Here

by Ron Carr
**"Hug A Farmer:
 It's National Ag Week!"**



Next week, March 18-24, is designated as National Agriculture Week.

It probably won't get much attention in downtown Dallas. Or up in Harlem. Big city folks take food and clothing for granted.

Asked where bread or green beans or denim jeans come from, the reply would likely be "from the store."

I know because I lived in Dallas for 30 years. There aren't many tractors in downtown Dallas. City folks wouldn't know a combine from an Army tank.

I make no claim to being a farmer myself. Even though I was born "out in the country", by the time I was old enough to recognize anything, we lived in town, on the pavement, in Hillsboro, Texas.

I had relatives that farmed. As a lad I played on my great-grandpa's farm. He had hogs. And chickens running loose. Granny made soap out of hog lard and could wring a chicken's neck with one snap.

He plowed with a team of mules. It was a short walk down a worn path to the outhouse.

During high school I was only vaguely aware of what the FFA boys did besides wear their blue and gold jackets sometimes. I rode my bicycle to and from school, on the pavement.

After high school, I went off to Dallas, joined an airline, owned a travel agency, and spent most of my adult life traveling the world, unaware that somewhere a farmer was working from daylight 'till dark to harvest crops which I might eventually eat.

I ate many great steaks without worrying about how they got to the supermarket

or the restaurant table. When I had sausage for breakfast in a big hotel, it didn't matter that a farm family had gambled on another good season of weather to provide it.

I still wouldn't pretend to know enough about farming to make a living at it. But, after six years here in Parmer County, the importance of agriculture and the men and women who live the farm life, have become more apparent.

Next week then, I ask that each of you take a minute to give thanks for farmers and their impact in the world, especially in places like Parmer County. Hug a farmer. It's National Agriculture Week.

The economy of Parmer County depends on agriculture. Think about what life would be like around here without businesses like Excel, Hi-Pro, ConAgra and feedyards like Friona Feedyard, Paco, and Caprock.

The drug store, the bank, the hospital and yes, even this newspaper, depend mostly on the rise and fall of the economy of agriculture. And this year may not be looking good.

Farmers I have talked to are not sure right now what this year will bring. The high cost of natural gas, which powers most irrigation wells, have caused concern and indecision for our area farmers.

One farmer said his peak monthly natural gas bill last year exceeded \$50,000 to drive his center pivot and power his 20+ wells. Even a city boy like me knows that is a lot of cost to absorb on an already marginal crop season.

Farmers are faced with higher costs plus lower crop yields. Cotton, wheat, milo and corn are selling at below cost levels. Options are dwindling for farmers.

From what I know, most of our farmers around here will be planting cotton or milo. When I first came out here, corn was a big crop. It is not now. Drought and high irrigation costs have diminished the number of corn acres in Parmer County to near non-existent.

Lot of farmers want to convert from natural gas wells to electricity. Problem is, Deaf Smith Electric Co-Op does not have enough capacity to meet the demand.

Tommie Weems at DSEC told me they would have to build two new substations to handle the amount of new electricity that has been requested. It would take 80 miles of overhead lines, 32 miles of underground lines just to handle the 23,000 horsepower that has been requested for 330 new meters.

It costs around \$2,000 per well to convert from natural gas to electricity. A farmer with 20-30 wells is facing a huge investment.

It costs around \$8,000 for one diesel engine to replace one natural gas well engine. Then you would need a supply of diesel, which is not cheap either. Replacing 10-12 engines is a \$100,000 plus investment.

Farmers converting to electricity are not guaranteed that electric rates won't go up just like natural gas did.

All these utility increases effect the cost of fertilizer too. Farmers do a lot of fertilizing and watering to increase yield which is then used up in

Winds of March....

Residents of the area enjoyed mostly mild weather during the past week.

No moisture was registered, leaving the moisture for March at 1.94 inches. Moisture for the calendar year stands at 4.43 inches, and since October 1, 2000, 10.4 inches have been recorded. Week's temps:

Friday, March 9: 57-38;
 Saturday, March 10: 65-34;
 Sunday, March 11: 56-30;
 Monday, March 12: 63-31;
 Tuesday, March 13: 68-35;
 Wednesday, March 14: 70-31;
 Thursday, March 15: 50-31.

the added cost.

Some irrigation farmers plan (or hope) to get by with dryland farming this year. Others are simply giving up farming, assigning their land to others, and moving on. A few are taking on more acreage than last year.

A big chunk of farming success is in God's hands. None of us can do anything about the weather except pray.

This week especially, we need to give farmers the respect they deserve and help them pray for a good crop season. I'll do my part. I hope you will too.

Hospital Auxiliary Sale Set Mar. 23rd
 Parmer Co. Hospital Auxiliary members are having a rummage sale Friday, March 23 from 9 a.m. until noon. Items can be donated Tuesday, March 20 at 2 p.m.

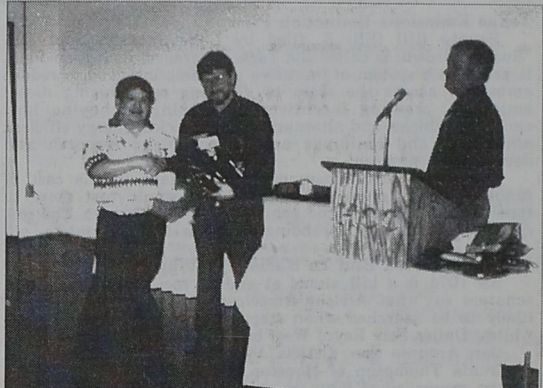
Excel Gives Awards

Excel Friona held a 25 and 30-year service award banquet at Hereford Country Club on February 24. A total of 14 Excel employees were recognized for their dedication and length of service.

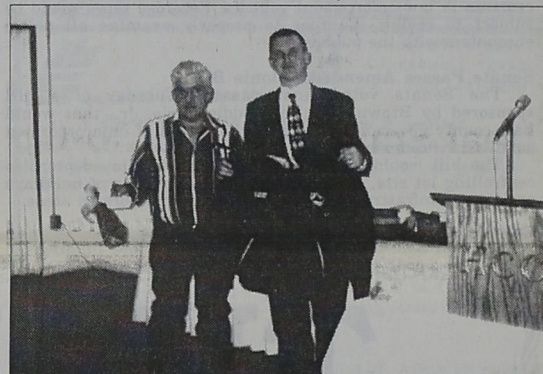
Three of those recognized were from Friona: Pedro Hernandez, Mariano Rodriguez and Inocencio Cruz.

Each employee received a nice Excel jacket, a watch with the Excel logo plus a \$25 gift certificate from Bath & Body Works for their significant other.

Hernandez works in low trim in the slaughter division; Rodriguez is a maintenance supervisor; and Cruz works in fab maintenance.



Pedro Hernandez is congratulated by Hector Villarreal



Mariano Rodriguez receiving awards from Damron Box



Inocencio Cruz & wife Tomason with Damron Box

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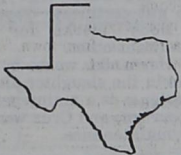


THE PARMER COUNTY SPELLING BEE was held at Friona junior high's auditorium on Wednesday, March 7.



WINNERS in the Parmer County Spelling Bee were, left, senior bee winner Samuel Billingsley, an eighth grader from Farwell. Brittany Schacher was the junior bee winner. She is a fifth grader at Lazbuddie. Samuel will advance to the regional bee in Canyon. Fifteen students participated in the County Bee.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AUSTIN?
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Texas Emissions Reduction Plan
Senate Bill (SB) 5, filed by Lake Jackson Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, is called the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan. It proposes a system of incentive programs intended to reduce emissions across the state by focusing on reducing diesel emissions, creating incentives for leasing or buying low-emission vehicles and alternative fuel vehicles, energy efficient appliances and buildings and a technology research and development program.

Businesses and consumers would share in the cost of funding the program. For example, it would cost more to renew driver's licenses and vehicle inspection stickers. The cost increases would vary depending on the area of the state.

Legislators Seek End To Racial Profiling

SB 1074 is a bill aimed at ending racial profiling. State senators say that African-Americans and Latinos are more likely to be searched when stopped by a police officer than whites. Dallas Sen. Royce West briefed media on the bill. San Antonio Sen. Leticia Van de Putte and State Rep. Senfronia Thompson of Houston, law enforcement and civil liberty groups joined West when he announced the bill.

A key proposal of the bill is the installation of video cameras in law enforcement vehicles. Recorded tapes would be subject to review in order to properly examine all police encounters with the public.

Senate Passes Amended Colonia Bill

The Senate voted final passage Tuesday of a bill sponsored by Brownsville Sen. Eddie Lucio, Jr., that would help county governments combat the spread of unincorporated subdivisions commonly known as colonias.

The bill would allow county governments to adopt rules controlling lot size, the size, number and location of buildings on lots and infrastructure standards for unincorporated areas.

New Awareness Brought To Mental Illness

Houston Sen. John Whitmire advocated more funding for

mental health and retardation programs. Whitmire said necessary services are inaccessible by many suffering from mental disabilities. Texas ranked 41st in the nation for mental retardation funding and 43rd in mental health funding. He said the lack of funding has led to an influx of homeless and a larger prison population.

Children's Healthcare Issues

Arlington Sen. Chris Harris sponsored a bill that passed the Senate that would make the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) an option for court-ordered medical support of a child. State law requires anyone paying child support to also provide health insurance but does not list CHIP as a coverage option. CSSB 236 would authorize the use of any potential health insurance product, including CHIP, to be considered in meeting the medical support requirement under the child support system.

Other Senate News

SB2 is the creation of the Texas Water Policy Council with members from the TNRCC, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Department of Agriculture. Three public members would also serve on the panel. The Texas Water Policy Council would coordinate state water policy initiatives.

The Senate voted to pass a proposal that would lay the foundation for a comprehensive agriculture policy. But several senators voiced concerns about what happens when agricultural interests collide with public health and safety factors.

The deadline for filing bills and joint resolutions that are not local or have not been declared an emergency by the governor, was Friday, March 9. As of last Thursday, 1,501 bills had been filed in the Senate. For more information about the Texas Legislature, go to www.capitol.state.tx.us.



SCRAMBLE WINNER...Blake Schilling was a winner in the February 3 Calf Scramble at the 52nd Annual San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. H-E-B Grocery Company is a sponsor of the event, along with the Calf Scramble Committee. Shown congratulating Blake are (left to right) committee members, James Fahrenthold, Phil Roeber, Blake, Carl Alex Sample and Jim Springs.

THANK YOU!!!!

On Behalf Of The 4-H And FFA Youngsters Of Parmer County, We Wish To Thank The Buyers Who Purchased And/Or Contributed To Purchasing Steers, Lambs And Barrows At The 2001 Annual Parmer County Junior Livestock Show.

THANKS!

We wish to thank the following people for their assistance during the 2001 Parmer County Junior Livestock Show: Vocational Agriculture teachers, judges and County Extension Agent; division superintendents--Sonny Moore, lambs; Richard Haseloff, barrows; Mac Langford, steers and heifers; Mack Heald, general superintendent; Kenneth Gregg, auctioneer; John Mars and Bill Hardin, announcers; Hereford Radio Station KPAN for live coverage; Hi-Pro Feeds for ribbons; Parmer County Farm Bureau for trophies; Donna Schueler for taking pictures; Great Plains Ag Credit for copies; Leigh Monroe, Stan Jones of Clovis, Alan Monroe and Dr. Dale Schueler, bookkeepers; 4-H parents for the concession stand; the clerks and others helping in the ring and all those who assisted in the show in any way.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION

PERMIT NO. 10089-001

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Friona, 623 Main Street, Friona, Texas 79035, has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a renewal of Permit No. 10089-001 which authorizes the disposal of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 484,000 gallons per day via surface irrigation of 300 acres of nonpublic access agricultural land. This permit will not authorize a discharge of pollutants into waters in the State. This application was submitted to the TNRCC on June 5, 2000.

The wastewater treatment facilities and disposal area are located 4,000 feet east of the City limits of Friona in a northeasterly direction on U.S. Highway 60 and on the south side of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe (A.T.&S.F.) Railroad in Parmer County, Texas. The plant site and disposal area are located in the drainage basin of Upper Prairie Dog Town Fork Red River in Segment No. 0229 of the Red River Basin.

The TNRCC executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, as contained in the technical summary and/or fact sheet, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the City Hall, 623 Main Street, Friona, Texas.

MAILING LISTS. You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information regarding this application. You may also ask to be on a county-wide mailing list to receive public notices for TNRCC permits in the county. To get on a mailing list, send a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address listed below.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comment or to ask questions about the application. The TNRCC will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

Written public comments and requests for a public meeting should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX. 78711-3087 within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of the notice.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on a mailing list for this application. The mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the executive director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues

of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. The TNRCC may act on this application to renew a permit without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. Issues that are not raised in public comments may not be considered during a hearing.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or a timely request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process (such as being added to the mailing list), please call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or write to them at MC 105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas, 78711-3087. General information about the TNRCC can be found at our web site at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Friona at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Paula Wilson at (806) 250-2761.

Issued: March 07, 2001.

LaDonna Castanuela,
 Chief Clerk
 Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission

F-1tc-3/16

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

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COUNTY OF PARMER

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of PARMER County in the following cases on the 1st day of March, 2001, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 2:30 P.M. on the 3RD DAY OF APRIL, 2001, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said PARMER County, in the City of FARWELL, Texas, the following described property located in PARMER County, to-wit:

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Randy Gerics
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- New Listing....5 BR, 2 BA, sunroom, basement, carport, lg. lot.....\$58,000
- New Listing....Commercial bldg, app. 2400', ready to move in.....\$25,000
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- 3 BR, 1 bath, ready to sell, new listing.....\$35,000
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- 2 BR, 1 bath, newly re-done and nice.....\$27,000
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- 4637 ac., 3/4 BR, 1-1/2 ba, 2 carport, edge of town.....SOLD.....\$48,000
- 2 BR, 1 bath, 1 car, brick, good starter home.....\$37,000
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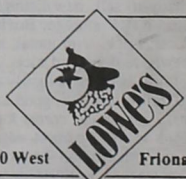
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STUDY CLUB GROUP---The ladies of Modern Study Club held their annual Spring luncheon and game session at the Depot in the Park last week. Standing l-r are Donna Mears, Deanna Duke, Faye Reeve, Lois Norwood, Sandra Turner, and Allo Reeve. Seated are Mary Johnston, Iona Cook and Arline Elliot.



Lois Norwood does hostess duty at the luncheon.



SEATTLE EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE---Former Friona resident Karen Burns, who now lives in Seattle, Washington, e-mailed this photo last week to her parents Von and Nancy Edelson. Karen and son Travis, age 16, are showing off the large crack in the parking lot of their family scuba-diving business located on edge of Lake Union. Karen grew up here and is an FHS graduate.

Notice Of School Bd. Meeting

The Friona ISD Board of Trustees will meet on Monday, March 19, at 5 p.m. in the Central Administration Office Board Room.

The Board will meet in executive session to discuss personnel contracts for the 2001-2002 school year. Also on the agenda will be action to approve an order for the election of two trustees for three-year terms.

The deadline to sign up for the May 5, 2001, trustee election is March 21 at 4 p.m. at the Central Administration office, 909 E. 11th. Call 250-2747 for information.

April 16 Is County Tax Deadline

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander reminds Texas businesses to render their property with county appraisal districts by April 16. To render is to list the taxable property that businesses owned or managed as of January 1, 2001.

Business owners and operators are required by law to render, but any property owner-including homeowners, farmers and ranchers-may render their property with county appraisal districts. Rendering allows property owners to record their opinion of their property's value and ensures that the appraisal district sends them a notice before placing a higher value on their property.

Since the regular rendition deadline of April 15 is on a Sunday this year, property owners have until Monday, April 16, to render.

Rhea-Hollene Center To Have Meeting-Mar. 24

The Rhea-Hollene Activity Center will have a supper and short business meeting Saturday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. (C.S.T.).

Everyone is invited. Please bring a meat and salad or dessert for the meal.

T. Stallings Have A Girl

Tommy and Trista (Hand) Stallings of Lubbock are the parents of a baby girl born February 25 at 8 a.m. in Lubbock Covenant Hospital.

Named Graci Madison, the new arrival weighed seven pounds, fifteen ounces and was twenty-one inches long at birth.

She has an older sister, Taylor, two and one-half years old.

Grandparents are Gary and Gail Hand of Friona and Bill and Thelma Stallings of Lubbock.

Great-grandparents are Tera McGlothlin, John and Billie Jo Hand, all of Friona, and J.B. Davis of Lubbock.

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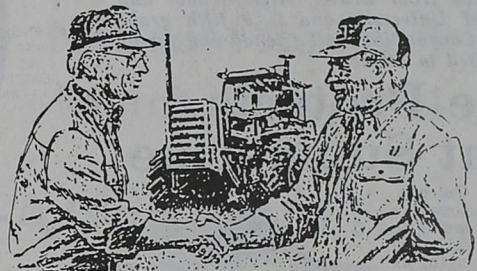
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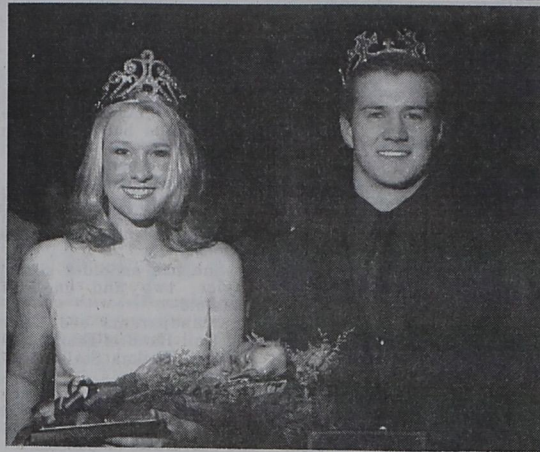
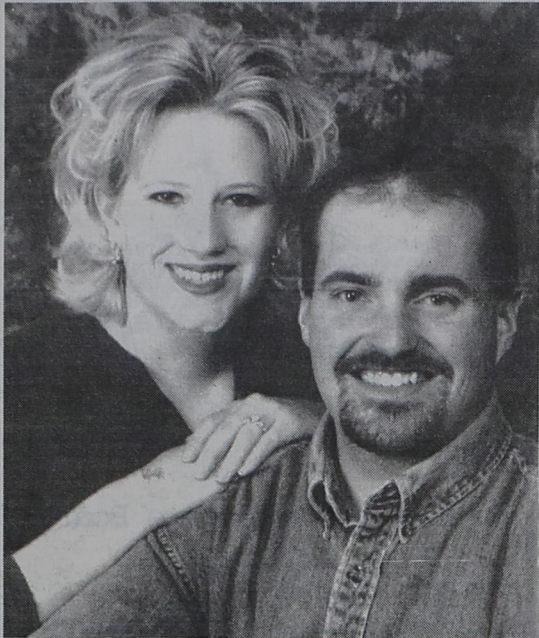
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HONORED AT WTA&M...Lesley Adams, a junior speech communication major from Crosbyton, and Jeff Hamilton, a junior general business major from Friona, were crowned Queen and King at West Texas A&M University's annual University Formal on March 2. Adams was sponsored by Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and Hamilton was sponsored by the Student Alumni Board.

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COURTNEY ANN CARTHEL and ANDREW BURGOON...Don and Cindy Carthel of Friona and Bob and Connie Burgoon of Canyon announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Courtney Ann and Andrew. The couple will exchange wedding vows June 2 at 2 p.m. in Paramount Terrace Christian Church, Amarillo. The bride-elect is a graduate of Friona High School and West Texas A&M University. She is currently employed as a second grade teacher by Canyon ISD. Burgoon graduated from Gruver High School and West Texas A&M University and is a fifth grade math teacher in Canyon ISD. All friends and family members are invited to attend.

Marine Protects Trident Submarine

Story by Mario A. Quiroga
Photo by Tony Gray

Take a moment to visualize an object nearly two football fields in length, 42 feet in width, and weighing 37,400 pounds. Massive in size and more powerful than its predecessors, the Trident ballistic missile submarine is the U.S. Navy's sea-based strategic deterrent and incorporates the most modern technology in the world.

Public curiosity in ballistic missile submarine operations and their capabilities has increased with the release of movies like "Crimson Tide" and the "Hunt For Red October."

Safeguarding the Trident program's sophisticated technology requires the support of a shore-based security force. The task of protecting America's strategic weapons could not be accomplished without the dedication of U.S. Marines like Friona's Daniel V. Cuevas.

Marine Cpl. Cuevas, the 22-year-old son of Maria Rando of Friona, is a Marine security guard assigned to the Marine Security Forces Company (MSFC) 1st Platoon in Bangor, Washington. MSFC is a division of the Pacific Strategic Weapons Facility (SWFPAC) based at Naval Submarine Base (SUBASE) Bangor, located north of Silverdale, Washington.

Cuevas is one of more than 400 sailors, Marines and civilian specialists employed by SWFPAC to maintain, control and secure Trident missiles.

Named for the three-pronged spear of Roman mythology's King Neptune, the Trident program was officially activated at SUBASE Bangor in 1977 and is comprised of three equally important components: the missile, submarine and shore-



DANIEL CUEVAS

based support.

Currently, there are eight Trident submarines in service, each containing 24 missile tubes capable of carrying Trident I and Trident II missiles. The Trident I missile, costing \$13 million, is 34 feet in length, six feet in diameter, weighs 71,000 pounds, and has a nautical range of 4,000 miles. The Trident II missile, larger and more sophisticated than the Trident I, is deployed on Trident submarines operating out of Kings Bay, Georgia.

Although weapons technology has advanced significantly over the past five decades, the mission of protecting them has remained constant. Guarding the nation's strategic weapons is a demanding assignment, and the importance is clear to Marines like Cuevas.

"Supervision of a weapons guard force is important to ensure our assets are safe," said Cuevas, a 1998 graduate of Friona High School.

Providing security for the strategic deterrence program can be extremely challenging and rewarding for an individual. Despite the demands of his job, Cuevas knows his enlistment in the Marine Corps can provide him with many opportunities.

"I joined for the experience and find the feeling of pride rewarding," said Cuevas, a two-year Marine Corps veteran. "I have also learned discipline."

With the professionalism and dedication of the Marines assigned to MCSF Company 1st Platoon, the Navy's Trident program will be effectively safeguarded and continue to provide America with a lasting strategic deterrent.

(Quiroga is a Navy Reserve journalist assigned to Navy Public Affairs Team Detachment 119, in San Diego. Gray is a Navy photographer assigned to Navy Public Affairs Team Detachment 220, in Everett, Washington.)

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Friona News

By BECKY LONDON

Phone 238-1146 or 250-2211 With your News Items, ...
e-mail: case@wrt.net

Hannah Lookingbill was nominated by her son Rick Carr of Amarillo as the "Beef Up Your Life" recipient for Tuesday on radio station KNNK. She and Rick each get a steak dinner from K-Bob's.

Hannah's husband Harry is doing okay these days. He has been home for a few weeks and will soon be a resident at Prairie Acres. He fell and broke his hip during Christmas and has been healing since.

Friends say Effie Hicks has come back to Friona. She has been staying with her daughter-in-law, Pricilla Hicks of Lazbuddie for quite some time now. Effie will be the first resident at Friona's Heritage Estates- Welcome Home Effie!

Jim and Sherry Atwell went to Lubbock to see their daughter and son-in-law, Shannon and Brad Lane Sunday. The Atwells' other daughter and son-in-law, Kenda and Louis and their children Alex and Keeley and Sherry's dad, Kenneth Carson of Clovis, also joined the couple in the Lane home.

The family enjoyed an afternoon together (Happy 30th Kenda!).

Don and Gladys Spring and her mother, Sarah Dean spent time in Arkansas with family recently. They drove to Bellevista to see Gladys' sister and brother-in-law, Florence and Billy Sifford and their two grown sons, Kenny and David. Just down the road at Bentonville, they also visited Don's brother, David Spring.

Don and Gladys stayed in David's home and Mrs. Dean stayed with the Siffords. Gladys said they had a great time and no car trouble this time.

Norma Thompson has been a patient at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital this week. Friends say she is expected to be released next week if all goes well. Our best to Norma and Dave.

The open house held for Friona's Heritage Estates was really something Sunday afternoon. Things look so nice and ready to be lived in there. What a great accomplishment for Friona!

Gertrude Renner has returned to Friona. After suffering a bad fall a few weeks ago at the Friendship House, and breaking her leg, we bet she's glad to be back here.

Roy and Eva Miller had three granddaughters in town visiting Saturday. They were Sherry Krammer of Skellytown, Jamie Glass of Ft. Worth, and Terri Luna and her three children, Jillian, Jerah and Jordan of Clarendon.

Everyone returned to their homes that evening but Jamie stayed the night and attended church with the Millers in Bovina Sunday.

Last weekend the Millers' daughter and son-in-law, Mary Lou and Dale Glass of McLean, came to Friona for a visit. Mary Lou went to the Modern Study Club's luncheon at the Depot with Eva.

Monday night Roy and Eva and family members, Randy and Sarah Gerles and their children Mandy, Amy, Andrea and Ryan; and Sam, Donna and Clint Mears honored four of their own during dinner at The Out Back Steak House in Amarillo. They celebrated

Jack and Ona Patterson returned home Wednesday after spending about three weeks in Amarillo. Jack was a patient at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital and Rehab following his second surgery in about three weeks time. Ona said he is aughing, walking around and visiting company.

the birthdays of Sarah, Amy and Sam and the 71st wedding anniversary for the Millers.

David Woody, 1999 Friona High School graduate, is home on leave from the Navy this month. He stopped in the Friona Star office to visit Tuesday and shared some Navy information. Back in October he and his shipmates set sail from their port in San Diego for the Persian Gulf. They were on board the Abraham Lincoln until January. They spent time in Australia and Tasmania during the month of January.

David, who joined the Navy nine days after he completed his high school career, is an Aviation Machinist Mate--he works on jet engines.

His parents are Jimmy and Jennifer Gonzales of Friona. He plans to return to San Diego March 26 and will go either to Key West or Alaska.

A note to all those interested in weather. Steve Kersh from Channel 7 in Amarillo will speak at the Friendship House Monday, March 26. This is also a "\$3 Meal Day". Please call 250-3645 by March 22 and let the ladies know if you plan to attend so they will know how much lunch to prepare.

Charles and Randi Hamilton are back in Friona after spending two weeks in Maryland for treatment for his cancer. Randi said the first week Charles had several tests run and the second week, starting on Monday, he began his treatment of Interluken (IL2). IL2 treatments consist of an I.V. dose that lasts for eight hours for fifteen doses.

They returned home to Friona Tuesday and Randi says Charles feels weak, like he has the flu-which is the expected side effect. They will return to Maryland next week for another round of IL2. After that week-long stay the couple will return to Friona for a month. They will then return to the hospital for tests to see if the treatments were successful.

Randi said Alice Aills, Mary Stone's sister, was a great host to them the last time they went to Maryland. She picked them up at the airport, they stayed in her home and she drove them to their appointments. On this latest trip she also picked them up at the airport but they had to be closer to the hospital this stay, so they stayed in a motel.

During the first week the Hamiltons were there, Alice had to go to the doctor on Friday because she was having trouble with blurred vision. After an examination, doctors found that she had a tumor on her brain and on her spine. She had been treated for breast cancer in 1997 and this is a reoccurrence. She stayed in the hospital all week for radiation treatments and when she was released Sunday, she went to the Hamiltons' hospital to check on Charles.

Randi said Alice is such a sweet lady with a great attitude and was very disappointed she was unable to help them more. Some people are so nice!

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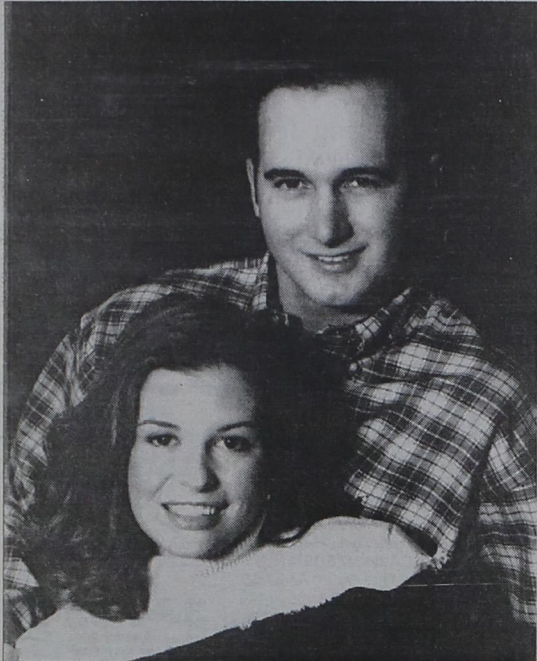
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KIMBERLY JOY SMITH and GUY WAYNE NICKELS.... Dale and Debbie Gallman of Bovina and Tim and Holly Smith of Friona announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kimberly Joy Smith, to Guy Wayne Nickels, son of Nicky and Debbie Nickels of Lazbuddie. The couple graduated from Lazbuddie High School in 1996. She is a third grade teacher for Grape Creek ISD and he is currently employed by Angelo Building Specialties in San Angelo, Texas. The couple will exchange wedding vows on June 2 at Trinity Christian Church in Muleshoe. They plan to make their home in the Muleshoe area.

Local Church Of Christ To Host Gospel Series

Sixth Street Church of Christ will host a gospel series, Sunday March 25 through Wednesday March 28. The guest speaker will be Terry Brown of Abilene, former Friona minister from the 70's.

Services will begin at 9:30 a.m. Sunday with a combined adult Bible class. Worship services will be at 10:30 a.m. followed by a noon lunch. Afternoon worship services will be at 2 p.m.

Monday through Wednesday services will include an 11:30 to 12:30 lunch and devotional and a 7:30 p.m. worship service. Lesson topics will be listed in next week's Friona Star.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend one or all of the services. "You will delight in hearing a great man of God present the truth in love and simplicity," a spokes person said.

If anyone needs help with transportation, call the church office at 250-2769.

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We would like to express our appreciation to the staff of Prairie Acres for the excellent care they gave to our loved one, Faye Wilson, during the past two years. We also appreciate the excellent care given by Dr. Alexander, Dr. Jubay, Suzanne Bunker, and others on the staff of the Friona Rural Health Clinic and Parmer County Community Hospital. We appreciate the many expressions of love and sympathy we have received from members of the community. Your kindnesses will long be remembered.

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March 20--Doris Barnett, Claudia Hanes, Joyce Wells, Tammy Spencer, Jesse Estrada, Madge Loflin, Kenda Dunnam.

March 21--Amelia Wright, Lou Keith, Rojelio Reyes Jr., Adrianna Garza, James M. McFarland, Jeffery Sunderlin.

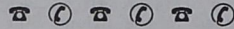
March 22--Derek Dunn, Teresa Kendrick, Jack Wilson, Alisa Perkins Trimmell, Amber Hart, Andrew Diaz,

Kenny Austin.

March 23--Judy Potts, Julie Reeve Banfield, Frances Pena, Tammi Lafuente, Jim Dixon, Diana Glover, Christina Noriega, Roman Wilson, Chase Alexander, Garrison Dean.

March 24--Matt Osborn, Dennis Field, Jessica Estrada.

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



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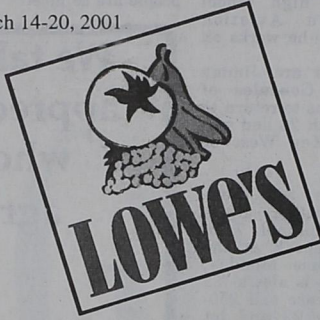
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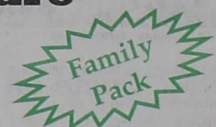


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