

Chamber Awards 1998 Top Citizens

Judge Cynthia Kent of the 114th Judicial District Court, serving Smith and Wood counties, Texas since 1989, was the guest speaker at the 42nd annual Friona Chamber of Commerce banquet.

She delivered an entertaining and thought-provoking message to the 300 local citizens and guests in attendance.

Judge Kent's theme was that character does count and that people have to give something back to society and the community. In keeping with this thought, she asked Chamber officials to donate her travel expense allocation to the Friona Public Library.

In the awards section, Lee Gibson was honored as the "1998 Citizen of the Year," Hal Ratcliff was cited as "Man of the Year" and Nancy Edelman was named "Woman of the Year."

Jane Dixon was named "Teacher of the Year"; Erma Brown, "Employee of the Year"; Jeff Hamilton and Carrie Cox, "Students of the Year."

Lee Gibson was cited for his professional skills and creativity. He has been giving hair cuts at Prairie Acres for years, accepting no compensation for his time.

He is always willing to do home repairs for those who are not able to do the work because of limited physical abilities or for those who have limited incomes.

Gibson and his wife, Sylvia, have one son, Mitchell, and two daughters, Tricia and Tracy, and one grandson, Justin.

Hal Ratcliff graduated from Dimmitt High School and Texas Christian University and has served as high school principal and superintendent during his 18 year involvement with the

Friona School system.

He has served as president of the Friona Noon Lions Club, served as chairman of the United Way campaign, is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and has held several leadership positions in his church.

As principal, he was instrumental in starting a scholarship program which has generated thousands of dollars toward the education of graduating seniors.

He and his wife, Charlotte, have two daughters, Ronda and Sherri Beth, and three grandchildren, Amy Beth, Garrett and Sarah.

Nancy Edelman came to Friona over 35 years ago. Since her move to Friona, she has been active in the Friends of the Library, served on the Library Board, is now actively involved in the expansion and renovation of the present library and is currently serving as president of the Women's Division of the Chamber.

A very active member of her church, she sings in the choir, has taught Sunday School, is a Deacon and helps in church maintenance.

Mrs. Edelman was on the steering committee of the Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel Association and was instrumental in organizing the group. This group is a vital link between all retired school personnel and the Texas Retired Teachers Association.

She taught first and second grade in the local school system before her retirement. She donates time to take local citizens to the doctor or for a treatment, helped organize a cancer support group and visits the ill.

Her husband is Von Edelman. They have four

children, Lisa, Mark, Karen and Brian; and eight grandchildren, Travis, Cory, Kendrick, Kevin, Sierra, Graham, Eric and Amy.

Our outstanding teacher, Jane Dixon, has lived in Friona 41 years and has been teaching sixteen years. She graduated from Friona High School in 1956.

Mrs. Dixon has taught reading, spelling, home economics and Texas history. She has helped with UIL extracurricular activities, especially the junior high one-act plays, spelling and oral reading, has served as a junior high cheerleader sponsor and is a member of the Friona Teachers Organization.

She is the wife of Jim Dixon and has two daughters, Melodi and Milli, two sons, Milon and Mendan, and six grandchildren, Dallas, Sasha, Trapper, Molli Jane, Tanner and Sage.

Erma Brown was honored as being named "Employee of the Year" following her ten year tenure as secretary at Friona Farmers Co-op Gin.

Sometimes her working hours are very erratic and customers and employees get tired and unpleasant, but Erma always maintains a smile and has a kind word for everyone.

She has resided in Friona her entire life, has been active in her church, supported school activities with her daughters, Jana and Sherri, and now her grandchildren, Beau, Breann, Briar, Brenner, Meagan and Colby.

Our "Outstanding Students," Jeff Hamilton and Carrie Cox are very active in school and community activities.

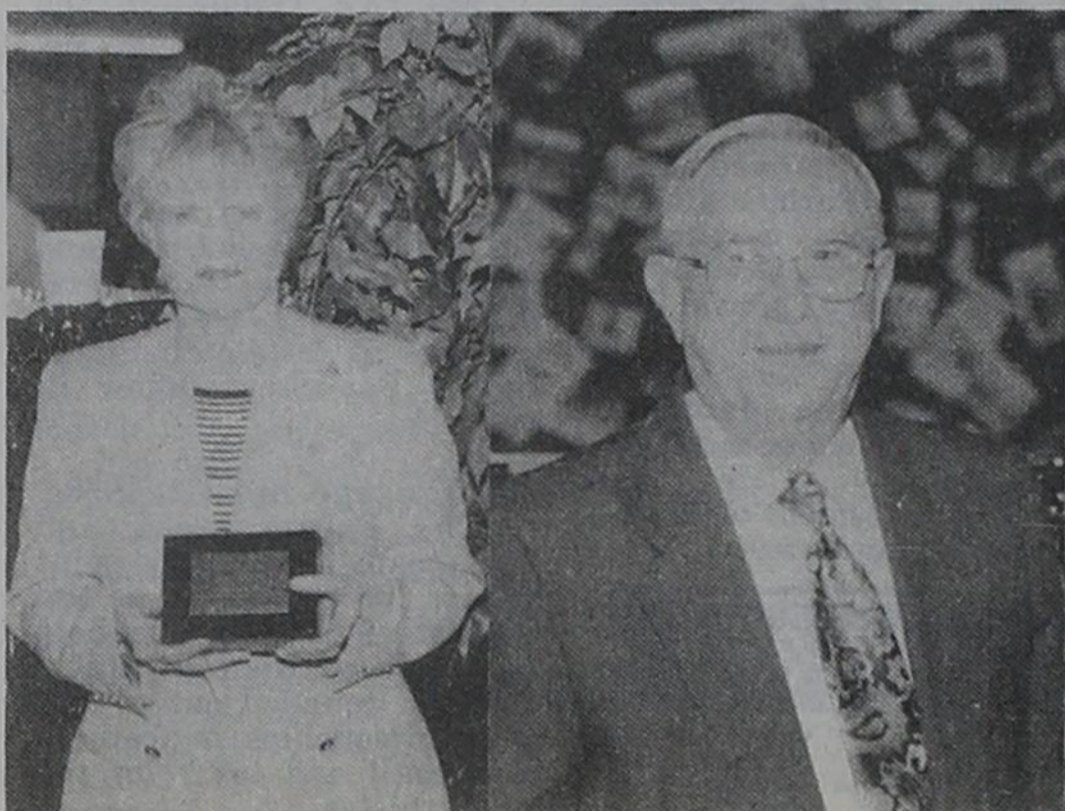
As a sophomore student at Friona High School, Jeff Hamilton became a member of the National Honor Society and has been a member of the Math and Science Club two years.

He serves as vice president of the Industrial Technology Club with his woodworking projects consistently winning regional

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NANCY EDELMON & HAL RATCLIFF
Woman and Man of the Year



JANE DIXON
Teacher of the Year

LEE GIBSON
Citizen of the Year

ERMA BROWND
Friendliest Employee

Businesses Have New Phone #s

Several local Main Street business firms changed over from GTE to WT Services this past week. Most have retained their old phone number, however the prefix will now be 250 instead of 247. If you get a recording or a busy signal, try your number again using the 250 prefix.

The new number at the Friona Star is 250-2211.

"Chief" Crim Says El Nino Is Over

By SCOTT ROBINSON

El Nino is over. Over the past few weeks, forecasters have stated that the phenomenon which has disrupted normal weather patterns throughout the last year is losing its power. The local "Chief" agrees with that prediction.

"We are going to have a normal, average year," said Weldon Crim as he was reading the smoke signals on the morning of March 22. "It looks like El Nino is a thing of the past."

Crim has been forecasting the spring weather for the past sixteen years. He uses an ancient Indian custom to make his prediction, and this custom has been in the Crim family since just after the turn of the century.

Taylor Crim, Weldon's grandfather, began the tradition in 1910. He learned the ritual from the Comanche and Plains Indians when he was working on the railroad near El Paso.

Taylor passed the tradition on to his son, J.W.

(Weldon's father), who conducted the "fireburnings" from 1923 until 1980. J.W. was known throughout these parts as the "Parmer County Weather Prophet." Weldon, better known as "Chief," has continued the tradition since 1983.

The "fireburning" is conducted by stacking wood in a tee-pee shape and setting fire to it on the second day of spring. The direction in which the smoke is blowing at sunrise predicts the weather for the upcoming season.

The accuracy of this annual forecast is virtually unquestionable. While the local professional weathermen seem to have trouble from time to time with the forecast, the Chief claims his is accurate around eighty per cent of the time. Backing up that claim is the fact that he has been correct for seven of the last eight years.

This year's northwest wind calls for an average good spring season.

"Save Day" Slated At Local Schools

On April 2, employees of Friona State Bank will be available to teach students at Friona's Primary and Elementary Schools the importance of saving money for the future.

The presentations will be one of thousands being made by bankers around the country as part of the second annual "Teach Children to Save Day", sponsored by the American Bankers Association Education Foundation in Washington, DC.

"We are proud to be a part of a nationwide program that aims to teach children basic money management skills," said a spokesman for the bank.

Some of the concepts that will be taught on April 2 are: how to budget, how to prioritize "wants" vs. "needs", why it's important to save for emergencies, how interest makes money grow, and more.

In October 1996, Friona State Bank, with the cooperation of the school administration and staff of the Elementary school, started a savings program on campus, called "Save for America."

In January of the following year the Primary school was added to this program. The students, on "savings day" of every week, bring the money they have saved to the school and make regular deposits.

"Jim Parker, Betty Chaney and Becky Mays have been wonderful to help with this program at the schools. This money is transferred to Friona State bank, where it is deposited into their bank accounts.

We have students who have saved up to \$400. We feel this is a very important educational tool for their future.



JEFF HAMILTON & CARRIE COX
1998 Students of the Year



WELCOME TO FRIONA... Judge Cynthia Kent of Tyler, Texas, is greeted at the Chamber of Commerce banquet by Miss Friona Kayla Wyly.

Medical Staff To Be Honored

Parmer County Community Hospital and the Hospital Auxiliary members will join together in celebration of "National Doctors' Day" Friday, March 27 with a reception honoring the medical staff.

Parmer County Community Hospital Auxiliary will give red roses to members of the medical staff. Bill Neely, hospital administrator said, "We are very pleased to join with our auxiliary members in expressing our appreciation to the medical staff for their outstanding service to our community."

Doctors' Day has been celebrated in March since 1933 and commemorates the discovery of ether for painless surgery.

TITANIC MANIA seems to have pervaded the whole world. The Oscar-winning movie by the same name is now the biggest money-maker of all time. However, I think "Gone With The Wind" would be right up there at the top, if the dollar value were prorated according to how much it cost to go to the movies when that one first hit the screen.

In 1938 the cost for adults to attend the movies was between 25¢ to 50¢ and kids got in for a dime. Now it costs between \$7 to \$12 to go to the movies...that's just to get inside and the expenses start getting really heavy when you step up to the refreshment counter.

"The Titanic" being based on the actual historic sinking of the enormous steam ship on April 15, 1912 just proves that true-to-life incidents are more interesting than any fictional events that writers could dream up. Of course, the thread of the love story which is woven throughout the film is the only fictional portion this movie and is perhaps the most far fetched part of the story told on screen. It would have been highly-unlikely, if not impossible, for a third-class and a first class passenger to meet and fall in love while on the ship. The movie was, otherwise, well-researched and quite authentic.

"The Titanic" has become as popular in foreign countries as it is in America. One little 11-year old girl in Greece is said to have seen the movie a record number of 50 times.

Anne Spring said even her sister in England went to see the "Titanic" and it was the first time she had been to the movies in 20 years. She said after sitting there for three hours, she could hardly walk when she got up, but it was worth it.

Our son Rick who works in the film industry in Los Angeles says he knows some of the technical people who worked on "The Titanic" and they reported that the water scenes were pretty difficult. There was a lot of sliding around in water on the set while the ship was at an angle. Rick said his friends told him there were a good number of minor injuries on the film and someone was getting sent off to the emergency clinic nearly every day during filming of those water scenes.

The movie has also sparked a renewed interest in "The Unsinkable Molly Brown," a legend loosely based on fact. "Molly" was, indeed, one of the heroes of the Titanic disaster and a movie musical starring Debbie Reynolds was made of this legendary lady during the 1950s. The Molly Brown museum in Denver, Colorado gives a truer picture of Mrs. Margaret Brown, a strong woman who was involved in politics and social movements of her time. A new biography is currently in the works on the actual persona of Margaret Brown.

Here's a "Titanic" joke for you:

Left on a sinking ship were the captain and three sailors. The only life raft still on board was a small three-man affair. The captain said "Men, this business about the Captain going down with the ship is baloney. I plan to be on board that life raft. To see which two of you will come with me, I will ask each of you a question. The one who cannot answer will stay behind and go down with the ship."

He asked the first sailor "What unsinkable ship went down when it hit an iceberg?" The man answered "The Titanic, sir."

The Captain asked the second sailor, "How many people perished in that disaster?" The man answered "1,517, sir."

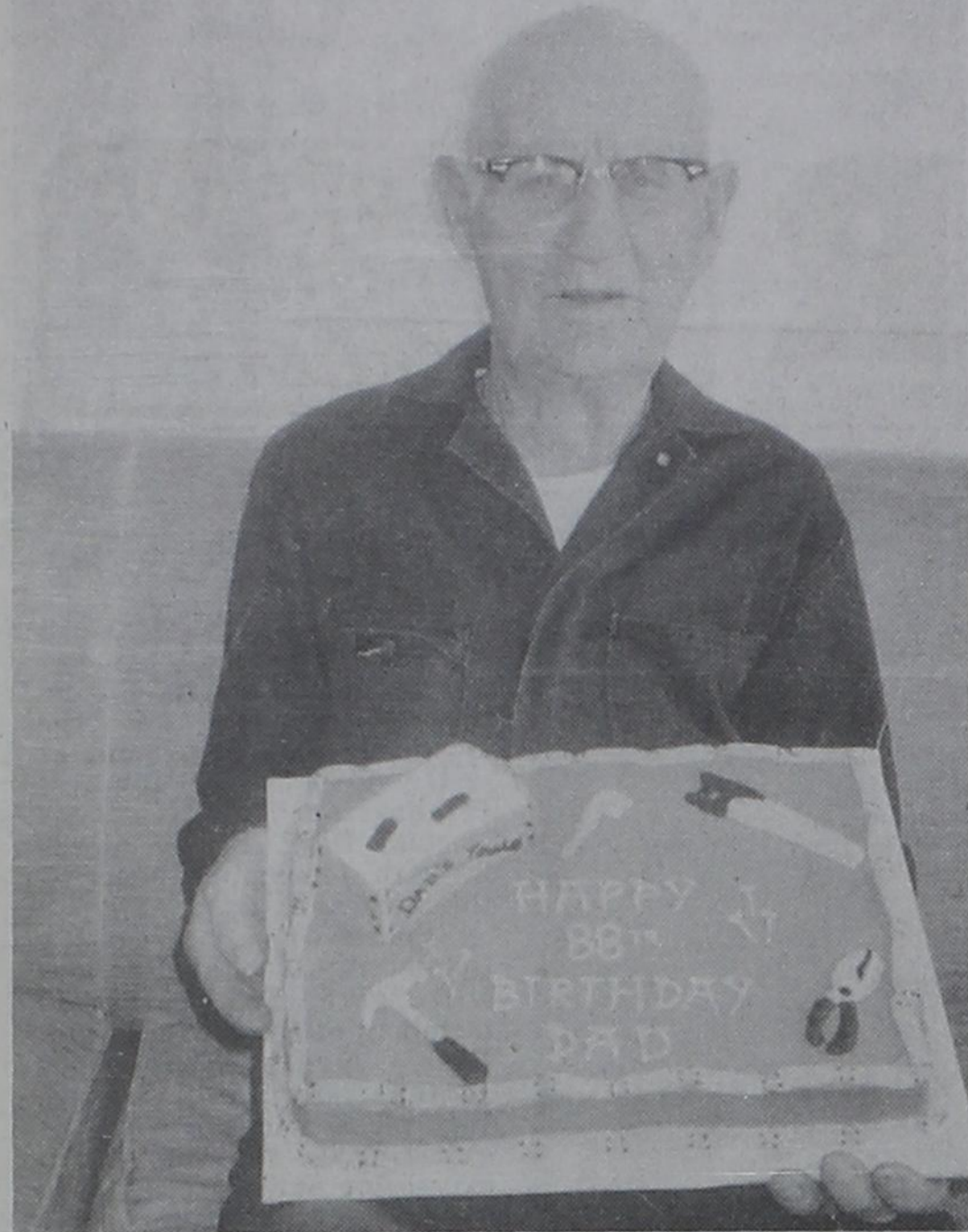
The Captain asked the third sailor, "What were their names?"



By Carol Ellis

Friona Flashbacks

...from the files of The Friona Star



JOHNNY HAD A BIRTHDAY.....A chocolate cake decorated with carpenter tools was a part of Johnny Brand's 88th birthday celebration last Sunday. Johnny has been a familiar figure in Friona many years because of his carpenter work and his penchant for walking around town. ron carr photo

Johnny Brand Celebrates 88th Birthday With Party

Johnny Brand of Friona celebrated his 88th birthday with a party on March 22 at his residence on 6th Street. Cake and punch was served by family friend Mary Joyce Barnett as many friends stopped by or called to wish him a happy birthday. Mr. Brand was born in Hillsboro, Texas, one of 10 children of N. J. and Ollie

Brand, who moved from Childress to Parmer County in 1927, later moving to Friona in the fall of 1935. He married Bessie Eva Smith on November 14, 1931, in Clovis, New Mexico. They have one daughter, Katherine, who now resides with Johnny. Mrs. Eva Brand is a resident of Prairie Acres Nursing Home.

60 Yrs Ago-Mar. 25, 1938

An epidemic of measles has broken out in Friona and vicinity during the past two weeks, and the number of cases seem to be increasing rather than decreasing. In this issue of the Star will be found the announcement of James W. Witherspoon of Hereford, as a candidate for re-election to the office of District Attorney, an office he has held the past two years.

55 Yrs Ago-April 2, 1943

The War Bond sale drive which was sponsored here last Tuesday by the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary resulted in sale of \$15,000 worth of bonds, it was announced this week.

The big Army bomber plane which made a forced landing in a wheat field about 13 miles southeast of Friona some four weeks ago and which has been guarded while awaiting parts for repair, was pronounced airworthy again last Saturday, and soared away under its own power.

50 Yrs Ago-April 2, 1948

Maurice Gaede of the Friona 4-H Club, showed the grand champion calf in the Parmer County FFA/4-H Club fat stock show at Farwell on Saturday, March 20. Clyde Hays of the Black 4-H Club, showed the grand champion pig, a Hampshire. Hays' pig also placed first in its class at the South Plains Junior Fat Stock Show in Lubbock.

45 Yrs Ago-April 2, 1953

The Friona track and field team took high point honors this week in the District 19-B track and field meet held on the local track. The win rounded out a year of championships in football, basketball and track for the local athletes.

40 Yrs Ago-April 3, 1958

Members of the Friona Boosters Club announced having reached a goal of \$2,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new public address system for the Friona High School football field.

J.W. Baxter, standout on the Friona track team, cleared the bar at 5'8-1/4" in the high jump event of the district track meet Saturday at Farwell. This jump tied the record but seconds later the Chief trackster soared 5'9-1/4" to establish a new one.

35 Yrs Ago-April 4, 1963

A total of 219 persons

attended the annual conference of District 8 Parent-Teachers Association in Friona last Thursday.

With no opposition and no organized write-in campaign, Tuesday's city election passed almost unnoticed in some corners. Three new councilmen, J.E. (Ed) Hicks, Glen C. Stevick and Joe Talley were elected with only 55 persons casting ballots.

30 Yrs Ago-Mar. 28, 1968

Parmer County farmers have signed up to plant 170,101 acres of feed grain (corn and grain sorghum) for 1968, Prentice Mills, office manager of the county Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service reports.

25 Yrs Ago-Mar. 29, 1973

Contributions to the Community Center-Showbarn slowed down considerably during the past week, after the initial "big push." According to a tabulation late Tuesday by Jerry Hinkle of Friona State Bank, the total amount on deposit for the fund stood at \$43,635.15.

20 Yrs Ago- Mar. 26, 1978

Winners of the "Fighting Chieftain" awards at Friona High School are Sylvia Malouf and Todd Bandy. They were named at the All-Sports Banquet.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Baxter, who have owned Parmer County's Ford dealership for the past 26 years, this week announced the sale of the dealership to a partnership consisting of V.R. Wilcox, Roger Wilcox and John Baxter. The new dealership will be known as Friona Ford Sales, Inc.

The Friona High School Chieftain Band garnered a sweepstakes award at the University Interscholastic League's Region 16 Contest at Dimmitt last Friday.

15 Yrs Ago-Mar. 27, 1983

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held this week for the Parmer House Restaurant,

which has re-opened under the ownership of Mr. and Mrs. Carl McInroe.

Friona High School won the District 2-AAA contest play competition for the second year in a row Tuesday at Tulia. It marked the fifth time in six years for the FHS play to be a district winner. Friona's production of "Mad-woman of Chaillot" was tabbed to advance to the area competition on April 9 at Lubbock Cooper.

10 Yrs Ago-Mar. 26, 1988

Presentation of the outstanding citizens' awards highlighted the 32nd annual Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture banquet here Thursday evening.

Those receiving special honors were Leigh Ann Neelley and Keith Hancock for Outstanding Young People; Robert Neelley and Katherine Smith for Man and Woman of the Year; Valton Howard as most Courteous Employee, and Peggy Hamil as Teacher of the Year.

5 Yrs Ago-Mar. 27, 1993

Wayne Ellison, a driver for Energas, escaped injury when his service pickup-truck was hit by a Santa Fe freight at a crossing ten miles east of Friona. Elliston said he didn't see the train until it whistled right near the crossing. He gunned his

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vehicle, and it clipped the right rear, spinning the pickup around. Elliston was uninjured.

J. Drager Is Buried In Texico

Services for John P.A. Drager, 81, of Texico, New Mexico, were held Saturday, March 21 at Immanuel Lutheran Church with Rev. Scott Blazek officiating. Burial followed at Texico Cemetery.

He died March 19 at Farwell Convalescent Center. He was born January 21, 1917 in Copperas Cove, Texas.

Mr. Drager moved to the Rhea Community in 1925. He was a farmer and rancher there until 1973 when he moved to Texico. He married Virginia Hines April 12, 1943 in Clovis.

He was a member of the Disabled American Veteran, Immanuel Lutheran Church and a former member of the Good Sams Travel Club.

He is survived by his wife Virginia; two sons and their wives, Aaron and Ginger Drager of Clovis, Samuel and Carrie Drager of Texico; one daughter and her husband, Elizabeth and Wayne Jesko of Lazbuddie; one brother, Christian Drager of Friona; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were his grandsons, Dustan Jesko, Kirk Jesko, Jeremy Drager, Cody Drager, Eric Drager, Zane Drager and Lance Starbuck.

Honorary pallbearers were Curtis Drager, Earl Drager, Joe Drager, Mark Garcia and William Danaheim.

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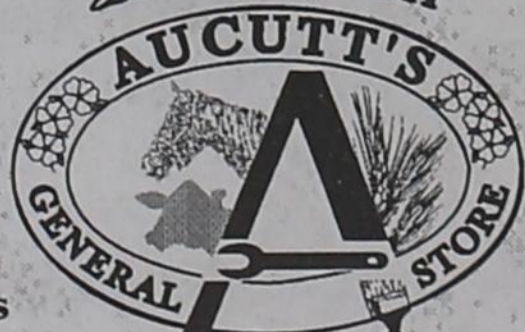
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Lisa Martinez
New Accounts

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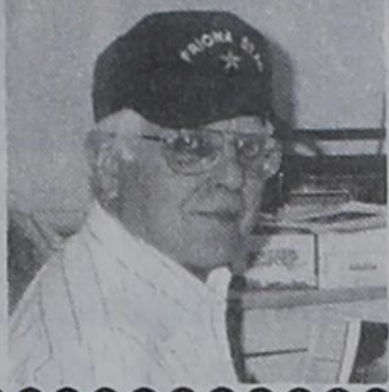
There's a big PAYOFF to raising FINANCIALLY SAVVY children!! Friona State Bank will do our part-WILL YOU?



FRIONA STATE BANK

Out Here

By RON CARR



Today in Ronnie's Institute of Business and Other Useful Skills, we will be discussing the power of advertising in altering millions of ordinary lives. Please refer to the textbook with Michael Jordan on the cover.

The first discussion point is this: If Leann Rimes recommended a product, would you be anxious to buy it? If so, why?

Leann Rimes is a 15-year-old country music star. Folks say that she has become a demanding, spoiled brat with an overrated ego, whose voice is not that good either.

I wouldn't know since I don't listen to music much

WTRTC's Annual Meeting

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative held its forty-fourth annual meeting at the Bull Barn in Hereford, Tuesday, March 24.

A capacity crowd of co-op members and guests enjoyed the barbecue supper catered by K-Bob's of Hereford.

Dick Fellers of Dawn, board president, welcomed the attendees and presided over the business meeting. He announced that WTRTC's previous attorney had retired and the board has employed Byron Boyd of Friona as the co-op's new attorney of record.

Tom Hyer, co-op manager, announced that the checks mailed to members this year will be for the years 1975, 1976, and 1979. He said that 1977 and 1978 were skipped because there was no money to be distributed from those years.

Board of director members re-elected were Carl Straffuss of Milo Center, Jimmie Cockerham of Tharp, and Ernest Flood of Westway.

anyone. If it's not Willie, I'm not too interested.

I do watch a lot of TV though and have become a student of TV commercials, specifically how TV commercials insult the intelligence of anyone over the age of 40.

If you understand the current commercials running for the Gap, Surge, or Nissan, there is a logical reason your intelligence is not insulted. Those commercials were made for the same group of Americans that give Billy Jeff a high moral rating.

But I digress. Back to Leann, whose mother and daddy were married to each other before she became a star. They are divorced now, perhaps because making millions and managing Leann's life were things they could not agree upon.

For whatever reason, daddy took a hike, and momma took over her darlin's career at least until Leann turns 18 and can make her own mistakes.

Now Leann is selling Samsung cellular phones. In the commercial we are studying today, she is seen standing on a stage, talking on her new phone to her grandma, who bought it for her.

Her whizbang Samsung phone has "call waiting" as she tells grandma to hold on. It's daddy.

"Yea dad, I know, I'll do my homework. I luv yew too."

From off camera, momma speaks, "Leann, get off the phone now." Too late. The little meal ticket is already dialing a friend.

"Just one more call, momma. Hi. Did he ask you to the prom?", she says to alleged friend. I wonder why a 15-year-old that does not go to school could care much about a prom.

Then her little round face fills the TV screen as she squawks, "Hey, what can I

say. I'm a teenager. I love phones."

This is a commercial that is obviously directed at teenagers, addicting them at an early age to portable cell phones.

As we speak, Texas Attorney General Dan Morales is filing a lawsuit against cell phone manufacturers to recover future costs that the state may have to pay for teenage cell phone addiction and abuse.

Leann's sales pitch did not cause me to reach for the footrest handle on my old recliner just to rush out for a Samsung.

But hey, what can I say. I'm an old guy. I hate phones and rich teenagers.

I don't remember ever buying a product that a famous person endorsed just because the famous person said I should buy it.

Paul Harvey, the most believable American in history, almost suckered me into buying a Bose radio. Paul is a smooth talker, but when I found out how much a Bose Wave Radio costs, I decided Paul wasn't that credible after all.

Quite a few years ago, Willie Nelson thought he would sell his own line of clothing. I bought my wife a pair of Willie jeans because Willie's name was on the back pocket. Willie doesn't sell jeans anymore and my now ex-wife got that pair in the divorce.

Joe DiMaggio, the best Yankee baseball player ever, once sold Lipton's Tea, but I was already drinking it before he started selling it.

I have never bought anything because Michael Jordan says so. Sorry. I don't have anything in common with 7-foot basketball players. I don't need Air Jordans to leap into my recliner.

A friend of mine told me this week she bought one of

those books that Oprah suggested. Said she tried to read it but didn't finish it. Wasn't as good as Oprah convinced her it was.

Those of us in the "gently used" generation tend to get set in our ways. Let the younger folks spend their cash because a rich athlete or movie star wants to get richer.

It's all right. That's capitalism. If Mickey Mantle had sold baseball shoes, I would have put many a dent in mother's kitchen linoleum.

As long as Billy Jeff Clinton can convince 70% of the great American unwashed that he is credible, there will always be a big market for fads like Leann and her Samsung phones.

Not for me though, buddy. I don't trust anybody that much except, uh, can you tell me how to get in touch with June Allyson?

March State Sales Tax Delivered

State Comptroller John Sharp today delivered a total of \$163.3 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,090 Texas cities and 118 counties, an 8 percent increase over March 1997 payments.

Parmer County received \$25,721.15 compared to \$14,623.33 last year.

The March payment per city is shown with last year's payment in brackets: Bovina \$1,955.76 (\$2,342.90); Farwell \$5,957.52 (\$6,093.00); Friona \$17,807, (\$6,187)

1998 payments to date to Parmer County are \$79,300.56, compared to 1997 payments of \$73,532.62, an increase of 7.84% this year.



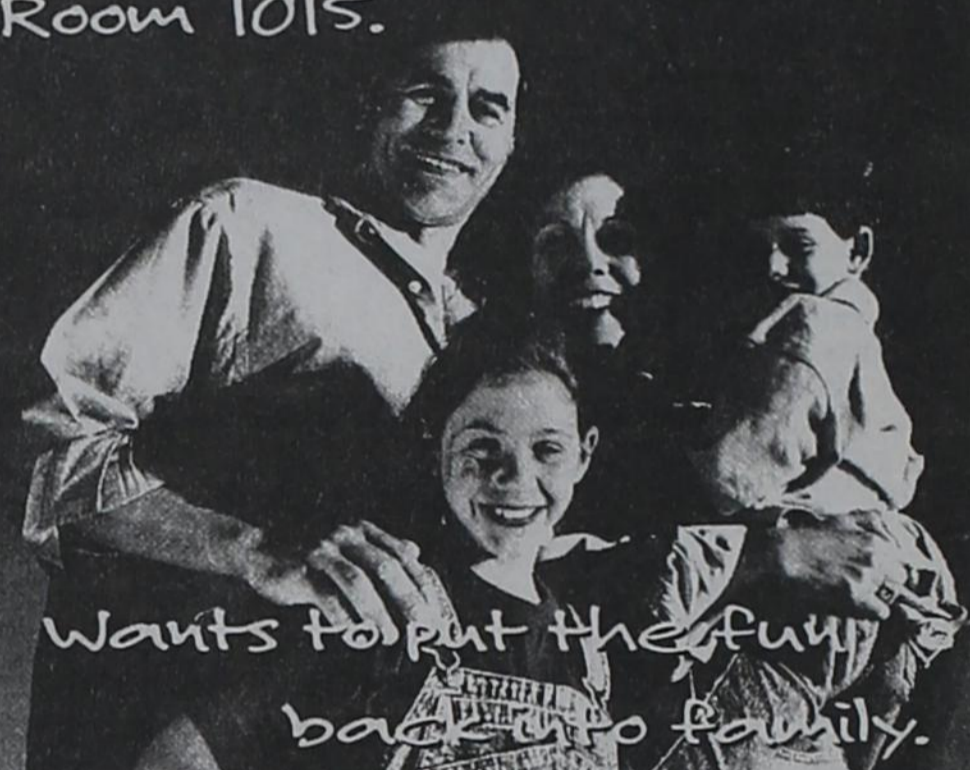
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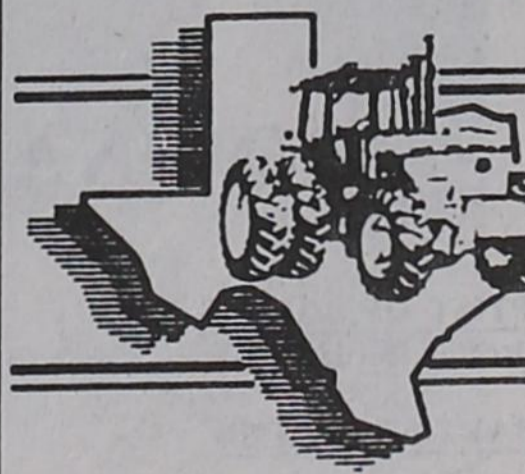
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JEPHTHAH'S DAUGHTER!

JEPHTHAH, WHO JUDGED ISRAEL FOR SIX YEARS, WHEN HE WENT TO WAR WITH THE AMMONITES, MADE A VOW UNTO THE LORD THAT SHOULD HE BE VICTORIOUS HE WOULD SACRIFICE, FOR A BURNT OFFERING, WHATEVER FIRST CAME TO HIM OUT OF HIS HOUSE, ON HIS RETURN TO IT, AFTER THE VICTORY! (JUDGES 11:30,31). IT WAS HIS ONLY CHILD, HIS DAUGHTER, WHO RUSHED OUT TO GREET HIM ON HIS RETURN. HIS DAUGHTER AGREED THAT HE HAD TO KEEP HIS VOW, BUT ONLY AFTER SHE HAD TWO MONTHS TO BEWAIL HER VIRGINITY IN THE MOUNTAINS. THIS BECAME A CUSTOM, DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS, FOR THE ISRAELITE MAIDENS TO GO INTO THE MOUNTAINS, FOUR DAYS A YEAR, TO LAMENT FOR THE DAUGHTER OF JEPHTHAH, THE GILEADITE! (JUDGES 11:40).



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READY BY SUMMER?.....Workers are busy at the Friona swimming pool, trying to get ready for a June 1 opening date. The new pool house is shown here as the roof takes shape. ron carr photo



TOSS 'EM IN.....Police chief Randy Geries tosses in a can at the Cans For Seniors trailer at city park. The trailer, across the street from the police station, is open 24-hours-a-day to collect your aluminum cans to help out the drug-free party for FHS seniors. ron carr photo

Lori Stockstill Presents Study Club Program

The Black Study Club met on March 5 at the home of Martha Hamilton.

The opening exercise was a memory game which was won by Ann Kelley.

A beautiful spring bouquet, made by Wyona Clark, was presented and it will be taken to the April 2 Easter party.

Members present were Ann Carthel, Hannah Lookingbill, Ann Kelley, Lucille Rockey, Ruby Stone, Jo Wells, Mildred Welch, and Lois Weatherly.

The club also welcomed Wyona Clark as a new member.

At the March 19 meeting, at the home of Jo Wells, Ann Kelley had the opening ex-

ercise about the county fair.

The members planned an Easter party for Prairie Acres.

Lori Stockstill gave the program on aromatherapy. Aundrea Frye was her model. The members enjoyed wonderful refreshments and welcomed four visitors: Lucille Boyle of Slaton, Doris Smith, Aundrea Frye, and Lori Stockstill.

Club members present were Ann Kelley, Hannah Lookingbill, Ann Carthel, Lucille Rockey, Carrie Tatum, Ruby Stone, Martha Hamilton, Mildred Welch, and Jo Wells.

The Black Study Club will meet on April 2 at 3 p.m. at Prairie Acres for an Easter Party.

Art Association Will Present Wied In Demo

Friona Art Association will present its Spring Demo in the Depot this coming Sunday afternoon March 29, from 2 to 4 p.m. with Bobby Wied presenting an oil painting demonstration.

All area artists are invited to attend this event in the old Friona Santa Fe Depot building in the City Park on Main Street. There will be refreshments and a door prize following the demo.

Museum To Meet

Members of the Pioneer Heritage Museum are asked to attend a meeting set for Monday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Friona State Bank Friendship Room.

The agenda for the meeting includes: review of bid on new windows for church, miniature model showing materials and construction of new windows; and a discussion of the plan of action in regards to the Friona Economic Development meeting scheduled for April.

The Pioneer Heritage Museum has been placed on the agenda for the upcoming Friona Economic Development meeting.

"We will be asking for funds to help with the restoration of the building and establishment of a museum. We need your suggestions on how to proceed in this task," a spokesperson said.

Bring Treasures To The Depot

The Heritage Society reminds everyone that Monday, March 30, is the day to bring your "Treasures," remembrances and artifacts to the Depot between the hours of 10 a.m. to 12 noon. These "Treasures" will be displayed as part of the decor for the Society's Annual Spring Luncheons in the Depot.

The Luncheons will be held each Thursday during the month of April and some tickets are still available at the Chamber of Commerce office on Main Street.



Crimestoppers Have Meeting

The Parmer County Crimestoppers met at the Plaza Restaurant in Bovina for their regular meeting.

They voted to reorder a new supply of Crimestoppers coffee mugs for local restaurants and coffee shops.

A new supply of business cards will be ordered with English on one side and Spanish information on the other.

The group received a letter from KIJN radio offering to do a twenty-five minute interview with Crimestopper board members as a public service.

They also received an offer from Stateline Tribune to insert wanted fliers in issues as a public service.

The group then discussed fundraisers and HEAT (Help End Auto Theft) program to be held in Friona soon.

The next monthly meeting is set for April 15 at the Farwell Community Center at 7 p.m. C.D.T.

Tony Duran Takes Part In Program

By TONY DURAN
I am the son of Antonio and Mary Duran. I am working at Parmer County Hospital. This is my first year in the work program.

I have learned a great responsibility on keeping a job and also going to school after I finish work. I hope that I will maintain this job for a couple of years. I have enjoyed the people that I have worked with in the hospital.

I would like to thank Mr. Bronniman for giving me an opportunity to get in the work program. I would also like to thank Mr. Graham, the nurses, medical records, x-ray, clinic and everybody else who I left out for keeping me busy.

Church In Dimmitt Sets Fish Frys

In conjunction with Lent, the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Dimmitt will host two fish frys, March 27 and April 3.

The Friday night frys are being held to raise money for a new sound system.

The two fish frys will start at 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the church at 903 Halsell. Take-outs will be available.

The menu is fried fish, red beans, cole slaw, potato salad, rolls, cornbread, dessert, iced tea, and coffee.

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Frionan's Brother Passes Away

Graveside services for Robert "Bobby" Steffens, 48, of Amarillo were held Wednesday, March 25 at Holy Family Cemetery in Nazareth with Father Jerry Stein of Holy Family Catholic Church officiating.

Mr. Steffens died March 23, 1998 in Amarillo.

He was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and has lived in Amarillo for eight years. He was an office machine tech. He was a catholic.

He was preceded in death by a son, Michael Shane Steffens in 1973.

Survivors include three sons, Robert Edward Steffens III of Dallas, Heath Shane Steffens of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Justin Joseph Lee Steffens of Dallas; one sister, Mary Lou Venhaus of Friona; one brother, Tommy Jene Dykes of Louisiana and one grandchild.



SERVING UP FLOATS...At the primary school open house, teachers Tracy Ellis and Kim Smiley made some great root beer and coke floats for students and parents. ron carr photo

Frionan Is Honored As Employee of Month

The Howe Independent School District has announced Todd Bandy as the January Employee of Month. Coach Bandy is a teacher and coach at Howe High School. This is his second year in the district.

Bandy is a 1978 graduate of Friona High School. He attended Lubbock Christian College for two year after graduation and then farmed in the Friona area for ten years before returning to school and graduating from West Texas State University.

He has taught and coached in Pleasant Grove

High School in Texarkana, Texas, Muleshoe High School and Howe High School.

Todd, the son of Eugene and Patsy Bandy of Friona, was nominated by one of his students and was recognized in "Who's Who Among American High School Teachers" in 1996 while at Muleshoe. He has been nominated again for 1998.

Bandy and his wife live in Howe. They have two children attending the Middle School.



TODD BANDY

Services Held For C. Fleming

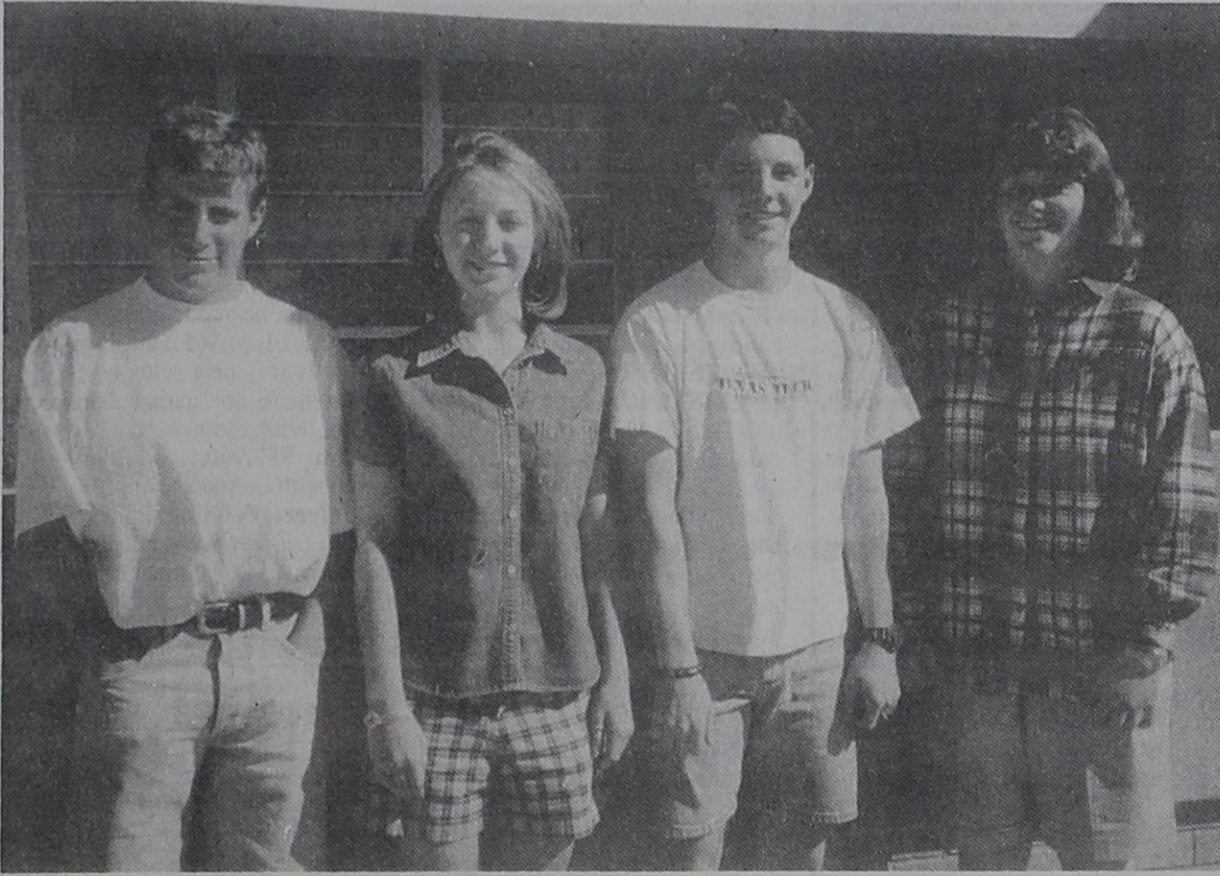
Memorial services for Carole Weatherley-Fleming, 52, of Amarillo were held, Saturday, March 21 at Blackburn-Shaw Memorial Chapel with Dr. Norman Grigsby of St. Paul United Methodist Church officiating.

Cremation was by Memory Gardens crematory. Burial followed in Friona Cemetery.

Mrs. Fleming was born in Newton, Kansas. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1964. She attended West Texas State University. She had lived in Friona for seven years before moving to Amarillo twenty years ago. She worked for The Muscular Dystrophy Association as a Director for ten years before she retired. She was preceded in death by a son, Aaron David Weatherley in 1988.

Survivors include her husband, Paul Fleming of the home; one daughter, Kassie Weatherley of Denver City; two step-daughters, Christine Woods of Amarillo and Heather Goodman of Georgetown, Texas; and one grandson, Braden Woods of Amarillo.

Memorials can be made to Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, Texas 79176-0001.



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Thanks to Fr. Sweeney and others that visited me in the hospital. Thanks for all the prayers, cards, calls, food, flowers and also thanks to all who came to visit me here at home who have been so kind. Thanks for your encouragement. Joe Bermea

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c/o: Kathryn H. Gurley Attorney at Law P.O. Box 729-701 Main Street Friona, Texas 79035-0000 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 23rd day of March, 1998. Kathryn H. Gurley Attorney at Law 701 Main Street-P.O. Box 729 Friona, Texas 79035 Telephone: (806)247-2050 FAX: (806)247-9053 By: Kathryn H. Gurley Attorney for the Estate State Bar No.: 10022700

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Study Club Met Locally March 17

Members of Modern Study Club met March 17 at the Woman's Club House for their evening meeting.

Nellie Shelton, club president, welcomed thirteen members and presided over the business session.

Iona Cook, program director, presented a program on conservation, "Back Yard Bird Preservation." In answering roll call, the members responded to "telling an interesting fact about the back yard birds you have observed." It was apparent that most of the ladies are avid bird watchers and tenders. The purpose of the program was to create an awareness of the needs of our feathered friends in the wild and our own back yards.

Mrs. Cook discussed the anatomy of birds, their way of life and their needs, so that we could help with the preservation of our bird friends. She asked the question, "What is that bird at your bird feeder?" After some discussion, the ladies felt like they could recognize the birds in the area and could provide for them.

Donna Mears led the ladies in the singing of Irish melodies in honor of Saint Patrick's Day. The selections included "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," "I'm Looking Over A Four Leaf Clover" and "That's An Irish Lullaby." Mrs. Mears was accompanied by Eva Kimbrough, pianist.

Fay Reeve and Nellie Shelton served as hostesses.

Dukes Have New Grand Daughter

John and Deanna Duke of Friona are the grandparents of Baylee Nicole born March 2, 1998 in Boise, Idaho. Her parents are John Edd and Ashley Duke.

Baylee weighed eight pounds, four ounces and measured twenty-one inches.

Other grandparents are John and Debra Scarlet of Gooding, Idaho and Mike and Martha Rader of Lamar, Missouri.



Mr. and Mrs. Dan Neelley

Shanda Gullledge, Dan Neelley United In Church Ceremony

Shanda Gullledge of College Station, Texas and Dan Neelley of Bryan, Texas exchanged wedding vows Saturday, December 13 at 11 a.m. in the A&M United Methodist Church, College Station.

The bride's parents are Luther and Sue Gullledge of Cleveland, Texas.

Parents of the groom are Robert and Connie Neelley of Friona.

Brother Jerry Lyons, pastor of the Dolen Baptist Church of Cleveland, performed the wedding ceremony.

Tamara Rydzeski of Austin served her sister as the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Leigh Neelley of Lubbock, sister of the groom, Tammy Oaks of Omaha, Nebraska, Amy McLin of Fort Worth, cousin of the bride, Jennifer Gullledge of Cleveland, sister-in-law of the bride, and Karen Williamson of Cleveland.

The feminine attendants wore red Christmas plaid sleeveless dresses featuring scooped necklines. They carried a tussy mussy of Christmas greenery, holly berries and pixie carnations.

Ben Neelley of McAllen, Texas, brother of the groom, was the best man. Groomsmen were Brian Head of Austin, cousin of the bride, Corbin Riethmayer of Bryan, Gary Stowers of Friona, Bryce McMurtrey of Canyon and Brandon Smith of Pleasanton,

Texas. Stacey Wilson Swenson registered the wedding guests.

Mary Hicks, organist, accompanied Mark Taylor as he sang "I Will Be Here" and "The Lord's Prayer."

As the bride was presented in marriage by her father, she was attired in a formal length wedding gown of white venice lace and organza. The sabrina neckline complimented the fitted and sleeveless lace bodice. The natural waistline flowed into a sheath skirt of matching lace. The skirt and bodice back were completed with a crisp white organza bow flowing into a chapel length wateau train.

She carried a round bouquet of gardenias, white

roses and red tulips.

A reception was held at the Hilton Hotel.

The couple took a wedding trip to the Hawaiian Islands of Oahu, Maui and Kauai.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Tarkington High School and 1995 graduate of Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in interdisciplinary studies. She is employed with Bryan Independent School District as a first grade teacher.

Neelley is a 1991 graduate of Friona High School and 1997 graduate of Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in civil engineering. He is employed as an engineer with Pledger Kalkomey in Brenham, Texas.

Happy Birthday Friona Folks.....

March 29-April 4
Friona residents having birthdays next week include:

March 29--Ryan Potts, Lisa Neill, Ryan Paul Brooksfield, Loy McLellan, Briar Barnett, Stephanie Soto.

March 30--Jana Barnett, Leonard Coffey, T.J. Reed, Vernon Roberts, Annette Loflin.

March 31--Wayne A. Jones, Trisha Duff, Kathy Boeckman Steen, Kelly Wied Mann, Jeremy Lane Schueler.

April 1--Sue Procter, Hanna Carmichael, Elpidio Gonzales, Jr., Mrs. W.T. Woodruff, Christi Herbert, David Gonzales, Katie Smith.

April 2--Grace Whitefield, Daniel Gowens, Monte Rule, Olive Massie.

April 3--Charla Beth Chesher, Rusty Ridley, Michel Stokes, Alex Ferguson.

April 4--Gloria Preston, Floyd Wilkins, Glenn Reber, Richard Fitzgerald, Randy

Thomas, Kristen Behrendsen. If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, call the Friona Star office at 247-2211 and report it.

Let's Talk Beans!!

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THE WEIGHT LOSS SEARCH CONTINUES

by Pam Messer, RDLD
Parmer County Community Hospital

Promises, promises, promises! Crash diets, fad diets, diet pills, fasts, laxatives, etc. all seem to be THE answer to an age-old problem-how to lose those unwanted pounds that seem to seek us out, attach themselves, and hold on like SuperGlue! We usually wake up one morning, look in the mirror, and decide we have got to lose those love handles fast! It doesn't matter that they didn't appear overnight-we want them gone NOW! As a result, we look for the quickest and easiest way to do it, and the market of Weight Loss methods is just waiting for us!

One of the most popular fad diets right now is the rejuvenation of Dr. Atkins' low carbohydrate, high protein diet. His promise is you can "stay thin forever" while eating as much as you want. With this diet, there is a dramatic initial decrease in weight which is exciting for the dieter. However, this weight is from loss of salt and water, not body fat. This initial water loss will last as long as the person stays on the diet; as soon as a properly nutritious diet is resumed, salt and water will be retained at the level necessary for optimal health. Many people who try this diet suffer from faintness, weakness, dizziness, fatigue, and nausea which are the symptoms seen at the onset of starvation.

The reason that this diet is successful in weight loss is that you are consuming fewer calories. High protein foods are really low-calorie foods. 32 ounces of steak provides only 1200 calories; this is because meats are about 70% water. Also, high intake of protein with low intake of carbohydrate causes chemical changes that result in loss of appetite. Carbohydrates are the first thing your body burns to provide calories; a lack of them causes your body to turn to its fat stores. This can lead to fatty deposits in the liver, thus liver disease. Atherosclerosis and high blood cholesterol levels are common with long-term use of this diet as eggs and high cholesterol foods are advocated strongly. True, there may be a temporary decrease in your cholesterol level because of the reduction in total calories, but once weight has stabilized and your body adjusts to the lower caloric intake, there's likely to be a significant increase in blood fat and cholesterol levels. This is a dangerous diet for middle-aged men who are already prone to heart and vascular disease. Diabetics, beware! This can be detrimental for you as getting the proper amount of carbohydrates is crucial to keep your blood sugar at an optimal level. The Atkins diet is also deficient in calcium which can lead to bone softening. It is also grossly deficient in vitamins. Drinking large amounts of water is part of this diet, too-this doesn't alter anything chemically, just necessitates the need to stay close to the bathroom! Another side effect from this diet can be an acute case of gout-who would've thought the desire to lose some weight would result in a red, hot, swollen toe!

Before you start a weight loss plan, decide what you're willing to sacrifice to achieve your goal. If you don't care what the long-term results do to your body, then crash and fad diets are for you! However, if you want to lose weight in a healthy way using good nutrition and sensible exercise, you can reap benefits from it the rest of your life. For a "customized" healthy diet plan, ask your doctor for a referral to a registered dietitian.

So ignore those diet ads and get to work on making some healthy lifestyle changes! Before long, you will fit into those clothes from several years ago and feel good, too!

Chamber Honorees...

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and state awards; is a member of Thespian Troupe 1379, has participated in fall musicals.

Hamilton served as a member of the Student Council three years, was junior class president, senior class vice president and was selected as "Best All Around" recently.

He plays basketball, track, football and baseball, was named to the second team all-district defense in football and honorable mention all-district in baseball in 1997.

His parents are Raymond and Pam. He has one brother, Davy, and a sister, Jenny.

Carrie Cox ranks at the top of her class, was inducted into the National Honor Society as a sophomore, currently serves as NHS president, and has competed in UIL events on the computer applications team, advancing to regional by placing first individually as a sophomore.

As a member of the computer science team, she was the first place individual on the first place team advancing to regional. This year, she is competing in UIL Lincoln-Douglas debate and editorial writing.

She serves as president of Thespian Troup 1379 and serves as Forensics Club treasurer. She is active in the speech and drama department.

She was recently named Most Talented at FHS, has been in the Chieftain Band

four years, serving as drum major this year, has been honored by the Association of Texas Small School Bands for being in the all-region band four years, sitting at first chair the last three years, was selected for all-area band three years, advancing to the all-state band her junior and senior years; and has received high ratings in the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contests.

Miss Cox is active in Future Homemakers of America, has served as an officer three years and is participating in the STAR events as a senior. She is an active member of her church, helps with Methodist Youth projects and teaches children in Sunday School.

Her parents are Leroy and Terri Cox and she has one brother, Clint.

EMS Seeks Volunteers

Dana Hendrix, Friona EMS director, is seeking volunteers to join the EMS. She would like to have at least four more able-bodied persons to join an EMT class beginning April 1 in Farwell.

Hendrix says that the city has funding to offer scholarships to volunteers selected to enter the training program.

The basic EMT class begins April 1 at the Community Center at Farwell. The classes will be held Wednesday and Thursday nights, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., from April 1 to June 17.

Contact Dana Hendrix at 247-2761 for information about the classes and the funding available.

Hendrix, a certified paramedic, recently attended EMS classes in Houston and at Texas Tech at Junction.

She was certified in Houston to coordinate a "safe sitter program." She will be holding a class in July for 11-18 year-old youth to qualify for the baby-sitting designation.

Friona is currently the only Panhandle city with an approved "safe-sitting" instructor.

The Texas Tech-Junction class was an EMS leadership academy for EMS supervisors and directors.

Hendrix said that the city now has four new CPR instructors and the EMS would like to conduct more CPR classes.

Your club, church, business, or organization can schedule CPR classes for your members by calling Hendrix at 247-2761.

The EMS also is coordinating with Municipal Judge Eddie Mays in an alcohol and drug counseling program for minors accused alcohol or drug violations.

Local residents will want to come to City Park on July 4 for an EMS sponsored Health Fair. Many representatives of Panhandle health organizations will have booths and displays in the park.

Specific details will be published as July 4 nears.



FLY AWAY...At the Chamber banquet, the lucky winner of two Southwest Airline tickets was Raymond Davis of Energas in Hereford, being presented the prize by Chamber president Bud Rainey. ron carr photo

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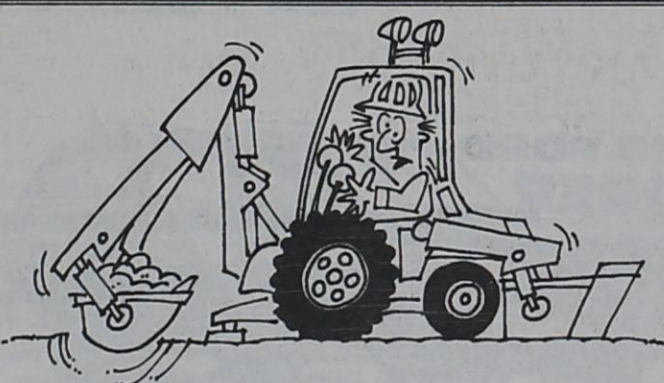
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