



Jr. High Council Receives "Outstanding" State Award

The Friona Junior High School Student Council received a plaque for "Outstanding Student Council," by the Texas Association of Student Councils. To earn this award, a council must perform many projects throughout the year and report them to the District Student Council for approval.

Then the approved reports go to State committees who review them and award the citations.

As far as anyone can tell, this is the first time the reports have been completed and Friona has been recognized for any state awards. Many hours were given to complete the projects.

Some projects completed by the FJH Council were a "Penny War" benefiting the hospital and Prairie Acres, an "Energy Day" to remind everyone to conserve energy, three school dances, and a food drive benefiting Friona

residents.

Also, the council was responsible for concession stands at the football games and basketball tournament, held a fund raiser to benefit the Children's Home in Amarillo, sponsored student of the month, and donated money for the student trips and class rewards.

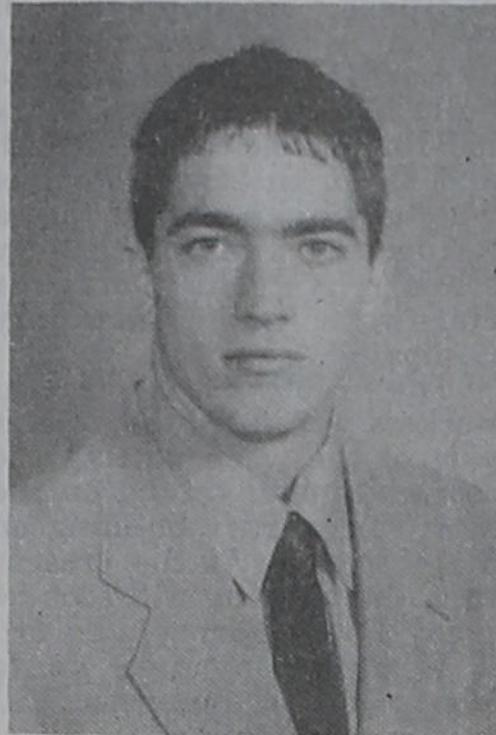
The Student Council was also awarded a certificate for "Pride and Patriotism" projects. To show pride and patriotism, the students provided the Pride Tribe students their pocket ID cards and rewards. They raised and lowered the U.S. and Texas flags each day and on Mondays lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Also, they were responsible for each student receiving an assignment notebook.

Another certificate was awarded the council for its Drug, Alcohol, Safety and Health (D.A.S.H.) projects. They included Red Ribbon

Week and the Great American Smoke-out activities.

Members of the Friona Junior High Student Council include the following students: Holley Hand, president; Lindsay North, vice president; Mandy Gerles, secretary; Amber Widner, parliamentarian; Crystal Vega; R.J. Barrett; Haleigh Herbert; Amy Gerles, reporter; Becky Aronce; Claudia Cruz; Lory Wyly; David Mendez; Kyla Graham; Nohemi Benavides; Andrea Gerles, photographer; Katy Welch and Kristen Butman. The advisor is Mrs. Dale Mann.

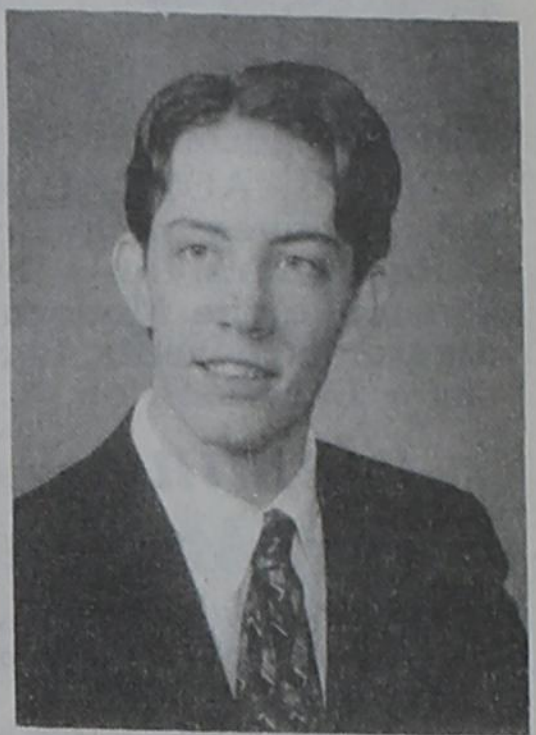
"These students have worked hard to make Friona Junior High better for the students and the staff. They would like to thank Mr. Wiseman, the principal; the teachers and staff; the student body and their parents for their support in achieving this high honor," Mrs. Mann stated.



JAMES EVANS
Valedictorian



V'LYNDA WILCOX
Salutatorian



CLINT BURNEY
Historian

CEREMONY MAY 29

Evans Tops '99 Grads At Friona High School

James Evans, V'Lynda Wilcox and Clint Burney are the top three graduates of Friona High School's 1999 graduating class, it was announced this week by Frank Belcher, principal.

The top graduates will be featured at the graduation exercises for the FHS seniors next Saturday, May 29.

Evans is the class valedictorian, with a grade-point average of 4.66.

Miss Wilcox is the class salutatorian, compiling a four-year GPA of 4.39.

Clint Burney is the class historian, after posting a grade average of 4.38.

Other students in the top ten include:

(4) Justin Grimsley, son of Jason and Jyl Grimsley, at 4.35; (5) Whitney Ellis, daughter of Trey and Tracy Ellis, 4.34; (6) Lance Field, son of Jon and Laura Field, 4.28.

(7) Colby Patterson, son of Brenda and Kent Patterson, 4.223; (8) Alicia Smith, daughter of Doris Smith, 4.219; (9) Juan Tafoya, son of Bertha and Juan Tafoya, 4.21, and (10) Nathan Terry,

son of Kathy and Mitch Terry, 4.20.

JAMES EVANS, son of Brian and Linda Evans, has attended Friona Schools twelve years and will attend the University of Houston this fall. He was the top ranking student in the graduating class and will present the valedictory address at the graduation ceremonies.

While a student at FHS, he was in band four years; Band Council member as a freshman and senior; NHS his sophomore, junior and senior years; played football, basketball, baseball, ran track and competed in power lifting.

He received the Science Award, held the offices of NHS president, Band Council president and Math/Science Club vice president. His hobbies include hiking and weight lifting and he attends the 10th Street Church of Christ.

V'LYNDA WILCOX has been a student in Friona Schools twelve years. Her parents are Terry and Varla Wilcox and she plans to attend Abilene Christian University and major in accounting.

While attending FHS, she was in FHA, Thespians and

FCA four years; Student Council her freshman, junior and senior years; NHS and Math/Science Club three years; ran cross country and played basketball three years; ran track two years; and served as manager of the basketball team one year.

V'Lynda was a regional and state qualifier in FHA three years; was a nominee for Most Likely to Succeed four years; and was a nominee for Miss FHS her senior year.

Offices she held included Student Council president and FHA chapter president her senior year.

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Give Grads A Subscription

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TOP COUNCIL...The Friona junior high student council proudly displays their first place award as one of only four student councils in the region to receive the outstanding honor. They were judged one of the best because of their many community projects. ron carr photo

WHEN SOMETHING IS really funny, we usually say, "Whew! I nearly died laughing!" And the comedian says "I really killed 'em! They were rolling in the aisles." Why do we use such morbid terminology connected with mirth and humor?

MY TURN

By Carol Ellis



As a "word merchant" (one who makes a living by stringing words together), I am fascinated by words, phrases, terms, expressions, figures of speech and idioms that make up our ever-evolving language. Just put a few words together and there's no telling what might come out.

Here are a few interesting examples:

Instructions found on each washing machine in a laundromat: "Please remove all your clothes when the light goes out."

On the menu of a New Orleans restaurant: "Blackened bluefish."

In the window of an Oregon general store: "Why go elsewhere to be cheated, when you can come here?"

Sign in a London department store: "Bargain basement upstairs."

On a church door: "This is the gate of Heaven. Enter ye by this door. (This door is kept locked because of the draft. Please use the side door.)"

Sign found in a dry cleaners' window in Chicago: "Anyone leaving their garments here for more than 30 days will be disposed of."

On an established New Mexico dry cleaning shop: "Thirty-eight years on the same spot."

In a New York restaurant: "Customers who find our waitresses rude, ought to see the manager."

On the door of a health food shop: "Closed due to illness."

In a Florida maternity ward: "No children allowed."

In a Los Angeles clothing store: "Wonderful bargains for men with 16 and 17 necks."

In a Texas funeral parlor: "Ask about our layaway plan."

Warning sign at a safari park: "Elephants, Please stay in your car."

A notice posted in hotel lobby during a conference meeting: "For anyone who has children and doesn't know it, there is a day care on the second floor."

Notice posted at the edge of a farm field: "Farmer Harris allows walkers to cross the field for free, but be aware that the bull charges."

Sign in the break room at a Houston office: "After coffee break, staff should empty the coffee pot and stand upside down on the draining board."

On a repair shop door: "We Can Repair Anything. (Please knock hard on the door -- the bell doesn't work.)"

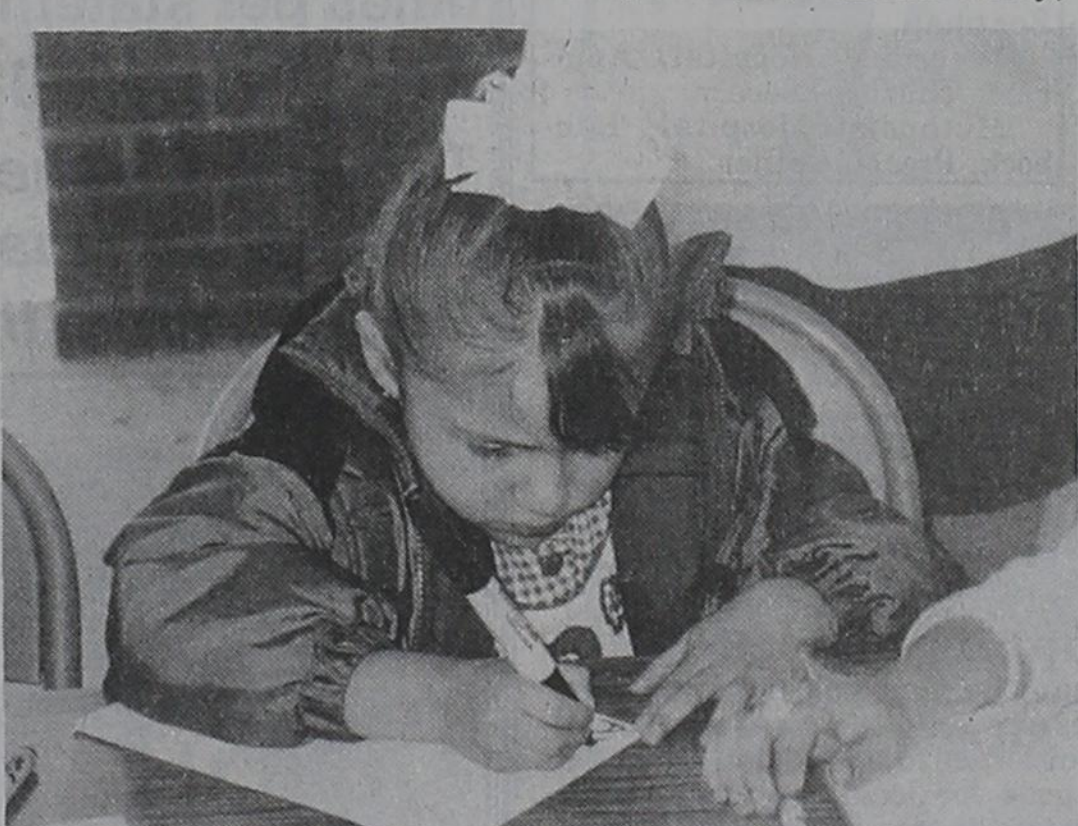
In an office building washroom: "Toilet out of order. Please use floor below."

Warning label found on a cardboard sun shade: "Do not drive with sun shield in place." Duh! How dumb do they think we are?

On a disposable razor: "Do not use this product during an earthquake."

On bottle of syrup of ipecac: "Caution. May cause vomiting."

On box of children's alphabet blocks: "Letters may be used to construct words, phrases and sentences that may be deemed offensive." How True!



THANK YOU CARGILL...Angelica Rodriguez, 5, is writing a thank you note to Cargill Corp. for donating books to the local Head Start reading program. ron carr photo

Reading Picnic Held For Friona Head Start Children

Friona Head Start parents encouraged their children in a reading program sponsored by a government agency. Reading is Fundamental.

Children in Mrs. Smolkey's class at Friona Primary chose a book from a large collection furnished by Cargill Corporation represented by Scott Entz, general manager of Excel in Friona.

Entz joined the Head Start children, their parents, and their teachers at the city park on Monday, May 17, for the book giveaway, pizza party, and story telling.

The community and parents are furnishing readers

for the children during the last ten days of class. Two more book give away events are planned.

The Family of Readers program is sponsored by Reading is Fundamental which was established in 1966 by Mrs. Robert S. McNamara and a group of citizens in Washington D.C.

The goal is to encourage children to read by showing them reading is fun. The method used is to give the children a chance to choose and to keep, books that interest them; to involve their parents; and to provide other activities that emphasize the fun of books.



BOUND FOR STATE...These Friona high school band members qualified for state in solo and ensemble performances. They will travel to Austin on May 30 for the state solo and

ensemble contests. At left is clarinet soloist Melodee Lamb. The trumpet quartet is, l-r, Diana Tirado, Lance Field, Kristen Carson, and Aaron Hendrickson. ron carr photo



WINNING AUTHOR...Erin Austin, second from left, receives an award certificate for winning state honors for a book she wrote. Sandra Turner of the Modern Study Club presents the award as parents Lori and Kenny Austin and sister Lacy look on.

Fleming Updates Club On Museum Project

The Modern Study Club met May 4, 1999, at the club house. President, Mary Johnston, led the group with the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags.

Donna Mears, Lois Norwood, Sandra Turner, and Mary Johnston assisted with the dinner at the Annual State Federated Women's Club in Lubbock that was held April 29-30.

Donna Mears led the group in a number of "Texas" songs.

Roll call for program Pioneer Heritage Museum was "Name one thing you could donate to the museum."

Mary Johnston introduced Bruce Fleming, president of the Pioneer Heritage Museum committee who was the guest speaker, and is in the process of renovating Friona's "first church," the Union Congregational Church building to provide Friona and Parmer County with a museum.

Once completed the museum will hold artifacts (both permanent and temporary). This will provide an educational and information resource for all ages. By restoring the chapel area of

the building, the museum can also be used for social functions of the community.

The total cost will be \$70,750.00. Already, \$19,878.50 has been raised through fund raisers and donations, \$17,905.13 has been used on a new roof and new double-pane insulated windows have been installed.

The City of Friona was founded in 1906 by the George W. Wright Land Company, an agency employed by XIT Ranch Owners. In 1908 settlers organized the Union Congregational Church with 20 charter members.

The Wright Land Company donated six lots at what is now the corner of Cleveland and Sixth Streets. Volunteer labor was used to construct the wood frame building which was dedicated May 23, 1909. The basement was added in 1916. Lightning struck the building August 21, 1921 and it burned to the ground.

The present-day building was again built with volunteer labor, but this time adobe was used in the walls. The inside was attractively finished and the outside walls were covered with stucco and painted white. It was used until 1969 when a new sanctuary was built.

The current building site of Friona's "first church," was also the "first" town hall, the "first" VFW hall, the "first" Girl Scout House, the "first" of many things in the Friona area. It contains 90 years of memories, weddings, funerals, church services, town meetings, and various other memories are all tied to the historic location.

In January 2001, it is planned to open the doors to the public with a grand opening. So start collecting and saving items that will contribute history to the "first" church.

Amason, Hurst Wedding Site Has Changed

We want all our friends to know that the wedding of M'Lissa Amason and Clay Hurst will take place in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Vows will be exchanged at 1 p.m. June 5 at the Excaliber Wedding Chapel, Las Vegas.

Calvary Sets VBS

Calvary Baptist Church will have a Vacation Bible School for seventh grade through high school youth Tuesday, June 1, through Friday, June 4.

This special youth event will be at the church building 7 p.m. each night. Supper will be served for the youth and workers each evening before the special study time begins. There will be a recreation time each evening also.

Vacation Bible School for the younger children, three years old through the sixth grade, will be held June 14 through 18.

It will be a morning school starting at 8:30 a.m. and going until 11:30 a.m. each morning, Monday through Friday. It should be an exciting Bible School with the theme, "Climbing Mt. Extreme."

On Friday, June 18, at 11:30 a.m., all parents are invited to participate with their children in an outdoor mountain climbing meal of stew and trimmings to conclude the Bible School.

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FRIONA FLASHBACKS

...from the files of The Friona Star

70 Yrs. Ago--May 23, 1929
The newest thing in the business development of Friona is the announcement by Carl C. Maurer of plans to build a large two-story brick building on the corner of Fifth and Main, the lower story of which will be used as a hardware and machinery store by the Maurer Hardware and Machinery Company.

The roofers and metal workers were here the greater part of the week putting the roof and metal ceiling on the new Turner-Parr building on Main street. At the present rate, the building will soon be ready for occupancy. So far, it is only conjecture as to what line of business will occupy the building.

60 Yrs. Ago--May 26, 1939
E. W. Boedecker, principal of Friona High School, announces that the coveted Reader's Digest Award for scholastic achievement has been won by the valedictorian of the class of 1939, Martin Todd.

Dan Ethridge has had the north half of the office which he has occupied for the past two years handsomely decorated and has his office arranged there. The other half has been leased by Smiley Fulks for his cafe, which has been for several years, located in the O. G. Turner building on Main Street, two doors north of Friona State Bank.

50 Yrs. Ago--May 20, 1949
On Saturday, May 28, voters of Parmer County will go to the polls and approve or reject the recommendation of the county road committee to approve \$1,150,000 in

bonds for construction of an additional 165 miles of paving in the county. There are currently 105 miles of pavement in the county.

45 Yrs. Ago--May 21, 1954
In a recent ceremony in Korea, Charles E. Osborn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Osborn of Friona, received his promotion to First Lieutenant. A graduate of Friona High School, Lt. Osborn graduated from Texas A&M in May of 1952 with a rank of 2nd Lieutenant. He was sent to Korea in October of 1953.

40 Yrs. Ago--May 21, 1959
Southwestern Public Service Company will hold its official opening Tuesday of their new home, while carpenters are working next door on the construction of the new home of the Friona office of the Plainview Production Credit Association.

Colie Huffman, head football coach at Friona the past three years, has resigned to accept a position at White Deer, it was announced this week. Huffman's teams won one district championship while he was here (1957), and compiled 6-3-1 records in 1957 and 1958.

35 Yrs. Ago--May 21, 1964
Friona Feed Yard will be host to more than 100 cattlemen, feedlot operators and packers next Wednesday as the group makes a "feedlot tour" of the West Texas-Eastern New Mexico area. The tour is sponsored by the Western Livestock Journal of Denver.

30 Yrs. Ago--May 22, 1969
Captain Donald Loafman has recently completed his tour of duty with the United States Air Force after his O.T.S. training at Lackland Air Force Base.

A swift-striking hail storm accounted for an untold amount of crop damage in

the Friona area last Friday night, completely ruining some wheat crops and causing others to have to re-plant row crops.

Mrs. Sam Williams, Friona, president of the Eighteenth District American Legion Auxiliary, Mrs. Ira Ott of the Hereford Legion Auxiliary, and Glenn Hanna of the American Legion Auxiliary, Hereford, spent the weekend in San Angelo.

25 Yrs. Ago--May 19, 1974
The boys led the way among eighth grade honor students announced this week by junior high principal Tom Jarboe, as the top five students in the class were boys, and seven of the top eleven.

Bryan Johnston will be the valedictorian of the eighth grade graduating class. Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnston, has an average this year of 95.16. Terry Wilcox, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Wilcox, is the salutatorian.

20 Yrs. Ago--May 20, 1979
Honor graduates for the 1979 Friona eighth grade graduating class were announced Friday by Cecil Maddox, Friona Junior High School principal. Patty Hinton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. K. Hinton, is the class valedictorian, with an average for the year of 95.12. Carrie Schueler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Schueler, is salutatorian, with

an average of 94.0. Recently elected by the Friona High School student body to serve as cheerleaders for 1979-80 were Kayle Britting, Penni Weatherly and Myra Veazey.

15 Yrs. Ago--May 20, 1984
A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at Hometown Hardware by the Friona Chamber of Commerce.

Trooper Richard Alan Diegelman, 23, has recently graduated from the Department of Public Safety Training Academy and has been assigned to the Highway Patrol Service in Friona.

10 Yrs. Ago--May 20, 1989
A Pepsi truck was involved in a wreck on rain-slick Highway 60 on the west edge of Friona. The driver, Vincent Saiz, was checked at Parmer County Community Hospital and released.

Holly Snead was the class valedictorian, Lon Outland the salutatorian, and Deena Willard the third-ranking student for the class of 1989.

5 Yrs. Ago--May 21, 1994
Jon Goddard, son of David and Kathryn Goddard, was the class valedictorian, Teresa Taylor, daughter of John and Sherri Taylor, the salutatorian, and Margie Garcia, daughter of Steve and Sylvia Raymond, the third-ranking student for the class of 1994.

Hospital Report

(Following is a list of local residents who had been admitted to hospitals, or who were still hospitalized this week. If you have a spouse or loved one you would like to have listed, please call the Friona Star office, 250-2211 by Wednesday to list their name)

Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital, Amarillo: Wayne Mills, Betty Rector, Lou Morrison.

SCCI, Amarillo: Dottie Boatman.

Veterans' Hospital, Amarillo: Charles Peace.

Methodist Hospital, Lubbock: Preach Collier.

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New Accounts

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AROUND TOWN

VFW brisquets sale Jun 19
The local VFW post is again taking orders for smoked brisquets. The 8-10 pound brisquets are available for \$25. They will be ready for pickup or delivery on Saturday, June 19. Orders may be placed with any VFW member or call Avis Henry at 250-3762.

Ladies selling red poppies May 28
The ladies of the American Legion auxiliary will be around town selling red poppies on May 28 in observance of Memorial Day, which will be observed on Monday, May 31. Donations for the poppies are used for local projects and all individuals and businesses are urged to participate.

Summer drama workshop Jul 5-17
The annual children's summer drama workshop dates have been announced by workshop coordinator Joy Morton. Dates will be Jul 5-17. Additional information will be available at a later date.

Methodist bible school Jun 1-4
The First Methodist Church in Friona will hold its annual bible school Tuesday-Friday, Jun 1-4. The theme is "Good News @gospelrock." For info call 250-3045.

Gospel concert in Hereford May 23
A gospel music concert will be held in the picnic area of Veterans Park in Hereford on Sunday, May 23, from 1 p.m. until dark. It will feature many gospel artists including Cormeda Hudson Langford, singer and songwriter who grew up in Hereford. Elsie Crowder, Country Gospel Music vocalist of the year and Heavens Country, number one band for 1999 will also perform. Bring a chair, your lunch and your family.

ENMU bilingual scholarships available
The Title VII Bilingual/Multicultural education program at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales has scholarships available for the summer and fall. The application deadline for the summer semester is June 1. Deadline for the fall semester is July 1. For more info contact Dr. Julia Rosa Lopez-Emslie at 505-562-2264.

Perry Hanes inducted at HSU
Perry Allen Hanes, son of Mike and Claudia Hanes of Friona, has been inducted into Hardin-Simmons University's Gamma Beta Phi Society. Gamma Beta Phi is a national honor and service society that upholds the principles of scholarship, character, and service. Students must be in the top 20% of their class to be invited into the society.

SQUAW SOPH

Jena Places 6th In State Finals

Friona Squaws' sophomore running sensation Jena Grimsley continued what she has done all season long at last Saturday's state meet in Austin—improving on her best time for the season.

The 16-year-old, Friona's only entrant in the '99 state meet, placed sixth in her event, the 1600-meter run, with a time of 5:26.4, for her season's best.

She won "regional bragging rights," since she beat Tara Garza of Brownfield, who had beaten her at the regional meet.

"Jena ran a good race. I feel she did about as well as she could have. She is starting to learn how to run her races," said Coach Ben Kirton, who accompanied Jena to the state meet.

"It was her first state meet as a performer, and mine as a coach, and we both had a good time. We got to see a lot of good runners, plus competing for the first time on the new stadium there," Kirton said, in regards to the



QUALIFYING SPRINT...Jena Grimsley is shown in her final-lap heroics which enabled her to catch and pass Brownfield's Mary Ann Hernandez at the regional meet, to qualify for state. Jena continued her improvement, outrunning the other Cub contestant, Tara Garza at the state meet in Austin.

new Mike A Myers Sports Complex.

The FHS Coach pointed out that Jena and her running mates in the metric mile drew a break in that the meet ran later than scheduled. This enabled her to go run her race after dark, when it had cooled off from the sultry heat of the afternoon.

"I felt sorry for the kids who had to run in the middle of the afternoon. It was sultry and very humid. It had to affect them," he said.

It definitely had to affect athletes from this part of the state, who never had even a warm day for a meet all season long, and had to contend with rain at the regional meet.

Miss Grimsley finished the season as the holder of new

school records in both the 1600 and 3200-meter runs.

Her mile run broke the mark of 5:39 she set last year as a freshman. Her time at Austin was almost 13 seconds better than her best of last season.

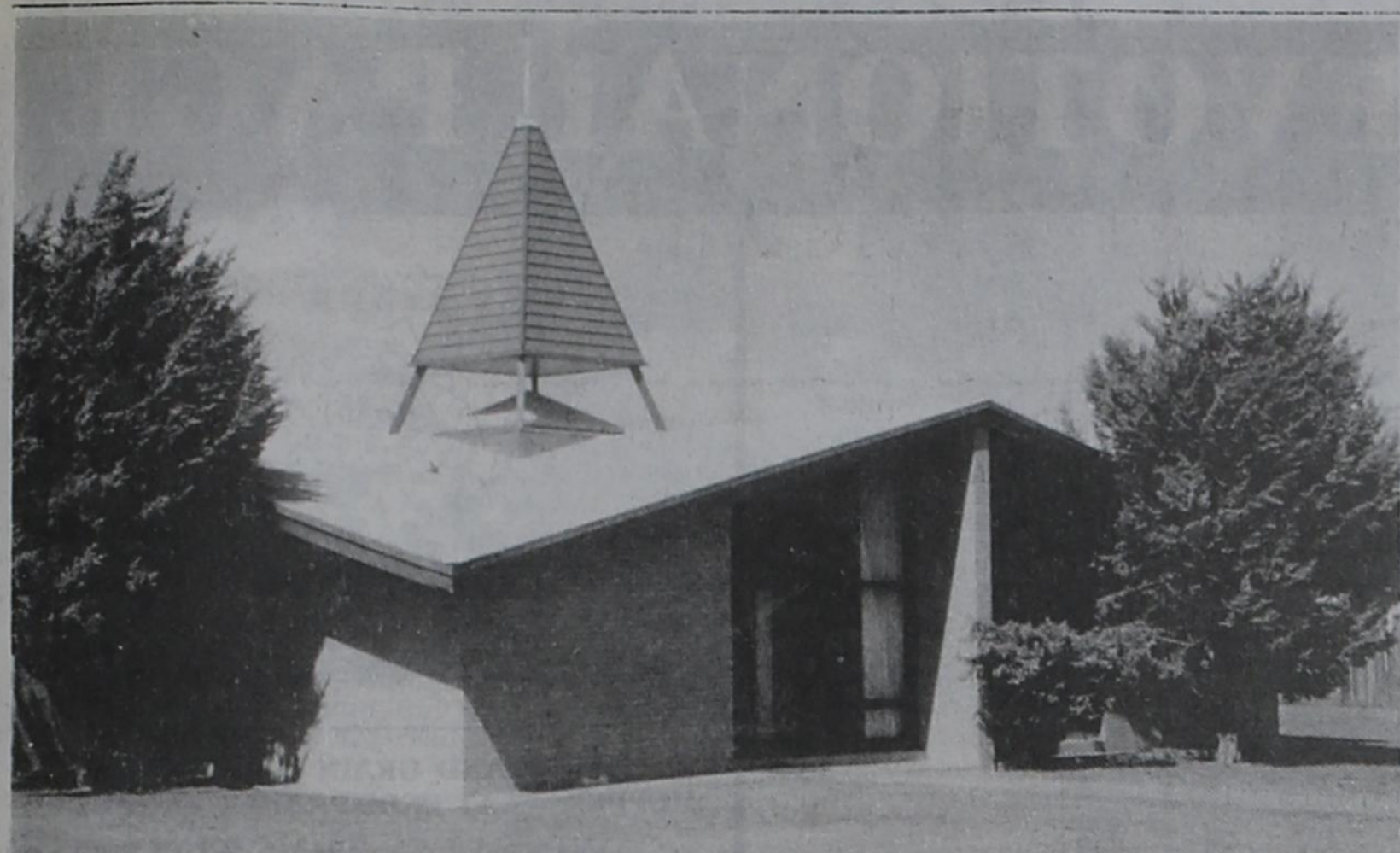
Jena's best time in the 3200-meter race was 12:23, which trimmed 12 full seconds off the time of 12:35 she posted a year earlier.

"She broke the school mile record four times and the two-mile record twice," the coach said.

"She is real quiet, but I think she is proud of herself. She is getting excited about running. Her confidence has improved considerably this year. I think she's the first Friona girl to qualify for state in a distance race," Kirton said.



JENA GRIMSLEY



NAME THIS BUILDING...The former Lutheran Church building at 13th & Virginia was recently donated to the City of Friona. Now, the city council needs a new name for the building. The building will be available for rental and use by the public. Please submit your ideas for a name to city hall or any city council member.

Former Church Building Is Available For Rental

Through the generosity of former members of the Redeemer Lutheran Church, the City of Friona is now the proud owner of the church's building located at 13th and Virginia.

According to city manager Paula Wilson, the city will use the building for certain city meetings and training classes.

However, they are also making the facility available for rental to the public. Uses could range from family reunions to birthday parties to meetings of local groups or organizations.

The well kept building has restrooms, full kitchen facilities, and three small meeting rooms (former Sunday school rooms).

The property extends from 13th Street all the way to 14th Street. Ms. Wilson said that in the future they hope to be able to install such items as playground equipment, picnic tables, and plant some trees to make the building and property more suited for use and rental.

Anyone interested in

rental and use of the building should call Paula Wilson at city hall.

The city will also be giving the building a name and they are looking for

suggestions to be considered by the city council. If you have an idea for a name, please submit it to the city or city council as soon as possible.

Honor Grads Named For '99 FHS Seniors...

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senior year; FHA team president her junior and senior years and vice president her sophomore year; and FHA vice president of social events her junior year. She attends the 6th Street Church of Christ.

CLINT BURNEY, son of Chick and Wanda Burney, has been a student in Friona schools twelve years and will be attending Tulane University, in New Orleans, this fall. While at FHS, he was in Thespians, Forensics, Math-Science Club, contest play and maintained a 90 or above average all four years.

He was in Foreign Language Club; NHS three years; Industrial Arts Club; FHA, CVAE, yearbook staff; school paper staff; was named the DAR Good Citizen and was selected Most Studious his senior year.

Burney was named Honor Thespian three years; and served as the American Legion Boys' State delegate.

Active in UIL activities, Clint's C-X debate team was a state AAA semi-finalist and district champion his junior year; and state AAA champion his senior year.

In one-act play competition, he was district best actor as a sophomore; 1-AAA all-star cast his junior year; 1-AAA South Zone all-star cast his sophomore and junior years; dist. all-star cast, area all-star cast, regional all-star cast and member of the state qualifying play this year.

His computer science team placed first in 1-AAA competition his junior and senior years; third place individual as a junior; first place individual and third place regional team as a senior; his literary criticism team was first and he was the sixth individual his junior year; and second place individual as a senior.

He was Thespian reporter as a junior; Thespian president, Forensics vice president and NHS treasurer his senior year. He attends the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon), Hereford.

Thurs. Meeting To Kick Off Program

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas representatives will hold a meeting Thursday, May 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the Friona Junior High-Elementary cafeteria to inform parents of uninsured children about the availability of insurance through the Texas Healthy Kids program. More than 1,000 children in Parmer County are lacking health insurance.

The standard monthly premium per child is \$69.54. Eligible families may be able to obtain coverage for as little as \$10 a month per child, depending on income level, number of household members and availability of funding.

"Participation in the Texas Healthy Kids program provides Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas with a tremendous opportunity to expand our efforts to help solve the problem of uninsured children in the state," said Paula Harper, the health coverage provider's manager for the Texas Healthy Kids program. "It will take both public and private sector involvement to

reduce the number of uninsured children in Texas, and we are committed to staying at the forefront of the efforts to do so."

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas was chosen by Texas Healthy Kids Corp. to administer health insurance for the program in Parmer County. The program is designed to reach middle-income families who earn too much to qualify for Medicaid yet cannot afford individual health insurance coverage.

For more information and to learn about any additional meetings, parents should contact Cecil Maddox, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas' local representative for Texas Healthy Kids, at 806-250-3439.

As the first and largest not-for-profit health coverage provider in the state, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas provides coverage for more than 2 million customers, offering a full spectrum of individual health coverage and employee benefit programs. (Adv.)

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ABRAHAM'S BATTLE WITH THE FIVE KINGS

AS ABRAHAM AND HIS NEPHEW, LOT, JOURNEY TOWARD THE DISTANT LAND OF CANAAN, THEIR HERDSMEN HAVE GREAT DIFFICULTY KEEPING THE TWO HERDS SEPARATE—WITH EACH MIX-UP, ARGUMENTS HAVE BROKEN OUT, NOW...

BEHOLD! ONCE AGAIN LOT'S HERD IS COMING NEAR TO OUR MASTERS' HERD!

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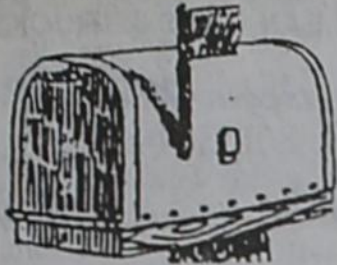
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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,
Too many Texans still die in drunk driving crashes. Sadly, in fact, Texas leads the nation in alcohol-related traffic fatalities. In 1997, the number of alcohol-related deaths on the roads in Texas alone accounted for more than 10 percent of the nation's total. But, it's time for a change and Texans are ready and waiting.

A recent statewide poll reported that the majority of Texans think current drunk driving laws are too lenient and that drivers who fail the sobriety test or refuse a police officer's request to take the test should have their driver's license suspended for longer periods than the current law allows. Overwhelmingly, 86 percent of Texans favor a one-year guaranteed license suspension period for repeat offenders.

Texas lawmakers have a chance to help turn the tide by adopting Senate Bill 1774, authored by state Senator Judith Zaffirini of Laredo. The bill lengthens the suspension period for second offenders and for those who refuse a sobriety test. The bill in its current form also allows officers to confiscate a driver's license upon arrest.

A wide cross section of organizations has thrown support behind the bill including Texas MADD; The Century Council, which is funded by America's leading distillers; the Texas District and County Attorneys Association; the Texas Medical Association; the Texas Academy of Family Physicians; USAA; the Texas Police Chief Association; AAA-Texas and other groups committed to reducing the number of alcohol-related fatalities in Texas.

Texans deserve, and want, safer streets and public opinion has swung firmly in favor of tougher laws to achieve them. Legislators have a great opportunity in SB 1774. The people of Texas deserve it.

Sincerely,
John C. Lawn
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(John Lawn is CEO of The Century Council which is funded by America's Leading distillers)



UNITING THE GENERATIONS...The month of May was designated as national Older American Month. Employees at Prairie Acres have been sporting T-shirts with the theme of "Uniting the Generations." They are shown during an employee meeting in the cafeteria. ron carr photo



BERNICE C. WYBLE

Former Resident Celebrates Eightieth Birthday in Amarillo

Bernice Crump Wyble, former Bovina and Friona resident, was recently honored with a reception at her home in Amarillo. She was celebrating her eightieth birthday. The birthday party was hosted by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Family and friends wishing her well were Leo Wyble, Amarillo; Billy and Carolyn Richards, Las Cruces, NM; Ash and Robin Atwood, Ashli, Tana and T. Trae, El Paso; Toby and Gail Richards, Elephant Butte, NM.

Also, Todd and Denita Richards and Clayton, Reserve, NM; Eddie Crump, Melva Neichoy, Leander, TX; Courtney Crump, Austin; Cindy Kunselman, Heather Kunselman, Austin; Bob and Cathy Avery, Lacy, Katlyn, Farron Avery and Dylan, all of Hereford.

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Betty Shepherd, Marie Martin, Otis and Othelia Bass, all of Amarillo; Steve Brown, Keith Hollingswood, Nanette Rogers, Austin, TX; Lucille Godfrey and Linda Collins, Memphis, TX.

Comptroller Delivers PC Sales Tax

State Comptroller Carole Keeton-Rylander delivered a total of \$265.9 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,098 Texas cities and 118 counties.

This month's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in March and reported by businesses filing monthly tax returns in April and quarterly returns for the first three months of the year.

The net payment for the period to Parmer County was \$33,423, a decrease over the comparable period last year of -43.40%.

The decrease was primarily in Friona receipts which dropped from \$51,778 last year to \$25,578 this year, a decrease of -50.59%.

Farwell was actually up 15.73% for the period while Bovina was down -2.28%.

1999 payments to date total \$131,681 compared to 1998 payments for the same period of \$158,068, a dip in tax received of \$26,387, a decrease of -16.69%.

S&WCD Receives Grant

The Texas Water Development Board today awarded eight matching grants (75% board-25% local district) from the Agricultural Conservation Grants to Districts Program.

This program allows local conservation districts to purchase equipment used in district programs to promote agricultural water conservation or water-quality testing.

The eight grants totaled \$32,000. The Parmer County Soil & Water Conservation District (S&WCD) #140 in Friona received \$4,413 for flowmeter and equipment.

Other recipients of grant money were S&WCD Districts in Big Spring, Post, Dimmitt, Raymondville, Stanton, Hereford, and El Paso.

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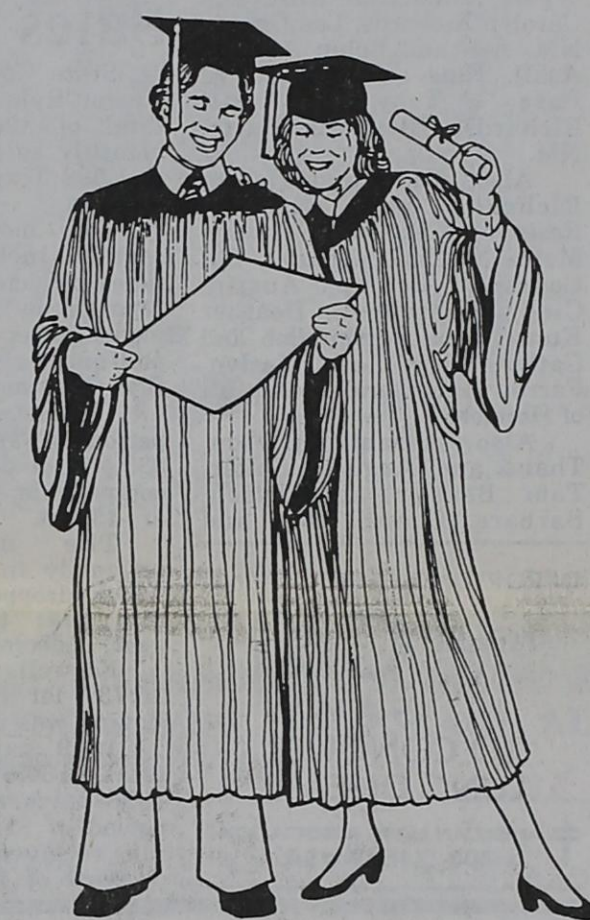

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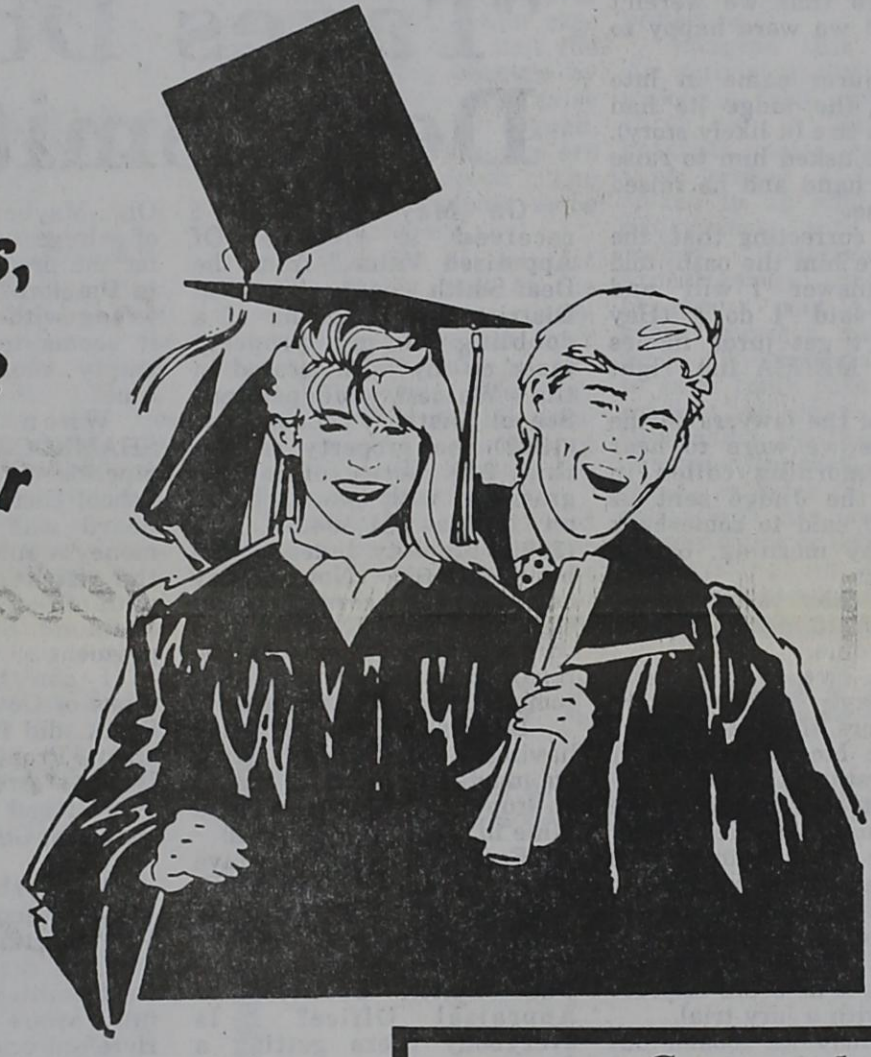
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Out Here

By RON CARR

"Thank You All! Your Check Is In The Mail"

Thanks to Sheriff Yerger and Judge Green I didn't have time to write a column this week.

There is a lot of activity in May and this month has been especially hectic.

With all the UIL competitions, honor award assemblies, FFA banquets and all-sports banquets, etc. I can hardly keep up.

Remember, our puny staff here publishes two newspapers every week, the Star and the Blade. Lucky for me, Friona and Bovina schools do not schedule their gatherings on the same nights. I'm good, but I ain't that good.

So, we are rocking along trying to keep up, trying to get all the information and pictures from the '99 seniors for our annual graduation issues, and what happens?

Sheriff Yerger and Judge Green decide to invite me over to Farwell for jury duty.

I don't mind telling you that when I took the letter out of the mail box and saw

Sheriff Yerger's name on the return address, my mind went into rewind.

What did I do now? Maybe I had committed a crime that I had forgotten about. Or one of my ex-wives was still mad about something.

Imagine my relief when I opened the letter and found out it was only a summons to drive over to Farwell on May 17. Getting a summons from the Sheriff is about the only way you will ever catch me driving over to Farwell, which is really in just on loan to us from New Mexico.

Of course, like all the other people who receive jury summonses, I immediately tried to figure out how to get out of it. Friends I mentioned it to all seemed to have their favorite "getting out of jury duty" scheme which they shared with clandestine enthusiasm.

The notice said to call Farwell between the hours of 5 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. Monday and District Clerk

Sandra Warren's recorded voice would tell us whether we needed to report.

And so it came to pass that on Monday morning when I needed to be working on the newspapers, I was westbound on US 60 to do my duty and put another crook to the slammer.

I know, I know! Innocent 'till proven guilty. But I need to get back to work.

As they called the roll I couldn't help but notice that only about one out of four names called answered "present." Judge Green explained that the jury is chosen from both the voters registration list and the drivers license list.

He said the driver's license list was not very reliable because those people move and don't change their driver's license address which is also against the law.

He read the list of excuses to be dismissed again and invited any one of us that felt we should be dismissed come forward. A few did. I didn't have the nerve.

We raised our right hand and swore that we weren't lying and we were happy to be there.

One juror came in late and told the judge he had had a flat tire (a likely story). The judge asked him to raise his right hand and he raised his left one.

After correcting that, the judge gave him the oath, told him to answer "I will" and the guy said "I do." (Hey they don't get juror names from the MENSEA list, right Bobby?)

One of the lawyers on the drug case we were to hear Monday morning called in sick, so the Judge sent us home and said to come back Wednesday morning, but to call in first.

Now they were really cutting in to my important work schedule.

Well, we went back Wednesday. There were some jurors there that were not there Monday. I never did understand that one.

We stood around in the corridor making idle chatter while the lawyers inside the courtroom hassled about the fate of the doofus who was caught red-handed with 78 grams of methamphetamine and thought he could improve his fate with a jury trial.

Evidently he looked out at the red-necks and

neckettes in the hall and decided to plead guilty. Judge Green explained how every one has the right to a jury trial unless they waive that right.

He called the roll again, thanked us for showing up to serve our country, and dismissed us from this jury duty adventure with a cheerful "your check will be in the mail."

I guess I am not really damaged that much. A couple of phone calls to Farwell. Two roundtrips to Farwell. Doing my patriotic duty with my fellow citizens.

If you were called for this jury duty and you did not show up and did not get excused, you can expect a visit from Sheriff Yerger or one of his deputies and you will need to have \$50 to fork over as a fine.

I guess serving my country did not do any real damage. We'll probably get the newspapers out anyway.

The only problem is, I didn't have time to write a column this week.



SHARING A LIGHTER moment at the Prairie Acres employee meeting during national Older American Month are, l-r, Deb Hendley, Jo Blackwell, and Velma Lovvorn. ron carr photo

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"Taxes Double In Deaf Smith County!"

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Is this reality, or am I having NIGHTMARES still? Or maybe my farm is sitting on top of the largest Gold Mine in the whole of Texas!

For years now, I have been told that Walcott I.S.D. has one of the lowest tax rates in the state. If that's true, what is going on in the Deaf Smith County Tax Appraisal Office? Is everybody there getting a Christmas Bonus in May?

Oh...Maybe this is the start of a huge tax increase to pay for the proposed new hospital in Hereford? I wonder what's wrong with the old hospital, it seems to have plenty of empty rooms most of the time?

When DIAMOND SHAMROCK shoved their big pipeline through the Walcott School District property, all I heard was how much tax money would be coming into the district. What happened with all of that money, did Diamond Shamrock miss a payment or what?

I can barely hear the echos of Governor George W. Bush...did he say something about Property Tax Relief? "Where Are You George?" "We Need You Here In Hereford, George!"

Everything I have accumulated in this world, I've scratched out of this dryland farm in northwest Deaf Smith County. So I am fully aware of the declining Hereford economy, but I still can't figure out how doubling

the property taxes on farm and ranch land is going to improve things. "WELL", I guess things are looking pretty good for the employees of Deaf Smith County with twice as much money coming in now.

I guess I'm not smart enough to grasp "Clinton Economics", or maybe I'm just not efficient enough to handle a doubled tax rate, or maybe I just don't like being ripped off to this degree!

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TOTAL		1,134.34	2,213.69

ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAXES

THIS YEAR'S ESTIMATED TAX RATE: This rate would raise the same total revenue that the unit raised last year from property taxed last year. A taxing unit may NOT adopt a rate that would raise MORE revenue from the same properties UNLESS it publishes notice in a newspaper that it is considering an increase and holding a public hearing for taxpayers to discuss the increase.

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If any of the information on this form is wrong, or if you disagree with this year's proposed value for your property, contact the appraisal office immediately. If the problem cannot be resolved, you have a right to appeal to the Appraisal Review Board (ARB). In order to appeal, you must file a WRITTEN protest with the ARB before JUNE 14, 1999. You can get a protest form at the appraisal district office, or from the ARB at DEAF SMITH CO APPRAISAL DISTRICT. The ARB will begin hearings on 6/30/99. You will be notified of the date, time, and place your hearing is scheduled.

THE ARB BEGINS HEARINGS ON 6/30/99 AT DEAF SMITH CO APPRAISAL DISTRICT

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Spokesman Says "Ag. Law" Is Necessary

BY RICHARD McDONALD President and CEO Texas Cattle Feeders Association

It's an unfortunate commentary on our society when it's necessary to pass a law to encourage people to tell the truth. But that's the world we live in now, and that's why agricultural disparagement laws are necessary.

Let's look at the origins of ag disparagement laws now on the books in Texas and a dozen other states. In 1989, the television show "60 Minutes," at the encouragement of an activist group called the Natural Resources Defense Council, aired a report on Alar in apples that was inflammatory and highly damaging to the apple industry. The ensuing frenzy saw mothers dumping apple juice down the sink and chasing down school buses to remove the allegedly deadly fruit from their children's lunch boxes.

The report also had another effect—it devastated the apple industry in the United States and put some apple growers out of business.

So they sued. One of the arguments the defendants ("60 Minutes" and the Natural Resources Defense Council) used in the litigation was that farmers could not, as a matter of law, recover damages in defamation case even if they proved that the defendants hurt farmers by knowingly presenting false information. They argued, successfully, that farmers are too remote from the defamatory statements to be entitled to recovery.

So, in spite of the fact that the claims made on the show had no basis in science, the apple growers lost their suit and were told by the court, in essence, that they had no legal protection from false and disparaging statements made against the product they produce.

In response, agricultural producers in 13 states asked for and received that protection. Texas was, in

fact, the 13th state to pass such a law, which merely closes a legal loophole established by the precedence set by the Alar case and gives producers of perishable ag products similar protection to that enjoyed by other businessmen.

Why are ag products any different from any other product and, therefore, outside the law when it comes to general business disparagement? Because ag products are, in most cases, a commodity and not a name brand. And many ag products are highly perishable. Ag disparagement laws don't apply to products such as cars, tobacco, beer or other non-perishable or non-food items.

Because of the perishability of some ag products, including beef, an ag producer usually has a very narrow window, sometimes just a few weeks, to sell an entire year's worth of work. When false and disparaging statements about the products they produce are made—and economic, hard dollar damage results—it has the potential to not just wipe out a year's worth of income, but an entire lifetime of effort. We think that's worth protecting.

Imagine this situation. An activist group knowingly makes up false numbers from thin air to assert that potatoes cause cancer and then makes a big media splash in an effort to scare consumers into sending money. Headlines scream, "Potatoes Cause Cancer!" and the whole event causes a major potato scare. The farmers who have to take their potato crop to market at that time are devastated by the suddenly depressed market conditions. Some, in order to meet debt obligations, are forced to lay off employees or sell the farm.

Existing ag disparagement laws are the only shield

that producers, be they carrot growers or cattle feeders, have to set the record straight and reclaim some of the damage they suffer. Opponents of these laws are, in effect, telling farmers and ranchers, "Tough luck. Your livelihood, the livelihood of your family and employees and the economic damage you suffer are not worthy of legal protection."

That's wrong. It's wrong legally and it's wrong morally.

And these ag disparagement laws do not take issue with free speech. Certain tests must be met in order to use this law as legal protection—the person making

the false and disparaging statements knew they were false and the statements resulted in economic damage. Ag disparagement laws merely require members of society to engage in responsible speech and to be accountable for what they say.

Ag producers don't think it's unreasonable to hold people to that standard.

All Americans value free speech and the right to protect oneself against attack. It is in that spirit that ag disparagement laws were enacted. It is in that spirit that every American should join ag producers in the effort to keep these laws on the books.



WTRT SCHOLAR...FHS senior Nathan Terry, left, accepts one of the 1999 West Texas Rural Telephone scholarships from WTRT's Jim Steiert at the awards assembly. ron carr photo

Buckle-Up Week May 24-31 To Be Enforced By Friona PD

Traffic crashes are the number one killer of America's children. Adults often think that crashes happen to other people and not to them. America's law enforcement officers want to convince you otherwise.

Friona Police Chief Randy Geris has advised that the Friona police department will participate in "Operation ABC Mobilization."

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) program is to get more people to fasten their seat belts, especially on children. The ABC stands for "America Buckles up Children."

During the week of May 24-31, law officers nationwide will be on the lookout for infants and toddlers, older kids and adults who are not wearing their seatbelts.

Chief Geris says that Friona police officers will have a zero tolerance policy for unbuckled seat belts during the May 24-31 period.

Persons stopped for unbuckled seat belts will be subject to citations and fines.

R. Avalos "Pinned" In Ceremony

A Nurses' Pinning Ceremony was held on May 12 at 1:30 p.m. in the gym of the Clovis Community College Student Activity Center. Edeza Connelley was the speaker for the semester two students, and Leigh Andrews represented the semester four students. Students received either a Registered Nurse (RN) pin for completing a four-semester program, or a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) pin for completing a two-semester program.

Rachel Avalos, of Friona, received her RN pin at the ceremony for having completed the requirements for an associate degree in nursing at Clovis Community College.

E. O'Brian Graduates From WBU

Edward Ross O'Brian of Friona, graduated from Wayland Baptist University, on Saturday, May 15, 1999. Edward received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion.

Edward will begin working on a master's in religion in the fall. He will serve as the resident hall supervisor of Wayland's McDonalds Hall and will serve as manager of Pete's Cafe and Grill, a student operated diner located in McClung University Center.

Edward is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy O'Brian.

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SHOULD CONGRESS BUILD A LOCK BOX FOR SOCIAL SECURITY?

Social Security used to be called the "third rail of American politics"—those who touched it ran the risk of getting an unpleasant shock. That is no longer the case. Everyone knows we must make changes if the system is going to remain strong for future generations.

True, there is an ongoing national debate over the future of the system, but no one denies the need for an overhaul. Our goal has to be keeping the system solvent when the baby-boom generation begins to hit retirement age in 14 years or so, and peaks in 30 years.

One way to ensure that Social Security retirement funds will be available in the future for the millions who are paying into the system today is the so-called "lock box" proposal currently under consideration in Congress.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that the Social Security trust funds will run a surplus of approximately \$1.8 trillion over the next 10 years. The lock-box legislation is designed to guarantee that all of this surplus Social Security money will be reserved for Social Security alone.

Why do we need a lock box? This year alone the budget borrows \$19.4 billion from the Social Security trust funds to fund other programs.

Despite President Clinton's pledge to save every cent of the budget surplus for Social Security, his budget request for next year calls for the use of \$158 billion from the Social Security surplus for non-Social Security spending over the next five years. Many of us in Congress think this would be highly unwise.

The lock box legislation will lock away all of the \$1.8 trillion in Social Security surplus funds over the next 10 years. It would require a "super majority" in Congress (60 votes in the Senate) to use those surplus funds for anything other than paying down the public debt, or for Social Security reform.

Such a procedure would effectively prohibit a raid on Social Security, as the President is proposing, while still allowing enough flexibility in the federal budget to deal with unforeseen emergencies -- such as a war or a recession. But Social Security trust funds could not be used for any non-Social Security purpose.

The Social Security lock box idea should not be confused with the parallel debate over a tax cut. We can buttress Social Security and provide a tax cut for hard-working Americans.

One proposal in Congress is to cut taxes across the board by 10 percent. We can do that and still not touch the Social Security surplus. And we should do it.

Even without counting one cent of the Social Security surplus, the federal budget surplus is such that we can afford to return almost \$800 billion in surplus -- from income tax revenues -- back to the families who earned it.

We must not allow Social Security reform to be used as a smoke screen for denying Americans a tax cut. The lock box puts Social Security trust funds where they belong: in the bank. If we build the lock box and cut taxes, we will have taken a giant stride toward making Washington's budget smaller and American families' budgets larger.



GIG 'EM AGGIES....Texas A&M alum Jim Dixon presents one of the two Mirabeau B. Lamar scholarships at the awards assembly to Melodee Lamb. ron carr photo

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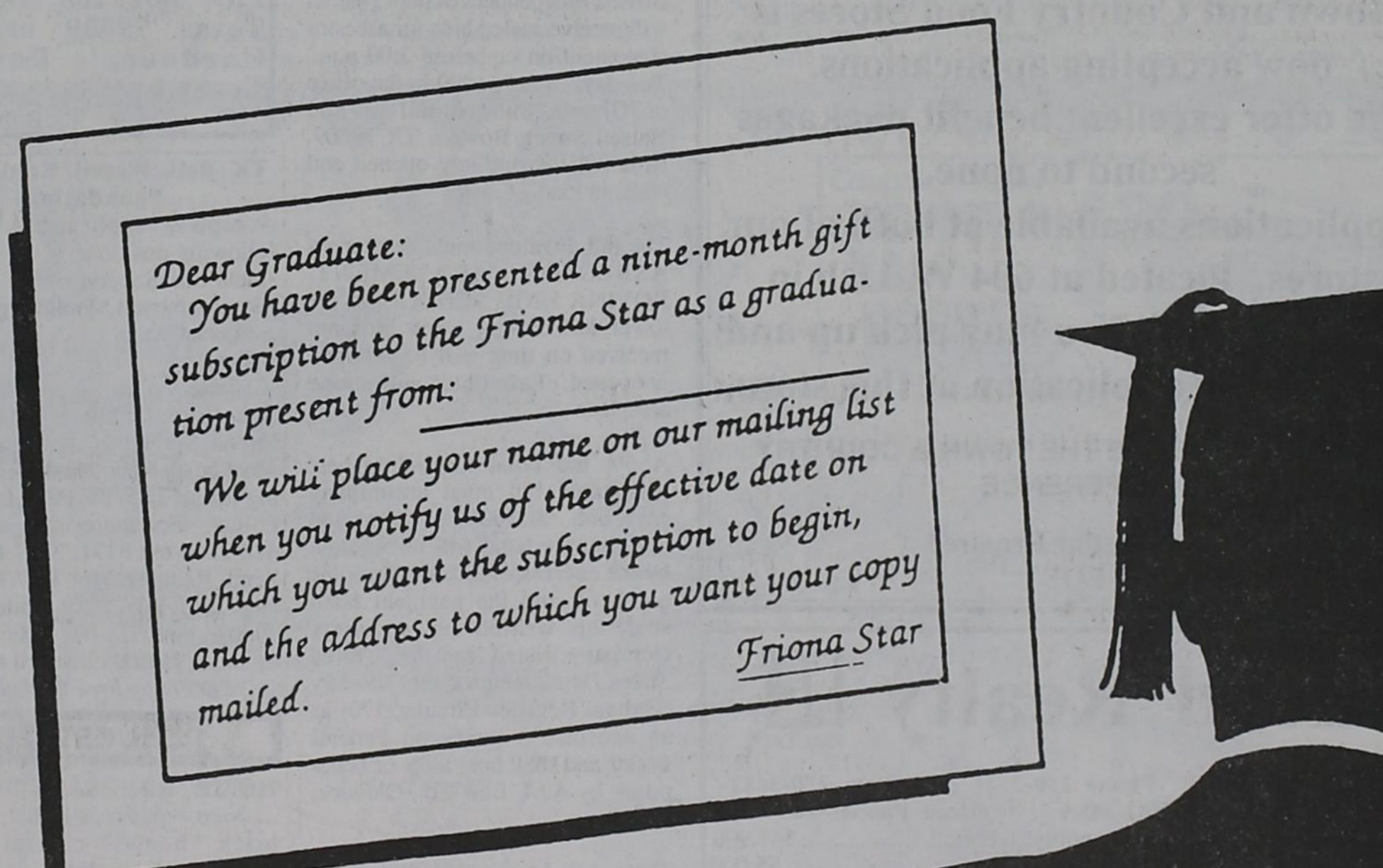
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3 BR, 2 baths, 2-car garage, assumable, heat pump.....SOLD.....\$61,000
3 BR, 2 bath, incomplete remodel job, good size.....\$41,500
3 BR, 1 bath, storage building, unique, storm windows & door.....\$28,900
2 BR, 1 bath, newly re-done and nice.....\$27,000
4 BR, 2-3/4 baths, 2 storages with garage, corner lot.....\$85,000
3 BR, 1-3/4 baths, 3 acre country home, barn, new roof.....\$95,500
3 BR, 1 bath, corner lot, good rental property, in Drake Subdiv.....\$22,000
2 BR, 3 baths, brick home with extra storage and cellar.....\$65,000
3 acres, 3 BR, 2 bath, 2 car, country home.....SOLD.....\$80,000
3 BR, 1-3/4 baths, 2 living areas, 2 car, 2 story, re-done.....\$79,200
3 BR, 2 baths, 2 living areas, 2 car, with large shop, large corner lot, basement, plus garden shed.....\$112,000

Land For Sale

IRRIGATED -- All located north of Earth, Texas on or near FM Road #1055.

Castro County: (B & C) N1/2 Sec. 19, BLK 2 316-Acres \$775.00 per acre.

(D) All SE/4, Sec. 19, BLK. 2, 160-Acres \$690.00 per acre.

Lamb County: (E) All NE/4, Sec. 30 BLK. 2, 160-Acres \$725.00 per acre.

(F) 154 Acres SE/4, Sec. 30, BLK.2, Grass-61 acres \$215.00 per acre. 93-acres-Cult., \$725.00 per acre.

(G) All NW/4 Sec. 46, BLK.2, 160-acres \$575.00 per acre.

ALL IRRIGATED - except the grass. For more information and maps - Call: GARY KELLEY 1-806-655-4503 or FREDA WOODBURN - 1-806-351-1834 F/B-4tc-5/7-5/28

FOR RENT

FOR RENT....1 bedroom house. Call (806)250-3818. F-tfnc-5/7

FOR RENT....3 BR mobile home, Bovina, 238-1417. B-tfnc-5/21

FOR RENT....2 bedroom house, 104-4th St., Bovina. \$275 plus deposit. Call 238-1383 or 1-806-995-3441. B-tfnc-5/21

HELP WANTED

Full-time RN needed for Home Health, Parmer County Community Hospital, Friona, Texas. Salary commensurate with education and experience. Call 806-250-2754 ext. 123. F&B-1tc-5/14

Bovina I.S.D. is now accepting applications for educational teaching assistant. Applications may be picked up at the Administration Building from Darlene Miller. Deadline for taking applications is April 23rd. B-tfnc-4/16

Nazarene Christian Academy in Hereford is accepting teacher applications for 1999-2000 school year. Certification required. Call 364-1697. F-tfnc-4/16

WANTED...part-time dispatcher. Will operate police radio and Emergency 911. Computer and typing skills necessary. Contact Randy Geris at Friona Police Department, 250-2711 for application. F-tfnc-5/21

HELP WANTED....Bovina High School is accepting applications for high school secretary. Basic computer, word processor, and secretarial skills required. Contact Wayne Erwin, 238-1317. B-tfnc-5/14

Charles Oil & Gas, Inc. is accepting applications for service technicians/attendant. Inquire by mail, Charles Oil & Gas, P.O. Box 160, Bovina, Texas 79009 or 205 Gardner, Bovina, Texas. B-tfnc-4/16

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Bovina Independent School District will receive sealed bids for asbestos abatement on or before 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 1, 1999 in the office of Glenda Sue Nuttall at 500 Halsell Street, Bovina, TX 79009. Bids will be publicly opened and read out loud.

The bid envelope must be marked ASBESTOS ABATEMENT, BOVINA HIGH SCHOOL, in the lower left corner. Any bids not received on time will be returned unopened. Faxed bids will not be accepted.

A 5% bid bond for the highest acceptable bid must accompany each bid. A 100% payment and performance bond will be required by the successful bidder. Both the bid bond and the payment bond shall be written by a Surety Company listed by the United States Department of the Treasury (Federal Register Circular 570) as an acceptable surety on Federal Bonds and shall hold a B+ or better rating by A.M. Best Co., Oldwick, N.J.

There will be a mandatory walk through the project facilities for all interested bidders. Project specifications, including detailed bid requirements, will be provided at that time. The walk through will begin at 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 25, 1999 at Bovina High School, 500 Halsell Street, Bovina, Texas.

For information you may call: King Consultants 1205 E. 46th Street Lubbock, Texas 79404 (806) 763-6157

Bovina Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of the bid and waive technicalities and award the bid that serves the best interest of the School district. B-2tc-5/14-5/21

PROPERTY ASSOCIATES REALTORS

- *NEW LISTING-impressive 3/2/2 lg.backyard, new floors...\$58,500
- *NEW LISTING-Recent REMODELED 2BR 1bath stucco...\$26,800
- *NEW LISTING-26X83 quonset bldg, kitchen, 3baths.....SOLD
- *NEW LISTING-starter home, brick 3/2/1, carpet allow.....\$43,900
- *NEW LISTING-cement plant, 2barns,office bldg, acres.....\$45,000
- *NEW LISTING-good for lg family, 4BR, 3ba, 2living areas\$69,000
- *NEW LISTING-price lowered on 3/2/2 brick w/fireplace.....\$49,750
- *NEW LISTING-NEAR FHS new paint 3BR 2bath.....SOLD
- *NEW LISTING-EXQUISITE 4-5BR, 3-1/2 bath, 2-story, 3 yrs old-hardwood floors-isolated master BR-vaulted ceiling.....\$199,300
- *PRICE REDUCED 4/2/2, den-fireplace, hot tub, FHS.....SOLD
- *SUPER LOCATION 3/2/1, cellar, storage.....SOLD
- *BIG 4BR, 2bath brick corner lot, isolated master BR.....\$40,000
- *INCOME PRODUCER for just a little money.....SOLD
- *PERFECT STARTER home, 2BR, 1bath, stucco.....SOLD
- *AFFORDABLE 2BR, 1bath, close to schools.....\$24,500
- *NEEDS SOME WORK 3BR, 1bath, two-story.....\$23,450
- *AFFORDABLE 2BR, 1bath, stucco home.....SOLD
- *INVESTMENT PROPERTY has good renter already.....\$20,250
- *CHEAPER THAN RENT 3BR, 1bath, stucco.....\$18,000
- *IRRIGATED FARM LAND-200 acres.....SOLD
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- 3 BR, 2 baths, 2 living areas, fireplace, kitchen, dining, utility with office space, double garage, 2 storages.....Reduced to \$59,500, \$64,900
- 3 BR, 2 BA, 3 living areas, 1 with fireplace, large kitchen, dining, utility, new carpet.....\$59,500
- 3 BR, LR, kitchen, dining, utility, single garage, storage building, double carport, large lot, good location.....\$55,900
- New Listing--3 BR, LR/kit/util., BA, dbl. carport, metal fence, \$40,000 Choice lots, Western Addition, 100' or 200' lots.....CALL FOR PRICE
- 3 lots on Washington.....SOLD.....Reduced To \$6,500...\$7,500
- 210 acres irrigated land. Good area.....Call For Price
- Main Street Lot.....\$3,750

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FOR SALE BY OWNERS CASTRO CO TX.--331.1 Acres--Section 62 Block M-7 South of Hereford on 385, about 7 miles, then turn due back North on FM 2943 (Big Daddy cut-off) Approx. 1 mile North, then 2 miles East, then 1/2 mile South--this is the NE corner of the 331.1 acres Or 2 miles North LaPosta is the SE corner.

Improvements: 3 wells barn
PRICE \$525/acre
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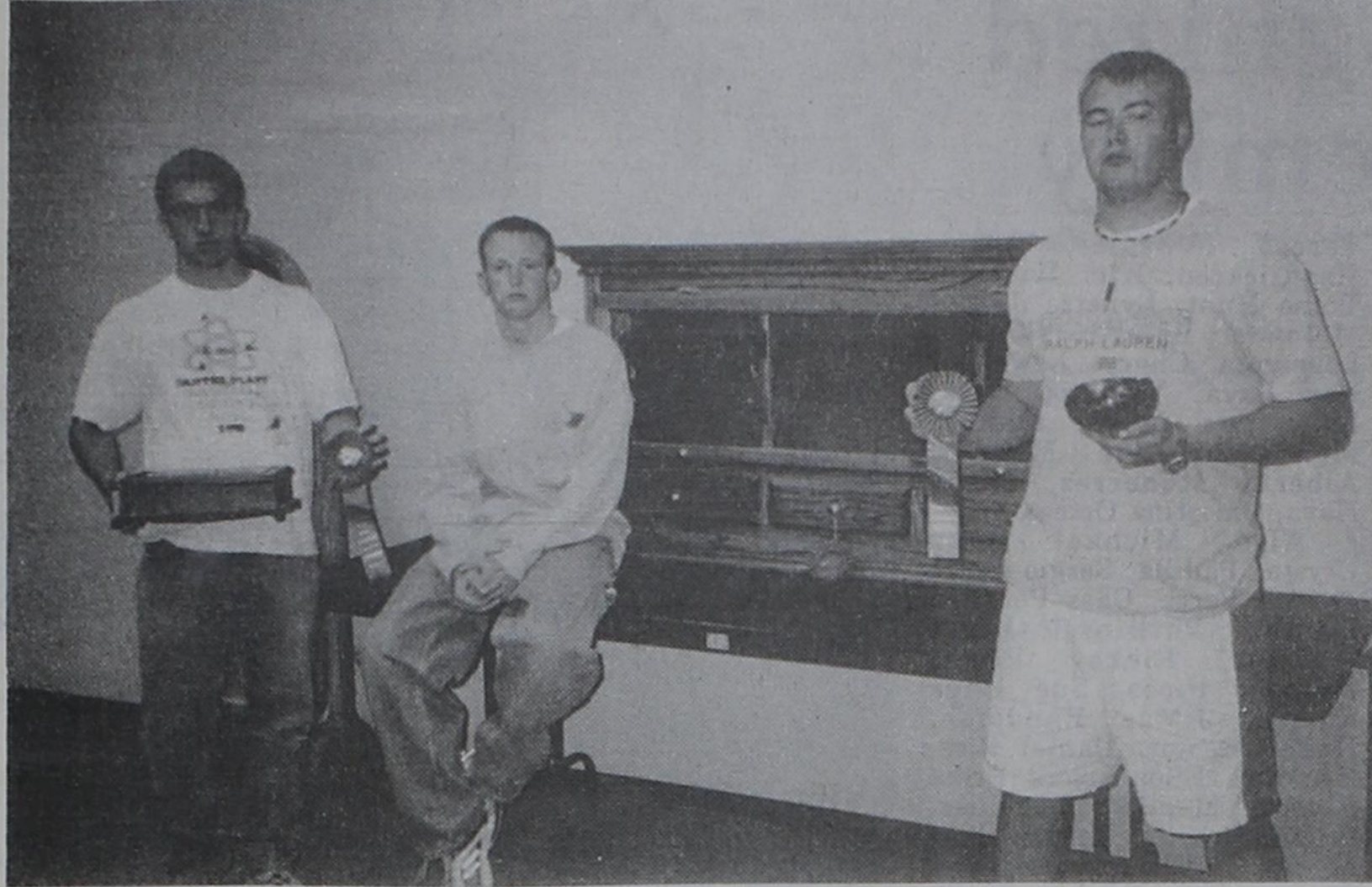
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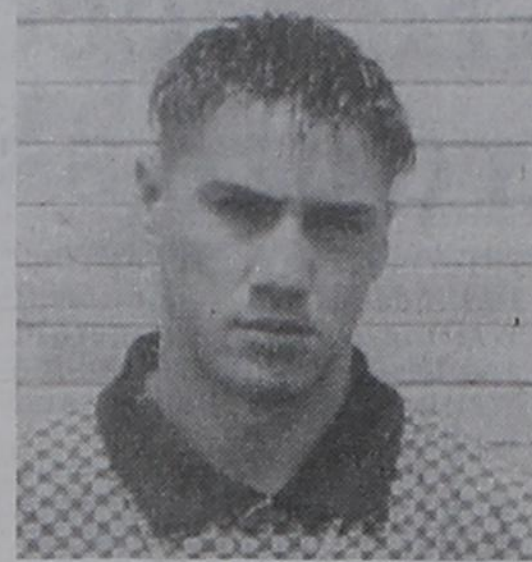
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THREE BLUE RIBBONS went to these Industrial Arts students at the state IA competition in Waco. From left, James Evans with a jewelry box, Tyson Neill and his gun case, and Daniel Wiseman with his wooden ron carr photos



**LUIS GARCIA
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In Program**

By **LUIS GARCIA**
I am the son of Lorenzo and Concepcion Garcia. This is my first year in the Co-Op Program and my first year working at Hi-Pro. I would like to thank Mark Osborn for hiring me and giving me an opportunity to work for him and giving me a chance to learn the responsibility of working while still learning at school.

YOUR EYES

Why Double Vision?

There are a number of reasons for double vision. Your optometrist is trained to get to the root of the problem and, in most cases, solve it, too. Suddenly seeing double may be no more serious a problem than misaligned bifocals; it's a simple matter for the eye professional to readjust the glasses or change the placement of one segment. Occasionally, double vision may be the sign of a developing health problem; in that case, you may be referred to a specialist.

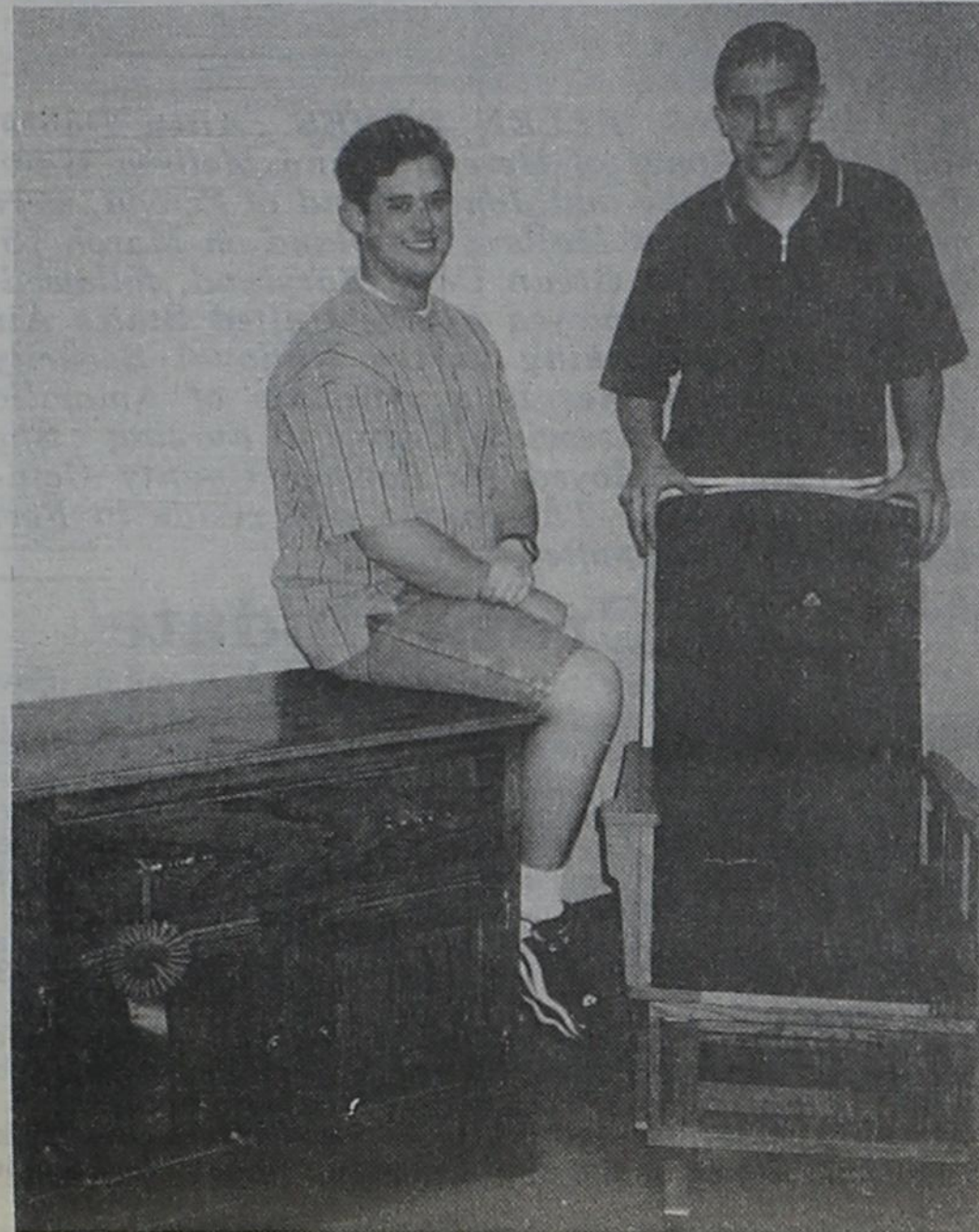
In children, the key to double vision is often poor eye muscle coordination that can result in crossed eyes. The child is unlikely to complain; instead, the brain seems to compensate for the double vision by blocking out the image from one eye. As a result, binocular vision may be suppressed and the child may grow up without the full depth perception needed for normal school and play activities.

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INDUSTRIAL ARTS STUDENTS Kyle Wiseman and Colby Patterson were two of the six students of Industrial Arts instructor Dean Price who won first place ribbons at the state Industrial Arts competition. Kyle built the night stand and Colby crafted a rocking chair.



BLUE RIBBON IMAGE....This mirror won first place at the state Industrial Arts competition at Waco. It was made by IA student Dustin Campbell, shown with his ribbon in the reflection.

Happy Birthday

Week of May 23-29
Friona residents having birthdays next week include:
May 23--Susan Renner, Becky Mays, Dana Auburg, Dona Auburg Caballero, Ray A. Martinez, Chad Gayle.
May 24--Suzanne Tullis, Mickey Ready, David Warren, Jo Witten, Tara Cargile, Tommy Davis, Farron Young, Joe Santellano, David Sarpalius.
May 25--Cathy Buchanan, Joshua Reed, Cheryl Procter, Jacob White, Alayna Rolan, Connie Clark, Jordan D'nae Carr, Connie Tebeest.
May 26--Cayla Mabry, Janey Reeve, Jessie Douglas, Marcos Reyes, John Gurley.
May 27--Larry Mabry,

Velma Schlenker, David Whatley, Dan Neelley, Von Edelman, Andrew Aguirre, Mike Blackburn, A.L. Outland.
May 28--Mike Buchanan, Jim Atwell, Danny Bass, Amy Lewis, Joe McLellan, Mike Ready, Ismael Castaneda, Charlie Fleming, Samantha Stokes.
May 29--Kim Barnett Martz, Carolyn Buchanan, Leroy Widner, Mark Outland, Clara Gast, Evelyn Mars, Tony Igo, Hannah Lookingbill.
If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, call the Friona Star office at 250-2211 and report it.

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