

FHS One-Act Play Farewell Performance

The Friona High School one-act play cast and crew did not advance out of the Area competition but cast members received the following awards: Lory Wyly, All Star cast; Sara Widner and Meghan Hendrickson, honorable mention All Star cast.

The troupe will offer their farewell public performance on Sunday, April 18, at 2:30 p.m. at the high school auditorium. The public is invited and there is no admission charge.

Library Open House Apr. 21

April 18-24 has been designated National Library Week. In celebration of National Library Week, the Friona Public Library will host a public open house on Wednesday, April 21. Refreshments will be served.

Parmer County is fortunate to have an excellent resource like the Friona Public Library. Library Director Darla Bracken and staff are proud of what the local library has to offer and invites everyone to stop by on Wednesday or any time during the week. You might become a regular.

Kindergarten Preregistration April 19-23

Friona Independent School District is holding Pre-Registration for 2004-2005 Kindergarten, Monday-Friday, April 19-23, from 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Primary Office.

You will need to bring your child's birth certificate, child's Social Security card, and immunization records (a copy will be made and the originals returned to you).

A child must be five (5) years old, on or before September 1, for the 2004-2005 school year.

For further information please call 250-3935.



THE RAIN has been good for all kinds of foliage. Time to tune up the lawn equipment and begin the battle of the weeds. This wisteria vine at the Mueller residence on Pierce is growing and flowering as spring is in full swing.

courtesy photo

50th Annual

Happy Hatters to Perform At Credit Union Meeting

The Friona Texas Federal Credit Union will hold its 50th annual meeting on Tuesday, April 20, at the junior high cafeteria. Registration and meal begins at 6:30 p.m. with the business meeting following at about 7:30 p.m. The meal will be catered by Desperados of Amarillo.

Credit Union president Barbara Maynard said the entertainment will be provided by the Happy Hatters of Dumas, Texas. The Hatters are a group of "little old ladies who sing songs and perform skits wearing silly hats."

The flag ceremony to open the meeting will be provided by Girl Scout Cadette Troop 115. John White, Credit Union Board Chairman, will welcome members present. The meal, flag ceremony, and entertainment will precede the business meeting.

Reports will be heard from the Board, and the credit, su-

pervisory, and membership committees, followed by Mrs. Maynard's financial and president's reports. She will also present service award plaques to credit union employees. At the end of the business session drawings will be held for door prizes. All credit union members are invited to attend.



National Library Week
April 18-24
Visit Your Local Library

Gov. Perry Finally Calls Special Session

Governor Rick Perry announced Tuesday, April 13, that he is calling the Texas Legislature back to work on April 20 for a special legislative session on Educational Excellence and Property Tax Relief.

"Since the implementation of the Robin Hood school finance scheme, the brightest minds in Texas have pondered a permanent solution," Perry said. "The time for pondering is over; the time for action is now."

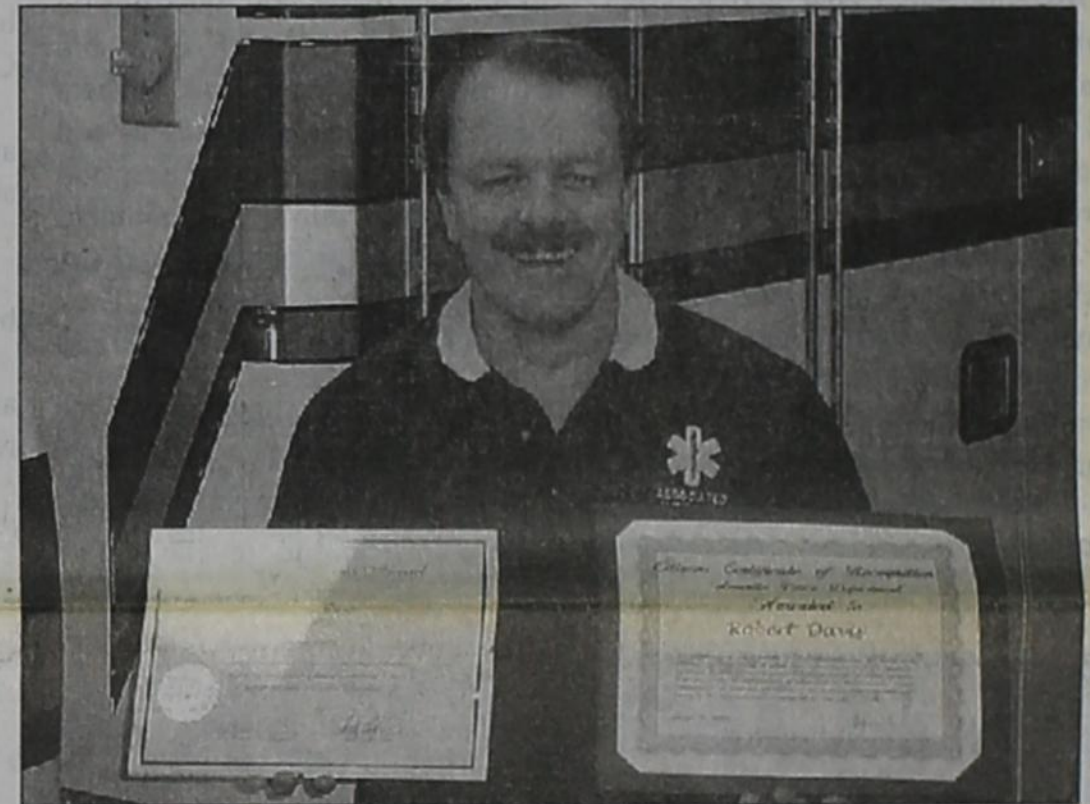
Perry said that he wants a permanent solution along the lines of the plan he has unveiled during the past few months, but he also said that he looks forward to working with lawmakers on their suggestions and ideas on school finance.

Last week, Perry announced a comprehensive Educational Excellence and Property Tax Relief Plan that will cut school property taxes by \$6 billion, pump \$2.5 billion new dollars into public schools, significantly increase funding equity, and preserve Texas' strong job creation climate. Earlier this year, Perry pro-

posed a Taxpayer Protection Plan that will prohibit local taxing entities from raising appraisals on residential properties by more than 3 percent a year and limit revenues local entities can raise from property taxes to inflation and population growth. Perry also has called for Educational Excellence Incentives that will refocus attention from minimum expectations to maximum achievement.

The governor noted that the months leading up to the special session call make it clear that, regardless of party or philosophy, there is broad consensus among legislators, educators, employers and families that the current school funding system is outdated and unworkable.

"Property taxes are too high, and fast action is needed to help our taxpayers and our schoolchildren," said Perry. "We agree on many of the broad goals, but there is nothing like the certainty of a session to bring greater consensus on the details."



BOBBY DAVIS

Former Frionan Cited By Amarillo EMS

Bobby Davis, a paramedic with Associated Ambulance Authority and Amarillo Medical Services, was recently awarded the Circle of Excellence Award and the Citizens Certificate of Recognition for outstanding performance of civic responsibilities and for unselfish devotion to his fellow citizen and the community in which he lives.

On January 26, Davis and his partner came upon an altercation where an APD officer was injured. Davis intervened and was able to subdue the assailant until other officers arrived. He then treated the officer who had non-life threatening injuries.

The certificates were presented by AMS for exceptional performance, high productivity, and dedicated commitment to the highest standards of service excellence. The Amarillo Police Department commended Davis for his action that brought honor to him and recognition to the City of Amarillo.

The Associated Ambulance Authority is very proud of Bobby and glad that he is a part of their service.

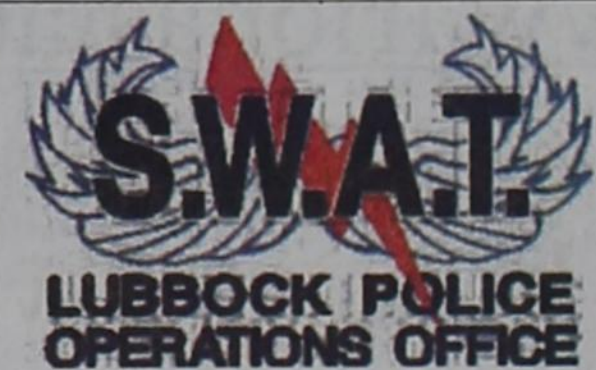
Bobby's parents are Bob and Lillie Davis, former long time residents of Friona.

(Story and photo courtesy of Clarendon Enterprise)



FHS junior varsity hurdler Phillip Saiz is a study in concentration at last week's Canyon track meet. The 5-2A district track meet for JV and varsity is being held today in Lockney.

dana jameson photo



Citizens of Friona,

On behalf of the Lubbock Police Department SWAT team, I would like to express our appreciation for your hospitality on March 21, 2004. You provided key support to our officers by delivering food, drinks, and other important necessities. This support helped our officers who had been up for extended hours to maintain a high level of alertness throughout the situation. The members of our team would also like to thank the citizens that offered kind words and support after the incident. Comments like this help sustain team morale after a stressful situation like our team responded to in your city. Once again thank you.

Sergeant Neal Barron
Team Leader
Lubbock Police Department SWAT



OUT HERE

by Ron Carr

Commit a Sin: Help a School

Don't you just love politics? If it weren't for politics we would be stuck with Donald Trump, All-Star Survivor reruns, or more Di-Tech.Com commercials. (Speaking of Trump, enough of him already.)

Take Randy Neugebauer. Larry Combest won re-election then resigned. Neugebauer beat out a bunch of people in a special election to fill out Combest's term. He was looking forward to a long and profitable career as a U. S. Congressman.

Then darn if Neugebauer's own Republican party didn't redraw the redrawn congressional district boundaries and Neuge gets thrown in with Charlie Stenholm who has been a Democratic, farmer-friendly, congressman since before farm tractors had air conditioning and DVD players. Stenholm also happens to be the senior member of the House Agriculture Committee.

This is a race you will want to pay attention to between now and November. Both candidates are already bombarding newspapers in the 19th district with faxes and emails about all the bills they are introducing. Can Democrat Stenholm penetrate the Parmer County Republican armor? November will tell.

Neugebauer has supported H.R. 2707, the Salt Cedar and Russian Olive Control Demonstration Act, and introduced his very own bill, H.R. 3980, which creates the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program.

You have to love it. His "windy" bill proposes to find ways to reduce the loss of life and property from windstorms. "Improving the wind resistance of buildings can only be achieved when there is a demand for wind-resistant construction by homeowners," Neugebauer

said. He says, now get this, "if we improve our understanding of windstorms we can reduce their impact."

I pretty much understand windstorms. They are not too difficult. The wind blows whenever and wherever it pleases and there isn't anything man can do about it but hide in a ditch or build a house out of bricks. Didn't take Randy N. long to get the hang of being a congressman.

Then there is our esteemed Gov. Rick Perry (Gov. Goodhair as columnist Molly Ivins calls him). His latest proposal will mutilate the current public school finance system according to most experts. No newspaper I have read, Amarillo, Lubbock or Dallas, has endorsed any part of Gov. Goodhair's answer to school finance. He has just now called the special session that has been promised (or threatened) for several months. Guess Tom DeLay hasn't given him the okay yet.

I won't go into the Gov's full proposal because it doesn't have a chance in hell of passing even if he ever does call a special session. What is interesting though, outside of his cockamamie property tax adjustments, are a couple of the other revenue sources to educate small innocent children.

Remember how the lottery was supposed to make the public school system fat with cash and help property owners and teachers alike? Now Perry proposes to add \$1 a pack to sinful cigarettes, add a \$5 fee on adult entertainment (whatever that might be), and tax video gambling at racetracks. They always seem to leave out beer and whiskey when it is sin tax time.

This is the same State of Texas that said eight-liner slot machines were legal, then decided it is okay for law officers to invade eight-

liner businesses and smash their machines for giving away kewpie dolls and cash coupons.

So now we would have to rely on a trio of unreliable sins to provide stability in financing public schools, all the while teaching the young ones that smoking, adult entertainment, and video gambling are bad things so when they grow up they should not do those bad things. Which means no more revenue for schools to teach the little ones about bad things.....well, you get the picture.

I think a more stable and reliable source of school revenue would be to tax good things. For instance there should be a \$5 per person fee to attend church on

Sunday. Or how about a \$5 fee per lady for those who get there "hair fixed" every week. That is a stable market.

All desserts, especially ones with chocolate, should have a school tax added on. Going on vacation is a good thing. The day you leave you should be required to send \$100 to the State of Texas. Mark it "public education fund."

Only in Texas would we rob the sinners to pay the teachers to teach the children. Gov. Perry seems to be endorsing sinnin'. Do your part. Commit a sin. Help a child.

As an old time comedian named Brother Dave Gardner used to ask, "What are the preachers gonna do when the devil is saved?" Maybe they can go into politics.

HOMETOWN HEALTH The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center

Congestive Heart Failure

Congestive heart failure (CHF) is a serious disease that afflicts five million people in the United States. CHF is also the leading cause of hospitalization in patients over 65. If you have CHF, you may have wondered about some of the more routine tests and procedures that may be ordered as part of your CHF care. Here are the main measures, and reasons why they are evaluated:

Blood Pressure: High blood pressure may be one indicator of CHF. The heart has to work harder if there is a fluid build-up in the system.

Blood Tests: Your doctor may order CBC, blood chemistry, thyroid and blood oximetry (oxygen) tests if it is not clear what may be causing your CHF.

EKG: Electrocardiogram is a test of the electrical activity of your heart and abnormalities may indicate past heart damage, impending heart attack or edema.

Chest X-Ray: Shows an enlarged heart.

Daily Weights: Important in evaluating whether you are retaining fluid before fluid volume gets out of control and further damages the heart.

Treatment may include a diuretic to reduce volume (fluid) overload, and drugs which help block activation of hormonal and nervous system responses to heart failure.

This information is provided as a service. For specific questions, contact your physician or other health provider.

Appraisal Caps Distorted, Tax Bills Unequal

By Frank J. Sturzl, Executive Director, Texas Municipal League

The Texas Constitution requires that "taxation shall be equal and uniform". That's been the law of the land for more than 125 years. It's worked pretty well to make sure that all Texans pay their fair share of taxes.

Now, the governor has put forward a proposal that would place very low caps on homestead appraisals despite the "equal and uniform" provision of the Texas Constitution.

The plan, which includes a three-percent annual cap on the growth of homestead appraisals, would ultimately make Texas property taxes more regressive and more inequitable, and would selectively eliminate "market value" appraisals for homes.

The biggest surprise in the plan is how it would treat homeowners with similar houses. Let's face it, most Texans want their homestead appraisals as low as possible when they are being taxed. On the other hand, they want more than the appraised value when they sell a home. They want the best price the market will allow.

Just as lawmakers can't repeal the law of gravity, they can't legislate home values without distorting the market and warping the tax appraisal system. Value is a function of the market place—a willing buyer and a willing seller.

Say, for the sake of argument, that two houses of identical size and price are next door to each other in the same neighborhood.

Under the governor's plan, if one of the homes is sold, it would be put on the tax roll at the sale price. Although identical in location and size to the house next door, the new homeowner would probably end up paying more taxes because the sale would set a new appraisal value that's higher than the house that didn't sell. The owner of the home that wasn't sold will get a lower tax bill because the appraisal was "locked in" at a lower figure by appraisal caps.

This would shift additional tax burdens to new homeowners. It would also harm owners of businesses and apartments who wouldn't be covered by the three-percent tax cap.

Over the years, mandated caps could result in a crazy quilt property tax system like the one that developed after California passed Proposition 13 three decades ago.

One homeowner's tax break will become another homeowner's nightmare as more and more home values are based on "artificial" appraisals instead of market values.

Like it or not, a true property tax system needs to be based on equal and uniform appraisals. Departure from that ideal can only produce a system that will be unfair to some and a boondoggle to others.

The proposed system can create "tax sticker shock" and may depress the real estate market. It may be a factor in keeping many young Texas couples from buying homes.

As properties are sold, new homeowners will actually be paying considerably more—depending on the taxing jurisdiction—than those who choose not to sell.

As the system becomes more complicated due to subsequent sales, the tax plan will distort tax bills even more.

Taxes need to be based on what's fair and accurate so the burden is spread and shared evenly. Appraisal reductions are a poor substitute for sound tax policy.

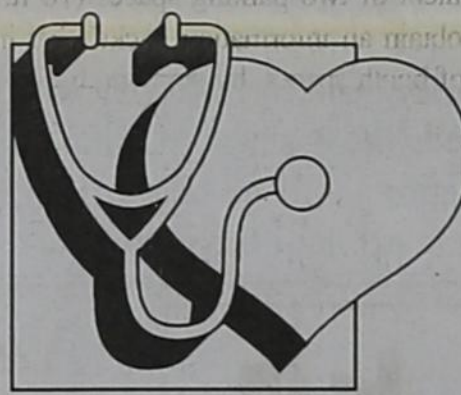
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KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



Congress' Report Card

One of the things I enjoy most about being your United States Senator is the opportunity I get to visit with you as I travel around our great state. Every April, during the legislative break in Washington, I like to update Texans on what Congress has done during the first quarter of the year. While I make stops across the state, I wanted to also take a moment and update you in this column.

The Budget

One of our chief accomplishments thus far was the passage of the 2005 Budget. It has passed the Senate and provides a roadmap to win the war on terrorism, defend the homeland, promote economic growth and create new jobs. The budget clearly reflects our top priority of protecting Americans at home and abroad, while moving to cut the federal deficit in half, in just a few years. It is pending in the House of Representatives.

The Economy

We've also made great strides toward improving our nation's economy. Americans are still reaping the benefits of last year's tax relief. The service industry remains relatively strong, profits and cash flows continue to improve, business confidence and spending have been on the rise and job growth is accelerating. We received the good news that 308,000 jobs had been

created in March, bringing the seven-month total to 759,000 jobs. An editorial in the *Wall Street Journal* responded to that news by stating, "The U.S. employment situation is strong, improving and still the envy of the economic world."

To continue that trend of job creation, we are working on the JOBS Act to preserve work for thousands of Americans, alleviate the tax burden on manufacturing companies and allow U.S. businesses to compete fairly with their European counterparts. Unfortunately, it has not passed the Senate, but we will continue to work to lower the unemployment and make sure every American looking for work can find it.

Transportation

We did pass highway legislation in the Senate, but it was a bill I did not support because it continues to substantially shortchange Texas. One of my top priorities in reauthorizing the highway bill, which funds our national Interstate highway system, was to ensure Texas receives a greater return on every gas tax dollar we send to Washington. Currently, we receive 90.5 cents back for every dollar sent, while other states receive 100 percent—and in some cases even more. We have contributed more than \$5 billion to enable other states to build their highway net-

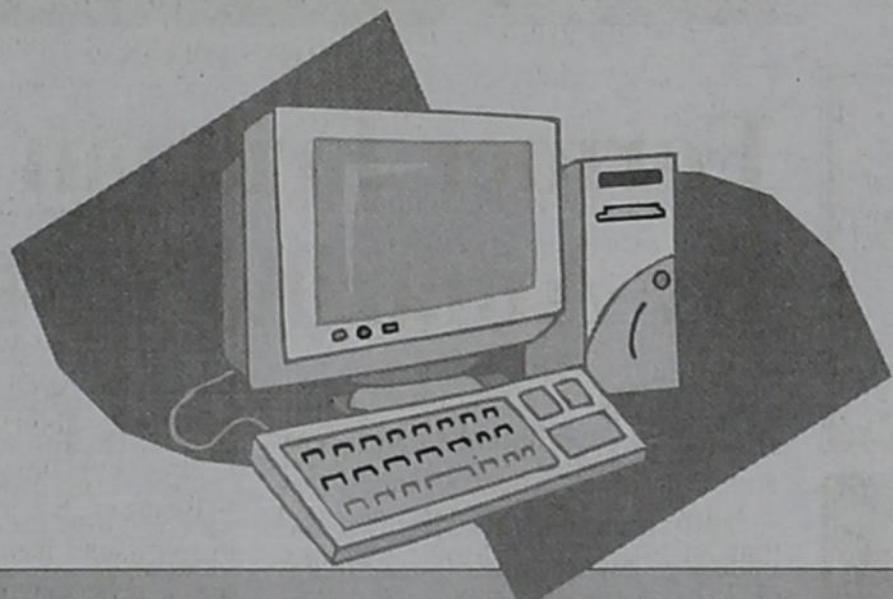
works over the last 47 years and unfortunately this year's bill did not lessen this disparity. I will continue to fight for an equitable formula that treats Texas fairly.

The Months Ahead

While we've worked on some major initiatives this year, there are many issues still on our plate on which we must make progress. Medical malpractice, asbestos litigation and class action reform are important issues that must move forward. Passage of a comprehensive energy policy remains a burning issue for Congress, particularly as we suffer through record gas prices at the pump. I'm hopeful we'll be able to produce a bill that will lower costs, promote conservation, reduce our reliance on foreign sources of oil, and create jobs and opportunities for Americans.

But overriding everything we do in Congress is the war on terror our men and women in uniform are waging everyday. We know we are up against a vicious enemy who values nothing, not even their own lives, as they seek to destroy freedom and democracy. The United States of America will stay the course and we will see this battle through. In Washington, we'll continue to give our soldiers the resources, support and encouragement they need to defend our freedom and way of life.

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OBITUARIES

W. M. "Bill" Stewart

Graveside services for W.M. "Bill" Stewart, 103, of Friona, were held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 10, 2004 in the Friona Cemetery with Rev. Steve Patterson and family members, officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona. Bill died Thursday, April 8, 2004 in Friona. He was born September 22, 1900 in Okolona, Arkansas. He was a graduate of Okolona High School and Texarkana Business College and taught two semesters in Clark County, Arkansas. He was a past employee of the Bank of Okolona, the Texas Produce Company, Texarkana National Bank, and later became a partner in Ethridge-Spring Insurance Agency, in Friona, from 1948-1985.

Lodge member, and a member of the Friona United Methodist Church where he was also a member of the church choir. His wife, Georgia, preceded him in death in 1991.

Survivors include one daughter, Billie Chandler and husband Dr. John R. of Rio Rancho, New Mexico; four grandchildren, Melanie Mize and husband Bo, John Chandler, Gary Chandler and wife Linda, and Larry Chandler and wife Debbie; 11 great-grandchildren, Nicole Bendle and husband Bryan, Bree, Alyssa, Jesse and Brenden Chandler, Zack, Tony, Joe and Violet Chandler, Caitlyn Brown, and Kevin Chandler; and two great-great-grandchildren, Ryan Bendle and Tyrel Lasater.

He was a member of the U.S. Army serving in WWI, an Elks

Lloyd Earl Chesher

Funeral services for Lloyd Earl Chesher, 65, a 46-year resident of Friona, were held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 15, 2004, at the Friona United Methodist Church with Rev. Steve Patterson, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mr. Chesher died Tuesday, April 13, 2004 at Baptist St. Anthony's West in Amarillo, Texas.

He was born August 1, 1938 in Durant, Oklahoma, to Jessie O. and Bessie (Petty) Chesher.

A 1957 graduate of Amarillo High School, he moved to Friona in 1958 from Amarillo. He married Linda O'Brian August 20, 1960 in Friona.

He was a farmer and attended the Friona United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Chesher of Friona; his mother, Bessie Chesher of Friona; four daughters, Cindy D. Adams of Amarillo, Cathy L. Shields of



LOYD CHESHER

Friona, Cristy A. Allen of Buckeye, Arizona, and Charla B. Chesher of Friona; three brothers, Albert Chesher of Hereford, Harold Chesher of Stockton, California, and Jimmy Chesher of Stratford, Texas; one sister, Imelda Scott of Amarillo; and seven grandchildren.

Around Town

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Parmer County Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Ave., in Friona on April 16.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only.

Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Friona C of C beef raffle Saturday

The Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture is sponsoring a beef raffle to be held Saturday, April 17. Contact any chamber member or come by the office for tickets. The drawing will be held at the community center during the citywide garage sale.

Self Defense Class Monday

A self defense class will be held at the Senior Citizen's Center Monday, April 19 at 12:30 p.m. The community is invited to attend.

Library Patron Appreciation Day April 21

As part of National Library Week April 18-24, the Friona Public Library and Friends of the Library will be observing a special day for patrons on April 21 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. However, visitors are welcome to ask questions, view demonstrations, sign up for classes, and register for door prizes. Come help them Celebrate Libraries!

Aggie Muster Invitation & RSVP

All Aggies, friends, and graduates of Texas A&M University are cordially invited to attend the annual Muster ceremonies with the Panhandle A&M Club. Muster will be held at the Friona Community Center on Wednesday, April 21 at 6:30 P.M. Muster will include a barbecue dinner, the traditional Muster ceremony, and roll call. The cost for the meal will be \$5 payable at the door. Invitations have been sent to Aggies registered with Association of Former Students. If you did not receive an invitation and would like to attend please RSVP by call or e-mailing Kevin and April Eschberger at (806) 238-2095 or 2aggies@wtrt.net by April 14.

Softball Tournament To Be Held In April

Plans are underway for a softball tournament to be held April 24 and 25. The tournament will consist of ten men's teams. The registration fee is \$150.00 per team.

Contact the Chamber Office at 250-3491 for more information.

CCC seeks vendors for 1st Annual Flea Market

Clovis Community College will hold its first annual Flea Market on April 24, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the East parking lot across from the new W.D. Dabbs Library and Technology Center. Vendors are encouraged to participate. Booth spaces are free, but space is limited. Vendors will need to provide own setup, including table, chairs, tent, etc., as well as cleanup. Booth spaces are the equivalent of two parking spaces (18 ft. wide x 16 ft. deep). Interested vendors may obtain an information packet that includes the application for booths and a map of booth spaces, by stopping by the Information Desk at Clovis Community College. You may also contact Sherrie Harrison at (505) 769-4766 to register by phone.

Relay for Life info

The Parmer County Relay for Life has been scheduled for June 11 this year.



SCOUT LEADERS Mercedes Williams (left) and Tara Wales (right) are shown with Jordan Kelley, Adrian Garcia, Ethan Wales and Abriel Terrones of Boy Scout Troop #56 as they entertained the Friona Evening Lions Club April 8.

courtesy photo

Times will be different than last year. The event will begin at 7 p.m. and end at 1 a.m.

There will be many ways to be involved in the Relay for Life. More information will follow in the weeks ahead but it is important to organizers to get teams together as soon as possible. So start thinking "Cancer Research" and "Relay for Life". If you have any questions, call Jyl Grimsley at 250-5700 or Suzanne Bunker at 250-8055.

Four Person Scramble June 12

The Friona Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a four-person scramble golf tournament June 12 starting at 10 a.m. A fee of \$65 per person will be charged. If interested, contact the chamber at 250-3491.

Friona C of C Photo Contest

Do you have a picture that shows the real heart and spirit of Friona? The Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture is sponsoring a photo contest. Photos need to be of the Friona area and must be 35 mm or digital (please no 110 photos). You may enter as often as you would like. There will be a \$5 entry fee for each photo. The chamber will be making a final decision on July 5. Postcards will be made and be available by Maize Days. Make an effort to get your photos on an official Friona postcard. All entries need to be turned in to the chamber office.

There is no charge for news included in Around Town. So call us at 250-2211, fax to 250-5127, email to frionastar@wtrt.net, or mail info to P.O. Box 789, Friona, Texas 79035.

We reserve the right to approve all copy and edit submitted article for space reasons. Let us hear from you.

Class Of 1997

Needs Addresses

For 10-yr Reunion

The Friona Class of 1997 is gathering information and addresses for planning their 10-year reunion.

Class of '97 president Leander Davila, now a resident of Austin, has asked for assistance in locating addresses of classmates. Please email contact information to 97HighSchoolGrads@yahoo.com or to Leander direct at Leander.Davila@ci.austin.tx.us, or call him at 512-974-4711.

Lazbuddie Shootout

Deadline Approaches

The Lazbuddie Senior Parents of Class 2004 will present the Lazbuddie Shootout, a three on three festival, to be held April 23-24, at the Lazbuddie High School Gymnasium.

The entry fee is \$50 per four-member team, which includes Elementary, Jr. High, High School, Adult, Coed (two men, two women), and Over 40's Divisions.

The entry deadline is Sunday, April 18.

For additional information, contact Lazbuddie High School, P.O. Box 9, Lazbuddie, Texas 79053, 806-965-2152; Debbie Weir at 806-965-2302; Sarah Black at 806-265-3861; or any high school senior.

4-H Horse Project

Summer will soon be here and that means horse shows. Anyone planning to participate in the 4-H Horse Project should call the extension office at 806-481-3619. You will then be notified of upcoming meetings, shows and learning activities.

Horse projects have to be nominated by completing ownership forms. April 27 is the deadline for all 4-H Horse Project participants to complete the forms.

Please call the extension office for more information.

Alex Wilkerson

Earns Promotion

Marine Corps Pfc. Alex Wilkerson, a 2003 graduate of Friona High School, was recently promoted to his current rank while serving with Marine Aviation Training Support Group 21, Naval Air Training Command in Pensacola, Florida.

Wilkerson was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

Think Texas

by Agriculture Commissioner

SUSAN COMBS

Nearly a hundred years ago, the Texas Legislature established the Texas Department of Agriculture as a state agency. The year was 1907, when a loaf of bread cost less than 10 cents. The primary functions of the young agency, which had only four employees at the time, were to gather statistics and publish agricultural information.

Clearly, plenty has changed over the years.

TDA has since carved out its own important role in history, paving the way for agricultural progress and responding to the changing needs of the industry. Most recently, TDA's mission has grown to include unprecedented initiatives in rural economic development and nutrition. Rooted in agriculture, these issues have always been important to us. With the addition of the Rural Economic Development and Food and Nutrition divisions, TDA has tackled these issues with gusto. So it's fitting that, while our mission has evolved, so should our mission statement.

We recently unveiled the new statement—a true reflection of the agency's philosophy and goals in today's ever-changing society: Making Texas the nation's leader in agriculture, while promoting excellence in children's nutrition, rural economic development and providing efficient and extraordinary service.

TDA is no longer a four-person agency with limited functions. In the last few years, we have evolved to include progressive new programs—programs that affect the daily lives of all Texans.

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THE CHIEF'S CORNER

by **ROYCE L. GOODSON**

Friona Police Department

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed April 11th thru April 17th as Public Safety Telecommunications Week. The Governor urges all Texans to recognize public safety telecommunicators for their focus on ensuring the well-being of Texas throughout our great state.

According to the Commission on State Emergency Communications, more than 4,000 telecommunicators from almost 600 Public Safety answering points respond to emergency phone calls throughout the Lone Star State. These dedicated professionals save countless lives by quickly and accurately responding to emergency calls 24 hours a day, every day of the year. They are often the first to answer our cries for help, providing instruction and comfort until emergency responders arrive.

There is no doubt that dispatchers are the unsung heroes of public safety. They sit in a small room, looking at a computer screen and talking to voices from faces that they will never see. They dispatch police officers, emergency medical technicians and firefighters to emergency calls while they continue to sit in their room, often not knowing the outcome of the calls for several hours.

Dispatchers receive calls from very frightened victims, angry and grouchy citizens, and suicidal individuals. They are often the calming influence that helps stabilize a critical situation or just help put a victim at ease. They gather information from agitated people and from frightened people and are expected to get all of the details, addresses, names, phone numbers, and description of possible suspects in a matter of minutes. Dispatchers are expected to be able to do at least a dozen things at one time and do them with professionalism and accuracy.

In a letter written by Chief Thomas Wagoner of the Loveland, Colorado Police Department, he lists the following attributes dispatchers are expected to have:

- the compassion of Mother Teresa
- the wisdom of Solomon
- the interviewing skills of Oprah Winfrey
- the gentleness of Florence Nightingale
- the patience of Job
- the voice of Barbara Streisand
- the knowledge of Einstein
- the answers of Ann Landers
- the humor of David Letterman
- the investigative skills of Sgt. Joe Friday
- the looks of Melanie Griffith or Don Johnson
- the faith of Billy Graham
- the endurance of the Energizer Bunny

A dispatcher is certainly a very unique person that cares about people and gets great satisfaction in helping those in need of emergency services. The Friona Police Department Dispatchers do a tremendous job and on a day-to-day basis and usually handle from 350 to 400 calls for service a month. These women that work in the Friona Police Department Communications section, work in a very stressful job and are constantly having to attend training just to stay current with new technology.

As the Chief of Police for the City of Friona, I want to honor our dispatchers and just say, "Thanks for a job well done." I also encourage

the citizens in our community and in Parmer County to take time out to thank these women for the fantastic job that they do.

I would also like to request that the community take time this week to remember Sergeant Joe Herrera. Herrera was fatally injured a year ago while performing his duties as a public servant for the City of Friona. Sergeant Herrera's wife, Rachel Herrera, and their daughter, reside in the community and need all of our support. Rachel recently graduated from the Amarillo College Police Academy and is currently serving as a Reserve Police Officer for the Friona Police Department. Please keep Sergeant Herrera's family in your daily prayers.

Sheriff's Report

April 8, Cliff Rocha, 22, of Bovina, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office for violation of probation-indelicacy with a child-Randall County, released to Randall County.

April 8, Daniel Ponce, 22, of Bovina, was arrested by the Bovina Police and charged with aggravated robbery, pending Grand Jury.

April 8, Forrest Blaylock, 36, of Lubbock, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office for failure to appear-DWI 2nd, pending County Court.

April 9, Fidel Lira, 21, of Muleshoe, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with possession of marijuana, pending County Court.

April 10, John Lamas, 24, of Bovina, was arrested by the Bovina Police and charged with aggravated robbery, pending Grand Jury.

April 12, Rickey Dodson, 46, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police and charged with DWI, pending County Court; and driving with license suspended, pending County Court.

April 12, Mark Henderson, 34, of Boys Ranch, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with theft, pending County Court.

On March 23, in 287th Court, with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

Bryan Mason, 36, of Bovina, charged with indecency with a child, was sentenced to 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for 10 years; \$578 court costs; \$10,000 fine; 240 hours community service; sex offender registration; and sex offender counseling.



LIBRARY CORNER

by **Darla Bracken**

National Library Week April 18-24, 2004 250-3200 Fax 250-2185

Website: www.hlc-lib.org/friona/index.html remember our catalog is on-line.

"How fortunate we are to live in a community where people care so much about each other. We see this often as casseroles are delivered to sick neighbors, bake sales and auctions are held to help those struggling with outrageous medical costs, and farmers come together to harvest the crops of their fallen neighbors. Our library couldn't survive without the dedication and support of local citizens and communities. These people recognize the important role that a library plays to the vitality of a community." I didn't write those words, but I certainly could have—they fit our community to a tee—just as they do for the Colfax, WA library of which they are written.

National Library Week celebrates

libraries everywhere. In Friona we plan to have a Patron Appreciation Day April 21 from 9 AM to 6 PM and we invite everyone to come visit us.

New arrivals are: Whiskers of Evil by Rita Mae Brown; Give me a break by John Stossel Cassette; Last Stand of the Tin Can Sailors by Hornfischer—LP, Cassette; Deliver us from Evil by Sean Hannity LP; Keeper's Son by Homer Hickman—LP, Cassette; Maureen O'Hara by Nicoletti; Brave Men, Gentle Heroes by Takiff; Black Titan by Jenkins; Last Juror by John Grisham; 3rd Degree by James Patterson; Murder Room by P.D. James; and Die in Plain Sight by Elizabeth Lowell.

Memorial donations have been made by: Randy Dicksons to DAVID GODDARD; John Baxters to ZONAH BASS; Randy Dicksons and Roy O'Brians to CURTIS MURPHREE; Bernie Gowens to JAY CLABORN; Cass Perkins to LEONARD COFFEY.

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Thank you to Tommy Heffner's Webelos Scouts for helping clean our front parking lot and learning about the Xeriscape landscape technique. When asked about what we have a lot of here (I was thinking wind), one scout replied, "Weeds." How true.

On the web: www.24hourmuseum.org



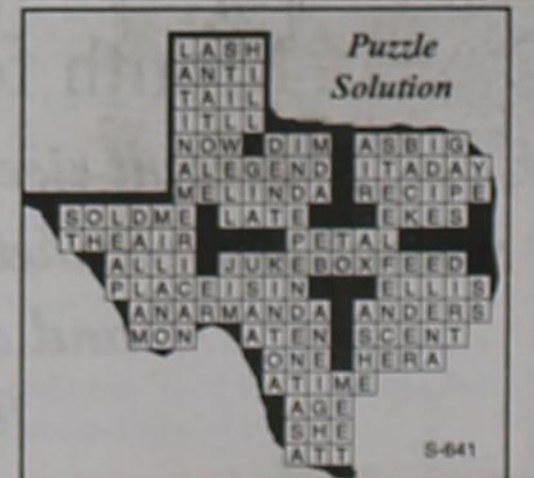
Chieftain Band Wins Sweepstakes Contest Award

The Friona High School Band traveled to Boys Ranch on Wednesday, April 7, to compete at the UIL Concert and Sight Reading. They earned a superior in their performance and were awarded top honors with 1st Division Superior ratings in Concert & Sight Reading.

The Chieftain Band also received the Category B Sweepstakes award. Director Tim Youree said this is the fourth year in a row the band has received superior ratings in Concert and Sight Reading.

Some of the judges' comments were: many fine players in this group; nice job, I enjoyed your performance today; good precision, well controlled, good selection; nice to hear a Paso Doble well prepared, nice expressive band, good dynamic phrasing, good solos; congrats to you and your directors, I enjoyed your performance.

Youree said, "Both Ron McWilliams (assistant director) and I are very proud of the accomplishments of this year's Chieftain Band."



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District Meet Today

Canyon Track Meet Almost Rained Out

The track meet in Canyon on Thursday, April 8, was run between raindrops and under threatening weather. The meet was finally called due to weather in the afternoon and the 1600m run and 1600m relay were not run.

The Friona junior varsity boys finished in 5th place with 58 points. Ben Santiago ran 6th in the 200m at 26.15; Santiago, Valente Casas, Ruben Chico, & Tolby Wilcox made up the 400m relay that placed 5th in a time of 48.63.

Casas redeemed the relay team with a 1st place finish in the 800m run in 2:18.8. Ruben Chico was 6th in the 100m at 12.44.

The JV Chiefs went 1-2-3 to sweep the discus field. Chris Carrillo won 1st with a throw of 118'4", Pedro Ramos took 2nd at 106'8", and Stephen Campbell won 3rd with 104'2". Carrillo also dominated the shot put with a 1st place throw of 40'7 1/2". A. J. Cordova won 3rd at 35'2", and Ramos placed 6th at 34'4".

The Squaw varsity girls team place 6th at the meet with 20 points. Tiffany Vasquez was 5th in the shot put with a distance of 31'1"; Trisha Winebrinner won 1st place in the discus at 107'. Lucretia Field ran 4th in the 100m at 13.56

and the 800m relay team was 6th at 1:57.19.

The Chieftain varsity boys finished the meet in 4th place with 66 points. In the shot put Adrian Flores won 5th with 43'9 1/2" and Dustin Thompson was 6th at 43'5 1/2". Thompson took 2nd in the discus at 127' and Flores placed 6th at 114'4".

In the triple jump, Willy Castillo was 2nd at 37'10 1/4 " and Juan Reyes was 6th at 34'4 3/4". The 400m relay team of Freddy Reyes, Eddie Ortiz, Willy Castillo, and Amador Rocha ran 3rd in a time of 45.48. In the 800m relay, Reyes, Ortiz, Sergio Saenz, and Rocha placed 4th at 1:37.

Jose Herrera ran the 800m in 2:10.98 for 4th place, Juan Reyes took 4th in the 400m at 55.59, Freddy Reyes was 4th on the 200m at 23.87. Willy Castillo was 4th in the 300m hurdles at 43.16 and Gummaro Chavarria also 4th in the 3200m run at 11:40.25.

The District 5-2A track meet is being held today in Lockney with field events beginning at 10 a.m. The prelims will start at approximately 1 p.m. and the finals will start at 5 p.m. with the order of running varsity girls, JV boys, and varsity boys.



ANGELICA CHICO



DISCUS THROWERS, l-r, STEPHEN CAMPBELL, PEDRO RAMOS, CHRIS CARRILLO. holly campbell photo



JUAN REYES



MORGAN LEAL

photos by dana jameson



LUCRETIA FIELD at left.



EDDIE ORTIZ



DIEHARD FANS, l-r, Ron & Melba Smiley, Vickie Field & Varla Wilcox



FHS golfers Haleigh Herbert and Chance Barrett get in some practice before the district match. courtesy photo

Chief, Squaw Golf Update

Friona golf coach Donald Herbert said this week that the Friona boys and girls golf teams are currently holding down second place in district play.

In a match at Olton, Floydada won with a 400, followed by Friona at 442 and Olton at 464. For Friona, Chance Barrett led with a 94, Haleigh Herbert had 99, Kourtnee Williams 129, Kimberlee Jones 120. Others scoring were Briana Wright 131, Christal Garcia 122, Kandace Frye 155, Hannah Stovall 152.

For the boys, Olton 1 team

scored a 336, Friona had 337, and Abernathy 349. Others were Abernathy 2, 400, Floydada 400, Friona 2, 434, and Olton 2, 496.

Chief senior golfer Ricky Dickson turned in a 76 to lead the team. That gave him 2nd in individual play behind Chase Younger of Abernathy who carded a 75. Other Chiefs scores were Ty Potts 84, Brock Field 85, Jacob Rando 92, Dustin Daniel 101, Sean Lookingbill 97, Jeremy Campbell 101, Dustin Brown 115, Chance Lewellen 121, Brett Field 123.

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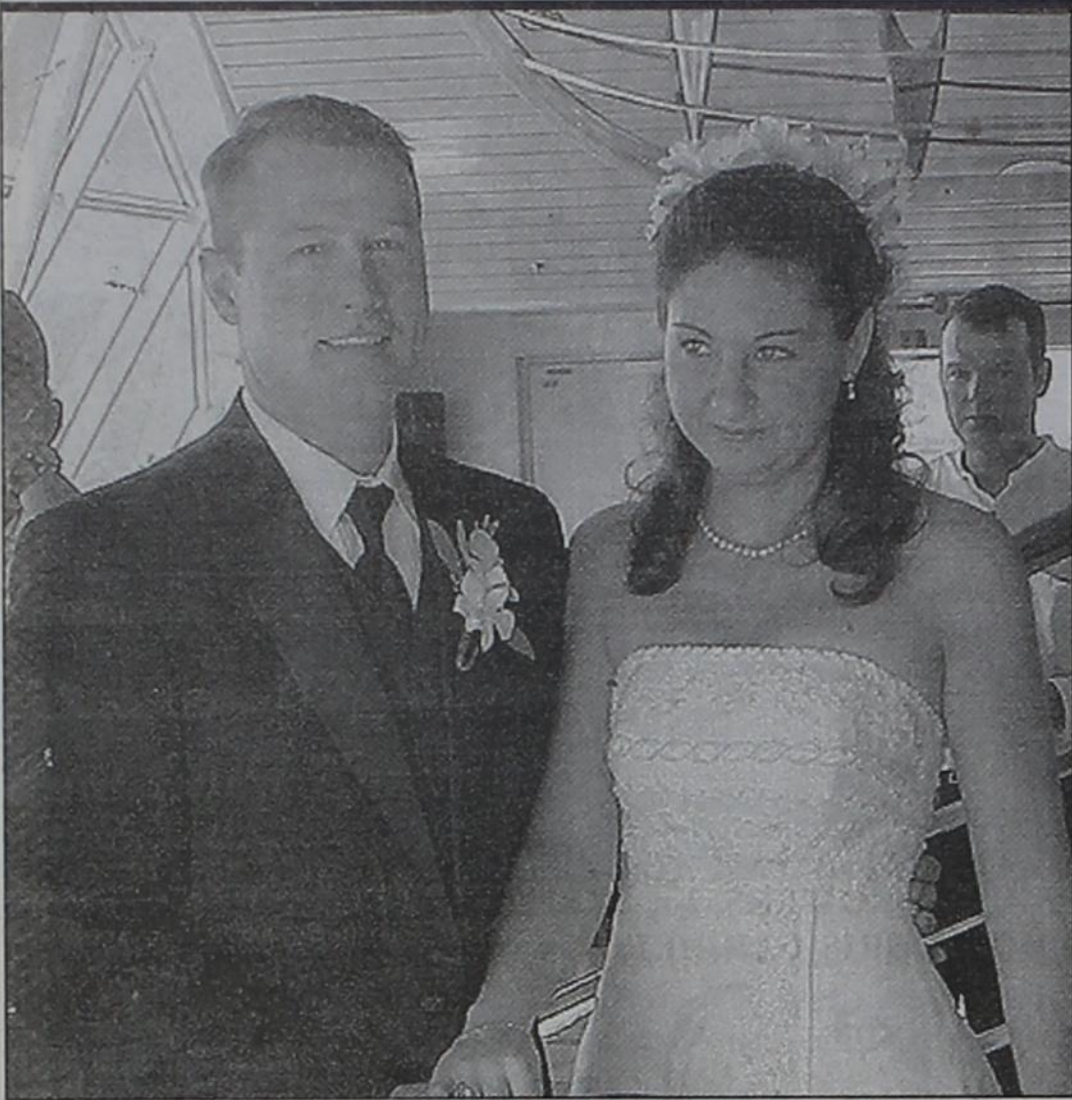
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MR. & MRS. CHANCEY CARTER CROZIER
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K. Welch & C. Crozier Are Wed In Galveston

Katy Evelyn Welch and Chancey Carter Crozier were married on March 21, 2004 aboard the Royal Caribbean cruise ship, Rhapsody of the Seas, at Galveston, Texas.

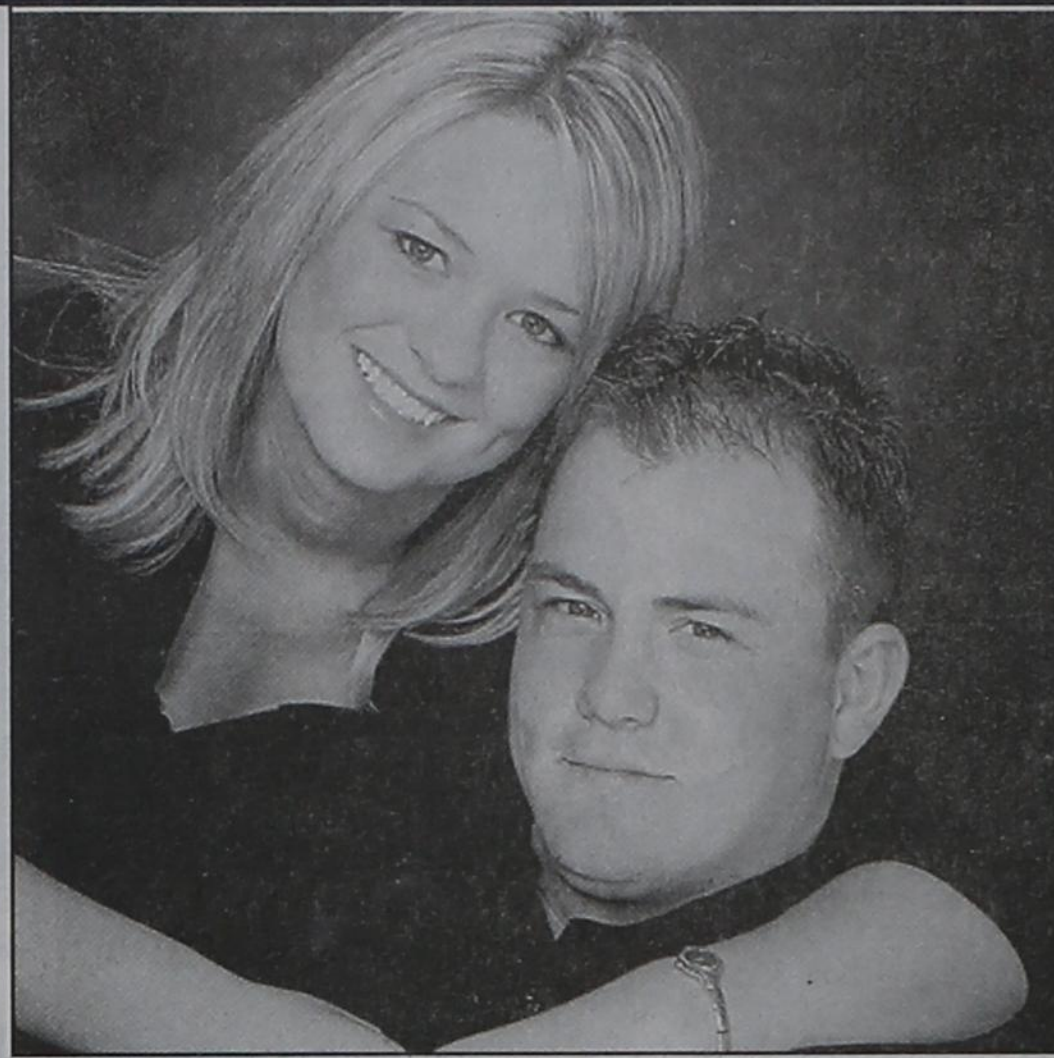
The bride is the daughter of Terri Welch of Lubbock and Bob Welch of Friona, and the granddaughter of Lorraine Welch also of Friona.

The groom is the son of Ray and Linda Phillips of Olney, Texas.

Katy is a graduate of Abilene Christian University and is currently the manager of Hertz Local Edition offices in Midland and Odessa.

Chancey is a Texas Tech University graduate and is the Network Administrator for Western National Bank of Midland.

The couple will reside in Midland.



AMY McCORMICK & AARON KING

McCormick & King Announce Engagement

The engagement and approaching marriage of Amy Lynn McCormick of Seminole and Aaron Kyle King of Friona has been announced.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Royce McCormick of Seminole and the granddaughter of Mrs. Doris McCormick of Seminole and the late Robert M. McCormick and the late Westelle Whitaker of Lamesa.

The future groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dee King of Friona and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. D.T. King, Mrs. Letha Gammon and the late J.W. Gammon, all of Friona. The couple plans to be married

July 31 at 7:30 p.m. at the County Line Restaurant in Lubbock.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Seminole High School and an August, 2003 graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in Human Development Family Studies. She is an administrative assistant with the American Heart Association in Fort Worth.

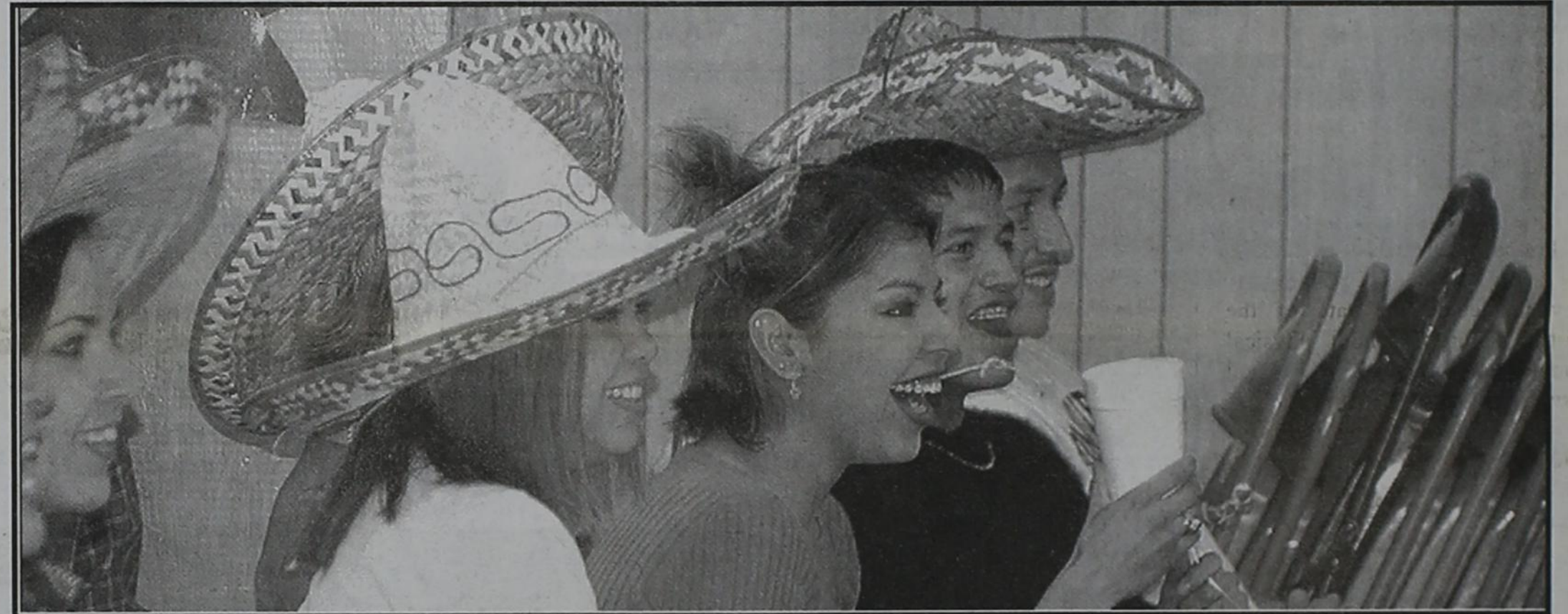
The future bridegroom is a 1998 graduate of Friona High School and a December, 2002 graduate of Texas Tech with a degree in business management. He is an account executive with IKON in Fort Worth.

The couple will be at home in Fort Worth following the wedding.



THE SENIOR BANQUET season has begun for the Class of 2004. Local churches host the graduates during the weeks prior to graduation. These Friona High School seniors are enjoying the Mexican food and fun at the St. Teresa's Catholic Church senior banquet.

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EMMA GRACE SCHUELER

Schuelers Welcome First Child Emma

Wade and Candice Schueler, of the Rhea Community, are the proud parents of their first child, a baby girl.

Emma Grace Schueler was born at 11:11 p.m. on April 1, 2004 at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo, Texas.

She weighed 7 pounds and was 20 inches long.

Her grandparents are Dale and Donna Schueler of Rhea and Aaron and Sherri Huckins of Amarillo.

Great-grandparents are Delton and Betty Lewellen of Friona and Emma Huckins of Oregon.

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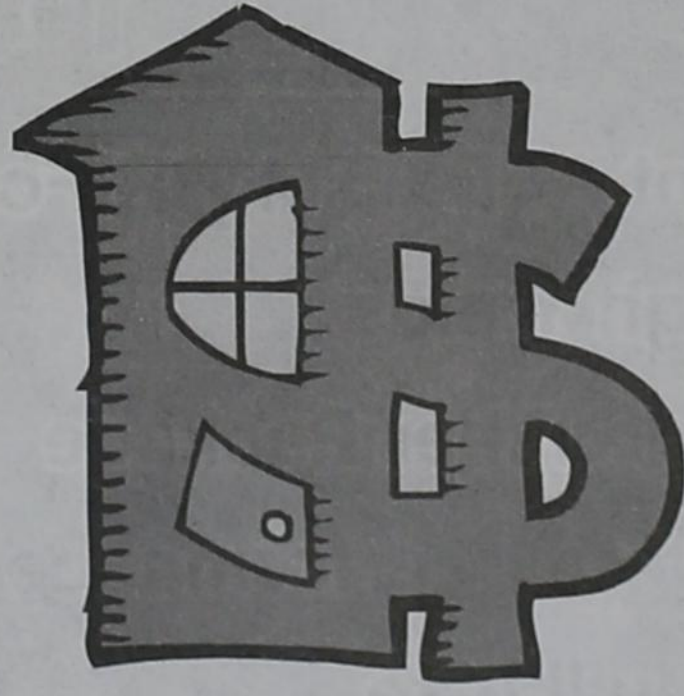
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FRIONA FLASHBACKS

75 Yrs. Ago
April 19, 1929

The large folder prepared by the Friona Chamber of Commerce to advertise Friona and the surrounding territory is now off the press and ready for distribution. Copies of these folders and available to anyone desiring more and accurate information about this part of the Plains section.

65 Yrs. Ago
April 14, 1939

Work on the new home for the Regal Theatre is rapidly nearing completion, and manager Ray Landrum hopes to be fully installed therein within the next two or three weeks. The new home of the theatre is in the west half of the large building owned by F.S. Truitt at the corner of Sixth street and Euclid Avenue, and will almost double the capacity of the room where the theatre is now located.

50 Yrs. Ago
April 15, 1954

Dan Ethridge has been elected Chamber of Commerce president, with Glenn Reeve as vice president and Mack Bainum as secretary.

45 Yrs. Ago
April 16, 1959

Darrell Jennings of Lazbuddie showed the Grand Champion Steer at the Parmer County Junior Livestock Show in Friona last weekend and received a check for \$368.40 for his efforts. Dickie Geries of Bovina showed the Grand Champion Hog of the show and his animal was purchased by Cummings Farm Store for \$283.40. Pat O'Brian of Bovina showed the Grand Champion Lamb, and his animal was bought by Friona State Bank for \$125.46.

40 Yrs. Ago
April 16, 1964

Friona Independent School District voters go to the polls Saturday to decide the fate of the district's future school physical composition, in a \$1,250,000 bond issue. At state in the bond issue is the proposed construction of a \$900,000 high school building, and additions and modifications of the present school facilities in the amount of \$350,000.

36 Yrs. Ago
April 18, 1968

Dedication and open house for Missouri Beef Packers' new \$3.5 million beef packing plant will be held here Saturday and Sunday. Dedication of the ultra-modern plant will be held in front of the building at 2:30 p.m. Saturday. On Sunday, open house will be held with tours of the building between 1 and 5 p.m.

30 Yrs. Ago
April 14, 1974

One of the biggest entertainment personalities ever to visit Friona will put on a show at the showbarn-community center on

Saturday, April 20. Tom T. Hall, star of stage, recordings and television, will appear with his group, "The Storytellers," at 8 p.m. on April 20.

25 Yrs. Ago
April 15, 1979

Friona's own "Mrs. Music," better known as Eva Miller, is among 173 women who have been nominated from 37 Texas Panhandle communities to receive the fourth annual Distinguished Service Awards.

20 Yrs. Ago
April 22, 1984

The Friona City Council voted unanimously against having the city assume ownership of the Friona Memorial Park located west of town, at its regular meeting April 16.

15 Yrs. Ago
April 15, 1989

Terron Talley was the Parmer County Spelling Bee champion.

A certificate was presented to Arvilla Elmore for raising the most money during the local March of Dimes drive. A total of \$1332.30 was raised by the local drive.

10 Yrs. Ago
April 16, 1994

The Friona junior varsity baseball team played the Tulia J.V. twice and won both times leaving the Friona J.V. with a 5-1 season record.

5 Yrs. Ago
April 16, 1999

Angela Fitzgerald, 18, of Friona was seriously injured in a one-car accident last Saturday night, April 10. The accident occurred around 11 p.m. on a deadend dirt road 3 miles east of Hub, between Highway 86 and FM2397. Miss Fitzgerald was taken by LifeStar helicopter to Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Am

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FRIONA

April 18 thru April 24, 2004.

Apr. 18-Erma Brownd, Peggy Allen, Carolyn Foster, Angela Fitzgerald, Alexis Deann Torres, Stephenie Jones, Dwayne Bauer

Apr. 19-Danny Campbell, D'Aun Sisson, Karene Bass, Jason Floyd, Clint Hand, Monica Lynn Davis, Eli Gonzales, Loraine Welch, Kamryn Duke

Apr. 20-Ronnie McLellan, Twyla Roth, Beverly Ingram, Peggy Martinez, Michael Chaney, Debbie Martin, Kyle Wiseman, Wyona Clark, Kathy Anthony

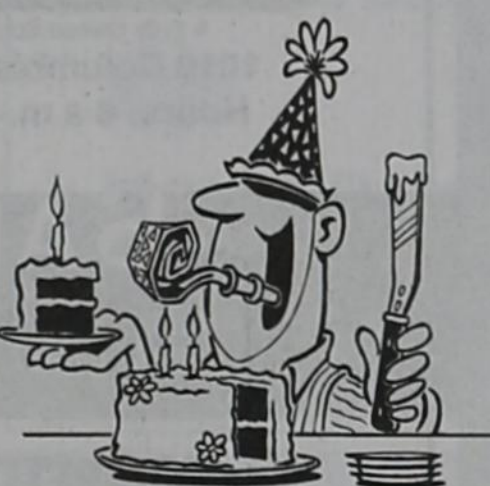
Apr. 21-Rex Bracken, Norma Alexander, Riley Rector, Vandra Milloy, Louis Pederson, Brooklyn Elam, Joe Lewellen

Apr. 22-Sandy Spring Fuentes, Hayley Herring, Stan Miller, Carl Martin, Andy Carthel, Amy Osborn, Kyndall Whiteley

Apr. 23-Troy Bass, Derek Allen, Daniel Rios, JoAnn Berend, Mike Styles, Jerry Cass, Jenny Cunningham, Caralee Brockman

Apr. 24-Evelyn Hart, Lucretia Bracken, Trista Hand, Bill Nichols

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up or see a name that should be removed (name change, death, move, etc.), please call the Friona Star office at 250-2211. Thank you.



THE PRAIRIE ACRES board of directors recognized nursing home employees for their service during a board meeting this week. Betty Thompson receives her 5-year service pin from board president Mike Hanes. Others receiving recognition were Lucila Trevino 10 years, and Liz Guerra, Patricia Rocha, and Estella Mireles, all with 5 years.

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1 TXism: "bat an eye" (blink)

5 George W. is ___-abortion

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17 TXism: "he's ___ in his own mind"

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TEXAS CROSSWORD

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44 Waxahachie's county

46 TXism: "costs ___" (leg) (expensive)

48 popular Dallas Morning News columnist John

49 night Cowboys appear on ABC (abbr.)

50 ___ gallon hat

51 hound's clue?

52 Lone Star Park is a class ___ track

53 TXism: "gave ___ dose of her own medicine"

54 TXism: "many ___" (often)

56 TXism: "in a coon's ___"

57 TX Kenny's ___ Believes in Me"

58 TX-sized communications co.

DOWN

1 describing several TX Rangers stars (2 wds.)

2 Dallas' hotel: Loews

3 Port Arthur founder

4 Cedar ___ TX

9 TXism: "didn't even make a ___ in it"

10 TXism: "___ dog on ice"

11 Jerry's telethon beneficiary (abbr.)

12 Abilene's Dyess Force Base

13 this separates TX from Mex. (2 wds.)

14 TXism: "put it on the ___ burner" song: "Texas When ___"

16 mountain passes

18 Scala of "Ride a Crooked Trail" with TX Audie

20 Boerne's historic ___ Kendall Inn"

23 Dublin celebrates ___ Patrick's Day

24 TX Roy Orbison's ___ Pretty Woman"

36 ___ Hogg County

37 San Antonio insurance giant

38 TXism: "___ rattler" (wicked)

39 black TX golfer Lee

40 TX Buddy Holly's wife Maria

41 TXism: "___ cheap"

43 "let ___ rip!"

45 A-Rod's old position with Rangers (abbr.)

47 TXism: "he's wound tighter than ___ day clock" (tense)

48 tennis great Arthur

55 be introduced to

50TH ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday 20th - Friona Jr High Cafeteria

Registration & Meal
6:30pm - 7:30pm
Followed by
Entertainment,
Business Meeting,
Election of Officers,
and
Door Prize Drawings

Friona Texas
Federal Credit Union



Regional Turn-Row Meeting for the Texas South Plains

Wheat & Small Grains Forage Trial
Texas A&M - Halfway Farm, Hale County

Irrigated Small Grains Forage Trial
(beardless & bearded wheats, triticale, rye, barley, small grains blends)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 8 P.M. - 7th & Ashland
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 Larry J. Knowles, Sec.

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 79009
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 tfnc-12.7

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NEW LISTING 3Br, 1Ba, Brick, Fence, storage bldg.....\$36,900
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3 br, 1 bath, 1 car, new SAU.....SOLD.....\$30,500
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 TO: Roberto Dominguez, GREETING:

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 Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on December 11, 2003, in this case numbered 420 on the docket of said court, and styled,
Parmer County Community Hospital VS Roberto Dominguez

LEGAL NOTICES

The nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
 Outstanding hospital bills and is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.
 The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.
 Issued and given under my hand and seal of the said court, at my office in Friona, Parmer County, Texas, on April 1, 2004.
 Valton Howard
 Justice of the Peace
 Precinct 1, Parmer County, Texas
 PO Box 635
 Friona, Texas 79035

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 TO: Linda Medrano, GREETING:

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 Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on February 18, 2004, in this case numbered 459 on the docket of said court, and styled,
Parmer County Community Hospital VS Linda Medrano

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 TO: Jesus Martinez, GREETING:
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Parmer County Community Hospital VS Jesus Martinez

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PROPERTY ASSOCIATES
 102 East 11th Friona
 806-250-2745
 806-265-5028 cell
 CAROL BOYD
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 Cell: 806-265-7984



3/2 Brick w/sunroom & fireplace, storage bldg. Lakeview Addition...\$82,900

NEW LISTINGS

3/1/1 BRICK w/cent. heat, storage building/fenced backyard... 36,900
 3/2/2 BRICK w/fireplace & basement, Western Addition.....SOLD
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 3/2/2 BRICK - Close to high school with basement.....64,000
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 Home + 388 acres (377 in CRP).....280,000
COUNTRY HOME 4/2W/5 ACRES..Shop/garage, pens.....89,000

RESIDENTIAL

LARGE COUNTRY HOME - 6000 sq. ft. & addl. acreage.....225,000
 3/3/2 COUNTRY HOME - Brick, cent. h/a, creage.....SOLD
 2/2/1 BRICK - Ceramic tile, carpet, lg. living area, cen.h/a.Cont. pend.
 3/2/2 BRICK - Fenced yard, fireplace, cent. h/a, st. bldg.....SOLD
REDUCED: 2 Large lots w/vacant house - make an offer...Cont. pend.

BOVINA LISTINGS

MOTEL ON HWY 60: 10 furnished rooms, RV hookups.....100,000

COMMERCIAL

COMMERCIAL: (7) LOTS on Hwy 60, w/utilities.....12,500
GREAT INVESTMENT: Apt. bldg across from park.....59,000
RESTAURANT: on Hwy 60 w/lg lot, w/or w/out equip.....76,000
NICE SIZE LOT with restaurant facility.....39,500
VERY NICE business space on main street w/offices.....24,000
TRUCK REPAIR BUSINESS w/equip/tools...**REDUCED TO:** 145,000
BLDG ON HWY 60: Offices, lg. parking lot, 2 service bays.....92,500

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 TO: Inocencio Mariscal Jr., GREETING:

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 Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on February 18, 2004, in this case numbered 442 on the docket of said court, and styled,
Parmer County Community Hospital VS Inocencio Mariscal Jr.

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 TO: Teck B. Ince, GREETING:
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Parmer County Community Hospital VS Teck B. Ince

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WT Collecting Best Recipes For Cookbook

The West Texas A&M University Young Alum Group is collecting the best recipes from West Texas graduates, former students, and staff members to compile into a keepsake cookbook titled "More Than Flour and Eggs: A Celebration of WT Kitchen Traditions".

The cookbook will feature WT's best recipes in eight different sections including a special section called "College Cuisine" featuring food perfect for the typical college student.

Proceeds from the cookbook sales will be used to benefit local charities that support high school and college students, provide funds for the "Assisting Young Alums Campaign", and fund future WT Young Alum endeavors.

All WTAMU graduates, former students, and staff members, are invited to submit three or four of their favorite recipes so they can be represented in this memorable collection.

Send recipes to wamuyoungalums@aol.com or mail them to The WTAMU Alumni Association, P.O. Box 60753, Canyon, Texas 79016. Include your name, your WTAMU graduation date(s), or the name of the campus office where you work(ed), the name of the community where you currently live, the recipe(s) name, ingredients list, and cooking/baking directions.

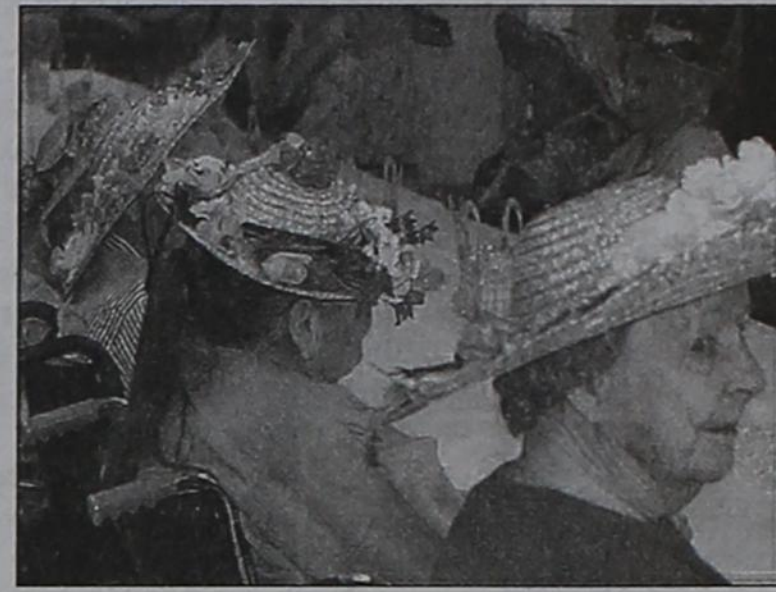
The cookbooks will be offered during the Homecoming 2004 weekend. To reserve a copy, call 806-651-2311 or email wamuyoungalums@aol.com.



Easter Parade at Prairie Acres



Camille Lacewell



Easter Bonnets



AUXILIARY members, l-r, Marlene Drake, Ruth Miller, Jonell Sims, Katherine Smith & Gladys Day, mixed punch and made snacks for the residents, including some easter cookies from Sugar Shack.



Julia Fairchild



Sybil Hewitt

RESIDENTS of Prairie Acres Nursing Home were treated to an Easter parade on Good Friday complete with Easter bonnets and refreshments provided by the nursing home's ladies auxiliary.



Jerusha Welch



Montie Turner



Velma Jones



Viola Maciolek



Meet the Class of 2016

Erika is a Kindergarten student at Friona Schools. Her parents are Omar Maldonado, and Erika Perez. She has 2 sisters, Stephanie and Sharlene.

Erika likes to draw, and play with her sister. Her favorite foods are chicken nuggets, and macaroni and cheese.

**FRIONA TEXAS
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Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

THE BITTER WATERS OF MARAH!
WHEN MOSES LED THE ISRAELITES OUT OF EGYPT HE WAS BESET BY PROBLEMS ALMOST IMMEDIATELY. NO SOONER HAD HE CROSSED THE RED SEA WITH HIS PEOPLE AND FOUND HIMSELF IN THE WILDERNESS OF SHUR THAN HE HAD TO FACE THE PROBLEM OF NO WATER! THE PEOPLE WENT FOR THREE DAYS INTO THE WILDERNESS AND STILL COULD FIND NO WATER! THEN ON THE FOURTH DAY...

AT LONG LAST, THEY COME UPON WATER, AND THE JOYOUS ISRAELITES RUSH FORWARD TO SLAKE THEIR THIRST!



BUT CRIES OF JOY SOON TURN TO HOWLS OF OUTRAGE, AS THE SPITTING PEOPLE DISCOVER THE BITTER WATER IS NOT FIT TO DRINK! THE PEOPLE TURN UPON MOSES, ADDING THEIR OWN BITTERNESS TO THE GRIM SITUATION!

JOHN LEHTI

SAVE THIS FOR YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL SCRAPBOOK

...CONTINUED NEXT WEEK...

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Friona

Bovina

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CHURCH**
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265-5267

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PASTOR
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CRISTIANO**
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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
UNION CONGREGATIONAL
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JULIA ALEXANDER
250-3635

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AARON REED, PASTOR
251-1632

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MIKE PRATHER, MINISTER
251-1334

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Muddy Streets, Bug Sprayers & Ballfield Lights Top Bovina City Council Agenda

The Bovina city council met in regular session Thursday, April 8. Several guests were present including Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geries, and Atmos Energy representatives Paul Renoso and Darrell Barlow.

City manager Ernest Terry reported that the lights at the ballfield have been installed and have more candle power than Yankee Stadium. Caprock Cattle Feeders and Excel-

Friona donated the money for the lights.

The recent rains brought several citizens to the meeting for a solution to a muddy street problem. The citizens live on 1st Street and adjacent to 1st Street. Mayor Galen Hromas said this had been a problem for a while and agreed something needed to be done. The council instructed city manager Terry to look into the problem as far as cost. They noted that if paving and curbing were done it would be at the expense of the property owners.

City manager reported that as of March 31, former city secretary Sarah Brito's reimbursement payments to the city were current. Sheriff Geries told the council that efforts were being made to form a drug task force between Parmer, Deaf Smith, and Oldham counties with the demise of the Amarillo and Panhandle Task Force.

City manager Terry reported that the Atmos Energy rate increase case had been settled at 2.93% in the average customer bill. The council then approved the rate increase. Terry was also given approval of an investment policy for city funds to be placed in more advantageous money markets.

The council read a Request For Proposal (RFP) for banking services and will discuss bank depository agreements at a later date.

A request to purchase a bug sprayer and necessary equipment to

operate it was also approved with no opposition.

Jean Wiseman was appointed election judge for the May 15 city election. The council was given a list of possible projects and expenses for consideration and inclusion into the capitol improvement plan for Fiscal Year 2005's budget.

The next meeting of the Bovina council was set for May 6 and a special meeting to canvass votes was set for May 20.

Bovina Track Teams 8th At Sundown

In a District 4A track meet at Sundown, the Bovina boys and girls placed 8th out of a field of 12 teams.

The good news is that Edgar Ortiz and Flor Sanchez won first place in their events.

Ortiz ran a 10:31.23 in the 3200m run to outdistance Villegas of Plains by 18 seconds. He also took 2nd place in the 1600m run at 4:53.11.

For the Fillies, Flor Sanchez won 1st place in the 100m hurdles in a time of 18:59. Hilda Quintero ran 3rd in the 3200m at 13:19.03. She also took 3rd in the 1600m at 6:15.47. Jessica Bachicha won 3rd place in the shot put with a 29'5" throw.

Breast Cancer Screening In Bovina

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Ridgelea School, in Bovina, on May 6, 2004.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only.

Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.



PVT. JESUS A. PEREZ

Perez Completes Basic Training

Army Pvt. Jesus A. Perez recently graduated from basic combat military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma.

During his eight weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction in drill and ceremonies, rifle marksmanship, weapons, map reading, tactics, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, Army history, core values traditions, and special training in human relations.

Perez is the son of Benino Perez of Bovina and a 2003 graduate of Bovina High School.

Bovina Reflections

45 Yrs. Ago
Apr. 15, 1959

Approximately 40 students of Bovina Colorado will spend the week-end in Schools on an educational tour. Students from third grade through junior high, will leave Friday evening by bus for Amarillo. They will be accompanied by teachers and parents.

40 Yrs. Ago
April 15, 1964

Bovina Mustang Band earned a pair of Division II ratings in contests at West Texas State University Wednesday of last week in Canyon.

35 Yrs. Ago
April 16 1969

An isolated hail storm hit Bovina Wednesday afternoon of last week leaving marble-sized stones covering the ground like a layer of snow.

30 Yrs. Ago
April 24, 1974

Linda Marcom, an eighth grade student in Bovina Junior High, will represent Parmer County in the 26th annual Regional Spelling Bee on Saturday, April 27, at the Stephen F. Austin Junior High School in Amarillo.

25 Yrs. Ago
April 25, 1979

Kathy Williams crossed the finish line at a recent track meet, just a hundredth of a second behind last year's state champion. Kathy ran the mile in 5:35:61. She will be competing in the state meet in Austin.

20 Yrs. Ago
April 18, 1984

During the year of 1984 Bovina United Methodist Church, joining with other United Methodists and all groups in America who claim John Wesley as a common spiritual ancestor, are celebrating the Bicentennial of Methodism in America.

15 Yrs. Ago
April 19, 1989

The Bovina Jr. High girls won the championship at their district track and field meet at Sudan.

10 Yrs. Ago
April 16, 1994

George Villarreal, an eighth grade student in Bovina Middle School, was named April's Student of the Month. The faculty selected him and presented him a plaque at the April school board meeting. His parents are George and Nickie Villarreal.

5 Yrs. Ago
April 16, 1999

Bovina Fillies competed in the Dimmitt track meet last Saturday. Bovina and Lockney were the only two 2A teams in the meet, which had teams from 4A Canyon and Borger.

Happy Birthday Bovina

April 18 thru April 24, 2004.

Apr. 19-Terry Schilling
Apr. 20-Debbie Widner, Bernice Crump

Apr. 22-Wayne Stormes, Jesus Anaya

Apr. 23-Scott Johnson, Thelma Barron, John Dixon

Apr. 24-Josh Kerby, J.W. Wright

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up or see a name that should be removed (name change, death, move, etc.), please call the Friona Star office at 250-2211. Thank you.



Friends and neighbors of Thelma Barron

are invited to a 90th birthday celebration Saturday, April 24 at the

Bovina Methodist Church fellowship hall.

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PCG Submits Comments On Implementation of the Texas Electrical Safety and Licensing Act

Friday, April 9, 2004

By Shawn Wade

Plains Cotton Growers submitted comments regarding the unintended effects of HB 1487, the Texas Electrical Safety and Licensing Act, and the need for an agriculture exemption to the requirements of the bill. PCG's comments were provided at a hearing on the bills implementation on April 6 in Austin.

As a result of PCG's testimony and the testimony of other agriculture groups, State Representative Delwin Jones of Lubbock reported that a temporary non-enforcement agreement for agriculture was approved and that efforts to enact a permanent agriculture exemption are moving forward.

Left as passed, the bill would have required that the electrical components of agriculture irrigation systems could only be installed, modified or repaired by a licensed Master Electrician.

PCG's testimony highlighted the fact that the vast number of irrigation service companies that support agriculture applications do not have a Master Electrician on the payroll and usually rely on trained, but lesser-certified electricians to perform electrical installation, modification and repair functions for their agricultural customers.

PCG requested that the committee overseeing the implementation of the legislation work to develop an amendment to HB 1487 that can be submitted at the next possible opportunity to provide an exemption for agriculture.

It was noted that the additional requirement would provide no appreciable benefit to agriculture in terms of safety since qualified electricians are currently providing adequate service to the industry. PCG also noted that the additional cost to agriculture service providers and producers was unnecessary.

West Texas A&M Students Register Early And Save

New and continuing West Texas A&M University students, who register for fall semester classes by August 1 and pay their tuition-and-fee bills by August 9, will save \$4 per semester credit hour.

"Costs are going up everywhere—at the grocery stores, gas stations, colleges and universities, everywhere," Dr. Troy Johnson, dean of enrollment management, said. "We're trying to keep costs down without sacrificing the quality of the experience students receive here at WT. By registering early, students can save money. It's their choice."

Standard tuition and fees for a Texas resident enrolled in 15 semester credit hours at West Texas A&M totaled \$1,595.69 a year ago. The equivalent will cost \$1,736, an increase of \$140.31 or 12.6 percent, for fall 2004.

Priority registration, however, saves a student taking 15 semester

"Priority registration will enhance the University's planning process, and, I think, it will encourage students to plan better and to be more thoughtful and responsible when making class selections."

Advertising, equating a student's Priority Registration savings to 21 lattes, 42 gallons of gas, 12 movie tickets, a free textbook, about 8 dozen cans of coke or a new pair of jeans, will be introduced on campus in the next couple of weeks.

In addition to the fee savings, students who priority register will be eligible for a drawing worth \$200. Five winners will be chosen.

For more information, call the Registrar's Office at 806-651-4911 or go to www.wtamu.edu/registrar.



HIS NAME is Theodore. He is now the resident house cat at Friona Heritage Estates, the city's assisted living center. When Theodore's owner became ill, one of the employees brought him to live at Heritage Estates. He is entertained by a bird aviary and a fish aquarium at the facility and is not allowed in the kitchen or dining room. We forgot to mention he has no tail and has arthritis in his back legs. That is Heritage Estates manager Rhonda Bentley with Theodore. *dana jameson photo*

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One of Johnson's challenges will be to persuade students to take advantage of priority registration.

"Historically, about 30 percent of our students wait until the last minute to register," Johnson said. "That makes it difficult to be efficient with such things as faculty appointments and course offerings, particularly when budgets are tight."

Getting ready to start college?

Jump start the enrollment process at Amarillo College by taking the Accuplacer test. This test is **REQUIRED** for all students enrolling for the first time at Amarillo College.

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Hereford

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