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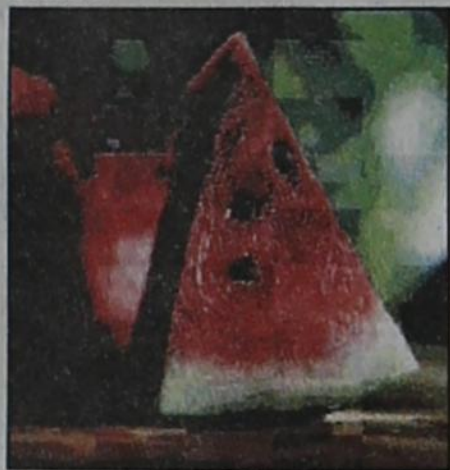
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Offices Closed Monday July 5

Since July 4 is on Sunday, many businesses and offices will observe the holiday on Monday, July 5. The following offices will be closed Monday:

Friona State Bank, Friona Banking Center, Friona Texas Federal Credit Union, and FirstBank in Bovina Also, post offices and city hall offices in Friona and Bovina will be closed.



Watermelon Feast July 2

Friona State Bank will hold their annual July 4th watermelon feast Friday, July 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Friona State Bank lawn.

All friends and customers are invited to celebrate the 4th.

Standing Water Is Mosquito Haven

Following the recent rains in the area, the City of Friona's health officer reminds everyone that the threat of West Nile Virus and the nuisance of mosquitoes can be minimized if standing water is dispersed. Mosquitoes use standing water to breed. The city reminds you to be vigilant about dumping any standing water on your property.

Basketball Camp Jul 7-9

The Chieftain Basketball Camp will be held July 7-9 in the Friona High School Gym.

Camp for 7th-9th grades (fall 2004) will be from 10 a.m.-12 noon and 3rd-6th grades (fall 2004) will be from 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

It's free and no forms are needed. If you have any questions, please call 250-3890.

TDH Schedules Given For July

Immunization clinics offering the vaccines that give protection against childhood diseases are scheduled for July 2004 in Friona and Bovina.

The clinic in Bovina will be July 12, in the Bovina EMS Building from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The clinic in Friona will be July 16, at 616 Euclid from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

All times are subject to change or cancellation due to weather or scheduling conflicts.



CMYK

Scam Alert

Locals Lose Thousands in Phone Scams

The Parmer County Sheriff's Office and other county law enforcement agencies warn all citizens of various scams that have circulated through the county.

A recent scam victimized a local senior citizen for \$13,000 which was wired out of the country when the elderly resident was told that he had won one million dollars in a lottery. The caller, from Tel Aviv, Israel, said that in order to receive the money certain fees had to be paid in advance before the money could enter the country.

Specific money amounts and instructions on wiring via Western Union were given and the senior victim complied. Once the first fee was received, the scammer calls back with another "official" reason to send more money. Needless to say there was no million-dollar prize and the money wired was lost.

Another case involved a different ploy: sweepstakes fraud. The senior citizen in this case received hundreds of junk mail letters in which claims of winnings were just a step away. One letter in particular claimed he had won two million dollars and listed a phone number to call to claim the prize.

Once the call was made the trap was set. The scammer gave the elderly gentleman a lot of information and said that a federal transfer fee was required in advance before the money could be sent, Sheriff Gerries said,

"The next call will request a tax fee then the next one will have another official reason to send more money. This will continue as long as the citizen will send money and may evolve into new promises or even threats."

In this case Western Union was used again and the money was sent to Canada. Gerries said that over a two-year period the victim sent more than \$100,000 out of the country and the money was lost.

"These cases are very difficult to prosecute," Gerries said. The FBI, Attorney General's Office, the US Postal Service, and many other state and federal agencies have been contacted with little to no success. The receiving party in a Western Union transfer needs only the transaction code, the correct name, and the pick-up location. Money wired out of the country is difficult to track and cases like these involve numerous jurisdictions and laws. "The offenders know what they are doing and they seldom leave information about their true identity," Gerries said. "They are purposely going out of the country to commit these crimes."

Gerries believes one of the few ways to prevent these kinds of frauds is to have well informed citizens. "If you have been the victim of a fraud please report it to your local

law enforcement," he stated. It is believed that many crimes go unreported due to embarrassment or fear of ridicule. "Remember if it sounds too good to be true it probably is," he cautioned. When in doubt ask more questions, require confirmations, and if you don't feel good about it, just say no.

The Sheriff's office says that these types of fraud opportunities are sent to everyone but seem to be directed more to senior citizens. They offer these tips to avoid sweepstakes frauds:

- Read the sweepstakes information three times over, especially the small print.

- If you are called on the phone and don't want to participate just hang up.

- Make sure you are not required to buy anything to enter the sweepstakes.

- Make sure you are not signing up for unwanted services just for entering.

- Make sure you are not asked to call a 900 number to claim a

prize. You will be charged for the call and will probably be on hold for a long time.

Rules should be easy to find and understand. Study them carefully. Make sure the rules include closing dates, prize amounts, eligibility requirements, the odds of winning, and an address to request a list of winners.

Make sure the rules give detailed descriptions of prizes. A \$5,000 prize might be \$5,000 in coupons.

Contact the Better Business Bureau in the company's area. Some companies are too slick to be tracked.

Report suspected mail fraud to the postmaster. Report suspected frauds to the National Fraud Information Center at 800-876-7060. Or call your local police.

Watch out for phrases such as 'you may have already won', 'prize delivery instructions', and similar phrases. Though sometimes legitimate, they are often

misleading.

Avoid being deceived by fake handwritten notes that give the appearance of being personal.

And the biggest warning of all: Never pay money to win a prize—not taxes, phone charges, transfer fees, shipping and handling, processing fees, or any other types of fees. Genuine sweepstakes are not allowed (by law) to charge you one cent—ever. If you have to pay it is an illegal lottery, not a sweepstakes.

Never give credit card or bank information over the phone. If someone calls you and states they are a credit card company tell them you will call them back and use the phone number on the back of your card or statement. Be safe with your money. When in doubt—check it out.

(Thanks to Parmer County Sheriff Randy Gerries for his assistance in writing this story.)

Setting Up Shop



FIREWORKS ARE for sale until midnight July 4. Ryan Gerries, above, mans the shop Sunday while parents, Randy and Sarah Gerries, string the lights at their stand in Friona.

ron carr photos

Truck Leaves Hot Wires on Highway

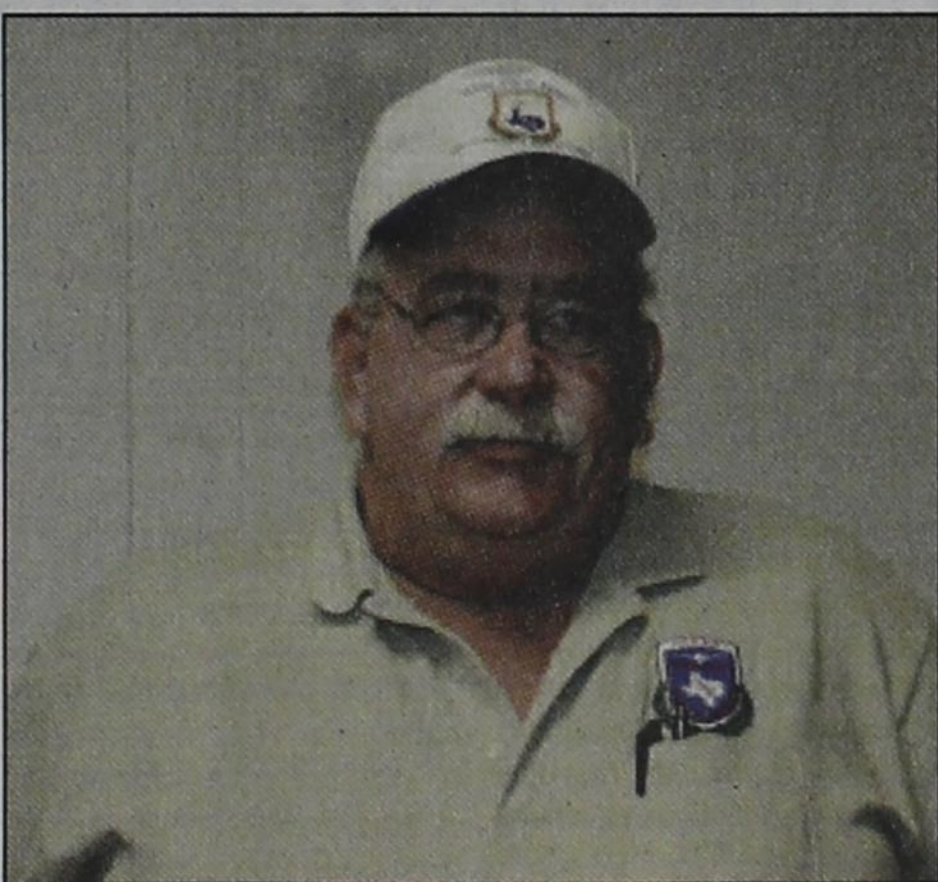
About 3:30 p.m. Monday June 28 an 18-wheeler traveling west into Farwell on Highway 84 took a brief but destructive detour.

Sheriff Randy Gerries reported that the truck drifted over the highway shoulder and traveled about 75 yards in the dirt.

Before re-entering the roadway, the truck knocked down street signs and two electric util-

ity poles that left live wires across the highway and stopped traffic.

An alert witness identified the truck and New Mexico law enforcement caught up to him west of Clovis and brought the truck back to the scene. Gerries said the truck was hauling dog food and the driver claimed he did not realize he had hit anything.



ROGER FIELDS

Fields Elected President of State Plumbers Association

Friona city code enforcement officer Roger Fields has been elected president of the Texas State Association of Plumbing Inspectors. He took office June 16 at the association's state convention in Tyler.

Fields, who has been a city employee since 1979, was certified as a plumbing inspector in 1993. Designation as a plumbing inspector is earned by passing a state test plus 5,000 total hours of classroom and on the job experience.

The 285-member plumbing inspector's association counts

city inspectors from across the state among its membership. The new first, second, and third vice-presidents serving with Fields are from Clear Lake, Dallas, and Taylor respectively.

Cities and towns like Friona that adopt a city code for plumbing are required to have a plumbing inspector. Friona's plumbing code was adopted in the 1970s.

During his one-year term, Fields will hold several association board meetings across the state and meetings with state legislators in Austin.

SOME GET HAIL

June Rebounds; Rain Back On Record Pace

By BILL ELLIS

After a dazzling start in the moisture department early in the year, which had Friona's NWS reporting station 9.85 inches through the month of April, then May limped along with .40, and June looked to be following along that line, with just .36 inches recorded through June 16.

But the last two weeks of the month saw a dramatic turnaround, with 4.45 measured in a seven-day period, June 22-29, bringing the month's total to 4.81 inches, and the first six months of 2004's total to 15.06 inches.

The six-month total is the most since the all-time record year of 1941 registered 19.20 inches.

June's total moisture is the most since an eye-popping 7.07-inch measurement in June of 1963. That was by far that year's wettest month, and amounted to 38 percent of 1963's moisture.

Along with the current good news also comes some bad. A number of farmers have received some damaging hail in the last week or two.

We understand that Butch Preston lost a quarter-section of cotton north of town to hail. Other farmers around Black and south of the Black community sustained damage to their crops, and Jerry Butman, manager of

Friona Farmers Co-op Gin, said that a strip along Highway 214, south of Friona, likewise got some hail.

But where the rain fell, it fell mostly in a beneficial manner, where the crops could make the most use of the moisture.

Butman said that he and the cotton farmers now need to see the sun come out for a time, as cotton misses some growth time during the cool, moist days such as those we had early this week. Cotton requires a certain number of BTUs of energy from the sun in order to mature and be ready to harvest.

Man Dies In Construction Accident

In what may have been a freak accident, a foreman on the Excel Fabrication building job site died Sunday morning June 27.

First Responders were called about 7:30 a.m. Arthur Chad Cable, 30, of Sioux City, Iowa, a foreman for RC&S Refrigeration, was pronounced dead at the scene after co-workers discovered him in a lift bucket pinned against a first floor ceiling which is approximately 15' high. Cable was working alone in the lift bucket when he somehow activated the hydraulic lift, pinning himself between a bar on the lift bucket and the

ceiling. Tentative cause of death was termed compression asphyxiation.

Speculation is he slipped and fell against the lift mechanism or otherwise accidentally bumped it. There were no witnesses to the accident. Sheriff Randy Gerries said co-workers had to use a second lift bucket to go up and deactivate the controls before lowering Cable to the ground. Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Valton Howard pronounced Cable dead at the scene and ordered an autopsy which was to be performed in Lubbock.



OUT HERE

by Ron Carr

"Looks like half the people in Friona are over here today."

That is a figure of speech of course. Like saying "the whole town turned out" for some occasion. Or "I think everybody in town was at the funeral yesterday."

Half the people in Friona were not in Clovis Sunday afternoon. My mother was just making an observation. Indeed we did see a bunch of Friona residents in the general vicinity of Wal Mart and the mall. Seems there were also quite a few Parmer County folks browsing the Hereford city wide garage sale Saturday and if we had gone to Amarillo chances are we would have seen a few familiar faces there too.

Last week we printed a couple of small articles about the business growth activity in Clovis and Hereford. We heard from one reader that was miffed that we would promote out of town businesses in Clovis and Hereford when people should be encouraged to shop here in Friona. The reader said that "a lot of people were upset," but we haven't heard from a lot of people.

I also had a couple of people say they enjoyed reading news about the growth in Clovis and Hereford. Go figure. You can't please everybody, another saying my mother likes.

My feeling is that retail and manufacturing growth in Hereford and Clovis is indirectly beneficial to Parmer County. The millions being invested here by Cargill/Excel and CHS, Inc., and Hi-Pro Feeds, and all the feedyards and dairies is a positive sign for the future of Parmer County. I doubt that multi-million dollar investments are done for short-term reasons.

To me, when major companies like Wal Mart, Lowe's Home Improvement, Chili's and Hobby Lobby decide to open stores around here it is a positive statement about the overall future for this area.

Does anyone doubt that at least some Parmer County residents will be employed at the Hereford Wal Mart? One of the locals I saw Sunday in Clovis

said she would be glad when Hereford's Wal Mart opened so she could go there instead of Clovis.

Parmer County's population in the 2000 census was just under 10,000, divided between Friona, Bovina, Farwell, and Lazbuddie, none of which qualify as a metropolitan area. There are some good solid local businesses in each of our county towns. There are also a few that have tried and failed.

Both Friona and Bovina have Economic Development Boards. We get very few news releases from them announcing new businesses. In fact we get no communications from them at all. Both towns have Chambers of Commerce, full time in Friona and volunteer in Bovina. They put on parties and banquets mostly. Nothing wrong with a party. I like hamburgers and homemade ice cream as well as the next person.

The fact is Friona and

Bovina are lacking the infrastructure to attract new businesses to town. Adequate housing is a major problem. New business-new employees, no place to live. There is a lack of rental housing. Not everyone that comes to Friona or Bovina wants to buy a house right away. There is a lack of adequate existing buildings to house retail or manufacturing businesses.

Steve Thompson, Excel general manager, told me that his company recently explored moving a 31-unit apartment complex to this area from Lubbock. The logistics were worked out so that the apartments would be moved here in sections, refurbished, and managed by an independent company. The project was dropped when it was determined that running city water lines to the location would be cost prohibitive. As he said, Excel is not in the housing business.

When Lone Star Dairy was

built out on FM1172, the stockholders also purchased the former Budget Inn on Highway 60 here in Friona in order to house their dairy employees. Harry and Margret DeWit at High Plains Dairy, built several manufactured housing units near their dairy in order to accommodate employees.

Housing, schools, and leisure activities top the list of things people look for when considering relocating to any community, not just this one. Like it or not, Friona and Bovina's proximity to Clovis, Hereford, and Amarillo is an attractive selling point to prospective newcomers.

I'm glad they are all three growing. Last Sunday I was in search of new pillows and sheets so mother and I drove over to Clovis to do a little shopping and have lunch.

Too bad we don't have a place to buy pillows and sheets here. I could have saved a trip.



CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR

KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



More Than A BBQ

This Fourth of July weekend, thousands of Texans will gather with family and friends, fire up the grill, ice down some drinks and sit back and enjoy one of the nation's favorite holidays, Independence Day. In 1776, when the Declaration of Independence was signed, there were 2.5 million people living in the 13 colonies. Today, there are more than 293 million Americans inhabiting 50 states, who will celebrate the founding of our great nation. And the Declaration that secured our independence still stands as the foundation of our democracy.

This quintessentially American celebration gives each of us an opportunity to commemorate the birth of our country and reflect on the day when dedicated patriots founded a nation based on freedom. Marquis De Lafayette, the Frenchman who was so moved by the American quest for independence, he crossed the Atlantic to join our battle said it this way, "Humanity has won its battle. Liberty now has a country".

For 228 years now, America has been synonymous with liberty. It is rooted in our heart and soul. It is woven into the fabric of our being. As a current television advertisement states, "Don't fence us in", is practically our national motto. We are the embodiment of freedom to people everywhere, which is why thousands of people still arrive from the far reaches of the globe on our shores each year. They come in search of a better life for their families and a greater hope for their future.

So, the Fourth of July is more than a birthday party - it is a celebration of our hard-fought freedom and our God-given right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It is also a time to honor those who continue the battle against terror and oppression to keep our freedom secure.

Today we are engaged in a struggle as fierce and as vital as any our nation has faced in its short history. Today's war on terrorism is a fight for freedom.

American soldiers fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq face the modern threat of terrorism. But while the tactics are more violent, the motives more insidious and the means more destructive, this enemy shares the common goal of all enemies throughout history; destroying freedom. We must not - and we will not - let them win.

Last year, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld addressed our troops on the Fourth of July, saying, "You are the men and women who are fighting this new war. Your gallantry and courage in the face of evil has stirred the souls of all Americans. Day after day, week after week, they have seen your faces and read your stories. They have shared your sorrows and celebrated your victories. And in each one of you they see reflected their deeply-felt honor, pride and patriotism. Through your valor and sacrifice, our Republic has been strengthened and renewed."

I could not agree more. Our troops, many of whom call Texas home, face a difficult and challenging task, yet they do it with bravery and with honor. I have visited them in the battlefields and I have seen their commitment firsthand. They know the gravity of their mission and the importance of their success. These proud patriots serve with distinction and deserve our gratitude.

This year, remember that it's more than a backyard BBQ, red-white-and-blue streamers, downtown parade or fireworks display - the Fourth of July is a celebration of the freedoms afforded to us as citizens of the United States of America. This year, as you set out to enjoy your holiday take a moment to remember those who are sacrificing their personal safety, and even their lives, so that you may enjoy yours. God Bless America and Happy Fourth of July.



Phone Giant's Muscle Costs Consumers \$\$\$

By Robert Howden
Texans for Economic Progress

Anyone who follows telecom news witnessed a coup last week when the phone giants like SBC convinced the Solicitor General and the Federal Communications Commission to abandon telephone competition and turn their backs on millions of Americans.

Anyone who missed this development should start paying attention because the monopolies' political maneuvering is going to cost us all dearly.

First a bit of background: Last summer the FCC adopted rules to promote telephone competition in line with the 1996 federal Telecom Act. Competitive phone companies would continue to be able to lease pieces of the public phone network from SBC and others to provide consumers with choices for local service.

This line sharing arrangement made it possible for more than 20 million Americans to make the switch from monopolies like SBC and Verizon. Choice isn't the only benefit as consumers save \$11 billion thanks to competition. More competition would bring even more savings.

Unfortunately, consumer choice and savings weren't the priority for the DC Circuit Court of Appeals, which sided with the telephone giants and overturned the FCC's rules. This decision blocked competitors' access to the public phone network and signaled certain death for phone competition. An appeal to the Supreme Court was the last hope for competition.

Enter the Solicitor General. He had the chance

to put consumer interests before big business by joining the fight to protect competition through an appeal to the Supreme Court.

But he didn't. He too turned his back on millions of consumers and disregarded the billion in savings and thousands of jobs that exist because of competition. He abandoned his typically pro-competitive stance and bowed to the election-year lobbying onslaught of four telephone giants.

What's worse, in a marked change of tune, the FCC won't even file an appeal to protect its own rules. These developments are an about-face for the FCC and the Justice Department. Both had been champions for competition.

With telephone competition all but dead, consumers can kiss those savings good bye, competitive companies can dust off the "Out of Business" sign and telecom workers might start appreciating everyday they're still on the job.

How the folks in Washington could ignore these dire consequences is a mystery. Consumers in Texas and beyond should be outraged that no one stood up for them.

(Texans for Economic Progress is an Austin-based, non-profit advocacy group that monitors the competitive process in key sectors of the Texas economy. The group works to promote public policies at the legislative and regulatory levels that foster telephone competition and benefit consumers through lower prices, better quality and greater choice.)

Neugebauer Unveils New Crop Insurance Option

Congressman Randy Neugebauer unveiled new legislation Monday that creates a crop insurance option for producers that would cover both individual and area yield or revenue losses. Neugebauer highlighted his proposal at a Lubbock County farm.

"In my conversation with farmers, they continue to tell me about shortcomings in the crop insurance program," Neugebauer said. "After working with producers and insurers, I'm pleased to present this legislation that takes a first step in improving risk management options."

The Risk Management Enhancement Act, H.R. 4702, builds additional risk protection into crop insurance by allowing farmers to stack Group Risk Protection (GRP) coverage on top of an individual Multi-Peril Crop Insurance (MPCI) policy. Farmers can choose to purchase GRP coverage up to the deductible portion of the individual policy, not to exceed 100 percent.

"My goal with this legislation is for growers to have more choices as well as more coverage," Neugebauer said. "The delivery of this new coverage should be fairly straight-forward as it combines existing insurance products, rather than starting from scratch."

This legislation builds more disaster coverage into insurance by allowing producers to stack area-based coverage on their in-

dividual policy, giving them more protection against widespread drought and storm losses. It also increases coverage for a relatively small increase in premium.

Congress has passed more than \$30 billion in emergency assistance packages in recent years to help producers who have suffered substantial crop loss. The enhanced insurance coverage in Neugebauer's legislation would help reduce the need for such packages in the future.

"Budget constraints and other political roadblocks are making it harder and harder in Congress to pass emergency packages," Neugebauer said. "My bill makes growers less dependent on uncertain politics for disaster assistance and allows them to receive more disaster coverage through their risk management choices."

Joining Neugebauer at the press conference on Monday were Ed Reynolds, a cotton producer from Lubbock and Rickey Bearden, a cotton producer from Plains. Ronnie Holt, a crop insurance agent from Muleshoe, presented an insurance perspective on the legislation, and Curtis Griffith, chairman of City Bank in Lubbock, discussed the bill from a lender's perspective.

"Growers will have another tool to be insured at higher levels so they can withstand the harshness of the West Texas weather," Bearden said.

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Around Town

4 Person Scramble Set for July 4

The Friona Country Club will host a 4 person scramble on Sunday, July 4 starting at 1 p.m. Cost for this event is \$30 per player. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served throughout the scramble.

Amarillo Arts & Crafts Festival July 3-4

The 1st annual Amarillo in July Arts and Crafts Festival will be held July 3rd and 4th in the Amarillo Civic Center. More than 130 artists and crafters from throughout the Southwest will fill the south exhibit hall with original art, limited edition prints and handcrafted items. Hours for the festival are Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. There is no admission charge.

Calvary Baptist Service on July 4

Everyone is invited to attend the Community Wide Service at Calvary Baptist Church in Friona on Sunday, July 4 at 8 a.m. The service will feature special patriotic music and a sermon.

Scrambles begin at Friona Country Club

Each Thursday throughout the summer the Friona Country Club will be hosting golf scrambles. The scrambles are open to all of the community. Call 250-3125 by 5:30 p.m. to join in the fun. Games start at 6 p.m. Come on out and enjoy the fun.

Senior Social July 10

Friona Senior Citizens will host an ice cream and cake social July 10 at 5 p.m. at the Friendship House. Entertainment will be furnished by the "Clowns Under Construction". Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship. Dues of \$30 are due now.

God's Team in Action VBS

The Sixth Street Church of Christ will be conducting its 2004 Vacation Bible School July 12-14 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The bible school will include kindergarten through 5th grade. They will also have an adult bible class. Junior high and high school students will be teacher's aids. The theme is "God's Team in Action". The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Community youth rally July 13-16

First Baptist Church will host a community youth rally for ages 7th through 12th grades on July 13 through 16 from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall. They will be building Christian character through scripture based activities. Music and entertainment will be provided. Come and bring your friends.

Breast Cancer Screening July 19

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Parmer County Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Avenue, in Friona on July 19, 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 breast self-exam each month.

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

St. Teresa's VBS July 19-23

St. Teresa's Catholic Church Vacation Bible School will be held July 19-23. Come and join to "Celebrate Faith". Pre-K through 6th grade will meet from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. They will have bible stories, learning activities, music, crafts, games, snacks and more. Enroll your child today, call the church rectory at 250-2871, Mercedes Williams at 250-2406 or Martha Rodriguez at 250-3728.

Cowboy Fellowship Scheduled

A Cowboy Fellowship is scheduled for July 20 at 7 p.m. at Hub. The community is invited to come and enjoy the fellowship.

First Baptist Church VBS planned

The First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School will be held July 26-30, 9 a.m. to noon. VBS provides a powerful, unique opportunity to share Jesus Christ with people of all ages; in fact, it may be your church's most important outreach event. So make your vacation plans now so that you will be here to "Run The Race To The Son" with the children.

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.

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YOUR EYES Dependence on Glasses

Can your eyes become "dependent" on glasses? In other words, do the eyes get worse as a result of wearing glasses, not allowing the eye to do enough of the work? The question eye doctors often hear. The answer, simply put, is that is not possible.



It must be understood that blurred vision is the result of the shape and optics of the eyeball itself. When glasses are worn, they merely improve the optics of the eye enough so clear vision can be realized. Glasses, or contact lenses, have no effect at all on eye shape or whether eyes get worse or better over time. The passage of time will usually find most eyes getting slightly worse. This occurs very gradually. The individual who has just lost their glasses may find their vision surprisingly blurry. They may then reason that glasses made their eyes get worse. This is understandable but untrue.

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SAMUEL ESPINOZA

S. Espinoza Completes Training

PFC Samuel Espinoza, 0352 Antitank Assault Guided Missileman, USMC, age 20, graduated from Bovina High School in 2002. He attended Sul Ross State University and Clovis Community College. He also worked at Excel for approximately one year and has been supporting his family since he was 15 years old.

Samuel is the son of Jesus B. Espinoza, 85, and Margarita R. Espinoza, 54, of Bovina.

He was shipped off to boot camp on January 13, 2004 and graduated on April 9, 2004 from MCRD, San Diego, California. He came back for his ten days leave and left again to complete his training.

PFC Espinoza spent two months in Camp Pendleton, California for SOI, School of Infantry, and graduated, second in his class of 0352, on June 17, 2004. He is currently a reservist for the 4th Tank Battalion, FMF in Amarillo, Texas.

"We are very proud and grateful to have him back home again. We thank God for taking care of him and bringing him home in one piece. We also would like to thank all the churches for praying for him and our family. God bless them," said his parents, Jesus and Margarita.



ALEX CLARK

Clark Cast In Texas Legacies

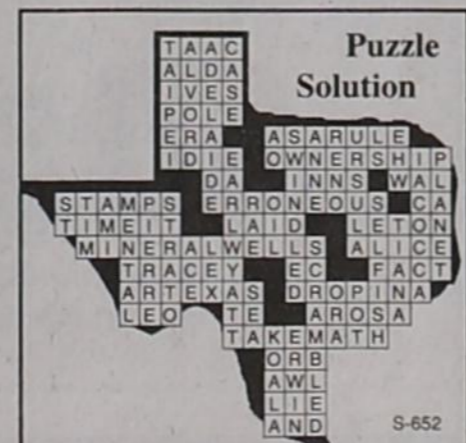
Alex Clark is an 11-year-old sixth grader at Crockett Middle School in Amarillo, Texas and a member of the cast of "Texas Legacies" in Palo Duro Canyon, in which he plays William Grey.

Alex has been studying theatre and acting since the age of eight. He has filmed several television commercials and in fall 2003, played the role of Elias in the Amarillo Little Theatre youth production "The Legend of Pocahontas".

He is currently studying with Ms. Jayme Scott at the Little Theatre for the role of Dr. Jeckyll and Mr. Hyde.

He has studied piano since the first grade and is becoming quite the pianist. His other interests include bowling, wrestling and snow skiing.

Alex is the son of Slade and Jennifer Clark, of Amarillo, and the grandson of Alan and Nita Clark of Friona.



TTU Announces Honors Lists & Graduates For '04

Spring 2004 commencement at Texas Tech University saw approximately 2,330 students awarded degrees. Degrees awarded included approximately 1,830 undergraduate degrees, 435 master's degrees and 54 doctoral degrees. Commencement ceremonies took place May 15 in the United Spirit Arena on campus.

Also for the Spring 2004 semester, Texas Tech University had 2,126 students qualify for the Honors List, which is comprised of the President's List and Dean's List. To be on the President's List or the Dean's List, a student must have taken 12 quality hours during the se-

mester and maintained either a 4.0 or a 3.5-3.9 grade point average, respectively.

Don Aaron Burch, of Friona, was among the graduates, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Communications.

Five Friona students qualified for the Dean's Honor List. They are Zubin Bhakta, a senior, majoring in Chemistry; Andrew Carthel, a sophomore, majoring in Civil Engineering; Jacy Grimsley, a junior, majoring in COBA; Holley Hand, a sophomore, majoring in Early Childhood; and Landon Martin, a senior, majoring in Petroleum Engineering.



KASI BIRDSONG

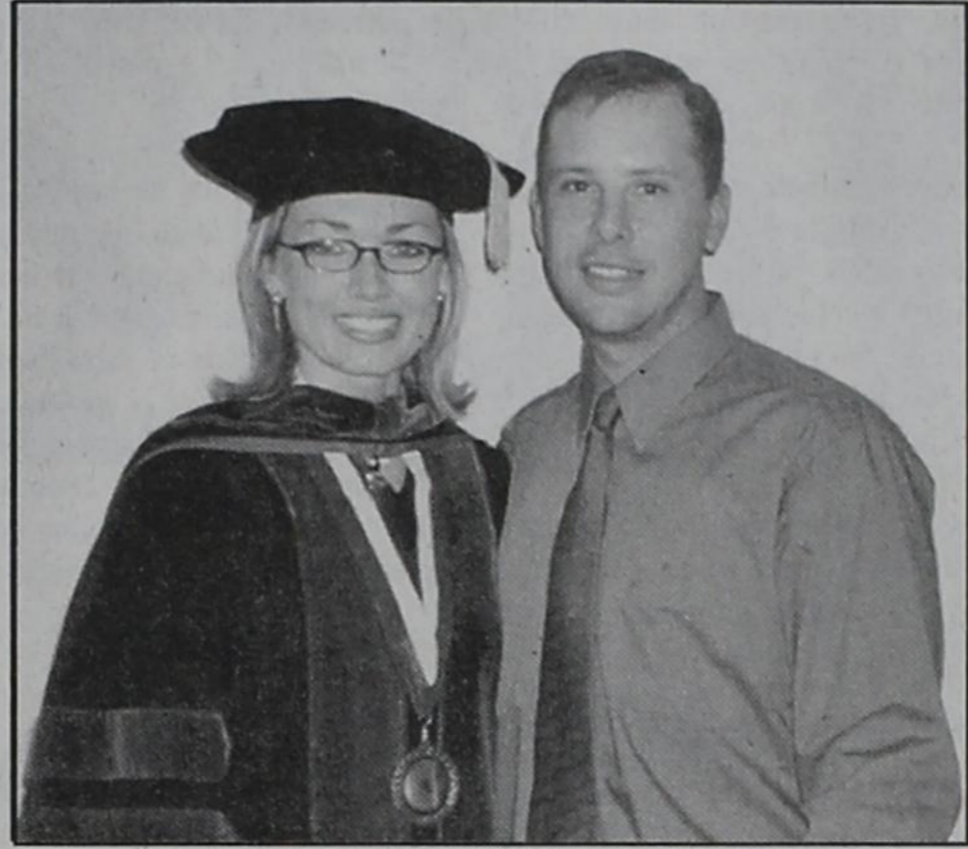
K. Birdsong Graduates

Kasi L'Rae Birdsong graduated from Denver City High School on May 28, 2004. She was the 4th ranking senior in her class, National Honor Society President, Student Council Vice President, and Who's Who Among American High School Students, among other honors.

She will be attending West Texas A&M University, majoring in Secondary Education - Mathematics.

Kasi was honored to receive a Blue Chip Scholarship from the Texas A&M University system.

She is the daughter of Jerry and Stephanie Birdsong and the granddaughter of Kenny and Mary Ford of Friona.



LEIGHANNE & MICHAEL RUSHING

L. Rushing Receives Pharmacy Degree

Leigh Anne Rushing graduated from Texas Tech School of Pharmacy on May 22, 2004 with a Doctorate of Pharmacy degree.

She was a member of the Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor Society, and was awarded the Mylan Pharmaceutical Drug Information

Award. She plans to work independent retail pharmacy.

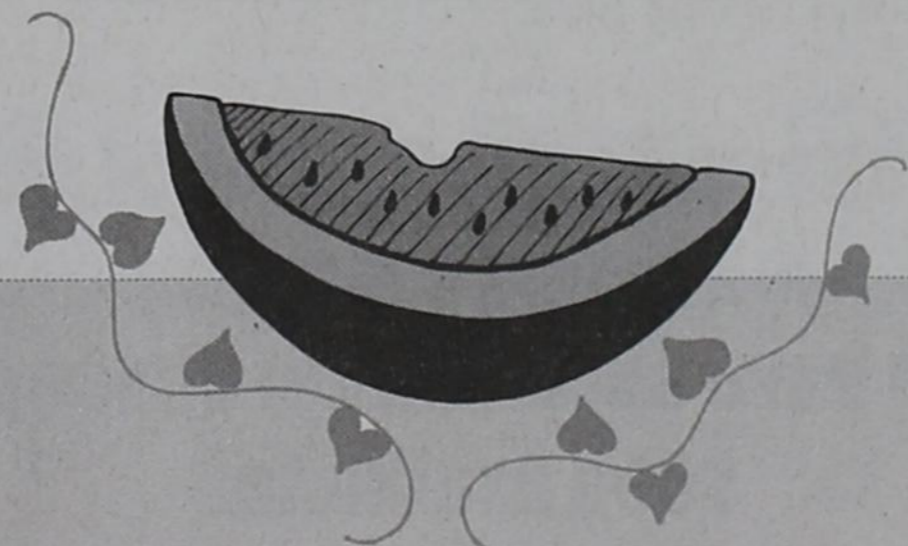
She and her husband, Michael, reside in Friona. She is the daughter of Lynn Sims of Happy, Texas and Johnny Bowen of Palestine, Texas, and the daughter-in-law of Eric and Linda Rushing of Friona.



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THE CHIEF'S CORNER

by **TINO SALINAZ**

Friona Police Department

En Espanol

BICYCLE SAFETY

As parents, the moment we give our children that brand new shiny bicycle, is a time that will be remembered forever. Then comes the time that we take off the training wheels and our children take off on their own, often times with us, as parents, running beside them to make sure they will be alright in the event they fall. Soon they don't need our help at all, and they are off to enjoy their bicycle all by themselves.

But our help and support should not end there; we need to continue to educate our children on the safety of bike riding. According to the National Center for Injury and Prevention, in the year 2001 there were 728 fatalities and 45,000 injuries from bicycle related accidents; 59% of all bicycle related injuries were with children 15 years and younger.

Yet, as I patrol the streets of the City of Friona, it scares me to see so many children riding bikes with no regard for their safety or the safety of others. I see them racing down the middle of the roadway, playing in the roadway, going through intersections without looking out for traffic, or stopping for stop signs, or yielding for yield signs. The majority of the kids do not wear any type of protective headgear.

Please don't let your child become a statistic, take the time and explain to them the rules applied to riding a bicycle. The Transportation Code states that bicycle riders have the rights and duties applicable to a driver operating a vehicle. What that means is that bicycle riders have to adhere to the traffic laws; they must stop at stop signs, yield at yield signs, and when riding on the roadway, they shall ride as near as practicable to the right curb or edge of the roadway.

These are just a few of the laws or rules that a bicyclist must follow. Take time to look up bicycle safety and go over the rules with your children. Let them enjoy the summer months, but make sure they know the laws and ruled of riding a bike.

MONTAR EN BICICLETA CON SEGURIDAD

Jefe de Policia Tino Salinaz

Como padres no ay un momento mas especial que cuando le regalamos a nuestros ninos la primer bicicleta. Al pronto tiempo les quitamos las ruedas de entrenamiento, y ya estan listos para montar la bicicleta solos.

Pero nuestra ayuda no debe de parar alli. Es necesario de seguir con la educacion de montar en bicicleta con seguridad para nuestros ninos. El Centro Nacional para la Prevenir de Heridas anuncia que en el ano 2001 ay 728 muertes y 45,000 heridas relacionadas con accidentes de bicicletas. 59% de estos accidentes eran con ninos de 15 anos o menos.

Cuando ando en patrulla en las calles de Friona, me alarma al ver tantos ninos en bicicleta con ninguna consideracion por su seguridad de ellos o la seguridad de otros. Los miro jugar carreras en las carreteras, en medio de la calle, Cruzan las intersecciones de las carreteras sin ver si ay trafico de vehiculo. No se paran en las senalas de alto. La mayoría no usaran proteccion de un gorro para la cabeza.

Por favor no deje que su nino seya un dato estadistico. Informe a su ninos de las leyes y reglamentos de montar en una bicicleta. La ley dice que una persona en bicicleta debe de seguir los mismos reglamentos que una persona en un vehiculo. Debe de pararse en todos los senales de alto, cuando andan en la carretera debe de andar en el lado para la derecha de la carretera mas cercano a la orilla de la carretera.

Por favor tome el tiempo para educar a sus ninos en las leyes de montar en bicicletas. Deje que tengan un buen tiempo en este verano, pero que tengan conocimiento de las leyes a y reglamentos de montar en bicicleta.

Sheriff's Report

June 22, Ricardo Rojas, 18, of Bovina, was arrested by the Bovina Police and charged with organized criminal activity, pending Grand Jury.

June 22, Claude Tamez III, 19, of Bovina, was arrested by the Bovina Police and charged with organized criminal activity, pending Grand Jury; June 25, motion to revoke (criminal mischief), pending District Court.

June 22, Miguel Munoz, 17, of Bovina, was arrested by the Bovina Police and charged with organized criminal activity, pending Grand Jury.

June 22, Hugo Aguillon, 17, of Bovina, was arrested by the Bovina Police and charged with organized criminal activity, pending Grand Jury.

June 22, Jeremy Gomez, 18, of Bovina, was arrested by the Bovina Police and charged with organized criminal activity, pending Grand Jury; June 26, motion to revoke probation (retaliation), pending District Court.

June 23, David Guevarra, 46, of Bovina, was arrested by the Bovina Police and charged with assault, pending County Court.

June 23, Juan Campos, 41, of Bovina, was arrested by the Bovina Police and charged with furnishing alcohol to a minor, pending County Court.

June 25, Phillip Griggs, 60, of Bovina, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with DWI, 2nd, pending County Court.

June 25, Forrest Schmidt, 50, of Silver City, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces, pending County Court.

June 26, Bobby Raymond, 24, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police and charged with driving with a suspended license, pending County Court.

Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds.

Galen Carson - Jose Cecenas, L1 B81 BOVINA.

Laura Avalos - Edward Trevino, L1-3 B23 FRIONA.

DPS Says: Drink, Drive, Go to Jail

The Texas Department of Public Safety is asking the public to celebrate the nation's birthday by driving safe and sober during the holiday weekend.

"Many motorists will be but on Texas roadways over the Fourth of July," said DPS Director Col. Thomas A. Davis, Jr. "Show your pride in America by driving safely. Stay sober, slow down and make sure everyone in your vehicle is properly secured."

July 3 this year marks the tenth anniversary of the deadliest day ever in Texas driving history. A total of 46 people were killed in one

day on July 3, 1994: 14 were killed in a minivan/18-wheeler crash in Parker County; 11 were killed in a pickup truck/18-wheeler crash in Scurry County; and 6 were killed in a car/18-wheeler crash in Runnels County.

Texas is one of several states participating in Operation CARE (Combined Accident Reduction Effort) - a nationwide campaign by state police agencies to reduce fatalities during holiday periods. All available troopers will be patrolling Texas roadways targeting speeders, drunk drivers and seat belt violators during the Fourth of July holiday weekend.

The DPS also is supporting a nationwide crackdown on drunk driving during the Fourth of July holiday-the "Drink, Drive, Go to Jail" campaign.

"The summer months are generally when we see the most alcohol-related fatalities in the state," said Davis. "A number of crashes can be avoided by using common sense and practicing safe driving."

Here are some driving tips the DPS recommends for travelers during the extended holiday weekend:

- * Do not drink and drive; rather, find a designated driver.
- * Have everyone in the vehicle buckle his or her seat belt. Remember, "Click It or Ticket".
- * For long trips, have the car checked to make sure it is roadworthy.
- * Slow down, especially if weather and road conditions do not allow for the designated speed limit.
- * Save your phone calls for home or find a safe place to pull over to place or answer mobile calls.
- * Be polite and courteous while driving-do not practice road rage behavior.

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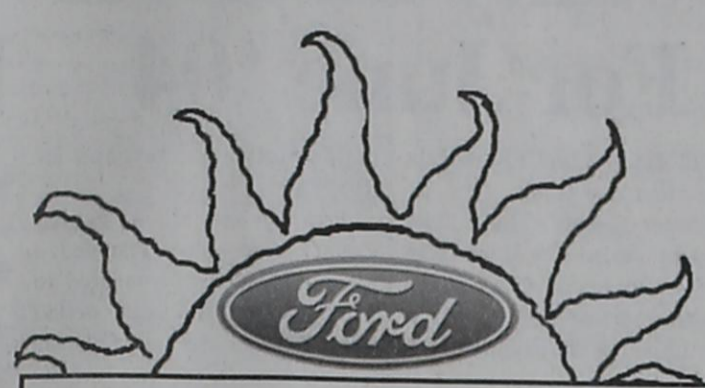
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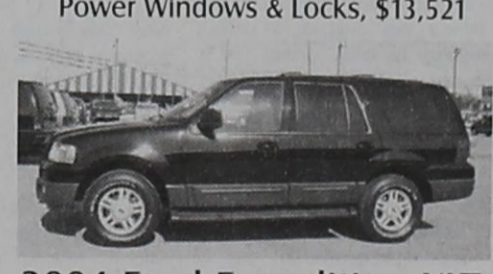
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2002 Chevrolet Tahoe
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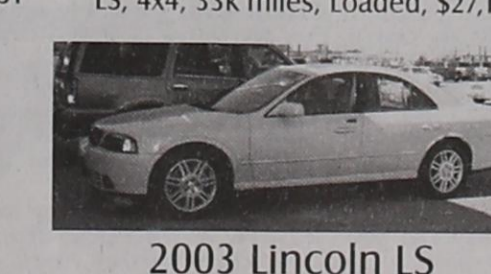
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Parmer County Receives Sales Tax For June '04

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn sent June sales tax allocations of \$221.3 million to Texas cities, up 7.7 percent compared to June 2003. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are up 8.8 percent compared to the same period last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$19.2 million, up 8.9 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 7.8 percent higher than last year.

Parmer County's June 2004 payment totaled \$29,311 broken down as Bovina \$4,413; Farwell \$6,310; and Friona \$18,587. In June 2003, the tax payment total was \$21,940.

Comparing June 2003 to June 2004 tax receipts, Bovina is up 11.96%, Farwell is up 28.83%, and Friona is up 41.87%, accounting for the overall increase in monthly tax revenue of 33.59%.

For the year 2004, Parmer County cities have received a total of \$205,235 compared to \$173,943 for the same period last year. For the year, Bovina tax revenue is down -6.41%, Farwell is up 10.90%, and Friona is up 27.48%, for an overall increase of 17.98% for the county.



Freedom's Land

By Mary Dalton Crump

On this, our Independence Day, how thankful we should be, despite the terror and the wars we still have liberty.

Our Land and freedom, dearly won, was brought with blood and tears, and now fanatics try to tear it down with terror's fears.

We've met with evil cruelty so many times before. But they'll not conquer us because our bravery is our core.

We've lived with hate and envy too. They'll not destroy us now. Our courage saw us through the trials with bible, gun and blow.

Old Glory's more than just a flag. Our emblem it will be our strength and pride forever more. A symbol we are free.

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TO: Alberto Martinez, GREETING: You are commanded to appear by filing an answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 26th day of July, 2004 before the Honorable Judge Valton Howard, Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 1, Parmer County, Texas at Friona, Texas.

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 May 10, 2004, in this case numbered 504 on the docket of said court, and styled,

Parmer County Community Hospital VS Alberto Martinez
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 June 7, 2004
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TO: Kelvin E. Summerlin, GREETING: You are commanded to appear by filing an answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 26th day of July, 2004 before the Honorable Judge Valton Howard, Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 1, Parmer County, Texas at Friona, Texas.

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 May 10, 2004, in this case numbered 515 on the docket of said court, and styled,

Parmer County Community Hospital VS Kelvin E. Summerlin
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TO: Sheena G. Trask, GREETING: You are commanded to appear by filing an answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 26th day of July, 2004 before the Honorable Judge Valton Howard, Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 1, Parmer County, Texas at Friona, Texas.

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 May 10, 2004, in this case numbered 518 on the docket of said court, and styled,

Parmer County Community Hospital VS Sheena G. Trask
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TO: Natividad S. Villegas, GREETING: You are commanded to appear by filing an answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 26th day of July, 2004 before the Honorable Judge Valton Howard, Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 1, Parmer County, Texas at Friona, Texas.

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 May 10, 2004, in this case numbered 525 on the docket of said court, and styled,

Parmer County Community Hospital VS Natividad S. Villegas
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TO: Fredy Martinez, GREETING: You are commanded to appear by filing an answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 26th day of July, 2004 before the Honorable Judge Vivaliah Hutto, Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 2, Parmer County, Texas at Bovina, Texas.

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 April 29, 2004 in this case numbered 525 on the docket of said court, and styled,

Parmer County Community Hospital VS Fredy Martinez
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TO: Francisco Nieto, Sr., GREETING: You are commanded to appear by filing an answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 26th day of July, 2004 before the Honorable Judge Vivaliah Hutto, Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 2, Parmer County, Texas at Bovina, Texas.

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 April 29, 2004 in this case numbered 526 on the docket of said court, and styled,

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TO: Carol Ortiz, GREETING: You are commanded to appear by filing an answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 26th day of July, 2004 before the Honorable Judge Vivaliah Hutto, Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 2, Parmer County, Texas at Bovina, Texas.

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 April 29, 2004 in this case numbered 527 on the docket of said court, and styled,

Parmer County Community Hospital VS Carol Ortiz
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TO: Rosa Peregrino, GREETING: You are commanded to appear by filing an answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 26th day of July, 2004 before the Honorable Judge Vivaliah Hutto, Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 2, Parmer County, Texas at Bovina, Texas.

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Parmer County Community Hospital VS Rosa Peregrino
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MR. & MRS. NICKIE JAMES YAKSICH
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C. Graham & N. Yaksich Exchange Vows In Jamaica

Cynthia Annette, daughter of Robert and Carol Graham of Whidbey, Washington and Nickie James, son of Roderick and Mary Yaksich of Raton, New Mexico, have the honor of announcing their marriage.

Nickie is the grandson of the late George and Pauline Yaksich of Raton and J.E. and Minnie Knight of Friona, Texas.

The bride moved to Westminster, Colorado in September 2003 from Seattle, Washington along with her sons, Nicholas, age five, and Alexander, age four, and is presently the Director of Sales for the Downtown Denver Courtyard.

The groom has been in the Denver, Colorado area for the past few years and is presently the General Manager of the Greeley Fairfield Inn.

The wedding took place, with just the bride and groom in attendance, in Montego Bay, Jamaica on April 20, 2004. After the gazebo ceremony, cake for two, and a champagne toast, the couple returned to the Caribbean Princess ship, where they had a romantic dinner for two and continued their seven night cruise.

A reception was later held at Mary and Roddy Yaksich's home in Raton on June 19, 2004. Family and friends attended from as far south as Friona, Texas and Albuquerque, New Mexico, and as far north as Denver, Colorado and Kismet, Kansas.



WADE BENJAMIN NEELLEY

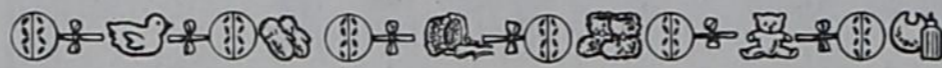
Ben and Amanda Neelley, of Spring Hill, Tennessee, are the proud parents of a baby boy, Wade Benjamin Neelley, born Tuesday, June 15, 2004 at 3:25 p.m. at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee.

He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20½ inches long.

His siblings are George, Paul, Caroline and Juliana.

Grandparents are Clifton and Sally Stacy of Pearsall, Texas and Robert and Connie Neelley of Friona.

Great-grandmothers are Amanda Hunt of Pearsall and Melba Neelley of Lubbock.



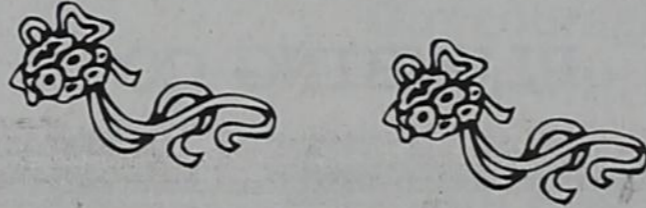
Glazed Rio Star Grapefruit Poppy Seed Cake

- 1 cup butter
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 eggs
- 3 cups flour, sifted
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 2½ tablespoons grapefruit peel, divided
- 2 tablespoons fresh squeezed Texas Rio Star Grapefruit juice
- 2 tablespoons poppy seed
- 1½ cups confectioners' sugar
- ¼ cup fresh squeezed Texas Rio Star Grapefruit juice
- 1 Texas Rio Star Grapefruit, peeled and sectioned

Preheat oven to 325 F. Grease a 10-inch tube or bundt pan.

In large mixing bowl, combine butter and sugar; beat until fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in flour mixture with baking soda and salt, alternately with buttermilk. Add 1½ tablespoons grapefruit peel, poppy seeds and ¼ cup grapefruit juice until combined.

Pour cake mixture into prepared pan. Bake 1 hour or until cake tester comes out clean. Cool cake in pan 10 minutes on wire rack. Remove cake onto wire rack and cool completely. Meanwhile, combine confectioners' sugar and 2 tablespoons grapefruit juice; stir until smooth. Drizzle on cooled cake. Sprinkle with remaining peel. Garnish with grapefruit sections. Makes 10-12 servings.



MR. & MRS. RICHARD PERKINS

Perkins Celebrate 60th Anniversary

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Perkins hosted a reception on Sunday, June 13, 2004, at the 10th Street Church of Christ, celebrating their parents' 60th wedding anniversary. Richard Perkins and Lillie Mae Wilson were married June 11, 1944, in Tribbey, Oklahoma. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Cass Perkins, Mrs. Mildred Guinn, Mr. and Mrs. Randall Christ, celebrating their parents' 60th wedding anniversary. Richard Perkins and Lillie Mae Wilson were married June 11, 1944, in Tribbey, Oklahoma. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Cass Perkins, Mrs. Mildred Guinn, Mr. and Mrs. Randall Christ, celebrating their parents' 60th wedding anniversary. Richard Perkins and Lillie Mae Wilson were married June 11, 1944, in Tribbey, Oklahoma. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Cass Perkins, Mrs. Mildred Guinn, Mr. and Mrs. Randall Christ, celebrating their parents' 60th wedding anniversary.

Gordon & Trevino Marry In Arlington

Miss Kendra Elaine Gordon and Samuel Trevino exchanged wedding vows in a double ring ceremony on Saturday, May 8, 2004 in Arlington, Texas.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Alec Gordon of Friona and Mr. and Mrs. Augustin Soto of Harlingen, Texas.

Grandparents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Dale Neff of McAdoo, Texas, Mrs. Helen Bradsher of Canyon, Texas, and the late Loyd Gordon.

Grandparents of the groom are the late Mr. and Mrs. Del La Lozona.

The bride is a graduate of Friona High School and Wayland Baptist University, majoring in Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing.

The groom is a graduate of Harlingen High School and West Texas A&M University, majoring in Criminal Justice and Business Administration.

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July 8-Nathan Terry, Teresa Buske McCoy, Teri Schueler, Carrie Cox, Paula Wilson, J.D. Spencer Jr., Raul Santillan, Greg Steen, Tyler Andrew Talley
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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.



KATHERINE WOODARD welcomed past District Governor Sid Hooper & wife, Jeannie, of Canyon, when they visited the Friona Evening Lions Club on June 24.

courtesy photo

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

75 Yrs Ago
June 28, 1929
 Work is almost completed on the wholesale station for The Texas Company in Friona.

70 Yrs Ago
June 29, 1934
 The 1934 harvest season in the Friona territory has been unusually quiet as compared to that of the past six years, when the elevators were working double crews and long rows of trucks stood waiting in the streets for their turn to unload. Despite the fact that the harvest season appears to be at its height at this time, there are no such scenes. The fields of the locality are giving a yield of from four to fifteen bushels to the acre, with an apparent average of about eight or nine bushels.

65 Yrs Ago
June 30, 1939
 The county commissioners, in session here Monday, passed a resolution submitted by County Judge Lee Thompson, which will limit the amount of financial aid to be extended indigent persons of the county. In offering the resolution, Judge Thompson said that in recent months the county had received bills from hospitals for care given county residents with bills that had never been authorized officially and he felt that some action must be taken to curb practice of this nature.

60 Yrs Ago
June 30, 1944
 B.P. Abbott, of Bovina, has been in this community frequently during the past week, an employee of the Farmer County Extension Service or AAA, assisting farmers who have no combines in contacting combine owners who are prepared to do service harvesting.

50 Yrs Ago
June 24, 1954
 Announcement is made this week of the sale of the Friona Lumber Company to Carl McCaslin of Hereford. McCaslin, long-time lumberman, will operate the local firm under the name of Carl McCaslin Lumber.

45 Yrs Ago
June 25, 1959
 Plans are being made for a community wide meeting of the American Legion Hall Monday evening of next week at 8 p.m. This meeting will be open to the public and anyone interested in the upkeep and improvement of the cemetery should be present.

40 Yrs Ago
June 25, 1964
 The Friona Star won awards in three of the five contest divisions, including the first place plaque for news picture, it was announced at the annual Texas

Press Association convention in Houston last Saturday. The Star was the "second winningest" newspaper in its bracket of weekly newspapers published in towns of 2,001-3,500 population. The Star also placed second in the "appearance" division, and third in the news writing division.

35 Yrs Ago
June 26, 1969
 Ordinance Number 411, which was adopted and approved by the Friona City Council last July 8, was underscored this week by City Manager Jake Outland. "This being the first Fourth of July that the anti-fireworks ordinance will have been in effect, we felt we should remind the public of the ordinance, and the fact that it will be enforced," Outland said.

30 Yrs Ago
June 30, 1974
 "Star Lites," a weekly column written by publisher Bill Ellis earned for the Friona Star a first place plaque in the 1974 Texas Press Association Newspaper contests.

25 Yrs Ago
July 1, 1979
 Figures released by A.L. (Jake) Outland, official weather recorder, indicated that through June 29, a total of 8.88 inches of rain had been logged in the city of Friona during the calendar year of 1979.

20 Yrs Ago
July 8, 1984
 Following the Pony League Baseball awards presentation, Ted Tucker, president of the local organization, announced his retirement from that position after 22 years.

15 Yrs Ago
July 1, 1989
 Senator Phil Gramm, appeared in Friona Thursday for a report on the War on Drugs. The senator was presented both a Friona police chief's cap and a cap from the fireman.

10 Yrs Ago
July 2, 1994
 Lori Jordan, a citizen of the American Legion Auxiliary Bluebonnet Girls State, now in progress in Seguin, at Texas Lutheran College, was elected Commissioner during the session.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Jordan and was sponsored to Girls State by the Local American Legion Auxiliary Unit #206.

5 Yrs Ago
July 2, 1999
 The Friona City Council passed an ordinance authorizing the city to issue certificates of obligation to finance construction of Prairie Acres' new "Assisted Living Complex."

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Samarron Boys Seek Donations

Jose and Richard Samarron, well known local powerlifters, are seeking financial support as they plan to compete in the Natural Athlete Strength Association (NASA) World Cup Championships in Oklahoma City.

NASA supports and promotes real drug free powerlifting. The championship competition will be held August 14-15 and the Samarron brothers will be representing the Texas team at the World Cup. Winners in Oklahoma City will represent the USA Team in the World Competition.

Jose and Richard are both in the top 100 powerlifters in the USA. Together they hold 10

state records and 5 national records. In February 2004, at the NASA Nationals, they placed first in Sub Masters Pure and second in Natural Division in their respective classes. The Texas Team placed second overall.

The Samarrons need to raise a total of \$1,020 (\$510 each) to pay for their registration fees, event fees and travel expenses. "We would very much appreciate your consideration of sponsoring our participation in this International Title meet," said Richard. If you can assist Richard and Jose with a sponsor donation, contact them at 250-2513 or 247-3484. All donations will be appreciated.

Summer Reading Ends



FRIONA LIBRARIANS Darla Bracken and Brenda Patterson held the Final Summer Reading Day on Wednesday. The kids were moved to the Junior High Gym when our rains made the city park too wet to sit.

tyler jameson photos



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- 18 Jerry Jones has ___ of Dallas Cowboys
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- 24 postage or food mistaken adj.
- 30 Gov. ___ Culbertson (1894-98)
- 34 TX Elmer Kelton's "The ___ Never Rained"
- 36 TXism: "never ___ eyes on it"
- 37 "know more than they ___"
- 39 in Palo Pinto Co. on hwy. 281
- 43 Jim Wells Co. seat
- 44 TX actress Needham
- 45 UT Heisman winner Earl (init.)
- 46 TXism: "no brag, just ___"

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- 53 Dan Campbell's Cowboy pos. (abbr.)
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- 33 "it's all about me"
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- 42 eggs order
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- 50 TXism: "don't give a hoot ___ holler"
- 51 TXism: "gone to ___"
- 56 Australian bear
- 57 Austin event venue: Frank ___ Ctr.

The Original

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

Answer on page 3

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Phyllis Lynn Landrum

Phyllis Lynn Landrum went to be with the Lord on Monday, June 28, 2004, after a courageous three-year battle with breast cancer. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 1, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. at Raintree Christian Church in Lubbock. Graveside services were held in Wellington, Texas at 3:30 p.m. that same day. The family received friends Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Sanders Funeral Home.

Phyllis was born August 27, 1949, in Kansas City, Missouri. She was raised in Borger, Texas. Phyllis obtained two Associate Degrees from Amarillo College - one in Radiation Technology and one in Radiation Therapy. She was Chief Radiation Therapist for Southwest Cancer Center at UMC when she was originally diagnosed with breast cancer. She worked as Patient Educator for the Cancer Center until her retirement in January 2004. Because of her experience as a provider of care and a cancer patient, she was able to share her unique perspective and help many people through their journeys with cancer. She served on the Komen Board for the local Lubbock affiliate and participated in the Relay for Life for many years. She also helped start-up and participated in many cancer support groups.

Phyllis was an inspiration to all who knew her. Throughout her battle with cancer, she maintained a hopeful attitude and was always determined to fight



PHYLLIS LANDRUM

the fight. Her strength and endurance came from her faith in God and knowing that she was loved and supported by her family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. Our family would like to thank everyone who helped Phyllis during her journey with cancer.

Phyllis is preceded in death by her parents, William Dempsey and Helen Harrell.

She is survived by her children, Christine Veazey, Dempsey Jordan and Sam Landrum; stepsons, Brian Landrum, Ben Landrum and Jeff Landrum; 12 grandchildren; many beloved pets; and too many friends and family members to name.

Memorials may be made to the Lubbock Komen Foundation, 5121 69th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79424 or to Southwest Cancer Center, 602 Indiana, Lubbock, Texas 79415.

Oretta Jarrel Schueler

Graveside services for Oretta Jarrel Schueler, 71, of Abilene (formerly of Rhea Community and Bovina), were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, June 25, 2004 at the Rhea Cemetery in the Rhea Community with Pastor David Symm, minister of the St. John's Lutheran Church in Lariat, officiating.

Burial followed under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mrs. Schueler died Tuesday, June 22, in Abilene.

She was born August 3, 1932 in Texico, New Mexico to Spencer and Zona (Goodman) Jarrel.

She married Norbert O. Schueler on March 25, 1951 in Clovis, New Mexico. She and her husband lived in the Rhea Community from 1951 to 1984.

After her children left home, she went back to school and obtained her LVN license and worked at Parmer County Community Hospital, in Friona, for several years.

They moved to Bovina in 1984 when Norbert retired from farming. In 1995 they moved to Spring, Texas, where Norbert died January 17, 1997. She continued living in Spring until 2001 when she moved to Abilene, Texas.

She and Norbert were charter members of the Redeemer Lutheran Church and presently she was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Abilene.

She was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Jacy



ORETTA SCHUELER

DeLeon, on February 29, 2000.

Survivors include a son, Clinton Schueler of Spring; two daughters, Terri Glover of Abilene and Carol McIntosh of Friona; two sisters, Geraldine Bell of Lubbock and Billie Pipkin of Midland; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to Hendrick Hospice Care, PO Box 1922, Abilene, Tx. 79604.

Glenn E. Taylor

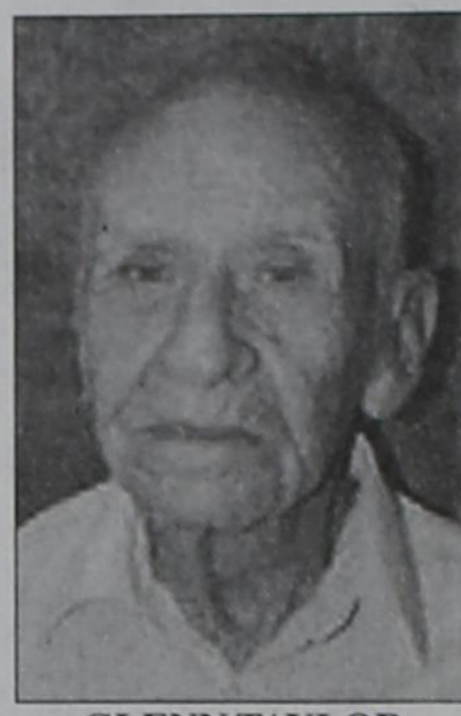
Graveside services for Glenn E. Taylor, 90, of Friona were held at 10:45 a.m. Thursday, July 1, 2004 in the Friona Cemetery with Rev. Alvin Petty, minister of the Calvary Baptist Church in Friona, officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mr. Taylor died Tuesday morning, June 29, 2004 in Friona, where he lived for the past two years, after moving from Hereford where he had lived for 30 years.

He was born January 31, 1914 in Parmer County to Earsel E. and Grace (Boatman) Taylor and married Edith Mann on August 27, 1932 in Clovis, New Mexico. She died in June 1993.

He was a retired farmer and Mill Operator in a feed yard. Glenn was a member of Central Church of Christ in Hereford.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Nathaniel Taylor in 1944 and Clayton Taylor in 1995; and a sister, Natalie Williams in 2003.



GLENN TAYLOR

Survivors include three sons, Harold Taylor of Friona, Charles Taylor of Lubbock, and Keith Taylor of Abilene; one sister, Helen Sachse of Amarillo; one brother, Ralph Taylor of Forney, Texas; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to Prairie Acres Nursing Home, 201 E. 15th Street, Friona, Tx. 79035 or a favorite charity.

BSA Hospice Offers Training & Counseling

BSA Hospice offers "The Hospice Approach to Living with Dying" Volunteer Training and Community Education Class starting Monday, July 12 and continuing through July 24, 2004. Classes will meet on Mondays and Thursdays from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. for two consecutive weeks. This comprehensive class is designed for adults who are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, wanting to learn more about hospice care, or desire personal growth and

enrichment. Class sessions will be held at the BSA Hospice Facility, 600 North Tyler, south of St. Anthony's Hospital. Entering on the west side of the building on Tyler Street. This program is offered free of charge to Amarillo and surrounding communities. 2.4 CEU's will be awarded through Amarillo College. For more information or to pre-register, please call Stacie Boyer at BSA Hospice (806) 212-8715 or toll free (800) 315-6209.

BSA also offers "Grief: What to Expect", a one-hour informa-

tional session designed to help bereaved individuals understand the grief process. Sessions are presented the second Thursday of each month, afternoons from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. and repeated in the evenings from 7 - 8 p.m. These meetings are also held in the Hospice Facility, 600 N. Tyler in Amarillo. Please enter on the west side of the building on Tyler Street. The public is invited to attend at no charge. For more information call BSA Hospice (806) 212-8028 or toll free (800) 315-6209.

SEEDS FROM THE SOWER

by Michael A. Guido

One morning while swimming, young Churchill was about to drown, but Fleming rescued him.

Knowing that Alexander Fleming wished to become a doctor, Winston Churchill's father offered to finance his education for saving his son's life.

Years later, when Prime Minister Churchill lay dying of pneumonia, Dr. Fleming was called to treat him. Using penicillin, which he had discovered, he cured him.

How true are the words of the Bible: "Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it

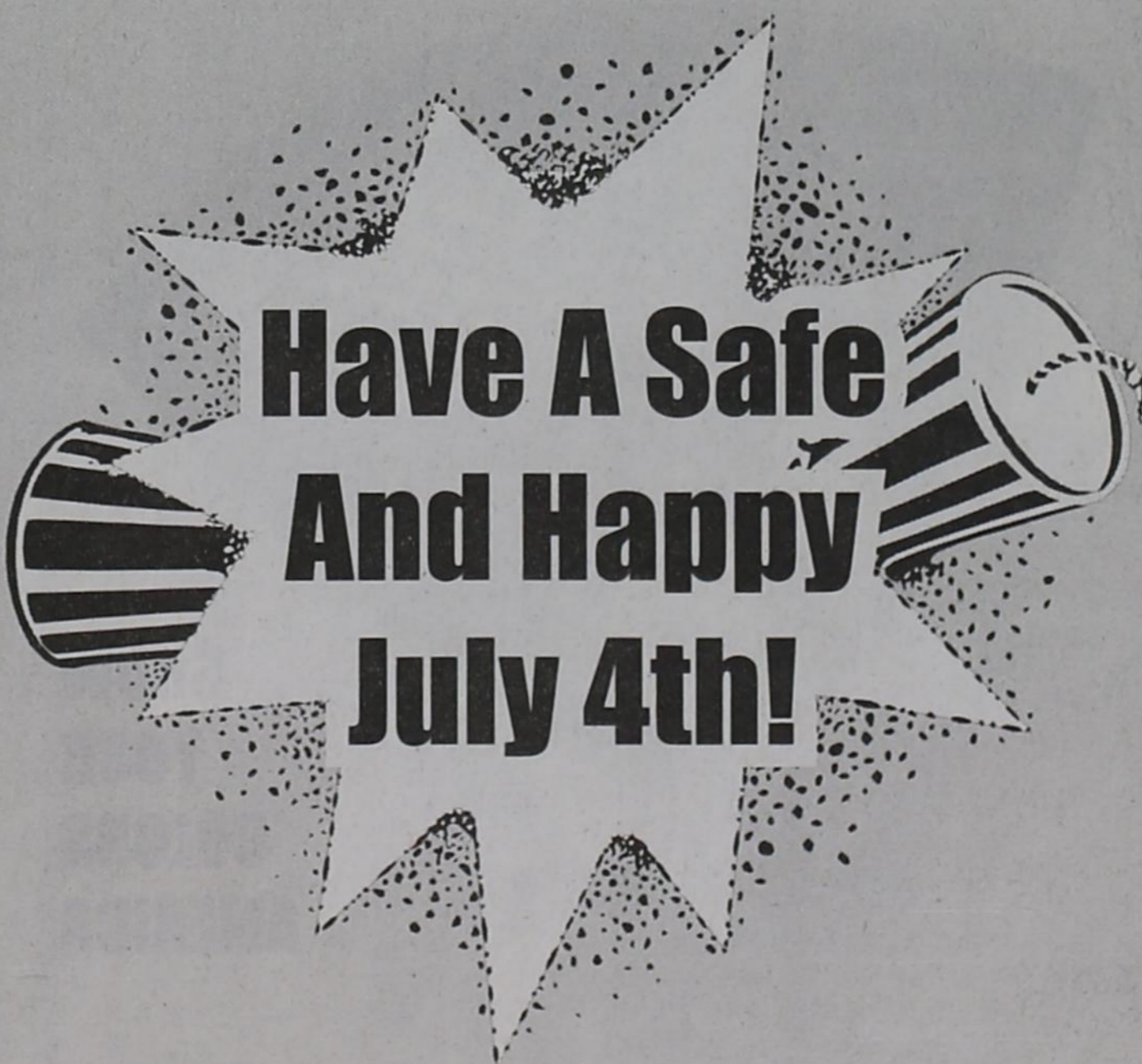
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THE BAND Boosters held a bake sale at Lowes to collect money for the band. L-R, Brittany Anthony, Connie Amezcua, Sandra Godoy, Kathy Anthony, Mrs. Anthony, Kayla Estrada, Mrs. Estrada, Mrs. Hidalgo, Joann Mendoza. *tyler jameson photos*

WTRT Offers Lifeline Service

Reprinted from the WTRT July Co-Op Connection newsletter.

Lifeline Service makes telephone service available to eligible customers at reduced rates and is available to WTRT customers.

To be eligible your annual household income must be at or below 125% of the federal poverty guidelines or you must participate in at least one of the following programs: Medicaid, Food stamps, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA), or Low Income Heat and Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

If you currently have telephone service with West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative there is no charge to switch to Lifeline.

If you move or need to set up telephone service in the future you may also receive a 50% reduction or \$30 credit, whichever is less, in installation charges.

Should you qualify and desire to sign up for Lifeline Service and Link Up Program contact the WTRT business office at 364-3331. Lifeline Service reductions do not apply to long distance, surcharges, taxes, or call forwarding, call return, and called ID.

This information is also available in Spanish when you call or come by the office.

Esta informacion esta tambien disponible en espanol cuando usted llama o viene pro la oficina.



FRIONA senior Tyler Jameson spent three days at Texas Christian University in Ft. Worth to become certified as an athletic trainer. He learned techniques of taping ankles and wrists and about other injuries. In the last day's taping competition, Tyler earned first place in basic level accuracy and speed. He will be an athletic trainer for Friona high school during his senior year. *coy jameson photo*



YOU CAN WIN THIS Honda 4x4 plus the trailer with a \$10 ticket available at 4-Way Pump or from any Friona Fireman. Fire Department training officer John Taylor is shown with the rig on display at 4-Way Pump. Drawing will be September 25 during Maize Days. *tyler jameson photo*

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Bovina Reflections

45 Yrs. Ago
July 1, 1959

A horse running loose in the vicinity of Wilson's Supermarket knocked down and trampled Bob Williford as he cut weeds in his front yard.

35 Yrs. Ago
July 2, 1969

Bovina High School cheerleaders attended the sixth annual cheerleaders school at Texas Tech. They were: Debra Kirkpatrick, Jan Gromowsky, Twila Hutto, Nancy Mitchell, and Darlene Murphy.

30 Yrs. Ago
July 3, 1974

Joe Jones of Bovina was forced to dump both loads of cotton burrs he was hauling when the burrs burst into flame.

25 Yrs. Ago
July 4, 1979

Several young people and their sponsors attended Youth Evangelism Conference in Fort Worth. Dorothy and Grady Sorley are youth directors at the First Baptist Church and accompanied the youngsters. Also going, as

sponsors were Don and Juanda Murphy and Judy Hodnett; also Judy's daughter Jo Linda.

20 Yrs. Ago
July 4, 1984

Bovina's first "Trade Days" will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the FFA Show Barn.

15 Yrs. Ago
July 5, 1989

The Fourth of July activities at the football field in Bovina provided an evening of fun for approximately 500 people.

10 Yrs. Ago
July 2, 1994

Some 2,700 undergraduate students qualified for the academic honor lists at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, at the end of the 1994 spring semester.

Named to the dean's list from Bovina were Cory Kirkpatrick, a sophomore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Kirkpatrick, majoring in finance; and Blake Scaff, a senior student, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Scaff, majoring in management.

5 Yrs. Ago
July 2, 1999

The Bovina Post Office has been vandalized several times during the last few weeks.

Postmaster Laura Bartlett reports that the increase in vandalism may prompt postal officials to start locking the postbox at 4:30 p.m. Right now the lobby is open 24-hours for convenience of box holders.

Happy Birthday Bovina

July 4 thru July 10, 2004.

July 6-Janie Sudderth
July 7-Sharlet McCormick
July 8-Sue McClaran
July 9-Lucia Vanegas, Suezey Smith, Megan Stone
July 10-Shirley Drager

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.

Beauchamp & McKinnon Texas Tech Graduates

Spring 2004 commencement at Texas Tech University saw approximately 2,330 students awarded degrees. Degrees awarded included approximately 1,830 undergraduate degrees, 435 master's degrees and 54 doctoral degrees. Commencement ceremonies took place May 15 in the United Spirit Arena on campus.

Also for the Spring 2004 semester, Texas Tech University had 2,126 students qualify for the Honors List, which is comprised of the President's List and Dean's List. To be on the President's List or the Dean's List, a student must have taken

12 quality hours during the semester and maintained either a 4.0 or a 3.5-3.9 grade point average, respectively.

Anthony Wayne Beauchamp, of Bovina, graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Finance. He is the son of Mike and Debra Beauchamp of Bovina.

Also graduating was Amy Lynn McKinnon of Lazbuddie. Miss McKinnon earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Management and was named to the Dean's Honor List.



Bovina 4th Activities

Come on out for the parade at 6 p.m. The parade will start at North and 3rd and will end at the Mustang field.

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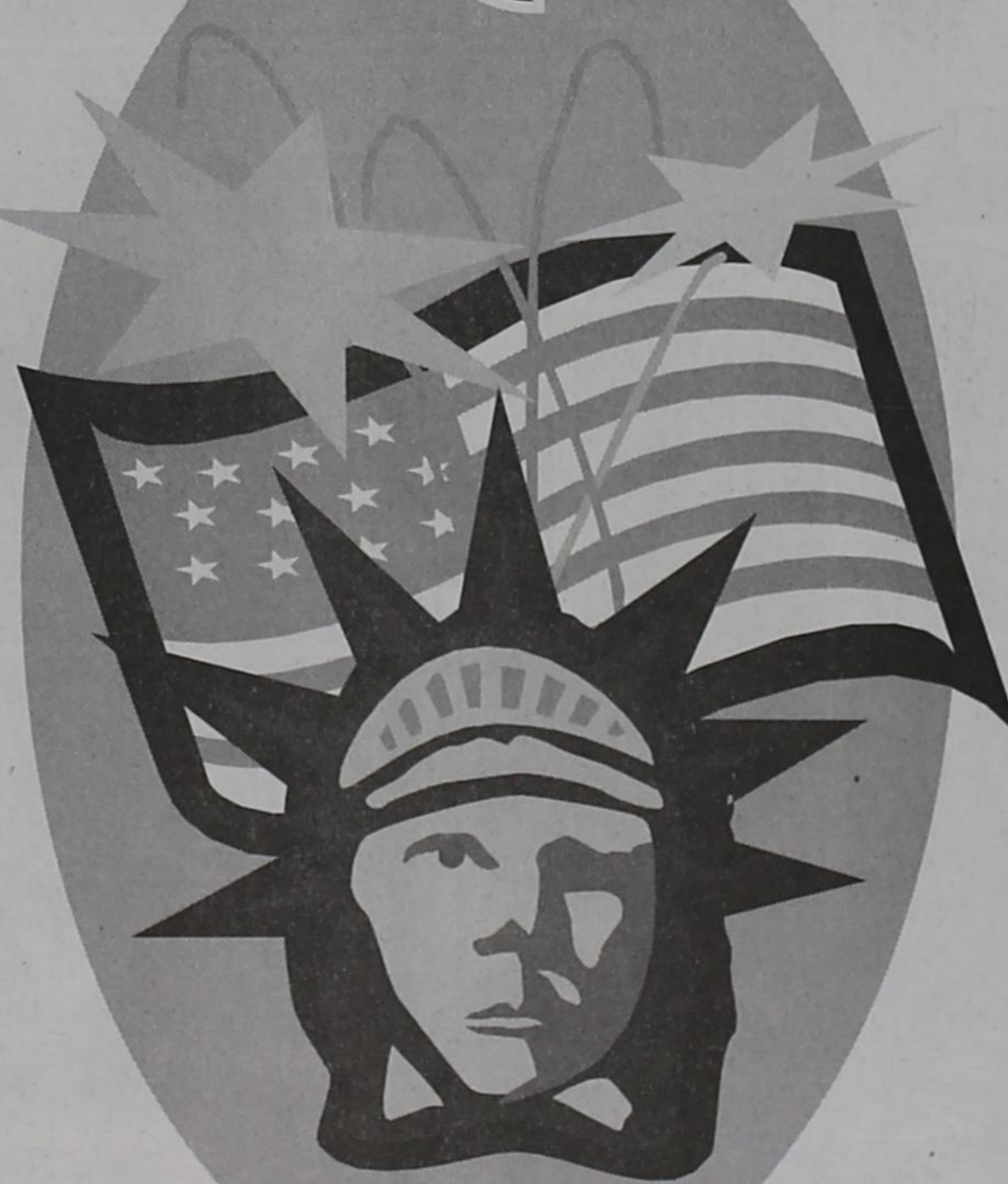
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Northwest Plains Pest Management News

By Monti Vandiver, Extension Agent-IPM, Texas Cooperative Extension

Local weather stations across Bailey and Parmer Counties have recorded rainfall from .14 to 2.1 inches this week. There are some unconfirmed reports of higher rainfall at other locations. Some of the thunderstorms were accompanied by very high wind and or hail. Crop damage due to hail was isolated to small areas and in many cases only parts of fields. Corn damage was primarily cosmetic with the exception of some green snapped stalks. Cotton was also ragged up and in some fields 30% or so of terminals were broken out of the plants. I have not observed nor heard any reports of a complete crop loss.

Local corn continues to be relatively pest free and ranges from early whorl to late whorl in growth stage. Corn will reach peak water use of over .4 inches per day in the tassel and silking stage which will occur in the next week or so for most fields. The soil water profile should be kept as near as possible to full going into peak water demand

as most irrigation systems will no longer be able to keep up with daily water requirements. If the soil profile is full, deficit irrigation applications plus the stored reserves from the soil profile can maintain optimum crop production through out the critical pollination period after which the daily water demand will begin to decline.

Corn has really taken off this week. Most cotton has between 6 to 12 true leaves and is in the 2nd to 3rd week of squaring. Square set is ranging from 70 to 95% and averaging in the mid to lower 80s which is less than I would like to see at this time. The low square sets have not been associated with pest infestations, with the exception of a few isolated cases, but are a result of recent environmental conditions (high winds, pecking hail, sand burn, etc.). Keep this in mind before making pesticide application decisions based strictly off square loss. Even the best pesticide cannot reduce environmentally induced



Convergent Lady Beetle

square loss but it can kill natural enemies of insect pests which are currently abundant.

Lady beetles, minute pirate bugs, damsel bugs, big eyed bugs, and spiders are numerous in most crop fields. Lacewings have begun to lay eggs and will contribute to this natural enemy complex. Pest management decisions should take into consideration the presence of these natural enemies of pests. I'm not saying not to treat a pest that is being found in numbers above economic threshold because of high beneficial numbers, but to conserve them by use of softer pesticides and re-

sisting the urge to apply a pesticide since you're going over the field anyway.

Some of the most abundant natural enemies currently present in area crops are the lady bugs. The two most common species are the convergent and scymnus lady beetles. The convergent lady beetle is named for the two white lines on the plate behind the head that, if extended, would converge. The number of black dots on the adults ranges from only a few up to 13. The convergent lady beetle is found throughout the U.S. and is one of the most common lady beetles in cotton. Scymnus lady beetles are very small, dull orange to brown beetles and may have a black center line forming a V pattern on the wing covers.

Lady beetles feed primarily on aphids. When aphids are not available they become more generalists in their feeding habits feeding on bollworm eggs, small larvae, mites, thrips, and other small insects.

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Area Crop Report Still Favorable Although Weather Wildcard Could Still Change Outlook

LUBBOCK, June 25, 2004

By Shawn Wade

For a region that averages an abandonment rate of 18-20 percent, growers and crop observers alike are hesitant to talk much when things are generally headed in the right direction.

That's the position many producers in the High Plains find they are in as the area collectively keeps its fingers crossed and hopes for the best. So far the 2004-crop is rated as good to excellent in most areas and off to a start that is being guardedly compared to some of the best in recent memory.

Adding to the undercurrent of excitement is that fact that a significant number of dryland acres have been established and are growing off well.

With irrigated and non-irrigated acreage set to take advantage of a favorable sub-soil moisture situation capable of carrying the crop well into the summer, prospects are bright.

That's not to say, however, that everything is wine and roses on the Plains in 2004. As of this writing growers in northern portions of Floyd County, and in the adjacent counties of Swisher and Briscoe, are picking up the pieces from the season's largest single hail event. The storm, which ravaged the area June 21, is estimated to have logged an estimated 60,000 more acres into the loss column.

The worst part of the story, though, is that this same area has now lost three promising crops in a row to hail.

Despite the devastation of the June 21 storm, the overall outlook for the High Plains region remains positive. Of the estimated 3.6 million acres planted to cotton this year, it is hard to account for more than 300,000-400,000 acres that could ultimately be abandoned at this time.

The primary causes of loss to date have been a lack of moisture to establish a stand on dryland acres, which accounts for around 250,000 acres, and a combination of hail, wind or flooding that have tallied another 100,000-150,000 acres to date.

With about 3.2 million acres standing at the end of June the 2004-crop still has tremendous potential. Maturity-wise the crop has everything from very early to very late and some of it will need plenty of open weather this fall to reach its true potential. With luck the season will continue to provide the necessary ingredients to make the crop a success.

Weather forecasts showing an increased chance for scattered thunderstorms through the end of the month mean producers still have a stressful time ahead. Despite looking forward to the possibilities, they know that this time of year any storm can deliver good in the form of rain and bad in the form of hail and high wind that threatens old and young cotton alike.

Growers who receive damage and need to assess the situation have several good resources available to them through the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center at Lubbock.

The Center's website has publications that provide detailed information on evaluating damaged stands that can assist growers deciding if they should keep or fail a severely damaged cotton crop.

HOMETOWN HEALTH

Get Computer Healthy

With computers in homes and schools, children, as well as parents, now spend a good amount of time at the keyboard. While occupational health concerns such as neck and shoulder problems, carpal tunnel syndrome and vision strain have traditionally been "adult" problems, they are trickling into the younger population, too.

The following adjustments can help keep your child's body from feeling old before its time.

* Set up your child's computer station so that it causes the least amount of strain on the body. The screen should be at eye level or lower, and should be placed a little bit farther away than you would place a book. Buy a chair that offers back support.

* Teach your child to give his or her eyes a break by looking away from the computer screen for at least 10 seconds every 10 minutes. Blink frequently, too. People tend to blink less often when staring at a computer screen, which can dry the eyes out.

* Sitting at the computer for too long can cause muscle strain in the neck and back. Have your child take frequent breaks from the joystick or keyboard. Repeated actions such as hitting a button on a video game can cause tendonitis.

This information is provided as a service by the Texas A&M University System, Health Science Center. For specific questions, contact your physician or other health provider.

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TWO 18-wheelers collided at 8th St. and FM 1731 in Bovina Thursday, June 24. This truck pulled out from a side road and hit a northbound truck. There were no injuries.
 courtesy photo-Jim Swafford

The History of Independence Day

At the time of the signing the US consisted of 13 colonies under the rule of England's King George III. Leading up to the signing, there had been growing unrest in the colonies surrounding the taxes that colonists were required to pay to England. The major objection was "Taxation without Representation" — the colonists had no say in the decisions of English Parliament. Rather than negotiating, King George sent extra troops to the colonies to help control any rebellion that might be arising. The following timeline will give you a crash course in the history that led to the signing of the Declaration of Independence and America's break from British rule.

Concord, famous for being the "shot heard round the world," would mark the unofficial beginning of the American Revolution.

May 1776 — After nearly a year of trying to work out their differences with England, the colonies again send delegates to the Second Continental Congress.

June 1776 — Admitting that their efforts were hopeless, a committee was formed to compose the formal Declaration of Independence. Headed by Thomas Jefferson, the committee also included John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Philip Livingston and Roger Sherman.

June 28, 1776 — Jefferson presents the first draft of the declaration to congress.

July 4, 1776 — After various changes to Jefferson's original draft, a vote was taken late in the afternoon of July 4th. Of the 13 colonies, 9 voted in favor of the Declaration; 2, Pennsylvania and South Carolina voted No; Delaware was undecided and New York abstained. John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, was the first to sign the Declaration of Independence. It is said that he signed his name

"with a great flourish" so "King George can read that without spectacles!"

July 6, 1776 — The Pennsylvania Evening Post is the first newspaper to print the Declaration of Independence.

July 8, 1776 — The first public reading of the declaration takes place in Philadelphia's Independence Square. The bell in Independence Hall, then known as the "Province Bell" would later be renamed the "Liberty Bell" after its inscription - "Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land Unto All the Inhabitants Thereof."

August 1776 - The task begun on July 4, the signing of the Declaration of Independence, was not actually completed until August. Nonetheless, the 4th of July has been accepted as the official anniversary of United States independence from Britain.

July 4, 1777 — The first Independence Day celebration takes place. It's interesting to speculate what those first 4th festivities were like. By the early 1800s the traditions of parades, picnics, and fireworks were firmly established as part of American Independence Day culture.

Bovina Firecrackers



ONE OF Bovina's two fireworks stands is this one on Highway 60 being operated by sisters Andrea and Amy Geris. The stands are open in spite of the rains and will sell fireworks until midnight Sunday July 4.
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Fireworks at the football field at dark.

In Bovina - Sunday July 4

Come out for the parade at 6 p.m. Starts at North and 3rd and ends at the football field.

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