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By Bill Ellis



USES SERVICE...Eva Miller, left, is typical of the Friona area residents who have benefitted from Parmer Co. Community Hospital's Home Health service without having to leave home. With Eva are Merlene Orme, center, asst. Home Health Director and Kathy Spears, LVN.

Friona Home Health Observes Milestone

Parmer County Community Hospital's Home Health Service has been meeting the medical needs of homebound persons in Parmer and surrounding counties for the past two years.

Mrs. Eva Miller has been on the Home Health Service three different times. She feels that it is a wonderful service and because of the help she received, she has been able to recuperate at home rather than remain for a longer period of time in the hospital.

Eva likes the reassurance that she receives from being examined several times a week by a nurse and knowing that the nurse will advise her physician if problems arise.

The home health nurse acts as a liaison between the patient and

physician. "I'm very pleased with the services we have here in Friona and would highly recommend it to other area residents," stated Mrs. Miller.

In addition to skilled nursing care by Registered and Vocational Nurses, Certified Nurse Aides are available to assist with personal care and light housekeeping tasks. Other services provided are physical therapy, wound care, I.V. therapy, respiratory, diabetic care, medication maintenance and a variety of others.

For more information, contact Parmer County Community Hospital Home Health, 1307 Cleveland, Friona, phone 247-2754.

Fire Dept. Gains Grass Fire Truck

Friona Fire Department used the proceeds from recent pickup raffle earnings, supplemented by a gift from county Precinct 1, have built a new, lighter-weight but larger capacity truck, which they plan to use primarily for fighting grass fires.

The gift from Precinct 1 amounted to \$2500. The new rig, makes use of a 1985 Chevrolet C-70 truck with a 1,020 gallon tank.

The firemen assembled the rig at Four-Way Pump Co. in Friona in their "spare time." The two and one-half ton truck was purchased from Kiser's of Plainview and has been completely reconditioned.

Even with its tank loaded with water, the truck should be able to go 60 to 65 miles per hour enroute to a fire, much faster than the heavier, all-purpose trucks.

The truck is equipped with a fire pump, which can pump approximately 250 gallons per minute.

Prior to putting the new truck into service, the local fire department's main piece of equipment for grass fires was a 300-gallon facility on its "rescue truck."

Grass and other rural area fires account for approximately 60 per cent of the Friona Fire Department's fire calls. The department is re-imursed for its rural calls on that basis.

This spring has been particularly active for grass fires.

"We're lucky we don't have CRP grass fields up to the edge of town, like they have in some Panhandle towns," said Fire Chief Jim Taylor.

The stipend from the county pretty well pays for the truck, along with the department's activity balance.



FIREMEN AIDED...Friona Fire Chief Jim Taylor, left, is being presented a check for \$2500 by Precinct 1 commissioner John Mars, to help pay for the new fire truck in the background. The truck will be used expressly for fighting grass fires.

Slow-Falling Rain: Farmers Jubilant

Parmer County farmers were mostly all smiles this week, after a week of slow-falling rain that deposited between three and four inches of the much-needed commodity on their farmland.

A strip in the southern part of the county, stretching from Farwell to Lazbuddie sustained some bad hail damage. For a portion of the area near Lazbuddie, it was the second round of storms, they having suffered damage from an apparent tornado the first part of May.

But in the general area, a week's worth of rain all fell as gently as it could have been ordered. Friona's official gauge caught 3.14 inches of rain since last Wednesday, and a total of 4.30 inches for the month of May.

The month's moisture was a considerable improvement over the 1.77 inches that had been received in the official gauge for January through April, bringing the calendar year's total to 6.03 inches.

Farmers and agricultural officials alike were ecstatic about the nice rain.

"It's been wonderful. We've had from two and a half to three inches on all of our ground," said Alan Monroe, who farms east of Friona.

"The older cotton looks a little bit sick, due to the prolonged cold, but the new cotton looks pretty good. We just need some warm weather now and it should be fine.

Monroe said that he had lost some cotton a couple of weeks ago, when we had a good rain one night, and the wind and sand got up the following day. This amounted to about 30 acres, he said.

But this is a small percentage, since the Monroes have planted around 1,000 acres of cotton this spring.

"We've missed out on the hail, so we feel pretty lucky. I understand that the Fryes (Kirk and George) lost about 450 acres of cotton this past Tuesday night, and David Grimsley also had some cotton

hailed out. The rain also has been a big boost to the corn and wheat, which is looking good," he continued.

Monroe said that he would begin running a rotary hoe on his cotton as soon as he could get into the wet fields, hopefully by Thursday afternoon.

"We need to 'air the cotton out,' and you never know when the wind might get up again. The severe wind and sand like the area had recently can really ruin a cotton crop. The oldtimers say we haven't had as much wind and sand blowing since the 1940s or so," the young farmer said.

Jerry Butman, manager of the Friona Farmers Co-op Gin, said he thought most of the area's cotton should have made it through the week's cold and rainy spell.

"We were afraid that some of the seed that had been planted right before the rain might rot in the ground, but some of it actually came up while the rain was going on. The ground temperature probably helped it," Butman said.

Some cotton may have to be replanted, Butman said, but if the farmers get their seed in the ground by early this next week, it should have a good chance to "make it," he said.

Jarrell Wright, longtime area resident-farmer in the Parmerton vicinity, said he had received 3.5 to four inches of rain during the weeklong rainy spell.

"As far as I could tell, virtually all of it fell just right. Most of my cotton hadn't come up prior to the

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Bike-A-Thon Set Locally June 10

Donna Mullins has called on all Friona residents to join the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Wheels For Life Bike-A-Thon slated for June 10 at 10 a.m. at the Friona Junior High School track.

Volunteer workers and riders are needed for this bike-a-thon to raise funds for the world famous research centers in its battle against childhood cancer and other catastrophic childhood diseases.

"We're looking for riders and helpers who will contribute their time and talent to help children live. We really need lots of riders, since they are the ones who can make this bike-a-thon successful," Mullins said.

In the Wheels For Life Bike-A-

Thon, riders ask sponsors to make a donation based on each mile completed. All riders turning in money will receive a certificate. Those who raise \$30 or more will receive a certificate and a special St. Jude t-shirt. When \$75 or more is raised, the rider receives a sports bag in addition to the certificate and t-shirt.

"The real prize, though, is the pride everyone can take in giving children a chance to live a normal life," Mullins said.

Contact Donna Mullins at 247-3285 for details on riding or sponsoring a rider.

St. Jude Hospital was founded by Danny Thomas and operates primarily from public support.

Teachers Feted At Appreciation Lunch

Teachers and other employees of the Friona Independent School District were feted at the fifth annual "Employee Appreciation Luncheon" last Friday, May 26 at the Junior High Cafeteria.

Those present were treated to a New York steak with potato and all the trimmings. Preparations were by ARA-MARK. Members of the Fisd school board served as hosts and hostesses.

Special recognition and presentations were made to three Fisd employees: Alton Peak, Nancy Edelson and Raymond Delgado.

Peak is retiring after 25 years of service in education to the district and Mrs. Edelson retires after 21 years of service. Delgado, who was unable to attend due to being in Phoenix, Arizona for a grandchild's graduation, is retiring after 19 years of service to the district.

The three retirees were presented silver trays with their names and years of service engraved.

Superintendent Hal Ratcliff, who also served as master of ceremonies, presented service pins to employees with service in 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30-year increments.

The only employee with exactly 30 years of service was art teacher Bobby Wied.

Twenty-five year pins were presented to Onieda Allen, AltonPeak and Jonell Sims.

Twenty-year pins were given to Antonia Castillo, Loy McLellan, Gayle Murdock, Sheryl Salyer, Cynthia Smith, Connie Slagle and Cheryl Weatherly.

Fifteen-year pins went to Josie Bautista, Randie Hamilton, Charlotte Ratcliff and Hal Ratcliff.

Ten-year awards were given to Sandra Berend, Tracy Ellis, Marka Herbert, Mike Herbert, Connie Johnson, Mary Ortiz and Karon Zachary.

Five-year pins were given to

Karene Cass, Dennis Field, Susie Gonzales, Sharon Gordon, Kathi Miller, Ron McWilliams and Sandra Turner.

Members of the school board present were Kathryn Goddard, president; Mickey Harrelson, vice president, Alan Monroe, secretary, Danny Black, Rick Carr, Donny Carthel and Kathryn Gurley.

Also given recognition was Bill Ellis, publisher of the Friona Star, a special guest of Mr. Ratcliff.

Women Are Invited To Play Night

All women in the Friona community are invited to come and play Bunko with the Women's Division at 7 p.m. Monday, June 12 at the Friona State Bank Community Room.

Prizes will be awarded to winners and refreshments will be served.

Teresa Buske, Chamber of Commerce executive, said, "This will be an excellent time for women who are considering joining Women's Division to come and meet other members and see what goes on with the Women's Division.

We want to stress, though, that we hope women will come whether or not they want to join Women's Division. This is just a night for fun, and we hope a lot of women will come and join us."



RETIREES FETED...Nancy Edelson, seated left, and Alton Peak, right, hold silver plates presented to them by the Friona ISD last Friday. Also retiring but not present was Raymond Delgado. Making the presentations was Superintendent Hal Ratcliff.

There are also the usual number of bluejays, little wrens, barn swallows, mockingbirds and, of course, the ones we could stand to do without, which are those squawky grackles and cowbirds.

UNCLE AUSTIN SAYS: When opportunity knocks, it's probably going to be disguised as hard work.



PRAIRIE ACRES HONOREES---Patricia Casarez (left) is Employee of the Month at Prairie Acres. She has been with the home for a little over three years as a nurse's aide. She is pictured here with 91-year old Jessie Gore, who looks at least 10 years younger than her age. Jessie has the distinction of being both the Artist of the Month and the Resident of the Month at Prairie Acres. She has been at the home for nearly four years.

Services Held Here For Mabel DeLong

Graveside services for Mabel D. DeLong, 90, of Friona, were held at 2 p.m. Monday, May 29, 1995 at Friona Cemetery. Rev. Lee Roark officiated.

Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Mrs. DeLong died May 27 at Prairie Acres Nursing Home. She was born July 11, 1904 in West Lebanon, Pennsylvania and married Ernest DeLong on August 13, 1938 in Warren, Pennsylvania. He died on January 15, 1972.

She had been a resident of Friona since 1969 moving from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, was a licensed nurse, worked actively until she retired in 1980, and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Mesa, Arizona.

Mrs. DeLong was a member of the Women's Elks Club #1781 of Mesa, Arizona, Friona Women's Club, Friona Senior Citizens, Friona Hospital Auxiliary and Hereford Eastern Star #990.

Survivors include two sons, James Kelly of Fulton, Missouri and Gerald Kelly of Mesa, Arizona; one daughter, Dorothy Harrelson of Friona; one brother, Paul Cunningham of Iverness, Florida; one sister, Alma Diehl of Bradenton, Florida; twenty grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

C. Fields Buried In Comanche

Charles Melvin Fields, 78, passed away Monday, May 29, 1995 at his home near Comanche, Texas.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 31 in the First Baptist Church in Comanche with Reverend Sam Randolph and Reverend Sheryl Taylor officiating.

Interment followed in Sardis Cemetery in Hasse under the direction of Hall & Chaney Funeral Home in Comanche.

He was born March 30, 1917 in Comanche County, Texas in the Board Church Community, the son of the late Benjamin Bert and Jessie Ruth Vineyard Fields.

Fields married Carolyn Harbour, March 17, 1940 in Sidney, Texas.

He was a Baptist minister having served at West View Baptist Church in Slaton, Texas; First Baptist Church in Ralls, Texas; First Baptist Church in Friona; First Baptist Church in Claremore, Oklahoma; Trinity Baptist Church in Sweetwater, Texas; First Baptist Church in Fredericksburg, Texas; and St. Joe Baptist Church in DeLeon, Texas.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Comanche and avid golfer at Par Country Club for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn (Skipper) Fields of Comanche; two daughters, Brenda Sue Henson of Haughton, Oklahoma; Betty Ann Dolina of Claremore, Oklahoma; one son, Kenneth Joe Fields of Pryor, Oklahoma.

Also, three brothers, Kenneth Fields of Comanche, Nolan Fields of Carlsbad, Texas and Frank Fields of Denison, Texas; three sisters, Jewel Scott of Comanche, Oleta Rogers of Arlington and Ruby Terry of San Antonio.

Seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews also survive.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church General Fund.



MABEL D. DELONG

grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Connor Kelly, who died in February of 1994.

The family suggests memorials be made to Prairie Acres Nursing Home or First United Methodist Church building fund.

E. Fletcher's Rites Are Held May 23

Funeral services for Edgar Fletcher, 76, of Cushing, Texas, were conducted from Sacul New Faith Church at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, 1995.

Pastor Mike Williams was the officiating minister.

Fletcher, a former Friona resident, was born February 17, 1919 in Eastern Oklahoma and died at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock on Saturday, May 20.

He was a veteran of World War II and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The Fletcher family lived here thirty years prior to moving to Cushing in 1988.

Survivors, besides his wife, Mary, include two daughters, Letha Cunningham, also of Cushing, and Barbara Taylor of Idalou, Texas; two brothers, Toliver and Henry Fletcher, both of Clarksville, Texas; one sister, Mary Mahon of Hanford, California; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Oakwood City Cemetery under the direction of Dickey-Allen Funeral Home.

Services Held For L. Pacheco

Funeral services for Lupe V. Pacheco, 88, of Friona, were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 31, 1995 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church with Father Ed Sweeney officiating.

Rosary was said at St. Teresa's Catholic Church at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Burial was in Friona Cemetery.

Mrs. Pacheco died May 28, 1995 at her residence. She was born January 20, 1907 in Divine, Texas and married Jose Pacheco in 1945 in Vaughn, New Mexico. He preceded her in death on December 25, 1969.

She has lived in Friona since 1959, moving from Hereford. Mary Mendoza, a daughter, preceded her in death in 1991, and another daughter, Vickey Reyes, died in 1988.

Survivors include four sons, Joe Saiz, Joe A. Pacheco and Ernest Mills, all of Friona, and Manuel Pacheco of Farwell; three daughters, Geneva Brailiff of Friona, Nellie Garcia of Spur, Texas and Ruby Olguin of Hereford; 44 grandchildren; 89 great-grandchildren and ten great-great-grandchildren.

Friona Flashbacks

....from the files of The Friona Star

65 Yrs. Ago--May 30, 1930
A force of men arrived here and began work on the construction of the new Farmers' Elevator this week. The work is progressing at a satisfactory rate and the manager in charge of the work proposes to have the building complete in time to receive the new crop of wheat when it comes in. The new elevator is being built on the south side of the track near the old one and will be owned and operated on the same plan.

60 Yrs. Ago--May 31, 1935
In spite of the fact that it seemed that all wheat in this territory had been ruined by the wind and dust storms of the past several weeks, it now appears that there will be some wheat grown here if no unfavorable weather conditions arise. The good rain of two weeks ago has placed sufficient moisture in the land to admit planting of the spring row crops.

55 Yrs. Ago--May 31, 1940
The Santa Fe Grain Company, under the direction of the manager, G. (Preach) Cranfill, is making extensive additions to its plant, which, when completed, will place Friona among the high-ranking grain buying cities of the Panhandle. The work now under construction, will add five larger metal storage bins to the company's storing capacity. Each bin will have a capacity of 20,000 bushels of grain, making a total capacity of 100,000 bushels.

50 Yrs. Ago--May 25, 1945
So far as growing wheat in this locality is concerned, the situation has already become serious from the long continued dry spell. Some farmers report that they have already plowed under a portion or all of their wheat crop, while others are talking of turning their livestock in on their wheat and thus reaping as much as possible from its pasture.

45 Yrs. Ago--May 19, 1950
Victim of a freak explosion, Clyde Fields, about 30 years old, is in the Parmer County Community Hospital, suffering painful injuries, cuts and bruises. The forefinger on the left hand was severed and part of another finger was cut off in Tuesday's accident. Fields' left eye was injured but the damage is not believed to be permanent. As he and C.L. Mercer were walking along the country road from the pickup to their irrigation ditch, Fields unearthed a partially covered object about the size of a fountain pen. On closer examination, he took the top off the object. When he did, the unidentified missile exploded in his face. His condition was pronounced as painful but not

critical. One theory is that the object was a detonator left by a seismograph crew that worked in that vicinity last year.

40 Yrs. Ago--May 27, 1955
Coming to Friona to fill the position of grade school principal is Mr. Kenneth Fields, who is a brother of Rev. C.M. Fields, pastor of the Friona Baptist Church. Fields began his teaching career in Sudan where he taught the eighth grade for two years. From there, he went to Farwell, where he served the past few years in the capacity of principal of the elementary grades.

35 Yrs. Ago--May 26, 1960
Friona Lanes, Friona's newest addition to the skyline along Highway 60, will officially open their doors for bowling enthusiasts at 8 a.m. Friday morning.

Members of the *Friona Star* and Plains Publishers staffs honored J.W. (Uncle John) White with a birthday party Monday afternoon. This "grand old man" of the *Star* was observing his 92nd birthday. He was the first editor and publisher of the *Friona Star*. The first issue was printed July 5, 1926.

30 Yrs. Ago--May 27, 1965
J.W. (Uncle John) White quietly observed his 97th birthday on Sunday, May 23. The old gentleman, Friona's pioneer newspaperman, spent a quiet day

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with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Flippin, Jr.

Friona Feed Yard, Inc. was a major attraction on the first day of a three-day tour of the West Texas-Eastern New Mexico area beginning Monday by a group of Englishmen who are members of Corn and Agricultural Merchants, Limited. There were sixteen men in the group.

25 Yrs. Ago--May 28, 1970
Greenbugs have been found on small sorghum plants in Parmer, Deaf Smith and Castro counties, according to Jack King, Texas Grain Sorghum Producers Board research director. This is the earliest that greenbugs have been found on sorghum in the Plains since they first became a threat to the crop in 1968.

20 Yrs. Ago--May 25, 1975

Mrs. T.E. Lovett and Mrs. Woody Wilson were honored with a retirement tea by Mrs. Troy Ray at Mrs. Ray's home Tuesday. Mrs. Lovett is retiring at the end of this school term after 22 years of teaching school. Mrs. Wilson has logged 36 years of teaching.

The FHS cheerleaders for 1975-76 were elected this week. They are Sherri Thorn, Paula London, Lucinda Aguirre, Johnna Thorn and Mary Schilling.

15 Yrs. Ago--June 15, 1980
On Sunday, June 15, the Union Congregational Church of Friona will celebrate its 72nd birthday. The Congregational Church has the distinction of being the first church organized in Friona.

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Letters To The Editor

This is a reminder to all those wishing to nominate veterans for induction into the Panhandle Veterans Hall of Fame.

The cut-off date, (July 26), for submitting your nomination is fast approaching, and I want to encourage everyone to get their information to me as soon as possible.

It would be very sad to let a deserving veteran go unrecognized for the lack of a little effort on our part. Nominations are to be sent to: Panhandle Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 657, Pampa, Texas, 79066.

John L. Triplehorn, Chairman

Rodney Allens Have Baby Girl

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Allen of Hereford became the parents of a baby girl at 10:35 p.m. Sunday, May 21 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

She was seventeen inches long, weighed three pounds, twelve ounces and was named Carley Lynne.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Allen of Friona and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wilcox of Hereford. Mrs. Allen, the former Teresa Wilcox, was dismissed from the hospital and returned home Tuesday, but it will be necessary for Carley to remain in the hospital for some time.

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HONORARY MEMBER....Darla Bracken (left), librarian at Friona Public Library, is shown presenting Mary Rose Brito an honorary lifetime membership to the Friona Friends of the Library organization. The presentation was made April 30.

Comptroller Delivers Tax Rebates To Texas Cities

"Despite another month of record employment, local sales tax payments to Texas cities and counties 'cooled' somewhat last month," State Comptroller John Sharp said today as he delivered sales tax rebates to 1,076 cities and 111 counties across Texas.

According to Sharp, Texas businesses created nearly 300,000 new jobs for the year ending March 31, with statewide employment of more than 7.9 million working Texans. As a result, employment in Texas has reached its sixth all-

Lazbuddie Resident Graduates

A Lazbuddie resident is among 752 students who received associate degrees and certificates of proficiency Friday morning, May 12, during South Plains College's 37th commencement exercises in Texan Dome.

Elpidio Pacheco is the recipient of the Certificate of Proficiency in automotive service technology.

"You have worked hard to achieve a goal, and both you and your families should be very proud," said Dr. Gary McDaniel, SPC president.

time high in as many months.

Sales tax rebates to Texas cities totaled \$176.7 million, 1.5 per cent above the \$174 million for May 1994," Sharp said. "Rebates to Texas counties were \$17.2 million, a four per cent increase over the May 1994 rebates of \$16.6 million."

This month's sales tax rebates include taxes collected on March sales by businesses filing monthly returns and reported to the Comptroller in April and those businesses filing quarterly returns for January, February and March.

Friona received \$13,452.89 in sales tax, a 1.34 per cent increase from last year's \$13,274.36. 1995 payments to date total \$52,678.18, a 5.73 per cent increase from 1994 payments of 49,822.75.

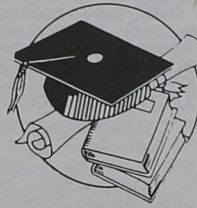
Bovina received \$3,387.35 in sales tax, a 7.65 percent decrease from last year's \$3,667.99. 1995 payments to date total \$14,127.60, a 14.25 per cent increase from 1994 payments of \$12,365.38.

The Parmer County total, which includes Friona, Bovina, and Farwell, totaled \$21,981.55 net payment for this period, a 3.77 per cent decrease from last year's \$22,844.38. 1995 payment to date total \$86,338.85, a 4.64 per cent increase from last year's \$82,504.20.

NICOLE TALLEY graduated cum laude from Texas Tech University's College of Human Sciences, Lubbock, on May 13. After maintaining a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.69, she received her degree in human development and family studies with a specialization in early childhood education and will be teaching students in the third through sixth grades. Her parents are Jay and Krita Potts and she is married to Troy Talley, son of Leon and Jeffie Talley, also of Friona. Nicole is a 1990 graduate of Friona High School. While at Tech, she was listed on the spring and fall 1994 President's Honor Roll with a 4.0 average; on the Dean's Honor Roll with a 3.5+ average in the fall of 1993; and received the College of Human Services Honor Graduate Award. She plans to teach in the Lubbock area.



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The Texas Department of Health is charging fees to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

Immunizations are available in Friona at the WIC Office, 703 Main Street, on Friday, June 16 from 10-11:45 a.m. and 1-3:45 p.m.

The vaccinations will also be available at the Bovina Medical Clinic, 509 Avenue I, on Monday, June 12 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

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"ARTIST OF THE MONTH" MRS. JESSIE GORE



ARTIST OF THE MONTH--Mrs. Jessie Gore has been named Guest Artist of the Month and will have several of her oil paintings on display in the lobby of Prairie Acres during the month of June. 91-year-old Jessie painted for 20 years until her eyesight began to fail around 1980. She studied under Lee Kennedy of Sulpher Springs and says she most enjoyed painting flowers and still life, but also did a few landscapes. She is pictured here with Prairie Acres employee, Barbara Armstrong, who has worked at the home off and on for several years. Barbara and Jessie invite everyone to come out and look at the paintings on display.

PRAIRIE ACRES NURSING HOME

The public is invited to view the art in the lobby at Prairie Acres each month.



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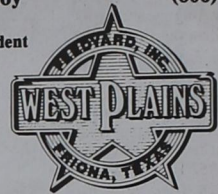
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Used Oil Recycling Centers Open

The Panhandle Environmental Partnership is setting up a network of used oil collection sites in the top 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle.

The Partnership is a program of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) and the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC), which made the program possible with a grant of almost \$300,000.

The Partnership is opening the sites in cooperation with the region's local governments, giving "do-it-yourselfers" convenient locations to dump used motor oil. Dumping used oil in unauthorized places is illegal. Oil can seep into soil and contaminate underground supplies of water, thus endangering the health of thousands of area residents who depend on underground water for drinking and agriculture.

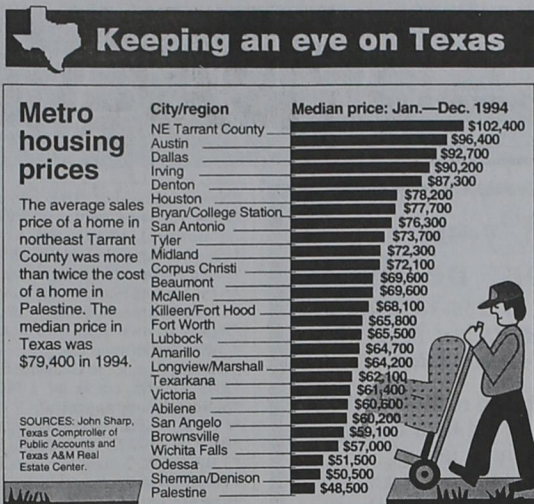
While some area residents already have access to used oil recycling centers, others do not. Until now, many residents in smaller communities have had to carry used oil to distant or inconvenient recycling stations.

"Rural residents are no less environmentally conscious than urban dwellers, but recycling has been slow in coming to many rural communities because of the high cost of implementing programs," said Gary Pitner, PRPC executive director. "But through cooperative efforts, we can offer rural communities the same convenient oil-recycling facilities found in larger areas."

The recycling stations consist of one, 465-gallon fiberglass tank that sits inside a small fenced area. "Do-it-yourselfers" can pour oil directly into the tank and deposit used oil filters in a nearby container.

Borger-based CEG Industries will collect the oil and filters when containers are full. CEG will deliver the waste oil to the Phillips 66 Co. refinery in Borger, where it will be re-refined and recycled back into petroleum products. All this is free-of-charge to residents. The network will consist of more than 100 stations in the 26-county area.

In Parmer County, deposit centers are located at Friona, Bovina and Farwell.



DURING 1994

Average Home Value Increases In Texas

"Just a few years ago, many Texas neighborhoods were cluttered with 'For Sale' and 'Foreclosure' signs, and homes sold for bargain prices. Today, home prices are rising and, in many areas, builders can barely keep pace with the demand for new homes," State Comptroller John Sharp said.

"Because of Texas' expanding economy and strong job market, many newcomers are moving into the state. At the same time, affordable interest rates have convinced renters to become home buyers, and home owners to trade up to more expensive houses," Sharp said.

The current issue of Statement, a publication of the Comptroller's Property Tax Division, provides a detailed comparison of home sales in 46 Texas cities in 1994, including the number of homes sold in each area and the median selling price.

"The statewide median price of a home in Texas last year rose 2 per cent to \$79,400. That means half of the homes that were sold were priced higher than \$79,400, and half were priced lower," Sharp said.

"Statewide, 115,124 existing homes were sold in 1994. In addition, 110,900 new homes and

apartments were built--the highest number since 1985.

"Though rising mortgage interest rates have slowed the demand for homes somewhat, I expect about 210,000 new home construction permits to be issued in the next two years, and I expect sales of existing homes to continue rising at an average rate of 2 per cent per year," Sharp said.

"Home sales activity last year varied widely from region to region. In some cases, cities located near one another experienced different housing trends. For example, the median price of homes in Denton rose nine per cent to \$87,300, while the median home price in Irving declined five per cent to \$90,200. Likewise, while home prices were up in Northeast Tarrant County, home prices dropped by four per cent in Fort Worth.

South Plains Opry Is Set For Summer Debut

Remember the days when summer meant music under the stars for the whole family?

Those days are back with The South Plains Opry, a family-oriented musical venture presented this summer by South Plains College and the Levelland Area Chamber of Commerce.

South Plains Opry, featuring talented young performers from SPC's Creative Arts Department, will have four free performances in June on the Courthouse Square in Levelland. The season will wind up with a Fourth of July performance at the SPC track.

Performance dates and times are 8-9:30 p.m., June 8, June 15, June 22 and June 29 and 8 p.m. July 4 at the SPC track. Admission is free.

The SPC Showmobile will be located on the east side of the square for the downtown performances. Avenue G will be blocked off during performance time.

"This is a terrific thing for Levelland," said Bob Evans, director of the Levelland Area Chamber of Commerce.

He is working with John Hartin, chairman of SPC's Creative Arts Department, and Cary Banks, commercial music instructor at SPC, in the month long summer production.

Hartin noted, "We hope this show will help attract people from throughout the region to Levelland and show visitors all that Levelland has to offer. We'll have a different theme for each week's show and hope to have special guests lined up as well."

Performers include SPC students Jodi Jenkins, bass player from Levelland; Shun Harvey, vocalist from Morton; Dustin McNabb, vocalist from Amherst; Corie Williford, vocalist from Cotton Center; Kori Parkinson, vocalist from Levelland; Scott Rankin, vocalist from Levelland;

Patrick McCarroll, vocalist from Joshua; Gabriel Talamantes, vocalist and keyboardist from Littlefield; will be SPC students selected by audition. The group is under the direction of Cary Banks.

"We are encouraging people to bring their lawn chairs and blankets for a great evening of country music entertainment," said Evans. "The Showmobile will be in close proximity to the grassy area on the north side of the Courthouse

Square." The Daily Grind and A.J.'s Restaurant have indicated they will remain open during performance times, Evans noted. "We are encouraging businesses to stay open or leave their lights on their stores so the public can be aware of their merchandise," said Evans.

In case of bad weather, the evening of the scheduled performance, the show will be cancelled.

Calendar Compiles Statewide Events

Summer's on the way and to help you enjoy it, the Texas Events Calendar, a compilation of statewide events covering the months of June, July and August, has just been released by the Texas Department of Transportation's Travel and Information Division.

Summertime in Texas brings many Juneteenth and 4th of July celebrations as well as festivals featuring music, fruits, vegetables, art, theatre, fishing, rodeo and you. Ride the Texas State Railroad between Rusk and Palestine. Canoe the Texas Water Safari from San Marcos to Seadrift.

Have a milk shake at the Hopkins County Dairy Festival in Sulphur Springs. See the 30th anniversary season of "Texas" at Palo Duro Canyon State Park. Eat a peach at the Parker County Peach Festival in Weatherford. Enjoy live chamber music at the Victoria Bach Festival. Catch a big one at South Padre Island's Texas International Fishing Tournament.

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The Texas Events Calendar is

free for the asking by calling 800/452-9292. Professional travel counselors at the department's Texas Travel Information Centers answer this toll free number. They provide Texas trip planning, helpful statewide travel information, and free travel literature. The service is available daily to callers anywhere in the United States and Canada from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Area Man Is Aboard AC Carrier

Navy Airman Recruit John R. Armstrong, son of John and Sharon Armstrong of Farwell, recently reported for duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS George Washington, homeported in Norfolk, Virginia.

The 1994 graduate of Farwell High School joined the Navy in September 1994.

"As of May 16, the U.S. Navy has 374 ships; 167 of them are underway; 105 of them are deployed. We have twelve exercises ongoing and port visits to 12 countries," said a spokesman for the U.S. Navy.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Parmer County Commissioners Court is currently accepting bids for group medical benefits for the Parmer County employees. Bids must be mailed or brought to Bonnie J. Clayton, County Judge, at 401 Third Street, Room 104, P.O. Box 506, Farwell, Texas 79325, to be received no later than 10:00 A.M., Monday, July 10, 1995, at which time bids will be considered. Please include an original and four (4) copies in your bid packet.

Personnel information is available from the County Treasurer. Experience data will be provided upon request, after receipt from Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

The effective date for coverage is July 15, 1995 and the term is for one (1) year, however, bids for longer than one year will be considered.

Bids should be for the same coverage and in the amounts now provided under the Blue Cross/Blue Shield policy. Any proposals for more or less coverage should be presented as options and priced as additions or reductions to the premium by classification for the present coverage.

The Commissioners Court will not be considering proposals for a partially self-funded plan at this time.

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The Parmer County CFSA Office, 300 Ave. B, Farwell, TX is taking applications for employment for a position in the office.

Applications will be accepted through June 9, 1995. Candidates will be considered without discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, political affiliations, personal sponsorship, physical or mental handicap, age, marital status or other non-merit factors. CFSA is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 34-2tc

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- High School Track Equipment
- High School Basketball Equipment
- Cross Country Equipment

2. Sealed proposal, prominently marked "Athletic Equipment Bid" will be received until 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, 1995 at the Athletic Office, Bovina High School, Bovina, Texas. They will be publicly opened and read aloud in the office of the Director of Athletics. Proposals received after the above stated time and date will not be accepted. The District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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TAMARA DON OFFIELD and MICHAEL CHARLES MIMMS, DVM....Joe and Judy Offield of Plainview and Dalton and Beulah Mimms of Lazbuddie announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Tamara and Michael. The couple will exchange wedding vows Saturday, July 15 at 10:30 a.m. in the home of the bride's parents in Plainview. The bride is a graduate of Plainview High School and Wayland Baptist University, currently employed by the Plainview ISD. Mimms is a graduate of Lazbuddie High School, Lubbock Christian College and Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine. He is employed at Hereford Veterinary Clinic.



**MECA WEST
Meca West
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In Hereford**

Funeral services for Meca West, 90, were conducted at the Avenue Baptist Church in Hereford Friday morning, with Rev. Jeff McBeth, pastor, First Baptist Church, Pewaukee, Wisconsin officiating. Burial was in Hereford's West Park Cemetery.

Mrs. West passed away Tuesday morning, May 30, at High Plains Baptist Hospital following an illness.

She was born October 13, 1904 at Vinita, Oklahoma. She married Birch West on January 9, 1922, at Mobeetie. Mr. West passed away October 20, 1966.

A homemaker, Mrs. West had lived in Hereford since 1927 having lived at her residence at 915 East 15th Street for 48 years. At the time the Wests built the home, it was about a mile from town, but today has become a part of Hereford's northern section.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Virgil in 1934 and Fred in 1988, and a daughter, Peggy in 1934.

Survivors include two daughters, Scooter Russell of Bovina and Jane McBeth of Pewaukee, Wisconsin and two sons, Preston and Oliver L., both of Moriarty, N.M.

Also surviving are 13 grandchildren, including Janee Russell and Tami Kunselman, both of Spearman, and Tracy Wright of Erie, Colorado (all three raised in Bovina); 30 great-grandchildren, including Jason Griffin, Rene' Rindlisbacher, Gena and Jamie Kunselman, all of Spearman, and Russell Wright of Erie, Colorado.

Also, eight great-great grandchildren, including Justin Rindlisbacher.

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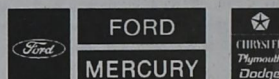
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LUCINDA BERMEA and WAYNE MOSLEY....Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bermea announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lucinda, to Wayne Mosley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mosley and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Asbill of Austin. The wedding is scheduled for Saturday, June 24 at 4 p.m. at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona. A reception will follow at the Community Center. The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Friona High School and a 1995 graduate of St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas. The prospective bridegroom is a 1994 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and is currently employed by Minco Technologies. The couple plans to reside in Austin, Texas.

Final JH Honor Roll Released

The sixth honor roll for Friona Junior High School was released this week by Kevin Wiseman, principal.

Students making the list included:

ALL A'S

Eighth grade--James Evans and Nathan Terry.

Seventh grade--Rebecca Balli, Adrian Cruz, Lesli Fiel, Mary Juarez, Landon Martin, Leslie Reyes, Sandra Rivera, Jamie Slagle, Dale Williams, Kyle Wiseman and Kayla Wyly.

Sixth grade--Valerie Bandy, Justin Boyd, Joshua Burleson, Jenny Cunningham, John Fitzgerald, Jena Grimsley, Tania Hand, Ashlee Hunt, Lynette Jubay, Audra King, Clinton McCoy, Edmund Mercado, SueHaye Ramos, J'Mae Randolph, Elida Rivera, Charley Saiz, Kayla Smiley, Diana Tirado, Petra Velazquez, Cason White, V'Laura Wilcox, Robert Winebrinner and Amber Wyly.

ALL A'S AND ONE B

Eighth grade--Carolina Camarillo, Courtney Clark, Casie Escobedo, April Pope and Jeffrey Rando.

Seventh grade--Zubin Bhakta, Antonio Diaz, Christian Hanes,

Tyson Neill and Dolly Villarreal.

Sixth grade--Garland Buske, Aaron Hendrickson, Christina Ortega, Alisia Rando, Myrna Salinas and Rayenna Trimmell.

ALL A'S AND TWO B'S

Eighth grade--Katie Jack, Bertha Maldonado, Colby Patterson, Rachel Rodriguez, Rodolfo Torres and V'Lynda Wilcox.

Seventh grade--Petra Chavarria, Crystal Dow, Adriana Favela, Sarah Hendley, Trent Herring, Colby Ingram, Nathan King, Jessica Perez, Randi Stokes, Celio Tafoya and Belen Torres.

Sixth grade--Jill Brown, Vanessa Mata, LaFawnda Mays, Olivia Mendez and Andrew Perez.

Final Six-Weeks Honor Roll Told

The honor roll for the final six weeks at Friona High School was released this week by Frank Belcher, principal.

Making the list were:

ALL A'S

Freshmen--Tiffany Blackburn, Rachel Burleson, Gabe Goodwin, Perry Hanes, Lacy Venhaus and

Nice Rains....

(Continued from Page 1) rain, and now some of the little plants are beginning to break through the ground.

"I'm hopeful that we'll get a good stand. I'm glad it hadn't already come up, since it (the weather) got as cold as it did," Wright said.

He also indicated that he had his "sandfighters" ready in case the wind gets up.

Joe Allen, manager of Sherley-Anderson's Rhea elevator, said the Rhea community got in on the general rain. "We had about three inches since a week ago Thursday. "We had another 1.8 inches earlier in the month, so that makes around 4.8 inches for the month," Allen said.

Since the Rhea area is virtually entirely dry-land from a farming standpoint, the rain was a God-send.

"Some of the row-crops had been planted, but most were waiting for a rain. They can get their planting done now. The farmers were really getting concerned about the lack of moisture, but this saved the day," Allen said.

Bill Carthel, who farms south of Black, said that the prolonged cold had hurt his cotton to some extent. "It's not looking good at all. We plan to look at it again on Thursday and see if we'll have to replant," he said.

The longtime area farmer said they had received around four inches of rain altogether, and that hardly any of it ran off. He said his corn was looking good, and that the good moisture should be just right for it.



JAMIE BEALL REEVE, daughter of Don and Lavon Reeve of Lubbock graduated with honors on Saturday, May 20 from the University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas. She received her Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree. She graduated May 17, 1991 from West Texas State University, Canyon, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in biology. Her grandparents are Allo Reeve and the late Glenn Reeve, Sr. of Friona and R.L. and Marie Fleming of Lubbock, former Friona residents.



CONSTRUCTION BEGINS....Terry Copley and assistants Lynn Copley and Shannon Cochran, are shown pouring cement at a new project on West Highway 60. John Baca is reportedly set to build additional storage facilities there.

Jr. High Announces Awards Winners

Friona Junior High School honored its outstanding students at the school's annual Awards Assembly Tuesday evening at the Junior High Auditorium.

Departmental award-winners were as follows:

Art--Marica Barnes-Outstanding Girl, Christopher Centeno-Outstanding Boy, Anibal Solis-sixth grade art, Victor Alvarado-Certificate of Merit, Jonathan Browning-Certificate of Merit, Gaines Butman-Certificate of Merit, Tony DeLaPaz-Certificate of Merit, John Fitzgerald-Certificate of Merit, Marisa Barnes-Blue Ribbon Certificate, Christopher Centeno-Blue Ribbon Certificate and Fabiola Vasquez-Blue Ribbon Certificate.

Band--Lynette Jubay-outstanding student, Cass Perkins-outstanding student, Kayla McCoy-outstanding student and Jesus Nava-outstanding student.

Special Education--Robert Hernandez-most improved, John Paul Carrasco-most improved and Ruben Diaz-most improved.

Spanish--Angela Fitzgerald-outstanding student and Matthew Kendrick-outstanding student.

Life management--Carolina Camarillo-outstanding student.

Computer--Dolly Villarreal-outstanding student and Kyle Wiseman-outstanding student.

Speech--Barry Procter-outstanding student.

E.S.L.--Charlie Reyes-most improved, Hector Aguilar-most improved and Ever Andrade-most improved.

Sixth ELA--Elida Rivera-outstanding student.

Sixth TAG--Veronica Velazquez-outstanding student.

Seventh ELA--Eva Anias-most consistent.

Eighth ELA--Justin Grimsley-outstanding student, Lesli Fiel-outstanding student and April Pope-outstanding student.

Reading improvement--Moses Baca-outstanding student and Fabiola Vasquez-outstanding student.

Reading--Cesar Salinas-outstanding student (6th grade), Diana Tirado-outstanding student (6th grade), Melodee Lamb-outstanding student (8th grade) and Courtney Clark-most consistent effort (8th grade).

Math--Charley Saiz-outstanding student (6th grade), Veronica Velazquez-outstanding student (6th grade), Kayla Wyly-outstanding student (7th grade), Jamille Hand-most improved (7th grade), Colby Patterson-highest average in math-boy (8th grade) and Casie Escobedo-highest average in math-girl (8th grade).

Science--J'Mae Randolph-outstanding student (6th grade), Blane Winebrinner-outstanding student (6th grade), Zubin Bhakta-outstanding student (7th grade), Monica Gonzales-most consistent effort (7th grade), Jeremias Rodriguez-most improved (8th grade) and V'Lynda Wilcox-outstanding student (8th grade).

Social studies--Aaron Hendrickson-outstanding student (6th grade), Amber Wyly-outstanding student (6th grade).

Texas history--Jamie Slagle-outstanding student in Texas History (7th grade) and Leslie Reyes-outstanding student in Texas History (7th grade).

U.S. history--Katie Jack-outstanding student (8th grade) and Nathan Terry-outstanding student (8th grade).

P.E.--Cason White-outstanding student and V'Laura Wilcox-outstanding student.

90 AND ABOVE

Sixth grade--Valerie Bandy, Justin Boyd, Josh Burleson,

Garland Buske, William Buske, Dustin Campbell, Lupita Corral, Jenny Cunningham, John Fitzgerald, Jena Grimsley, Tania Hand, Aaron Hendrickson, Maria Herrera, Ashlee Hunt, Kahlie Ingram, Lynette Jubay, Audra King, Yolanda Legarreta, LaFawnda Mays, Vanessa Mata, Edmund Mercado, Clinton McCoy, Olivia Mendez, Christina Ortega, Andrew Perez, Cass Perkins, SueHaye Ramos, J'Mae Randolph, Erminia Rivera, Elida Rivera, Marisa Rodriguez, Charley Saiz, Myrna Salinas, Kayla Smiley, Diana Tirado, Reyenna Trimmell, Petra Velazquez, Cason White, V'Laura Wilcox, Robert Winebrinner and Amber Wyly.

Seventh grade--Jesse Allen, Rebecca Balli, Zubin Bhakta, Lindsay Buske, Christopher Centeno, Petra Chavarria, Adrian Cruz, Antonio Diaz, Jonathan Espinosa, Adriana Favela, Lesli Fiel, Jamille Hand, Christian Hanes, Sarah Hendley, Trent Herring, Anya Hitchcock, Colby Ingram, Mary Juarez, Nathan King, Landon Martin, Tyson Neill, Imelda Perez, Jessica Perez, Leslie Reyes, Rodolfo Rios, Sandra Rivera, Christina Salinas, Jamie Slagle, Randi Stokes, Celio Tafoya, Belen Torres, Dolly Villarreal, Dale Williams, Kyle Wiseman and Kayla Wyly.

Eighth grade--Carolina Camarillo, Courtney Clark, Justin Daniel, Nikki Elam, Whitney Ellis, Casie Escobedo, Peggy Escobedo, James Evans, Sheri Fiel, Jon Field, Fabiola Godoy, Justin Grimsley, Katie Jack, Matthew Kendrick, Kayla McCoy, Colby Patterson, April Pope, Barry Procter, Jeff Rando, Alicia Smith, Nathan Terry and V'Lynda Wilcox.

A TEAM

Sixth grade--Josh Burleson, Jenny Cunningham, Lynette Jubay, Audra King, J'Mae Randolph,

Charley Saiz, Kayla Smiley, Petra Velazquez, Robert Winebrinner and Amber Wyly.

Seventh grade--Antonio Diaz, Lesli Fiel, Landon Martin, Kyle Wiseman and Kayla Wyly.

Top Ten--James Evans, 93.80; Justin Grimsley, 92.80; V'Lynda Wilcox, 92.75; Katie Jack, 91.80; Nathan Terry, 91.20; Peggy Escobedo, 90.50; Matthew Kendrick, 90.40; Jeff Rando, 90.40; Colby Patterson, 90.30 and Alicia Smith, 90.25.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Sixth grade--Brandi Brailiff, Lupita Corral, J'Mae Randolph, Erminia Rivera and Cason White.

Seventh grade--Zubin Bhakta, Christopher Centeno, Joy Clark, Andrea Lopez and Sandra Rivera.

Eighth grade--Victor Alvarado, Tony Duran, Melodee Lamb, Jesus Nava, April Pope, Jeremy Roth and Rodolpho Torres.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Sixth grade--Jena Grimsley, Tania Hand, Kahlie Ingram and Blane Winebrinner.

Seventh grade--Christian Hanes, Christina Orozco, Sergio Pena, Belen Torres and Dale Williams.

Eighth grade--Justin Daniel, Whitney Ellis, April Gutierrez, April Pope and Veronica Trevino.

CITIZENSHIP

Sixth grade--Blanca Acosta, Brandi Brailiff, Jill Brown, Lupita Corral, John Fitzgerald, Jerry Garcia, Ashlee Hunt, Kristi Jack, Audra King, Vanessa Mata, Flor Reyes, SueHaye Ramos, Charley Saiz, Veronica Salinas, Marisa Rodriguez, Myrna Salinas, Johanna Shelby, Kayla Smiley and Louise Walker.

Seventh grade--Antonio Diaz, Jesus Juarez, Landon Martin, Imelda Perez and Sandra Rivera.

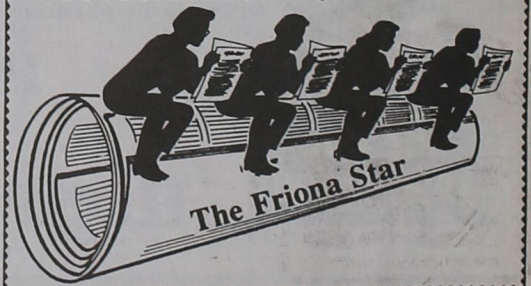
Eighth grade--DaLinda Black, Justin Daniel, Peggy Escobedo, Sheri Fiel, M'Kell Jarecki, Jeff Rando and Alicia Smith.

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By JUNE FLOYD
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If you ever need a comparison for "persistent," just try this one. "As persistent as a pair of mud wrens building a nest once they've selected a home site."

For the past ten days or so, two have been making an effort to build behind my front porch light. In spite of the fact that I've torn down several beginnings of foundations, they keep coming back and re-building.

Right now I'm one step ahead of them, but they have been darting in and out, so don't seem to have any idea of giving up.

Carolyn Trimmell of the Rhea community is home after a "quickie" trip to Rock Springs, Wyoming. Her sister and brother-in-law, Evanna and Tommy Betcher, and baby boy recently moved from Sherman, Texas to Rock Springs.

After receiving a telephone call and invitation from the former Texans, Carolyn emplaned at Amarillo and flew to Denver then on to Rock Springs.

A few days later, she and Evanna and the baby drove back to Texas by way of Winter Park, Colorado, where they spent one night in a motel.

Carolyn reported, "That was quite an experience. There were 6,000 rooms in the motel and we were the only occupants that night."

She also reported seeing a lot of beautiful country and snow in several places in the higher elevations.

Wana Brewer arrived home Monday evening after an absence of a few days over two weeks. She first flew from Amarillo to Little Rock, Arkansas, where she spent one week visiting in the home of her son and grandson, Byron and Will Brewer.

These three toured several interesting places in the Arkansas state capital city and one of the highlights for Will, who is five years old, was showing his Grandmother Brewer how he could

swim under water.

From Little Rock, she flew to Austin, Texas, where she spent several days visiting her younger son, Galen, and his wife, Betty.

She reported, "Galen was able to take a few days off from work, so we were able to do several fun things together."

Enroute home she stopped off in Dallas for a visit in the home of two cousins, E. Jane Carson and Catherine Duncan.

Wana said, "There were rains, rains and more rains everywhere I went and I wanted so badly to bring some of them home with me. Everything was so pretty and green and spring flowers were blooming profusely. I enjoyed seeing all of them, but being home is great."

Alva Dean Bedgood of Richmond, Texas arrived Monday for a visit in the homes of her mother and sister, Fairrie Parker and Marlene Drake.

Fairrie spent several days last week as a medical patient in Parmer County Community Hospital.

She is making satisfactory progress at home and is able to have company.

When Russ Shelton of Eaton High School accepted a trophy acclaiming him as the Most Valuable Player in the Colorado state baseball tournament in Denver recently, three of the proudest grandparents in the audience--if not in the whole world--were cheering for him and his team, which had just placed first in the tournament.

Luther and Thelma Ruth Shelton and Maybrian Rhodes, all of Friona, went up to attend Russ' high school graduation and arranged their trips so they could also attend the tournament.

Russ, the son of Jerry and Darla Rhodes Shelton, was the winning pitcher for the event. His team won twelve out of twelve games played during their regular season with Russ pitching.

Two of his aunts, Betty Rhodes Smith and Barbara Rhodes Grimsley, accompanied their mother to Eaton.

While they were in the area, they also did some sightseeing and went shopping at the Rocky Mountain Outlet Mall in nearby Loveland, Colorado.

This group left on Wednesday and returned home on Tuesday.

Maybrian reported, "After driving through drought stricken Texas, Oklahoma and southern Colorado, seeing the green grass and alfalfa in the Greeley area was a real treat."

"It rained each of the five days we were there and we're taking credit for bringing some of it home with us."

Vince and Audrey Kelley Rowell, who moved to Hereford from California, and their son, Jason, who had been living in Albuquerque, New Mexico kind of feel like Dame Misfortune must have been following them.

Soon after their arrival in January while Vince and Jason were erecting a sign at the radiator shop, which they are operating in Deaf Smith County's capital city, there was a mishap and Vince came out with a broken arm.

Complications followed and he is still unable to use his right arm. Then, more recently, a splinter in Jason's arm resulted in complications and he hasn't fully recovered from this incident.

The new home of Terry and Varla Wilcox and children, V'Lynda, V'Laura, V'Leesha and Tolby, is nearing completion and they're in the process of getting moved from 1304 West Sixth.

When they get moved, they will have the Allen Hailes for neighbors on one side and the Billy Gene Zacharys will be on the other.

Real soon, Dennis and Vicky Field and family will be moving from 1501 Columbia into the house being vacated by the Wilcox family.

Homer Lindeman, who had been a patient at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo almost two weeks, was dismissed and returned home Friday.

He had heart by-pass surgery on Monday and is making satisfactory progress at home.

Ron and Libby Procter returned

home from the National Pinto Arabian Show in McKinney, Sunday evening, with several ribbons, which were won by their two-year-old stallion, O.J.

Leslie Johnson accompanied the Procters to McKinney, where they were met by Jeff Procter of Kearney, Nebraska and Jenny Procter and Sarah Waters of Oklahoma City.

Julia Fairchild and Rex and Marilyn Blackburn were accompanied to Fort Collins, Colorado, early last week for the funeral of Mrs. Orville Fairchild of that city, by Larry Fairchild of Adrian.

This group returned on Tuesday.

Orville Fairchild is a brother of the late E.L. (Hap) Fairchild.

Five Frionans returned home late last week after spending a fun filled five or six days in Arkansas.

Mrs. Gene Bracken, Melba Smiley, Jessica Alvarez and Darla Bracken and daughter, Julie, drove to Hopper, Arkansas, for a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hill and son, Gwen.

This group did some sightseeing in the area. One of the highlights of the trip for Julie and Jessica was a canoe trip down the Caddo River.

Joe, Marlene and Staci Mueller, along with Andre Duran, took a few days off in the middle of May for fishing and relaxation.

They spent four days at Ute Lake, Logan, New Mexico. The fishing was real good for walleye and crappie. Joe caught the fish of the day, a twenty-three inch walleye.

Then at the end of the week, Staci and Marlene made a trip to Wichita, Kansas to visit friends, Alesia Tucker and Danny and Debbie Stevens, all former residents of Friona. Alesia is the daughter of Ted and Ruth Tucker.

The Stevenses have three daughters, Melissa, 16, Michelle, 12, and Molly, 6.

One of the first stops was Oklahoma City. Seeing the Murrah Federal Building before it was demolished didn't make it any more real. It was a sad and heart-breaking sight.

Did You Know?

By GEORGE RUSHING

The beautiful hymn, "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus," was written about 1880 by a young woman in New York. This young woman was born at Dover, England around 1850 and felt the call of God on her life for missionary service as a young child.

She came to America in 1871 and lived in Cincinnati, Ohio until she married in 1875. About five years later, when she, her husband and her daughter, Lily, were having a picnic on a beach in New York, a drowning young boy cried out for help. Her husband rushed into the water only to be pulled under and drowned by the struggling young boy.

During the days that followed her husband's death, Louisa M. R. Stead struggled with God on "why?". But from her heart came these words:

Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His word, Just to rest upon His promise, Just to know, "Thus says the Lord."

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to trust His cleansing blood, Just in simple faith to plunge me 'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Mrs. Stead and her daughter left for South Africa a short time later, where for fifteen years, she worked as a diligent missionary and also married Robert Wodehouse. Then, after having returned to America for five years due to failing health, she returned to her missionary work for another ten years.

Why is it so hard to trust in Jesus? Knowing He loves us more than we can possibly know. I think the answer lies in the fact that we cling to this life so desperately hard.

I am reminded of a story I was told by a Russian teacher. Some bandits came into a small village and ordered all the inhabitants into the town square. They ordered them to give them all their money, which they did. The villagers

Then the girls were off to the dog tracks at the Wichita Greyhound Park. It was very exciting since that was Marlene and Staci's first experience with dog racing.

Wichita just happened to be celebrating their annual River Festival, with music, tub races and on-site QVC program. They took a trollie to downtown old Wichita and around the river area. It's a beautiful city.

They also went to a professional baseball game of women. The Colorado Silver Bullets played a men's team of Wichita Alumni. The River Festival fireworks followed after the game. The girls had a great time in Wichita and want to say thanks, Alesia!

You can't control the other fellow's annoying faults, but you can see to it that you yourself do not develop or harbor provoking practices.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FRIONA!!!

Week of June 4-10

Friona residents having birthdays next week are:

June 4--Pam Hamilton, Gene Weatherly, Ruth Tucker, Lucy Villalobos.

June 5--Hazel Stowers, Rene Lincoln, Jesse Mendoza.

June 6--Shannon Lincoln, Garrett Wright, Chris Mabry, Holly Campbell, Jennifer Smith, Sylvia Gibson, Janette Collard.

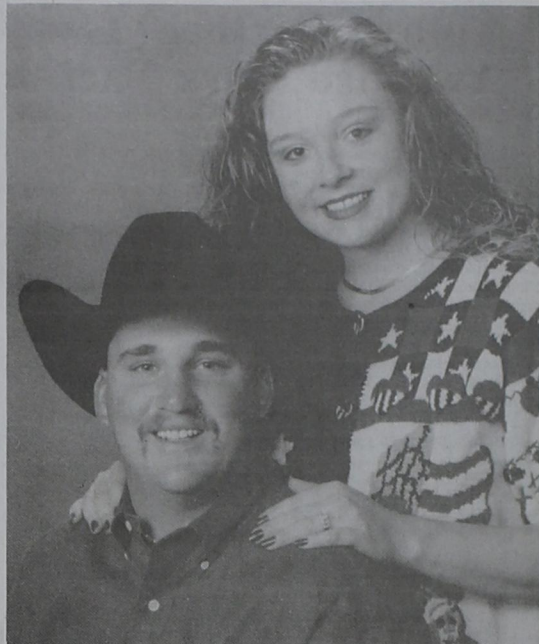
June 7--Kevin Schueler, Mike Sutter, Derek Rebber.

June 8--Deanna Poarch, Joe Bob Mann, Kevin Zachary, June Rhodes, Rachael Knowles Schulle, Michael Bentley.

June 9--Brandon Randolph, Joel Venhaus, Judy Diegelmann, Nick Shrode.

June 10--Theresa Alexander, Vohnya Tongate, Raymond Auburg, Kris Gordon.

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, call the Friona Star at 247-2211 by Wednesday noon and report it.



HEATHER DAWN WIECK and DUSTEE HAND GEE...Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wieck of Umbarger, Texas and Wessie Hand and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Gee of Friona announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Heather and Dustee. Grandparents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. John Wieck of Umbarger and Mr. and Mrs. Benny Moore of Olton. Grandparents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Johnny W. Hand of Friona and the late Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Gee. The bride-elect is a 1992 graduate of Canyon High School and is attending West Texas A&M University, majoring in elementary education and is employed by Chez L.A. The prospective bridegroom is a 1990 graduate of Friona High School, attended South Plains College, Levelland, and Amarillo College and plans to further his education at Amarillo College. He is currently employed at Tascosa Feedyard. The couple will exchange wedding vows Saturday, August 12 at 6 p.m. in the Southwest Baptist Church of Amarillo. Friends of the couple are invited to attend.

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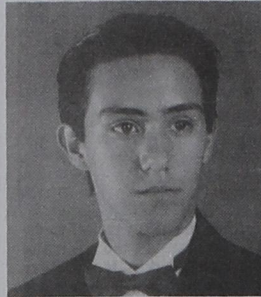
Colby D. Carthel, 1995 graduate from Friona High School, has been awarded a Carr Academic Scholarship at Angelo State University for 1995-96.

Over 300 Carr Academic Scholarships for 1995-96, ranging in value from \$1,000 to \$6,000, have been awarded to qualified high school seniors. During the current year, approximately 900 students from throughout Texas and the nation, as well as numerous foreign countries are attending Angelo State University on Carr Academic Scholarships.

As a general rule, students must rank in the top 15 per cent of

their high school class, have a high school grade average of 90 or above, and present a combined math and verbal score of 1000 or higher on the SAT or a composite score of 25 or higher on the ACT.

Supported by a growing multi-million dollar trust established by the late Robert G. and Nona K. Carr of San Angelo, the undergraduate scholarships may be renewed annually by the university for students who maintain the required academic record. During a four year course of undergraduate study at ASU, Carr Academic Scholarships can be worth from \$4,000 to \$24,000.



EZRA PAZ CORONADO graduated with honors from Judson High School, Converse, Texas on May 24. He is the son of J.R. and Elsie (Aguirre) Coronado and grandson of Amado and Sarah Coronado of Friona and Adolfo Aguirre and the late Manuela Aguirre of Kyle, Texas. He plans to attend the University of Texas, San Antonio, where he will major in business management and is employed by West-Telemarketing there.

Bronniman Graduates

Bret Bronniman of Friona was one of the 402 students to participate in spring undergraduate commencement at Abilene Christian University.

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Annuities: An Alternative for Retirement

They say you can't teach an old dog new tricks, but many people are discovering a new way to use an old type of investment.

Not too long ago, annuities were familiar only to retirees, who used them for income during their golden years. But in recent years, they've gained popularity with the younger set, as a way to prepare for retirement.

Traditional retirement-planning tools such as individual retirement accounts (IRAs) remain an excellent way to secure a comfortable future. Being able to put away \$2,000 every year and have it grow tax-deferred can help you build a sizeable nest egg. And those who have the opportunity to contribute to a retirement plan at work should certainly do so.

But those looking for additional retirement-planning ideas might want to consider annuities.

An annuity is a contract with an insurance company. Like an IRA, an annuity is not an actual investment; rather, it is the vehicle into which investments are placed--for example, stocks, bonds and mutual funds. And like IRAs, the income earned on investments placed in an annuity contract grows tax-deferred.

The power of tax deferral can be astounding. To illustrate, assume you made a one-time \$10,000 investment earning 8 per cent, compounded annually. If you were in the 28 per cent tax bracket, your investment would be worth \$53,659 after 30 years. But if you had placed the \$10,000 in a tax-deferred account earning the same amount, your money would grow to more than \$100,000 in the same time period.

Annuities are available in two varieties: fixed and variable. With fixed annuities, the insurance company offers the policy holder a fixed rate of return for a set period

of time, usually from one to ten years. Variable annuities, on the other hand, pay variable returns. They can include a variety of investments, such as growth stocks, international stocks, growth-and-income stocks, corporate bonds and money-market funds. The return on the variable annuity is directly related to the performance of the investments within the annuity.

Deciding whether to choose fixed or variable annuities depends on your objectives and risk tolerance. While fixed annuities offer a reliable, steady level of income, variable annuities offer the potential for increasing returns to protect income against the effects of inflation.

Annuities also offer different withdrawal options. For example, if you want a stream of income that you could never outlive, you might annuitize your contract. Annuitization establishes a payout amount based on a specific period of time chosen by the policyholder, or on the policyholder's lifetime. The payments stop after the time period ends or the policyholder dies, and they can't be altered or stopped in any way before that time.

Instead of annuitization, you might choose a flexible withdrawal plan. For example, your contract may allow you to withdraw up to ten per cent of the original investment, or the interest earned, on a monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual basis. Withdrawals can be started or stopped, increased or decreased, within the parameters of the contract at any time.

Retirees have understood the value of annuities for a long time. The rest of us can learn from our elders. While annuities are still a reliable source of retirement income, they also can be a good way to save for retirement. Your financial professional can help you determine whether an annuity is appropriate for you.

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