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**Good News** In Friona For The Past 73 Years

TEN PAGES



IF YOU OWN any real estate in Parmer County, whether it is a home, a business, vacant lot, farm lands, etc., you might want to take some time to look over the abstract some time to look over the abstract of the deed to your property. That is quite a historical document you own, dating back to the 1880s when a land investment company located in Chicago got financial backing from some wealthy investors in England and Scotland to obtain 3,050,000 acres of land in the Western Panhan-dle area. This then became the famous XIT Ranch.

A series of dramatic events led

A series of trainante events led up to that blue-backed legal document in your safety deposit box.
First, when Texas became a state in 1845, the federal government deeded tens of millions of acres to the state. Most of Texas remained in public lands, owned by the state government, for many years while the main focus of settlement was located in East Texas; the rest was just "empty" land occupied mostly by buffalo, outlaws and a few wandering bands of Indians.

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Then in 1881 the old capitol building in Austin burned, so it became necessary to build a new one. Texans, being no different then than now, decided they needed the biggest, finest, showiest capitol building ever built; in effect, one that would rival the capitol in Washington D.C. This would, of course, require millions of dollars to build. Texas did not have millions of dollars to spare at that time, but it DID have millions of acres of land to spare.

So in 1882, the state legislature advertised that they would accept bids from any person or persons who would build an enormous state capitol building nerso of public lands.

capitol building in exchange for three million acres of public lands located in the Texas Panhandle. A company of four Chicago business-men took up the gauntlet and were awarded the three million acres awarded the three million acres which stretched 30 miles wide and 200 miles long, along the Texas-New Mexico border, in exchange for providing the funds to build the capitol in Austin. So the largest fenced ranch in the nation, if not the world, was established right

here where we live.

Legend says the XIT took its name from the fact that the three million acres of ranch lands touched into ten counties in the western ed into ten counties in the western Texas Panhandle; the interrpreta-tion being "Ten In Texas." I had always heard that, of those ten counties, Parmer County was the only county which was completely encompassed by the XIT Ranch. However, a more accurate map of the ranch shows that all except one small two-mile area up in the small two-mile area up in the northeast corner of Parmer County was included as ranch property. So you could say that Parmer County was about 99.98% XIT lands. John and Charles Farwell, Amos Babcock and Abner Taylor were

Baccock and Abler Taylor Were four of Chicago's leading business-men. They didn't know much about buying cattle, providing water where there was almost none, building barns and corrals, fencing building barns and cohrais, tenting 3,000,000 acres of land, etc. And they really didn't have enough money to build the new capitol building for Texas, either, but they had the "know how" that it took to raise money.

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American bains would not local money for such a venture and it was impossible for them to raise the "capital for the capitol" in the U. S., and so they went abroad.

The Farwells were the largest

suppliers of wholesale dry goods merchandise in the Chicago area, and as such, they had ample connections in Europe. The Farwells maintained offices in Paris, chester, and Belfast and were well known as capitalists in those cities. In 1885 the Chicago businessmen and their British friends formed an English company known as the Capitol Freehold Land and Investment Company, Ltd. in

with the raising of cattle; just cash, through the sale of bonds. Major

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#### Sales Tax Money Is Received Here

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Parmer County's three municipalities received their February sales tax payments from Comptroller of Public Accounts John Sharp this week.

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## Friona Grad Works On

"Vital Signs" TV Show
Richard (Rick) Ellis, youngest son of Carol and
Bill Ellis, has been working on the TV special
"Vital Signs," which will be seen next Thursday,
February 27, on ABC (Channel 7, Amarillo) at 8

Starring in the show will be Robert Uric, who is

recovering from cancer.

"Rick" has worked on a number of movies, in a technical role, since moving to Los Angeles (Hollywood) in August of 1995. In Thursday's production, he is working as "best boy," and "dolly

grip."

He has had the chance to work with and be photographed with such stars as Mickey Rooney, Burt Reynolds, Dom Deluise, and Randy Travis. This is his first chance to work on a TV show. The Vital Signs production is thought to be a TV "pilot." It is being produced by Buena Vista, a division of Disney Studios.

#### FHS Schedules Change For TAAS Exit Test

For TAAS E.

In an effort to provide an ited as setting for TAAS Exitest administration, all FHS students who are not required to take the Exit level test will be dismissed from attending classes the mornings of February 25, 26 and 27.

Classes for all high school students will begin at 12:40 p.m. on the testing days. Schedules for the afternoon classes will be distributed to each student.

All 10th grade students in addition to 11th and 12th grade students who must retake potions of the TAAS Exit test will come to school at 8:15 a.m. Students not required to take the test will

#### St. Teresa Ladies Plan For Annual Mexican Dinner

Final plans have been made for St. Teresa Ladies Society's annual Mexican Dinner which is set for Sunday, March 2 in the Parish Hall.

The meal will consist of enchiladas, tacos, beans, rice, chips, salsa, cake, tea and coffee. Cost of the meal will be a donation of \$5 for adults and \$3 for children age eight and under.

not be allowed in the building with the exception of students who must ride the

Bus students will be required to stay in the cafeteria until afternoon classes begin. Lunch will be prepared for the students who are testing, but no breakfast will be served on the test days at the high school campus.

#### Friona I.S.D. Is Recognized

As Top School

Friona I.S.D. has been recognized as a Title I Commended School. This honor is based upon the academic performance of the district's Title I students on the junior high and high school campus.

Seventy percent or more of the participating Title I students passed the reading and mathematics sections of the TAAS tests in the 1995-1996 school.

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"We are delighted with this recognition. Student success validates our efforts as educators and we are very proud of our students and faculty," stated Hal Ratcliff, superintendent.

Friona was the only high school in District 1-3A to receive this honor.



BOARD REMODELS ...... Friends of the Library BOARD REMODELS......Friends of the Library board members gathered last week to award the remodeling/construction contract for the library building. Clint Cox, left, back row, of Cox Construction was awarded the contract for the remodeling and expansion. Others are Micah London, Don Kimbrough. Front, 1-r, Susie Perez, Nancy Edelmon, and library staffers Darla Bracken and Brenda Patterson.



PACKIN' FOR THE PIGS.....It's Houston Livestock Show time this week and next. Friona FFA/Ag students will take 16 pigs and 5 lambs to the show and they have to take their own pens. Loading up last week for the trip are Ag instructor Hollis Harris, left, and Parmer County Extension Agent Cody Hill, right, and local ag students help out.

(Ron Carr Photo)

#### Recognition for Safety

Cargill's best! That recognition was earned by Excel Friona's first shift fabrication group last week.

The shift, which employs over 200 people, was presented a plaque by company officials for the lowest accident rate company wide for the June-September, 1996 period.

According to Excel's Brad Churchill, "The employees and supervisors of the first shift fab are to be commended for their cooperation and concern for safety at the plant. They well deserve the award."

Pictures of some of the excellent Excel workers are inside this issue.



#### **CARRIE COX** Carrie Cox Selected All-State

Carrie Cox was recently selected second chair Bass Clarinet in the Association of Texas Small School Bands All-State Band.

She spent three days in San Antonio rehearsing with the band under the direction of Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser.

The program performed by the all-state band on Saturday, February 15, included "America The Beautiful", arranged by Carmen Dragon.

Also performed were "A Touch of the Earth" by H. Owen Reed, "Festive Overture" by Dimitri Shostakovich, "Lord of the Rings: The Hobbits" by Johan De Meij, and "Semper Fidelis" by John Philip Sousa.

"I am very proud of the work Carrie did in order to be awarded her chair in the ATSSB All-State Band", said Zane Polson, Friona Band Director.

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Zane Polson, Friona Band Director.
Polson said Miss Cox went through an audition process that included competing with students first in the Panhandle Region, then the West Texas area, and finally auditioning for chair placement among those that were selected as the best from their areas of the state.

"She was then chosen the second best Bass Clarinet performer in the state of

performer in the state of Texas in A-AA-AAA bands," Polson stated. "She deserves a great deal of recognition for her accomplishments," Miss Cox is the daughter of Leroy and Terri Cox.

Excel Earns College/Career Seminar Set February 22 At FHS

The Friona High School Spanish Club is sponsoring a seminar for FHS students and their parents Saturday, February 22 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Friona High School auditorium and cafeteria.

For the students, a panel of college students will present information about college life and answer questions from the audience. Another panel of young adults who have recently entered the work force will talk about their careers, present information about the world of work and answer questions from the audience. Roundtables for parents of FHS students will be provided in the cafeteria. Consultants will have information on the following topics: Texas Workforce Commission including Jobfinding Skills, Career Possibilities; Government Programs including Income Tax Filing, Citizenship Application, Social Security Benefits, Food Stamp Appeals.

Also, Adult Education including GED Programs and Adult Literary; Texas Department of Health Programs including Medical Services, Dental Services, Social Services; Financial Services; Financial Information provided by Friona State Bank and Panhandle-Plains Higher Education Authority including Accounts, Loans, Credit Rating and Financial Aid For College.

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Representatives from local colleges and the Armed Services will also be present to answer questions about educational and career possibilities for students and adults who may wish to attend continuing education classes. Consultants and panel members will be bilingual.

Friona High School students and their parents are encouraged to put this event on their calendars and make plans to attend. For additional information, call Kitty Gallman at Friona High School, 247-3951.



TOP DEBATERS......Do these gentlemen look like fast talkers? They are indeed as Jason Slagle and Justin Grimsley tune up for state competition in Cross Examination Debate. The two qualified for state competition which will be held on March 9 in Austin. (Ron Carr Photo)

#### Lubbock Youth Symphony To Perform Here Sunday

Her parents are Maria and Gregory Shehan. Maria (Villanueva) Shehan is a graduate of Friona High School and was a first chair

The Lubbock Youth Symphony Apprentice Program will perform at 3 p.m. Sunday, February 23, 1997, at the Friona High School Auditorium. The concert is free to the public. The Youth Symphony includes 67 string musicians, ranging in age from 7 to 15. Orchestra members are selected by audition only.

One of the performers, Samantha Shehan, is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tomas Ramirez of Friona. Samantha plays the violin, and is a 7th grader at Dunbar Junior High in Lubbock.

Her parents are Maria and Gregory Shehan Mericans and Mrs. Band Band Booster Club will hold a dessert sale in the school cafeteria. All proceeds from the FHS Band.

Richard Perkins of Friona.

Immediately following the concert, the Friona Band Booster Club will hold a dessert sale in the school cafeteria. All proceeds from the dessert sale will benefit the FHS Band.

The public is encouraged to support these young people by attending the Sunday concert.

..from the files of The Friona Star

55 Yrs Ago-Feb. 20, 1942 American farmers are being asked to come to the nation's rescue in its need for scrap materials for war weapons, and the farmers of the priona territory will have full opportunity to do their part. To meet this challenge, the farmers and businessmen of Friona have announced that they will operate in Friona a scrap collection depot to which farmers may bring all the scrap iron they can find on their farms. The metal brought to this depot will be sent as quickly as possible to factories and foundries to turn out tanks, guns and other war supplies.

40 Yrs Ago-Feb. 21, 1957 Kenneth Thompson of Dove Creek, Colorado, and a former Creek, Colorado, and a former resident of Parmer County, has been named the new manager of Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona, according to G.B. "Pete" Buske, president of the hospital board. Buske made the announcement this week, and the change will become effective March 1. Thompson is to replace Jimmy Baxter, who has been manager for over four years, but is resigning to over four years, but is resigning to go into business in Littlefield.

Johnny Mabry and Tommy Tatum are the county's best young growers of cotton and grain sorghum, respectively. The boys competed in a 4-H contest for the competed in a +++ contest to the contest to the contest to make the contest to th

35 Yrs Ago-Feb. 22, 1962
Selection of a jury will begin
on Monday for the trial of two
Bovina residents who are charged
with the murder of Jesse Dawkins
last December 8 last December 8

Country Club members have been busy turning the golf course into a miniature forest during the past week. Over 200 elms and evergreens have been set out along the edges of the fairway. Many of the trees were obtained from Glyn Hughes' Nursery at a reduced price.

30 Yrs Ago-Feb. 23, 1967 Rev. W.G. (Bill) Burton, pastor of Friona's First Baptist Church for the past six and one-half years, tendered his resignation years, tendered his resignation during the regular Sunday services of the church last Sunday. Rev. Burton will become pastor of the Elgin Avenue Baptist Church in Lubbock. While at Friona, Rev. Burton was instrumental in forming the Ministerial Alliance, and the Ministerial Alliance and minister's benevolent fund.

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The Friona High School
Squaws lost a 62-49 game to the
Floydada girls in a one-game
playoff at Plainview last Thursday,
for the District 3-AA
championship. The Squaws,
coached by Mel Williams, compiled
a 25-7 season record. Four of their
losses were to Floydada and the losses were to Floydada and the other three to Springlake-Earth in

One streak continued, but another was broken at the 11th annual Parmer County Junior Livestock Show conducted in Friona last weekend. A Lazbuddie entry was judged grand champion of entry was judged grand champion of the barrow show for the seventh straight year, but Friona entrant's

domination of the championship of the steer division was halted. Nineteen-year-old Jacquelyn Langford, a Farwell 4-H Club member, had the grand champion steer. In the barrow division, Rickie Seaton won the championship for the second

25 Yrs Ago-Feb. 24, 1972 David Gallman, Lazbuddie FFA member, kept the string going for his school and community at the Parmer County Junior Livestock Show last week by winning the Grand Champion

Barrow honors for the 12th consecutive year for Lazbuddie. The Friona High School Forensics team won the sweepstakes trophy at the Dalhart sweepstakes trophy at the Dalnart Invitational Forensics Tournament last Saturday. It was the first sweepstakes trophy for the FHS team this year. The team won over 14 other schools. Caprock High School of Amarillo was second, and Hereford High School finished third. Steam Stone was third in hereford High School Infished third. Steve Stone was third in prose reading, Troy White was third in poetry reading, Sally Kendrick was third in persuasive speaking and Trip Horton placed second in

informative speaking.

The strike against Missouri
Beef Packers by the local
Amalgamted Meat Cutters union
was in its third week this week, although killing operations are continuing at the plant. A shooting incident near the gate to the plant late last Wednesday caused some emotion, but no further trouble has evolved.

20 Yrs Ago-Feb. 20, 1977 MBPXL Corporation released details this week on the proposed \$7 million expansion program for its Friona plant. An additional 50,000 square feet are to be added to the present plant, which contains approximately 80,000 square feet of space. The additional space will be used to fabricate the beef carcasses, a step which will enable MBPXL to greatly enlarge its market capabilities for finished beef. "We will also add another shift at the plant, which will allow us to slaughter an additional 800-1,000 cattle per day," said MBPXL Corporation president Dave

LaFleur. The detour at Running Water Draw will be put into use beginning Monday, it was announced this week by Rhea Bradley, resident engineer, Texas Highway Department. The detour will be in use for approximately 60 days while the old bridge is torn out and the new bridge constructed for the improved Highway 214 project.

15 Yrs Ago-Feb. 21, 1982 Among those students at FHS

Among those students at FHS chosen for special recognition in the 1982 yearbook are Andy Fleming and Amber Smith as "Most Likely to Succeed," and Lesa Bermea and Robert Caballero as "Mr. and Mrs. FHS."

Several city streets were severely damaged by the recent snow and ice, which caused some buckling and pot holes in a number of places, City Manager Jerry Lewis said this week.

Jeff Lundy exhibited the Grand Champion Steer at the 35th annual

Champion Steer at the 35th annual Parmer County Junior Livestock

Show, an Angus-Chianina crossbred. His sister, Corrie, exhibited the Grand Champion Heifer in the first running of the heifer show on the county level.

10 Yrs Ago-Feb. 21, 1987 The Friona High School Squaws will take on the Sanford-Fritch Lady Eagles in a bi-district Class AAA playoff game Friday at Plainview. The Squaws boasted a 28-3 season record--the best record

at FHS in 23 years--and a 19- game winning streak.

winning streak.

Figures released this week by Dale Schueler indicated that the auction sale at the 1987 Parmer County Junior Livestock Show was down by \$20,289 from the sale totals of 1986. The 1987 sale totals were \$54,502.72. This compared to a total of \$74,791.80 the year before

5 Yrs Ago-Feb. 22, 1992 Members of the Friona Junior High Band traveled to Texas Tech, Saturday, February 15, to compete in the annual Tau Beta Sigma Solo Ensemble Contest. Out of thirty participating entries, the students netted twenty-six first divisions and four seconds.

After an absence of five years in the playoffs, Friona High School's Squaws are back in bidistrict action. The Squaws meet District 1-AAA champion Canyon Friday at Hereford's LaPlata Junior High Currecture 1.7 p. m. High Gymnasium at 7 p.m.

#### Ex-Resident Gets Tech Scholarship

The Texas Tech University
College of Human Services awarded
over \$217,000 to approximately
396 recipients for the 1996-97
academic year. Awards ranged from
\$200 to \$2,000 for each recipient.
Programs in the college include
human development; family
studies; early childhood; substance
abuse studies; marriage and family
therapy; family financial planning;
merchandising; fashion design;
clothing; textiles and merchandising; interior design; home economics; restaurant, hotel and
institutional management (RHIM);
food -and nutrition/dietetics;
environmental design and consumer
economics; and home economics
education.

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Joanna Rene' Noland Bryant, a senior early childhood major, received the Vernon & Elizabeth Haggerton Scholarship. She is the daughter of Diana Delisle of Lubbock and is a 1982 graduate of Friona High School.

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FIREMAN OF THE YEAR...Jim Taylor presented Bobby Jordan with "Fireman of the Year" award in December for his hard work and dedication during 1996.

#### Firemen Honor Jordan

The Friona firemen had their Christmas party on Thursday, December 12. There were 89 firemen, wives, city officials and retired firefighters. Several awards were presented to the firemen.

Joe Mann and Glenn Reeve received their forty year award.

Jessie Aragon received his ten year award.

Bobby Jordon earned the "Fireman of the Year" award.

Gifts were given to the

Gifts were given to the firemen's wives. "A special thanks to these ladies for putting up with us getting up in the middle of the night and supporting us throughout the year."

Mayor Clarence Monroe and City Manager Paula Wilson were also present.

The meal was catered by Cattle Call of Amarillo. Everyone had a great time. A special thanks to Leon Talley for being "Santa".

1996 was a very good year for the firemen. There were no major fires and no one was hurt. However, there were several vehicle accidents and several grass fires.

The Friona firemen want to thank the community for their support.

JAIME CRUZ Jaime Cruz Recognized

Recognized

BY JAIME CRUZ
I am the son of Jaime and Beatriz Cruz and am in the Co-Op Program for the second year.

A twelfth grader, I am in the National Honor Society and will graduate this year.
I am working at Friona Motors under the supervision of Mitch Terry.
I am very thankful to Mr. Oscar Bronniman and Mr. Terry Wilcox for giving me this opportunity.

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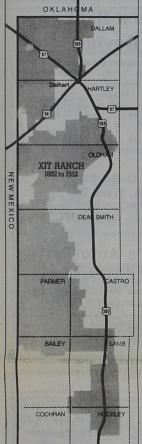
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## History Of XIT Ranch: Vital To Parmer Co.

directors of the company were the Earl of Aberdeen, Quintin Hogg, The Marquis of Tweeddale, gover-nor of the Commercial Bank of Scotland, Sir Wm. Q. Ewart, Sir Herbert E. Maxwell, etc. You will find all of the above mentioned names on your property deed in the late 1880s up through 1909 when the company was dissolved, having served its purpose. They raised \$3.25 million to fund the building of the Texas capitol and \$2 million more to get the ranch operating.

On March 2, 1885, the 49th anniversary of Texas Independence,



a granite cornerstone was laid for the new capitol building in Austin. It was completed in 1888, with the golden Goddess of Liberty reaching 30 stories into the air atop the elaborate new state house which was built at a cost of \$3,774,630.

In the meantime, our Chicago businessmen began to tire of their venture into cattle ranching, and by 1902 they started to sell off large wholesale chunks of the land to

wholesale 'chunks of the land to other development comp-anies.

The George G. Wright Land Company of Kansas City purchased 176,814 acres in Parmer and surrounding counties at \$5 to \$6 per acre. George G. Wright's name also appears on your property deed.

Most of you have heard how Wright brought settlers on the train from other parts of the country and how he laid out the townsite, establishing Friona in 1906, intending it to be the county seat. Bovina, the oldest town in the county, was already well underway by then as a railway shipping point for XIT cattle.

by then as a railway snipping point for XIT cattle. In the "My Turn" column dated September 2, 1995, I related to you how Judge James Hamlin, a member of the Chicago syndicate and a close associate of the Farwell brothers, established the townsites of Farwell and Texico and decided to of Farwell and Texico and decided to make Farwell the county seat by hook or by crook.

The Santa Fe Railroad was, at that time, interested in establishing a division point in Parmer County.

Hamlin jacked up the price of property in Farwell so as to line his own pockets from the sale of land

Santa Fe would to the railroad. have none of this scheme and proceeded on down the road to establish their operations center in Clovis, which then grew as an enterprising railroad town.

The XIT papers, consisting of thousands of documents pertaining to the operation of the ranch, are preserved in the archives of the Panhandle - Plains Historical Museum on the WTAMU campus in Canyon. Anyone wishing to research facts about the ranch should check with the Museum in Canyon

An exhibit entitled "XIT: The Ranch That Built The Texas Capitol" opens February 25, 1997 in Austin at the Capitol Complex Visitors Center located in the restored 1856-57 General Land Office on the grounds of our Texas Capitol which we helped to build. Office on the grounds of our Texas Capitol which we helped to build. The exhibit will run through July 12, 1997. After that, it will be shown at the Museum in Canyon from August 8, 1997 through January 5, 1998.

The exhibit will feature XIT displays and documents concerning the construction of the Texas

Capitol, the operation of the Texas
and the sale of ranch lands from

If you would like to read about

the ranch, many books have been written about it. Two good books which can be found at the Friona Library are "6,000 Miles of Fence" by Cordia Sloan Duke and Joe B. Frantz, and "The XIT Ranch of Texas" by J. Evetts Haley. Also read "The Flamboyant Judge" which is Judge Hamlin's memoirs in his own words, as told to historian William Curry Holden.

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I hope many of you will plan to travel to Austin this Summer or to Canyon next Fall to view this exhibit which pertains so vitally to all of us right here in the Bovinaand of us fight here in the Bovinia-Friona area. In the meantime, you can tour through the old Escarbada Ranch House anytime you wish, at Texas Tech University's Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock.

Heritage Center in Lubbock.

The Escarbada was one of seven divisions of the ranch which were under direction of different formen who were in turn responsible to General Manager A.G. Boyce. The distinctive old rock house that was the Escarbada was located a few miles northwest of the border between Parmer and Deaf Smith Counties. It was moved, stone by stone, board by board, and recon-

Counties. It was moved, stone by stone, board by board, and reconstructed in Lubbock at the Heritage Center in 1974-75.

There is also an XIT Museum located in Dalhart, which chronicles activities of the ranch in Dallam and Hartley Counties.

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THE ESCARBADA...Bill and Carol Ellis are shown THE ESCARBADA...Bill and Carol Ellis are shown in front of the old Escarbada ranch house pictured as it looked in southern Deaf Smith County back in the fall of 1973 shortly before being moved in 1974 and reconstructed at the Texas Tech Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock. The Escarbada was a division of the old XIT Ranch which was originally owned by the state and was sold to raise money for building the State Capitol in Austin.

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#### Local Youngsters Compete In Houston Livestock Show

Eighteen FFA members from Friona and eight from Bovina will be joining their 4-H and FFA members from throughout Texas for show ring competition at the upcoming Houston Livestock Show, February 14-March 2 at the Astrohall.

These FFA and 4-H exhibitors showcase their animal projects during the second week of livestock competition-the junior show. The first week of competition, the open show, features professional ranchers and breeders from throughout the country exhibiting their breeding stock.

make the Houston Livestock Show the world's largest.
Friona entrants include: barrows--Dustin Campbell, Jeremy Campbell, Andy Carthel, Molly Carthel, Misty Chesher, Trevor Fields, Tania Hand, Ashlee Hunt, Keith Hunt, Steven Hunt, Trenton Hunt, J'Lond Jarecki, M'Kell Jarecki, Justin Jeter, Chantell Lewellen, Charee Lewellen, Kelby Monroe and Kevin Schueler; lambs--Tania Hand, Ashlee Hunt, Keith Hunt, Kelby Monroe and Kevin Schueler.
Entries from Boyina

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breeders from throughout the country exhibiting their breeding stock.

Entries in both the open and junior shows combine with horse show entries to Entries from Bovina included: barrows--Albert Larrea, Chris Shufelberger, Jason Stone, Amber Widner and Trey Widner.

# **AUCTION**

Thursday, February 27, 1997 — Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.

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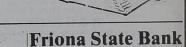
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#### Chiefs Fall To Dalhart In Finale

The FHS Chieftain basketball team dropped their final game of the '96-'97 season last Friday at Dalhart, 61-51.

The loss left the Chieftains' final case record at 8-11 for final case record at 8-11 for

Dalhart, 61-51.

The loss left the Chieftains' final cage record at 8-11 for the season and 5-9 in district play, where they finished sixth, ahead of River Road and Sanford-Fritch.

Friona started off cold shooting, making only three baskets (Shane Blackburn, Quint Ellis and Kyle Grimsley). But the Chieftains came back with a 19-point second quarter, to take a halftime lead.

Blackburn sank three baskets, one a three-pointer, Charlie Milner made a bucket and was two for two at the line. Grimsley, Aaron King, Angel Vega and Justin Daniel also scored baskets.

Ellis warmed up with six points in the third quarter, and Blackburn added four.

But the team couldn't keep up with a frantic Dalhart Rally. Ellis and Blackburn paced the Chieftain scoring with 13 points apiece.

DAL. 61, FHS 3

DAL. 61, FHS 51

Aaron King 1-0-2; Shane
Blackburn 5-1\*-0-13; Angel Vega
2-0-4; Quint Ellis 4-1\*-2-13; Justin
Daniel 1-0-2; Kyle Grimsley 4-0-8;
Charlie Milner 2-2-6; Eric McInroe 1\*-0-3, \*3-point baskets.



1996-97 FRIONA SQUAWS.....Standing, l-r, Coach Connie Comer, Veronica Trevino, Whitney Ellis, Sheri Fiel, Tammy Spencer, Amanda Pope, Rosa Mendoza, Coach Richard North. Middle, Rachel Burleson, Jamie Stokes, April Pope. Front, Jamie Slagle, Sandra Gonzales, Heather Martin, Amber Martin, Christina Santellana, Cassie London.



#### JOHN MORATH Concert Is Saturday

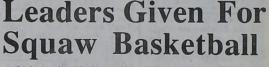
The Hereford Community Concert Association will feature Max Morath, The Ragtime Man, in concert on Monday evening, February 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hereford High School Auditorum. This is the second presentation of the 1996-97 season. Admission is by season membership. Student tickets are available for interested

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The New York Times acclaims his show as one that "crackles with wit and wisdom," and another critic has dubbed Max Morath, "the greatest living expert on the

The songs and piano solos in the repertory of the Ragtime Man range from piano rags to show tunes, from vaudeville novelties to the blues giving new life to immortals such as Scott Joplin, Irving Berlin, George M. Cohan, Bert Williams and May Irwin.



Senior Amber Martin was the leading scorer for the Friona Squaws 1996-97 team, according to statistics compiled this week by Coach Richard North.

Miss Martin scored 186 points on field goals, and 60 points at the free throw line, for 246 points. She averaged 9.1 points per game for the Squaws, who won ten games and lost 18. The Squaws finished with a 6-8 district record. Among the team's losses were several by

the team's losses were several by just a point or two.

Miss Martin connected on 51 of 145 two-point attempts, 35 per cent, and added 28 of 111 from three-point range, 31 per cent. She made 60 of 94 free throw attempts, 64 per cent. She also had 35 assists and 47 steals.

Tampus Spencer was the team's

Tammy Spencer was the team's second leading scorer with 198

points. Miss Spencer hit 39 per cent from the field, including 38 of 104 three-pointers (37 per cent) and 42 per cent of her two-point shots (36 of 85). Jamie Stokes was the team's

leading field goal shooter, hitting 47 per cent of her shots (53 of 112), all from two-point range. Miss Stokes and Whitney Ellis tied for third in the scoring race with 141 points anjece. 141 points apiece.

Sandra Gonzales had the best

percentage from the free throw line, 67 per cent, making 16 of 24

67 per cent, making 16 of 24 attempts.

Jamie Stokes was the team's leading rebounder with 128, having an even split, 64 on offense and 64 on defense. Miss Spencer had 68 defensive rebounds, and 92 overall. Whitney Ellis had 111 rebounds, 59 on offense and 52 on defense.



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It didn't matter. Saturday night was TV watching night at mamaw was IV waterning might at mannaw and grandaddy's house. I would fly out the back door of our house, through the backdoor neighbor's yard, then a half block down Smith Street, precisely on time to hear Mr. Welk say, "An' a one an' a two".

This was long before color TV, 24-hour programming, cable, remote controls, or TV dinners. It was in the days of TV test patterns, when stations signed off at night with the National Anthem.

Frozen dinners in a box are common today. But they still don't taste much better than those original "TV Dinners". Frozen meals were invented because of TV.

The original ones even said "TV Dinner" on the box. After you heated one in the oven (didn't have microwaves yet), you would eat in the living room on another invention, the TV Tray.

The ill-designed TV Tray (sold

The ill-designed TV Iray (sold in sets of four or six) were flimsy, unsteady contraptions, not made to sit on carpet, and certainly not able to withstand the weight of a full goblet of iced tea mixed with a clumsy 11-year-old more intent on watching the latest "snow storm" on TV than eating.

"Onps. sorry mamay. I'll clean."

"Oops, sorry mamaw, I'll clean it up. At least the glass didn't break this time. Ha, ha! (nervous

Anybody remember TV lamps? Anybody remember 1'v lamps?
They weren't really lamps, they
were works of art that sat on top of
the TV back when the tops of TV's
were wide enough to sit something

You could get ceramic lamps with animals like sheep or lambs, or angels sitting on a moon. In all TV lamps, the little bulb was hidden in the back, just bright enough to reflect off the wall and keep us from losing our eyesight staring at the neon glow from the early picture tubes (remember when when we called them picture tubes?)

when we called them picture tubes?)
Yes, tubes. Turn the TV
around, take the screws out of the brown masonite cover, and you could unveil a landscape of TV tubes of all sizes. Find the one you think is burned out (it was usually black) pull it out of the socket and

head for the hardware store.

There you would find the TV
Tube Tester, an upright unit with all the different tube prong sockets. Find the socket that fits (grandaddy would let me do that), insert the old burned out TV tube. If tester light doesn't light. Bad tube.

"Okay, Ronnie, see if you can find the right one".

Open lower door of tester unit, find new replacement tube from selection provided, pay the man, hurry home, insert new tube in back of TV, replace masonite back cover, turn on TV, keep fingers

Remember how long it took for one of those of old picture tubes to warm up? I could turn it on, go outside and ride my bike around the block a couple of times, and still get back before the picture was totally clear. Another nice little memory: That snap and crackle, a small lightning storm, as the screen slowly came to life.

Then, I was privy to history again, when networks started experimenting with "color" on the TV screen. Instead of full color, there were only three colors: blue yellow, and green. Later, pink began to appear.

Those early color attempts

Those early color attempts were interesting, but they sure did mess up an otherwise good black

and white picture.
Sid Caesar and Imogene Coco,
Jack Benny, Dragnet, Red Skelton's
Comedy Hour, American Bandstand

and my all-time favorite, the one I never missed, the Ed Sullivan Show every Sunday night.

Show every Sunday night.

I was there, wobbly TV Tray and all, when the Beatles appeared. Likewise for Elvis, and all those acrobats and trained animals. Remember Topo Gigo?

I even did a fair impression of Mr. Sullivan, "We have a rreally big shew tonight".

I thought about those early TV days last Friday night. I got home around 5 p.m. tired and with nothing to do.

I decided to eat, watch TV, and

I decided to eat, watch TV, and fall asleep, not necessarily in that

In spite of the fact that the frozen dinners in my freezer no longer say "made for TV" on them, I selected a Chinese food box with egg rolls and rice. It must have en on sale because I don't even like Chinese food.

A quick check of the TV schedule told me it was going to be a good night. I like news programs like CNN, Dateline and Primetime. I like Larry King Live too. Always felt that, for better or worse, I get more value out of Larry King than

This Valentine Friday night would include Wheel of Fortune, Dateline, 20/20, and Seinfield.

But most important, at 7 p.m. there was a special edition of my all-time lifetime favorite TV show, Candid Camera. In my youth, Allen Funt amazed me with his hidden cameras.

This version was hosted by Peter Funt, his son who is carrying on the tradition. It is simply the funniest program ever to be on TV, because it is about real people.

It was almost a perfect Friday

evening for me. I yelled at "John" on Wheel because he was an idiot that bought vowels when he didn't need to, then lost anyway. I told him so

heer to the him so.

The 10 p.m. sports had several hundred couples getting married at the Ballpark in Arlington on this Valentine's day. Ballpark

marriages.

I've had a couple of those myself. Oh well, what a great

evening for memories.

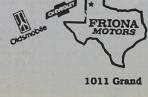
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#### R. Martin Chosen For Staff

Renee Martin, a senior biology major from Friona, has been chosen as the manager of the freshman ushers act for Abilene Christian University's 1997 Sing Song.

Martin is the daughter of Mike and Reta Martin of Friona and graduated from Friona High school in 1993.

The musical variety show, a 40-year tradition that involves more than 1,000 students, will feature seven student hosts and hostesses. To relate with this year's theme, "The Incredible Journey," they will perform songs from the past four decades including "Runaway" by Janet Jackson, "Walk Like an Egyptian" by the Bangles, and "Blowin' in the Wind" by Peter, Paul and Mary.

#### Football **Issue Here**

The souvenir FHS Football issue is still on sale at the Friona Star and Bi-Wize

Friona Star and Bi-Wize Drug.

The issue contains 18 pages, including a page in full color. All of the team's '96 games are summarized, plus photos and statistics.

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CHERITH HOWARD

#### Friona Girl Joins Firm

Cherith Howard has joined The Prudential Ada, Realtors as a sales associate. Cherith is also a member of the Amarillo Board of Realtors, Texas Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors. She attended Amarillo College to receive her credits for licensure.

attended Amarillo College to receive her credits for licensure.

A native of the Texas Panhandle, Cherith formerly worked in retail management. She and her husband, David, have recently moved "back home" from Charlotte, North Carolina.

David and Cherith are natives of Friona. She is the daughter of Dale and Evelyn Randolph and David is the son of Valton and Peggy Howard.

#### Huffman Graduates Sub. School

Navy Seaman Clark R. Huffman, a 1996 graduate of Friona High School of Friona, recently graduated from the Basic Enlisted Submarine Course at the Naval Submarine School in Groton, Connecticut.

During the five-week course, Huffman learned the basic theory, construction and operation of nuclear-powered submarines. Huffman also learned shipboard organization, damage control and submarine safety and escape procedures.

submarine safety and escape procedures.

Huffman participated in hands-on training with reality simulators, practicing firefighting and flood control on board a submarine.

Huffman also learned about a submarine's basic hydraulic, water and air systems, and practiced escaping from a simulated sinking submarine.

#### Light Rain Is Received

The Friona area managed to squeeze out only .09 inch of moisture this week, with dense fog a couple of mornings. Friona received .10 inch a week earlier, and .16 inch from the rain/snow mix of February 6-7. Farmers could use much more.

Date Hi-Low
Friday, February 14 51-22
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Sunday, February 16 64-33
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Thursday, Feb. 20 53-34

## Lee & Jo Witten Celebrate Golden

Anniversary At Their Home

John Leroy "Lee" Witten and Alma Jo Holley Witten celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday afternoon, February 2, 1997 by renewing their wedding vows in a small private ceremony at their home in Friona.

Rev. Jeremy Grant, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Hereford, officiated at the ceremony which was attended by members of the Witten's family and a few close friends.

Mrs. Doris Holley Purcell of Abilene, Texas, who is Mrs. Witten's sister, served as Matron of Honor, as she did when the Wittens married 50 years ago in Abilane. Lee Witten's brother George Witten of Colorado City, Texas stood as Best Man, again as he did 50 years ago.

The couple's granddaughters, Tina, Teri and Kimber Clark of Vega, Texas, ages 16, 15 and 14, sang "Make The Message Clear." Their grandson, Thomas Clark, age 13, also of Vega, recited First Corinthians 13. Mrs. Witten played two numbers on the piano and sang "I'll Be Loving You, Always."

Following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ellis hosted a reception for the Wittens and their guests. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Purcell of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. George O. Witten of Colorado City; Mrs. Letha Clark, Tina, Teri, Kimber and Thomas, all of Vega; Rev. Jeremey Grant, Dr. and Mrs. John Channer, and Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Williamson, all of Hereford, Geraldine Taylor and Bill and Carol Ellis of Friona.

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## Depot Heritage Society Installs New Directors and Martha Hamilton. Memorial contributions to the Heritage Society can be sent to the Heritage Society's treasurer, Dottie Osborn, at Rt. 1, Box 1B, Friona, Texas 79035. Acknowledgements are always sent to the families of all memorials received, and memorials are printed in the Depot's permanent memorial register.

At the Depot Heritage Society's Annual Meeting held Monday night, February 17, Evelyn Mars was elected to the Board of Directors and Porter Roberts was appointed to fill the unexpired director's term vacated by the death of Ilene Osborn. Three board members who were re-elected to their posts were Judy Cummings, Dottie Osborn and Martha Rutherford.

Plans were made to continue the "Spring Luncheons In The Depot!" which has been the group's primary money-raising activity for the past several years. The luncheons are again scheduled for the four Thursdays during the month of April. Be watching for pre-publicity and ticket sales for this event, as they usually sell out early.

During the meeting there was also discussion about repairs to the Depot during the past year. These consisted of having the trim painted and repaired, treating the building for mice and insects, the purchase of eight new tables, repairing the old bank building columns in the park, and having a historical plaque installed at the site of the columns on the northwest corner of the park.

Other projects of the Heritage Society include efforts to interest young people in the history of the town. The group sponsors a \$150 scholarship to a Friona High School student who is interested in history. They also sponsor a Junior High essay contest about the old Santa Fe railroad and how it relates to the history of Friona. The writer of the prize-winning essay receives a \$50 bond from the Heritage

Sto bond from the Heritage Society.

During the meeting, a moment of silence was held to honor three members who were deceased last year: Ilene Osborn, Forrest Osborn and Doyle Cummings.

Door prizes were won by Evelyn Mars, Peggy Monroe and Katherine Blackburn.

Other officers and directors include: President Lois Norwood, Vice President Peggy Monroe, Secretary Judy Cummings, Treasurer Dottie Osborn, Reporter Carol Ellis and Directors: Mary Johnston, Dave Thompson, Evelyn Mars, Martha Rutherford, Porter Roberts, Carrie Tatum,





MR. & MRS. LEE WITTEN, 1997

#### Baby Shower... to honor Brayden Michael Pope,

son of Britny and Charlie Pope, Sunday, February 23, 2-3 p.m. in the home of Jayn Looper, 1405 Jackson Street.

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## Town Talk

BY JUNE FLOYD Call 24 7-3681 With Your News Items.

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My favorite hobbies are sewing, crocheting, knitting and quilting and everything I see in print which has to do with these subjects always attracts my attention.

Recently "All I Need To Know About Life I Learned From Sewing" crossed my desk. I enjoyed it so much that I want to share it with our readers. It reads thusly:

Things aren't always as bad as they SEAM.

Life is more fun if you keep it in STITCHES.

You'll get nowhere in life by just BOBBIN around.

A good friend never NEEDLES you.

If your life is in PIECES make a QUILT.

If your life begins to UNRAVEL make some FRINGE.

You can always learn to IRON out your difficulties.

If a friend seems STRETCHED out give her your BACKING.

A quick GATHERING can always make you happy.

A quick GATHERING can always make you happy.
Life is fun because everyone is CUT from a different
PATTERN.

In times of trial, you see what MATERIAL you are made from but LOVE is the THREAD that holds it together. Baxter, John and Debra Baxter and children, Corben, Courtney and Cameron, and David and Lou Behrendsen and daughters, Keeton and Kristin, were Roy and Gladys Young, Karen and Josh Head and Clinton and Trenton Young, all of Hobbs, New Mexico.

Leland and Jo Hutson of Canyon, former Friona residents, visited their kith and kin here on Sunday. The Hutsons are parents of Dave and Mike Hutson.

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Philip and Phila Mae
Weatherly of Crested Butte,
Colorado have returned home
following a visit in the homes
of his mother, Lois Weatherly,
and sister, Celia Dee Loflin;
and her brother and sister-inlaw, B.K. and Janet Buske,
and family.

Another out-of-town
visitor in Lois Weatherly's
home has been another son,
James Weatherly, who lives
in Canyon.
Incidentally, Shayla
Weatherly, the daughter of
James and Cindy Hutson
Weatherly, is a member of
the Canyon High School girls
basketball team, which
played in bi-district
competition Tuesday evening
in Floydada, where they beat
Graham, 62-31.

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In visiting with Kim Caffey late last week I learned that he had made final plans to move to the country.

He said, "It has taken

One of our long time residents, George Rushing, reached the half century mark Friday. Since his birthday was on Valentine's Day, his wife, Leslie, planned a surprise sweetheart dinner for him.

"However," she reported, "It didn't turn out to be a surprise. It was fun, though," she said.
Guests were Eric and

surprise. It was fun, though," she said.
Guests were Eric and Chris Alexander and sons, David, Steven, Robbie, Michael, Lee and Andrew of Amarillo; and the following Frionans: Jim and Rhonda Murphree and daughters, Amy, Brenda, Staci, Anna and Maddy; Mitchell and Johnnie Wiseman and children, Christopher, Julie and Lindie; Alan and Patty Hale and sons, Mark, Chris and John David.
Also, Kevin and Sharlet Cooper and children, Sarah, Debra and William; and Linda, Eric and Marion Rushing.

Gary and Gail Hand and daughter, Tania, were joined at the Hand cabin in Ruidoso for a weekend of fun on the ski slopes by another daughter, Trista, and her fiance, Tommy Stallings, students at Lubbock Christian University.

This was Tommy's first

This was formmy's first sking experience.
Gary said, "There were so many people on the slope you could hardly count them, but didn't see anyone else from Friona, which is very unusual."

The Hand family returned

The Hand family returned home Monday evening.

Out-of-town weekend visitors in the homes of Opal

As I was contemplating his answer to my unspoken question "What does that mean?" he went on to

mean?" he went on to explain.

He said, "Twenty years ago I bought land in Dona Anna County, New Mexico, where pecan trees grow, thinking I would get out of the city of El Paso."

"However," he continued, "I came back to Friona and liked it so well that I've just stayed. Now, I'm moving to the country."

Since that conversation he has had his mobile home moved from its site near the north side of the home of his parents, the late Dalton and Estelle Caffey, which is located at the corner of Elm and Fifteenth, to a farm site northeast of town which was originally the home of Mr. and Mrs. H.R. Cocanougher and their family and is currently owned by Tim Herring.

Kim ended our conversation by saying, "I know I'm going to enjoy living out there and it really isn't too far from town-about 3-1/2 or 4 miles."

Bill and Doris Young of San Angelo returned to their home Tuesday following a six day stay in Friona, where they were visitors in the homes of her mother, Lillie Taylor and sister, Mildred Rule.

Taylor and sister, Mildred Rule.

The Youngs came up to help Lillie get established in her new home and to assist her in getting her spring garden started.

She reported, "They, did so many things while they were here and even spaded up a spot for my garden, so I now have onions started."

Alicia Smith, one of our across the street neighbors, showed a calf at the San Antonio Livestock Exposition last week and came home with a sizeable amount of cash from its sale.

She was accompanied to the Alamo City by an aunt, Bessie Holt of Friona, and the two had a lot of fun and learned many things about showing calves while they were there.

CONGRATULATIONS
ALICIA!!! We're proud of you!!!

Gary and Kay Snead and Veronica Valesquez returned Monday after spending a long weekend in Abilene, Texas. They attended the annual Sing Song and Homecoming activities of Abilene Christian University, where Josh Snead is a student.

The Friona trio also visited with Gary's sister, Janet Payne, and her daughters, Shea Woodard and Shanel Denson and daughter, Kayli, who live in the Taylor County capital city.

A large number of Frionans were in the Red River, New Mexico area for the weekend due to the annual ski break from school. However, I've not had any report about it.

Williams, Sarah and Robin Rushing went skiing at Wolf Creek, Colorado, with a group of young people from Hereford.

Ricky Cooper of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, has been visiting in the homes of his parents, Lawrence and Mildred Cooper, and sister, Leslie Rushing and her family. \* \* \* \* \*

Our sympathy is extended to Glenda Procter. Her maternal grandmother, Myrtle Sinclair, a long time resident of Plainview, Texas, was buried here one day last

week.
Also, her brother-in-law,
Lanny Trussell of Muleshoe, is
a medical patient at
Methodist Hospital in
Lubbock after having been
diagnosed with a malignancy
of the esophagus.
Lanny and his wife,
Lenda, former teacher in

Friona Elementary School, lived here during the early seventies before moving to the Bailey County capital.

Today, Tuesday, February 18, begins the fiftieth year of the residence of the Floyd family in Parmer County. We moved from a farm in northwest Lubbock County to a farm six miles or so west of Friona on February 18, 1948

18, 1948.

I've liked living here ever since we came and like it better each year.

Thanks to all of you who contribute tips to Town Talk. Keep up the good work and we'll keep it going. On the other side of the coin-if you don't supply the news tips, Town Talk will not survive.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH...Patricia Carmichael is ARTIST OF THE MONTH...Patricia Carmichael is Friona's Artist of the Month for February. Her interesting, abstract watercolor paintings will be on display in the lobby at Prairie Acres for the rest of the month. She is shown here visiting with Nancy Houston of Grady, New Mexico, who is a new employee at Prairie Acres. Nancy is an R.N. and has been in nursing for over 10 years. Patricia has an English degree from UNC at Greeley, Colorado and an art degree from Texas Tech. She taught "Batik" during one summer semester at Clovis College and she is currently the elementary art teacher for Friona Schools. Schools.

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READY FOR NEXT YEAR...These eighth grade girls were happy with their first place win at the Friona Tournament and second place at the Muleshoe Tournament. Pictured are, back row, (I-r) Coach Herbert, Ema Perez, Kayla Smiley, Jenny Cunningham, Kristie Jack, Tania Hand, Rocio Lugo, Olivia Mendez, Elizabeth Silva, Alisia Rando and Coach Reed. Middle row, (I-r) Stephanie Cabrera, Lynette Jubay, Lafawnda Mays, V'Laura Wilcox, Mary Louise Walker, Valiere Bandy, Kahile Ingram, Mirna Rivera, Perla Chico, Petra Veronica Velazquez and Brandi Braillif. Front row, (I-r) Carolina Rivera, J'Mae Randolph, Jena Grimsley, Suehaye Ramos, Audra King, Amber Wyly, Ashlee Hunt, Maria Estrada and Dianna Tirado.



SEVENTH GRADE DRIBBLERS...With the season at a close, players finished with a smile, taking first place at the Friona Tournament. Pictured are, back row, (1-r) Coach Reed, Cara Evans, Candace Ingram, Rosalba Vera, Zaira Villarreal, Gloria Vazquez, Shonda Bentley, Mandi Daniel, Esmeralda Ortiz and Coach Herbert. Second row, standing, (1-r) Dora Ibarra, Magdelena Legarreta, Jennifer Echevarria, Monica Santellana, Tina Aragonez, Claudia Arpero, Felicia Lafuente, Stephanie Collier, Alice Allen and Antonieta Arellano. Third row, kneeling (1-r), Christy Nava, Jenica Shelby, Crystal Tafoya, Kelsey Welch, Amy Terry, Pricilla Rosales, Jacy Grimsley, Sherrill Polk and Crystal Padilla. Fourth row, sitting, (1-r) Angela Trevino, Evenlyn Shelby, Isabel Cisneros, Kim Houston, Jennifer Stafford, Katy Field and Roxana Chayez. Stafford, Katy Field and Roxana Chavez.

#### Happy Birthday Friona Folks....

Week of Feb. 23-March 1
Friona residents having birthdays next week include:

February 23--Gayle O'Brian, Dexter Allen, Matthew Kendrick,

April Pope, Frances Smith.
February 24--Joe Bob Johnson,
Bobbie Clark, Janice Auburg,
Sharon Rector, Della Patterson,
Michelle Morris, Lisa Ann

February 25--Dustin Campbell, Cameron Talley, Tommy Villalobos, LynEldon Randolph, Alexander Gurley, Emily Hollis

Gurley. February 26--Amy Beth Terry, Jerry London, Lesta Lee Neill,

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Getting Used To Bifocals

Cody Bails, Duece Faires, Trasa Randolph, Michelle Alexander. February 27--Misty Baxter Williams, Jesse Saiz, Raye Jean London, Pat Randolph. February 28--Katrina Smith, Cindy Alexander, Corbin Neill, Todd Drake, Jim Rapp, Sam Mears, Jessie Saiz, Lonnie Ellis, Doreen Duran.

March 1--Clydie Black, Joe Osborn, Jean Terry, Lance Outland, Bill Weatherly, Jesse Mendoza, Jr.,

Jeff Curtis.

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The basic rule: look straight out to see far, look down to see

The basic rule: look straight out to see far, look down to see close, and try to ignore that little line in between. In time you will. Remember how convenient it is not to keep switching glasses.

Hold reading matter closer to your body and lower your eyes so you can see through the lower part of the lenses. Lower your eyes, not your head. Newspapers are easier to read if you fold them in halves or quarters; move the paper, not your eyes, to read.

Don't look down at your feet when walking.

Make sure glasses are properly adjusted. If they're off kilter, the lens segments may be out of position.

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