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Fundraiser for Bovina migrant student trip

Several Bovina students will be participating in a Region 16 migrant council student trip to Washington D.C. this summer. Celia Quintana, migrant student coordinator at Bovina schools, says that on April 23 the students will be selling tamales and also at 6 p.m. there will be Bingo night in the school cafeteria, to help defray trip expenses.

The concession stand at Bovina home baseball games will also be supporting the trip. For more information or to help out with donations contact Mrs. Quintana at Bovina High School 251-1336, extension 226.

Friona's citywide garage sale May 7

The Friona Chamber of Commerce is organizing a citywide garage sale for Saturday May 7. Participants can reserve a table to sell their wares at the Friona Community Center or hold a garage sale at their residence and be included on a garage sale map prepared by the Chamber.

The cost for a table at the community center or to be included on the map is \$10. The official hours of the citywide garage sale will be 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Deadline to register, pay your \$10 and be included on the garage sale map is Thursday, May 5.

This is a good opportunity to promote Friona throughout the area, attract a few out-of-town bargain hunters, and to get rid of some of your valuable but no longer needed treasures. For more information about the citywide garage sale day contact the Friona Chamber of Commerce at 806-250-3491. Your participation is important and appreciated.

Friends of library will host authors Sunday

Friona's Friends of the Library will hold their annual meeting Sunday April 24 from 2-4 p.m. at the high school auditorium. Three authors will be on the program: historical writer Louise George, Amarillo Globe-News columnist Delbert Trew, and romance writer Gail Dayton.

Ten literary baskets donated by several local groups and individuals will be raffled. A large basket, called the Friona basket, will be auctioned. Baskets are on display at the library and raffle chances are \$1 each. Everyone is invited to attend and meet the authors and support the library.

Friona Kid's Inc. open for baseball signups

Teams are now being formed for the 2005 Friona Kid's Inc. baseball season. Entry forms can be obtained at First National Bank-Friona Banking Center. Entry deadline is April 29.

Kid's Inc. baseball is open to boys and girls ages 5 through 15. Must be 5 years old as of August 1, 2004, and 15 years old on or before July 31, 2005. Cost is \$20 per child. For families it is \$20 for first child and \$15 for each additional child.

Detailed information is included on the signup forms.

Weather Watch

By BILL ELLIS

After having a low reading of 30 degrees on Tuesday, April 12, the Friona NWS station hit the 80-degree mark for the first time this season exactly a week later, April 19.

A shower of .44 inches on April 17-18 brought the month's total moisture to .69 inches, and the total for the year to 5.47 inches.

Depot open house a big success

By CAROL ELLIS

A crowd of over 80 people attended "Celebrate the Depot" hosted last Sunday afternoon by officers and board members of the Community Heritage Society.

Purpose of the open house was to celebrate the Society's 20th anniversary; to show off all the updated renovations, which have recently been achieved at the Depot in the City Park; and to honor many people who have

been instrumental in assisting the Heritage Society over the past 20 years.

Several Santa Fe Railroad and Depot artifacts were provided for display in the Depot by Debi Goodwin, Gilbert Davila, John Gurley, Stan Ellis, and Robert Moore. The Society officers wish to thank these people for the loan of their interesting items.

Also on display were two

tiles from the original roof of the Depot building. The tiles were salvaged by Betty Louise Rector when the old roof was replaced several years ago. Two local artists, Bobby Wied and Carol Ellis, painted depot and train scenes on the tiles and presented them to the Heritage Society for this anniversary event.

Among former Friona residents attending from out-of-town were Wahleah Beck and her daughter, Vicki Lamberson, from Amarillo. Wahleah is the widow of Carlos Beck who was the last Santa Fe Station Agent at the Friona Depot before the Santa Fe company closed all the old depot buildings in the mid-1980s. Their daughter, Vicki, grew up in Friona and is a 1972 graduate of Friona High School.

Jinni Konis, of Amarillo, was also in attendance. She is remembered here as Eugenia Lambert, a Friona native and FHS graduate. Her husband, Ben Konis, is an internationally renowned artist. He was instrumental in donating art works and prints for several of the Heritage Society's fund-raising events during the early years.

Ben was not well enough to make the trip on Sunday.

Jeanette Collard traveled the farthest to attend the Depot event on Sunday. She resides in Chandler, Texas, which is a suburb of Tyler. Jeanette is the widow of Richard Collard who was the Friona City Attorney for a number of years. Richard assisted the Heritage Society with legal matters when it was first getting established in 1985-86.

The Community Heritage Society is a non-profit charitable organization established for the

sole purpose of caring for the Depot in the City Park. As such, donations are always welcome, as well as memorials and honorariums. All are placed in the memorial book, which is on display at all public functions in the Depot.

The Depot building is also available for any civic occasions at no charge. For information on scheduling an event, contact Heritage Society President Nancy Edelman at 247-3497 or Vice President Sarah Geris at 250-2262.



THANKS to city employees and the Community Heritage Society, Friona's city park and depot provide a centerpiece of Friona culture and history. ron carr photo



THE SCENES on these roof tiles off the old train depot were painted by local artists Carol Ellis and Bobby Wied. They are on display at the Depot. ron carr photo

Relay for Life teams forming

The Parmer County Relay for Life is set for Friday June 10 at Friona High School Chieftain Field. Teams are now forming for this annual fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

According to Relay for Life organizer Jyl Grimsley, the deadline for the \$10 entry fee and for T-shirt sizes is May 2. If you are a cancer survivor or know of one, survivor T-shirt sizes are needed and a survivor dinner is being planned.

First National Bank-Friona Banking Center is the publicity sponsor for this year's Relay for Life. Watch for Relay information, announcements, and cancer facts in Friona Banking Center's weekly ad in the Friona Star.

For more information about participation in the Relay for Life contact Jyl Grimsley, 250-5700 or Suzanne Bunker, 250-8055.



COMMUNITY HERITAGE SOCIETY board members present at Sunday's 20th anniversary celebration of the Old Depot were, l-r, Dave Thompson, Betty Jarboe, Sarah Geris, Lois Norwood, John Fred White, Judy Cummings, Jean Roberts, Nancy Edelman, and Carol Ellis. ron carr photo

Medicaid: entitlement program costs more than intended

By MICHAEL F. CANNON and ADRIENNE ALDRIDGE

An ironclad law of public policy is that entitlement programs always grow faster and cost more than their creators intended.

Take Medicaid. It was tacked on to Medicare legislation in 1965 almost as an afterthought. The goal was to provide medical care to the truly needy. Federal and state governments would split the costs.

Unfortunately, Congress structured Medicaid in a way that guaranteed huge increases in spending from year to year. Medicaid offers states and beneficiaries perverse incentives to spend as much as possible.

Anyone who meets federal eligibility criteria (or a particular state's broadened criteria) is legally entitled to medical benefits, even if they could access care and coverage elsewhere.

This leads to what Medicaid observers call "crowd-out". Medicaid's "free" coverage encourages employers of low-income workers not to offer insurance, and encourages low-income workers not to take private coverage.

Over a dozen studies have found that expanding eligibility for Medicaid reduces the number of low-income Americans with private health insurance. Some studies suggest that increased Medicaid enrollment is completely offset by reductions in private coverage.

Many beneficiaries go to great lengths to remain eligible for Medicaid by avoiding constructive behaviors - earning, saving, and purchasing private insurance - that would render them ineligible. Who would go

out of their way to save for private health coverage when Medicaid is offered to them for "free"?

Medicaid also gives states an open-ended, entitlement to federal matching funds. States receive an average of \$1.30 from Washington to match every dollar they spend, which encourages them to broaden their programs.

These and other perverse incentives combine to encourage Medicaid's out-of-control growth. According to the National Association of State Budget Officers, Medicaid has eclipsed elementary and secondary education as the most expensive item in most state budgets.

A more subtle measure of Medicaid's excessive growth is this: According to the Urban Institute, 21 percent of eligible adults and 27 percent of eligible children, have private health insurance. Clearly, Medicaid is no longer targeting just the truly needy. The cure for this metastasizing program can be found in the 1996 welfare reform law.

In important ways, Medicaid resembles the old welfare program, Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC). AFDC encouraged the poor - and the not-so-poor - to become dependent on government and behave in ways that increased the cost of government. And it encouraged states to get more people to join those ranks.

Welfare reform changed that dynamic. Congress eliminated the open-ended entitlements to ben-

efits, capped federal payments to the states, and gave states more flexibility to pursue a few broad goals. Caseloads plummeted by half and poverty decreased dramatically. In the face of dire predictions, welfare reform worked.

Congress should use a similar approach to tackle Medicaid's flaws. First, it should eliminate the federal entitlement to Medicaid benefits. Second, Congress should stop encouraging Medicaid expansions, by freezing payments to states at the 2005 amount. According to Congressional Budget Office figures, freezing federal Medicaid spending at 2005 levels would produce \$735 billion in savings by 2014.

Finally, the federal govern-

ment should give states maximum flexibility to meet a few broad goals for Medicaid. States then could target medical assistance to the truly needy, reduce dependency, cut down on crowd-out of private insurance, and charitable care, and promote competitive markets for medical care and insurance.

Each state would be free to structure its Medicaid program as it sees fit. Different states could try different benefit schemes for different types of beneficiaries, and experiment with health savings accounts, among other options.

Much like the old welfare system, Medicaid harms many that it purports to help by draw-

ing them into a cycle of dependency. It bloats state budgets, raises the tax burden on all Americans, and makes health care much more expensive.

Last time around the critics said that reform wouldn't work. They were not only wrong, but embarrassingly wrong - and the reformers managed to change the country for the better. That should give enterprising members of Congress reason to punch ahead.

(Michael F. Cannon is the director of health policy studies at the Cato Institute. Adrienne Aldridge is a research assistant at the Cato Institute, 1000 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20001.)



FESTIVITIES & FUN marked the grand opening of the new Fast Stop location in Friona April 15. Friends, employees, and Chamber of Commerce ambassadors joined the Kendrick Oil family for the official ribbon cutting at the former Town & Country location on Highway 60. Deke Kendrick has the scissors and is joined by, l-r, Pudge, Danny, and Pam Kendrick. ron carr photo



OUT HERE

by Ron Carr

Confidential sources

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott spoke at our Panhandle Press Association Hall of Fame dinner April 8.

Mr. Abbott is an articulate young man, probably fortyish. I can't tell ages very well anymore. Everyone looks young to me. I did not realize that our attorney general is confined to a wheelchair. I don't know whether it is because of illness or accident. It is not one of those things you ask about.

He was there with his wife and mentioned they have an 8-year-old daughter. Since he is a rigorous advocate of freedom of information, a bunch of newspaper people make a good audience. Mr. Abbott said he is requiring all public officials, down to the city government level, to take a course designed to teach them what can be kept confidential and what is open and public information under the Freedom of Information Act.

That is a good thing. Freedom of information, freedom of the press, and keeping taxpayers informed of the decisions made by public officials and employees are good things.

Now some of our Texas legislators, who have the school finance program more screwed up than when they started, want to force news reporters to reveal confidential sources. The proposal is broadly called a shield law which shields a news organization from being forced by the courts to reveal certain sources of information.

To dig out news and expose fraud and corruption and other bad stuff, news people often get information from sources that ask to remain anonymous for fear of retribution of some sort. Often reporters dig up facts that law enforcement does not find so now they want to pass laws that require reporters to reveal confidential sources.

Which means of course that confidential sources will not be talking as much which means that there won't be any confidential sources for a judge to force us to reveal. News organizations like the Texas Press Association are lobbying for the shield law so reporters and newspapers can continue to find out secret dirt and tell everybody about it while keep-

ing the source secret.

Weekly newspaper editors usually don't have a big problem with confidential sources. Everybody in town is one. "Don't put this in the paper," is a common request I get from folks around here. Translated it means I sure would like to see this in the paper but I don't want anybody to know I told you.

Weekly newspapers don't really want city and county officials reporting every little move they make. On the other hand it makes our lives easier if they do report public items of interest to the taxpayers without our having to hear it from a confidential source while we are at the grocery store or post office.

Several times I have called a city or county official to verify a rumor and been asked, "Where did you hear that?"

"Never mind where I heard it, is it true?"

"Yes, but we are not ready to go public with it yet."

"So when will you be ready to tell us about it?"

"Don't know, but don't

put that in the paper."

We don't quote many confidential sources in our newspaper. One member of the good old boy network around town always says, "If I tell I'd have to kill you." Not sure what that means but I don't push it.

The founders of America thought a free press and access to public information was important enough to put at the top of the list of rights. Legislators and judges throughout the land are chipping away at freedom of the press and open records. Attorney General Greg Abbott says as citizens you have a right to know how your tax financed government works and what goes on behind the scenes.

A lot of people have died to protect that right. People like Attorney General Abbott and local newspapers like ours will continue the effort to honor their sacrifices.

If we can keep the state lawmakers off our back and out of our business.



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U.S. SENATOR

KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



Texas history always provides new surprises

No matter how often I visit Texas historical sites, I am struck by the fact that I never fail to come away with a new piece of information or insight. We have such a rich past that there is always something else to learn. This was reaffirmed when I recently traveled the length of El Camino Real to celebrate its designation as a National Historic Trail from Milam to Eagle Pass.

El Camino Real de Los Tejas was the "royal road" established by Spain on the paths established by Native Americans centuries earlier. The trail runs over 1,600 miles, from the Louisiana border through Nacogdoches, San Augustine, the Caddo Mounds, Crockett, Madison, Bryan, Caldwell, Lee County, Bastrop, San Marcos, New Braunfels, San Antonio, the San Jose Mission, Atascosa, Pearsall, Carrizo, Springs, Eagle Pass, and finally, to Mexico, with 550 miles of the trail run through Texas. Because so much of our history took place on this trail and I did not want this heritage to be lost, I worked long and hard to secure its National Historic Trail designation.

When I returned to the trail to celebrate its historic designation, I learned again that every visit to one of these historic sites yields something new. In Nacogdoches and San Augustine where I have often visited, I learned new facts about my great-great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Taylor, and Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Sharp, as well as those charming towns.

In Bryan, we had breakfast at the Lucky B Bison Ranch, founded by former Texas Agriculture Commissioner Reagan Brown. By raising Bison and Bison hybrids, called "beefalo", the ranch keeps alive an animal which has been an integral part of America's history.

At San Marcos' Aquarena Springs, I learned new details of this beautiful location. These springs, which have provided fresh water for weary travelers from the dawn of history, lie on an intersection of not one, but two famous trails - El Camino Real and the Chisholm Trail on which cowboys drove herds of Texas longhorn north to Kansas. Information centers at the springs provide a lot of information on Texas wildlife and vegetation.

New Braunfels is on the trail. I was always aware of the town's German heritage. It was founded on March 21, 1845, when Nicolaus Zink led a German immigrant wagon train up the Guadalupe River to the ford of the San Antonio-Nacogdoches road, as that part of El Camino Real was called at the time. What I did not know was that, with over 5,000 German immigrants, New Braunfels was Texas' fourth-largest town in 1850.

New Braunfels' 127-year-old Gruene historic district has played a role in preserving Texas' distinctive music. The Gruene Music Hall holds the distinction of being the oldest continually operating dance hall in Texas. This 6,000-square-foot structure and its high-pitched tin roof was revitalized in the mid-1970s and has attracted musical acts including George Strait, Garth Brooks, Willie Nelson, Bo Diddley and Lyle Lovett.

Returning to the Alamo was like visiting an old friend. Almost 290 years ago, the viceroy of Mexico authorized construction of a mission on El Camino Real. The structure was designed to be both a spiritual and physical refuge in the wilderness north of the Rio Grande and, over time, its strong walls took on the character of a fort.

On February 23, 1836, Col. William B. Travis entered the Alamo with a force that later totaled approximately 187 men. Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna brought 5,000 men up against the old mission and laid siege. Their heroic last stand has fired the imaginations of men and women ever since. It was thanks to the dedication of two far-sighted women, Adina de Zavala and Clara Driscoll, that the Alamo was saved for future generations.

The Mission San Jose with its operating water-powered grist mill is another wonderful historic place; it had been there since the 1700s.

In Eagle Pass, where El Camino Real crosses into Mexico, we had an opportunity to meet with Mexican officials and celebrate Texas and Mexico's shared heritage. This crossing of the Rio Grande took its name from the flights of eagles that made their aeries in the ancient pecan trees along the Escondido Creek.

The three-day trip allowed me to meet old friends and make new ones. It was a vivid reminder that Texans who want to explore history can have an enriching and relaxing vacation without leaving the state. It is very rewarding to reacquaint ourselves with our heritage and the historic sites, which played a role in the creation of Texas. I urge everyone to take your families on Texas' royal roads and rediscover our colorful past.



House votes to kill death tax

Congressman Randy Neugebauer and the House voted 272-162 to put a permanent end to a policy that made death a taxable event.

"The Death Tax is unfair, hurts the economy, and punishes a lifetime of hard work," Neugebauer said. "It is about time that we put an end to the Death Tax, which has left many farmers, small business owners, and their families in its wake."

The Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act of 2005, H.R. 8, will extend the Death Tax repeal beyond 2010. Congress passed a law in 2001 to begin phasing out the Death Tax so that by 2010 it would be completely eliminated. However, the repeal would only be temporary as current law "sunset" the repeal and reinstates the Death Tax on January 1, 2011. Death Tax rates would then revert back to pre-2001 levels as high as 55%. H.R. 8 strikes this "sunset" provision.

"With tax day just around the corner, taxpayers know all too well that the government taxes their income, their savings, and their property each

year," Neugebauer said. "It is grossly unfair that after many years of taking away hard-earned money from our farmers and small business owners, the government wants to take almost half of what is left when they die."

A wide range of leading economists, including Nobel Laureate Milton Friedman, and a large group of national trade organizations representing the small business and agricultural communities, support permanent repeal of the Death Tax. The American Farm Bureau Federation, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, the Newspaper Association of America, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Family Business Institute, the Independent Community Bankers of America, and the Independent Insurance Agents of America, are but a sample of the more than 50 organizations that have joined together to voice support for the bill.

H.R. 8 has garnered such strong support because in addition to being unfair, the Death Tax also undermines economic productivity and suppresses job growth. As a

result of the Death Tax, businesses are spending money to hire accountants and tax advisers instead of additional employees. According to a July 28, 1999 Wall Street Journal report, nearly 60% of business owners say they would add a total of more than 100,000 jobs a year if they

were not forced to comply with the Death Tax.

The House approved legislation identical to H.R. 8, in the 108th Congress, by a 263-163 margin. Companion legislation is being introduced in the Senate by Senators Kyl (R-Ariz.) and Nelson (D-Fla.).

Early voting underway in school board elections

Early voting is now available by personal appearance for school board positions in Friona and Bovina preceding the May 7 election. Early voting dates are April 20 through May 3 at the respective school administration offices. Voters may appear and cast an early vote during regular business hours.

Voters need to bring their voter registration cards and/or some form of photo ID.

Candidates for Friona school board are Lori Davila, Danny Hand, Tracy Bunker, Brent Loflin, Joe Lafuente, Jason Floyd, and Alan Monroe. Three will be elected.

In Bovina the school board candidates are Charles Wilkins, Honey Sue Gist, Larry Mitchell, Mindy-Neal Widner, Ester Steelman, and Buddy Prather. There are two seats open on the Bovina school board.



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Around Town

Literary Event of the Year!

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Amarillo Panhellenic to meet April 24

Amarillo Panhellenic will host a Rush Information Meeting on Sunday April 24, 2005 at 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church at 4100 South Coulter, Amarillo. Please enter the north, green-canopied entrance. All high school senior women who are interested in going through Rush should attend this meeting to receive important information on Rush packets and deadlines. A short discussion will be part of the meeting. For more information, please call Sandy Riney 806-359-6706.

Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild to meet Apr. 28

The Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild monthly meeting is on April 28th at 7 p.m. in Amarillo. Anyone interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts is welcome. For meeting location or information call John Robinson at 355-7889.

Meeting called about future of VFW Post

All interested veterans of Parmer County and surrounding area are urgently requested to attend a meeting to determine the future of VFW Post 1413 and American Legion Post 206. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. May 9, 2005, at the American Legion Building, Veterans Hall, 6th and Euclid in Friona. Please be there.

Lazbuddie Sr. class team roping set for May 15

The Lazbuddie senior class will host a Team Roping Sunday, May 15. The books will open at 12 p.m. and roping will begin at 1 p.m. at the David Allen Indoor Arena, 3 miles east of Muleshoe on Hwy. 84. #14-Handicap DrawPot Bring one Draw two—\$50 & #10-Handicap DrawPot Bring one Draw two—\$50. Hot, homemade food and snacks will be available in the concession stand. For more information contact Allen Scott at 806-272-3701 or 806-946-6900.

Bovina booster club sets athletic banquet

Tickets are now on sale for the Bovina athletic banquet set for May 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 for adults and children and are available from any booster club member.

PPHM to offer Charlie Russell stories

Award-winning historian Raphael James Cristy of Albuquerque will present "Charlie Russell's Yarns", at the Friends of Southwestern Art (FOSA) annual dinner at 7 p.m., on Saturday, May 7, 2005.

The dinner will be held in the West Texas A&M Alumni Banquet Hall. The cost is \$40 per person for FOSA members and \$50 for non-members. Payment and reservations are requested by April 29. For more information, call Amy David at 806-651-2233 or email adavid@pphm.wtamu.edu.

Cristy uses his skills both as an historian and an actor to convey the breadth and depth of dozens of amusing tales that were first told aloud and then written down and illustrated in books and short stories by Charles M. Russell (1864-1926). Since 1984, Cristy has performed tales by Charles M. Russell on stages in 30 states, Canada, and Australia, and he has been included in such events as A Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nevada, Michael Martin Murphey's WestFest in Vail, Colorado, the Northern Appalachian Storytelling Festival in Pennsylvania, Edmonton's International Fringe Theatre Festival in Alberta, Canada, and Australia's Sydney Festival. In 1994, the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum awarded Cristy the Western Heritage Award for his essay on Russell's stories, "Charlie's Hidden Agenda", first published in *Montana, The Magazine of Western History*.

Sweet Adelines will perform April 23

The Palo Duro Metro Chorus of Sweet Adelines is presenting their annual show on Saturday, April 23, at 7 p.m. at Tascosa High School in Amarillo.

"Let's Get Away", is the theme of this year's show. The chorus of 40 women is an award-winning chorus, having placed first in Division A Competition in Region 25 of Sweet Adelines International for eight years.

Special guest quartet "Crystal Collection", an award-winning quartet, will also be appearing on the show, as well as Dynamite, a men's quartet from the Golden Spread Chorus of

Amarillo.

Tickets are \$10; senior citizens and students 16 years and under are \$8. Tickets may be reserved by calling 806-383-4272 or 806-355-4923, or by contacting a member of the chorus.

The chorus is also accepting new members. Rehearsal is held every Thursday at 7 p.m. at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in

Lowdens Hall, 1601 S. Georgia, in Amarillo. Guests are always welcome. Current members are from Amarillo, Canyon, Groom, Friona, Hereford, and Fritch. In addition to an annual show, the Palo Duro Metro Chorus entertains for company gatherings, conventions, nursing homes, churches, birthday parties and anniversaries.



THE WOMEN'S luncheon and fashion show, sponsored by the Friona Chamber of Commerce, was held at the First Baptist Church fellowship hall last Saturday. Officials said about 100 women from the community participated.

holly campbell photo



THESE Bovina track athletes qualified for the regional meet in Levelland April 26-27. From left, Jessica Bachicha, sophomore, in discus; Edgar Ortiz, senior, in 1600 & 3200m run; and Hilda Quintero, sophomore, also in 1600 & 3200m run.

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MUSTANG BASEBALL



MUSTANG batter Hugo Martinez (22) looks up at his pop-up in the Saturday game vs. Crosbyton. The Mustangs lost 18-8.

SENIOR HURLER Jeff Casas (13) came in to relieve in the Crosbyton game.



MIGUEL MUNOZ tries to beat the throw to third. He was safe.

BEATING OUT a ground ball and throw to home is Mustang Frank Martinez (15). He scored on the play.



Mustang baseball photos by dorothy prudhomme

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Financial planning: more than investing in the stock market

By J. DAVID BARNETT, CFA

The financial planning process reaches far beyond the buying and selling of stocks and mutual funds. In fact, investment management represents only one of the many steps required to reach short-and long-term financial goals. While there are no simple answers that will magically rebound depreciated securities, there are strategies to help you offset the pain of lower portfolio values. For starters, consider the following five planning strategies.

Take advantage of your retirement plan. Are you eligible to contribute to a 401(k) or 403(b) through your employer? If so, try to contribute as much as you can. Contributions to these plans are made on a pre-tax basis. This translates to an immediate tax savings. Further, many of these plans offer matching employer contributions. The combination of tax savings and employer matching, results in an immediate return on your money, regardless of market condition.

Refinance your mortgage. Given today's low interest rates, refinancing your mortgage may be a smart move. In particular, if you have a variable mortgage, now may be a prime time to lock in a low fixed rate. Lower interest rates can reduce your monthly payments and, thus, increase your disposable income. This extra income can be used to meet day-to-day living expenses, especially if you are dependent on investment income or saving toward additional short-or long-term goals.

Get properly insured. If you recently married, had a child, or incurred sizable personal debt, consider revisiting your insurance coverage. The premature death or disability of a breadwinner can crumble even the most thorough financial plan. In addition to a death benefit, whole life policies offer a savings element called a cash value. Interest credited to your account grows tax-deferred each year. While many employers offer group life and disability insurance for reasonable premiums, individual policies can be designed to fit most budgets.

Save for your children's college education. There are many tax-advantaged vehicles available today to help you save for your children's college education. A Section 529 college savings plan is one of them. Section 529 plans offer tax-deferred growth and special estate planning benefits. Regardless of whether your underlying investments are conservative or aggressive, the tax

benefits of these plans make your money work harder than would comparable savings or investments accounts.

Prepare a will. A will is a legal document that specifies how your possessions will be distributed and who will manage your estate upon your death. If you die without a will, state laws determine how your estate will be divided between your surviving spouse, children, grandchildren, and/or others. Rarely, if ever, will state law match what you would have wished. In addition, if both parents die without a will designating who will be guardian of a minor, the courts will make that decision for you. In light of these issues, even if you do not anticipate owing estate taxes, you should consider preparing a will.

Financial planning is more than investing in the stock market, it's investing in your—and your family's—future. With a little effort and the help of your tax and legal advisors and Financial Consultant, you can be well on your way to developing a total financial plan.

(David Barnett is a Friona native and a financial consultant at Smith Barney in Little Rock, Arkansas. He can be reached at 800-879-0089.)



Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from April 06, 2005 to April 12, 2005.

Avent Donna Loretta – Avent Clarence Edward III, L28 E/2 L29-32 B48 FARWELL.

Geries Don Howard – Merritt Kevin and Merritt Billie, S50.0' L4 N54.0' L5 B6 MIMO.

Cook Gary W and Cook Jeri H – Chapparral Investments, WRONG COUNTY.

Parmer County – Patterson Gary and Hahn Carl, SE/4 S65 BLK H THOMAS KELLY.

SBA financing workshop in Lubbock

There will be an "SBA Financing and Informational Workshop", Wednesday, April 27, 2005, at the Texas Tech University Small Business Development Center (SBDC), 2579 Loop 289, Lubbock, Texas. The workshop is being sponsored by the Texas Tech University Small Business Development Center, U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), and the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE). The program begins at 6 p.m., and will conclude at 8 p.m.

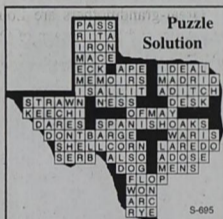
Subject for the evening workshop is, "Financing Options: All You Should Know About SBA Loans". There is no charge for the workshop but advanced registration is encouraged due to limited seating.

Information will be available on what a business owner should have before applying for a loan, what the banker is looking for, information required in a business plan, and the pro-

grams and services available from the Small Business Administration. This is an opportunity for small business owners and prospective business owners to learn about financing options and the SBA Guaranty Loan Program.

Reasonable arrangements for persons with disabilities will be made, if requested in advance.

For more information or registration, call Sandra at the Texas Tech University Small Business Development Center, Lubbock at 806-745-1637.



AFTER 19 years Hi-Pro Feeds employee Twila Hitt retired and was feted with a sendoff reception. Hi-Pro Feeds general manager Noel White presented Twila with a diamond bracelet. Twila and husband Leon will be moving to Lubbock this week. ron carr photo

Sheriff's Report

April 12, Jesus D. Rubio, 24, of Friona, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with assault, pending County Court.

April 15, Adrian Gomez, 25, of Friona, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office with a United States Marshall warrant, released to United States Marshall.

April 15, Samuel Spears, 29, of Texico, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with possession of a controlled substance, pending District Court.

April 16, Noe Estraca, 27, of Clovis, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with violation of probation (unauthorized use of a vehicle), pending District Court.

April 17, Rodrigo Amaya, 24, of Bovina, was arrested by the Bovina Police and charged with assault, pending County Court.

April 17, Phillip Griggs, 61, of Bovina, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with DWI-3rd or more, pending District Court.

April 17, James Johnson, 31, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police and charged with theft by check, pending County Court.



PRAIRIE ACRES residents have taken up painting. At right, Muleshoe artist Rita White, standing, helps resident Johnnie Booth. Mrs. White, also a Prairie Acres resident, has started the art classes at the nursing home. Above, Heritage Estates manager Rhonda Bentley, right, pitches in to assist the budding artists.



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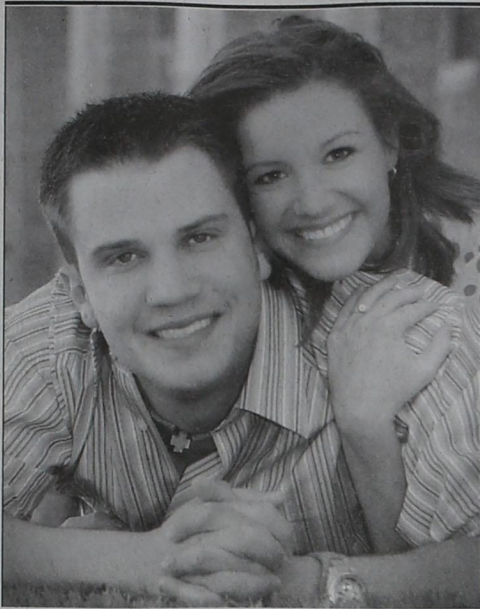
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SHAWN MASSIE & JENA GRIMSLEY

Grimsley & Massie will marry in July

Jayson and Jyl Grimsley, of Friona, and Terry and Pati Massie, of Lewisville, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Jena and Shawn.

Grandparents of the couple are David and Uldene Grimsley of Friona, William and Kathryn Gromowsky of Bovina, Ludy and Rose Massie of Lubbock, and James and Jolietta Edinburgh of Crosbyton.

Jena graduated from Friona High School in 2001 and will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Social Work from Abilene Christian University in May 2005.

Shawn is a 2000 graduate of Central Christian in Omaha, Nebraska and received his Bachelor of Science from Abilene Christian University in May 2004. He will graduate with his Master of Business from Hardin Simmons University in May 2005.

The couple will be united in marriage on July 2, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. at County Line in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Jorge Mendez announce that the marriage of their daughter, Olivia, to Mr. Ismael Juarez, which was arranged for the 13th of August, will not take place. We feel that it is not our place to discuss this matter any further. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Olivia at (719) 542-6876.

THINK ABOUT THIS What is man?

By T. LEON TALLEY, Sixth Street Church of Christ

Likely Diogenes was histories most famous cynic. He was a very eccentric individual. He took his lantern one day at noon and walked through the Athenian Forum. He said he was looking for a man. Who he was looking for was someone who had all the attributes he thought belonged to an upright individual. That type of person he believed was rare in his day.

In a similar way God looked upon the Nation of Israel. He saw the fruits of sinful pursuits; a nation broken by sin, carried into captivity, needing to be restored. God said that He had searched for a man who would stand in the gap between Him and the Hebrew people (Ezek. 22:30).

In Psalms 8, we have not only a beautiful song by David, we also have an expressive thought that often comes to us in our solemn moments. We ask God, "What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?"

Think about it! It is truly marvelous to have a God who is mindful of us. We have a God who loves us, who has sat us down on this earth, made in His image and has given us the responsibility to take care of the rest of His creation.

God loves us so much that He took on the form of a man because He wanted us to take our lives and form them back into His image. The image that we had lost because of sin. Jesus came to this earth eternal God, becoming man, in order to show us "the way, the truth, and the life", (Jn. 14:6).

New Arrivals

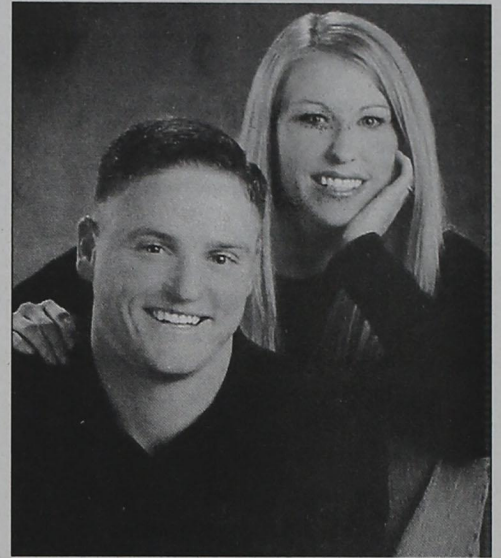
Samuel Edward Schueler

Jeff and Heather Schueler, of Lubbock, have a new son, Samuel Edward.

He was born Tuesday, March 29, 2005 in Lubbock. He weighed 6 pounds 4 ounces and was 19 inches long.

He has a big brother, Craig, who is three years old.

Grandparents are Doris Smith of Friona, and Herbert and Cecelia Schueler of Rhea.



CASEY LOAFMAN & CHRISTY STEPHENS

Stephens & Loafman to wed in Lubbock

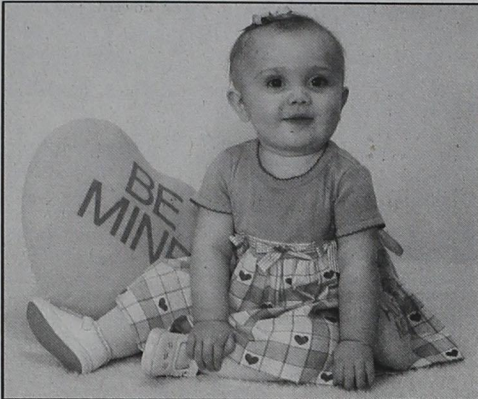
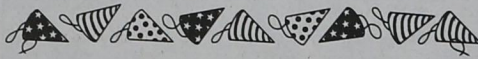
Cliff and Tana Stephens of Borger, formerly of Friona, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Christy, to Casey Loafman of Lubbock.

A ceremony is planned for June 4, 2005, at the First United Methodist Church in Lubbock.

The bride-elect graduated from Monahans High School in 1996 and from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. She is currently employed by the Lubbock Independent School District at Coronado High School.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Plainview High School and Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Sports Science. He is currently employed by the Lubbock Independent School District at Monterey High School.

The couple plans to make their home in Lubbock.



JAYCEE JONANN PIGG

Jaycee will celebrate first birthday

Jaycee Jonann Pigg will celebrate her first birthday on Friday, April 22, 2005 with a party at her home in Quitaque, Texas, hosted by her parents Julie and Jon Pigg, and her older sister, Jaden.

Grandparents are Mike Pigg of Silverton, Barbara Scroggins of Amarillo, and Gary and Barbara Brown of Friona.

Great-grandmothers are Louise, Chandler and Delores Pigg of Quitaque, and Ruth Brown of Oklahoma.

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THE LAND OF REPHIDIM!

REPHIDIM WAS A CAMPING GROUND OF THE ISRAELITES IN THE WILDERNESS. (EX:17-1) IT WAS LOCATED BETWEEN THE WILDERNESS OF SIN AND MOUNT SINAI. THERE WAS NO WATER OBTAINABLE UNTIL MOSES SMOTE A ROCK, FROM WHICH WATER FLOWED, BY DIVINE COMMAND! THE WATER TRAVELED DOWN THE BED OF A WADI TO THE CAMP OF THE ISRAELITES SUPPLYING THEM ALL DURING THEIR STAY AT MOUNT SINAI. REPHIDIM ALSO WAS THE SCENE OF THE BATTLE WITH THE AMALEKITES AND THE FIRST TIME JOSHUA WAS PICKED BY MOSES TO LEAD THE ISRAELITES IN COMBAT! THE SITE OF THE BATTLE CANNOT BE EXACTLY DETERMINED, BUT PROBABLY IS LOCATED ON WADI REFAYID, WHICH IS NORTH-WEST OF JEBEL MUSA AND TO THIS DAY, STILL HAS A STREAM OF COLD WATER WHICH RUNS DOWN TO JOIN WADI REFAYID AND SUPPLIES AN OASIS AT THE FOOT OF JEBEL REFAYID.



...AND SLOWLY THE FLOW OF BATTLE SWINGG WITH THE ISRAELITES! STEP BY STEP, THE AMALEKITES ARE DRIVEN BACK BY THE SLASHING SWORD WORK OF JOSHUA AND HIS MEN, BACK AND BACK, UNTIL, NOW THEY ARE FORCED UP THE HILLSIDE FROM WHENCE THEY HAD SO FERCELY RUSHED!

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FJH All A Honor Roll

Friona Junior High School Principal, Kevin Wiseman, announced the All A Honor Roll for the fifth six weeks.

Sixth grade: Regan Anthony, Laci Austin, Kourtney Boardley, Caitlin Bronniman, Keeley Dunnam, Brittney Herbert, Ester Sarabia, and Skyla Stormes.

Seventh grade: Bryan Baxter, Leonardo Castaneda, Monica Dominguez, Sasha Estrada, Alex Ferguson, Paige Herbert, Anyuli Lopez, Anna Murphree, Kenny Newhouse, Alma Robles, Liliana Saucedo, David Schwab, Bianca Soto, and Melina Vega.

Eighth grade: Anna Alvidrez, Hannah Carthel, Edward Echevarria, Lucy Mendez, Gabriela Rivera, Alba Soltero, Alex Vega, and Kathleen Wylly.

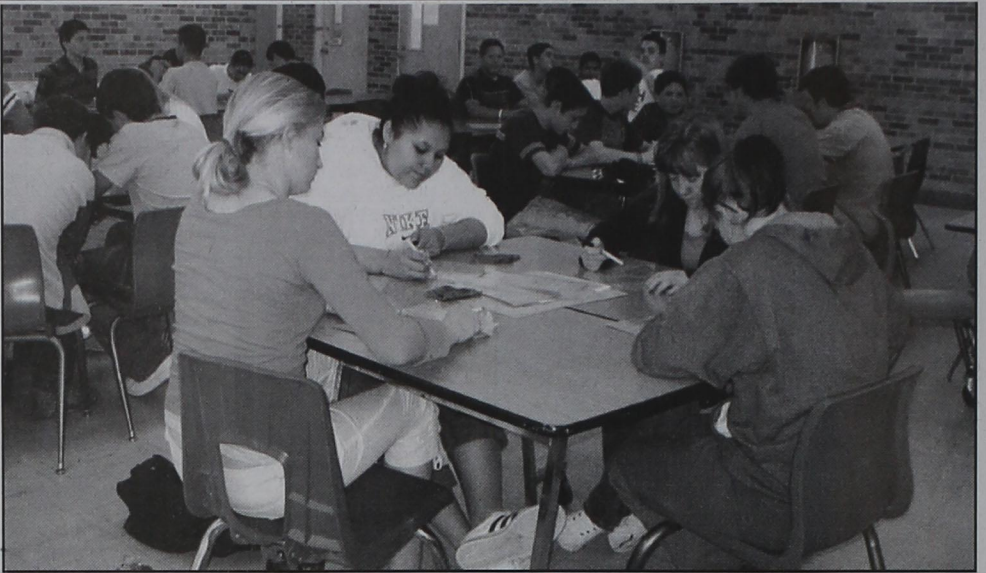
FJH AB Honor Roll

Friona Junior High School Principal, Kevin Wiseman, announced the AB Honor Roll for the fifth six weeks.

Sixth grade: Maria Calvillo, Denise Chaparro, Eliseo Delgadillo, Zack Fair, Kirby Frye, Thania Garcia, Sarah Gonzalez, J Gurley, Vanessa Herrera, John Hinton, Sergio Mendez, Ernesto Monreal, Ingrith Ojeda, Catalina Ortega, Juan Ortiz, Miguel Reveles, Jose Rodriguez, Maria Silva, Clayton Smiley, Claudia Trevino, Duncan Welch, and Kelsey White.

Seventh grade: Stephanie Aguirre, Yuliana Alvarez, Diana Bolivar, Eric Cruz, Alex Delao, Joey Dickson, Felissa Dominguez, Adrian Garcia, Maria Garcia, Samuel Gonzalez, Ana Hernandez, Taryn Jamerson, Shawn Jordan, Monica Jurado, Jordan Kelley, Lacey Lookingbill, Justin Lozoya, Yesenia Ortiz, Stephanie Perez, Jose Ramirez, Omar Ramirez, David Ramos, Stetson Reed, Oscar Reyes, Krystal Rios, Maira Rivera, Yesenia Rojas, Juan Rubio, Estefania Ruiz, Marquese Saenz, Monica Saenz, Noe Saenz, Matthew Stanberry, Ashley Trevino, Guadalupe Vazquez, Roberto Vega, Irene Vera, and Uriel Villa.

Eighth grade: Tori Abeyta, Monica Acosta, Michael Beard, Andy Bentley, Ana Delapaz, Jessica Delgadillo, Jamie Garza, Victor Guerrero, Aaron Hand, Cierra Henry, Maria Jurado, Raul Licerio, Emma Lopez, Pablo Lopez, Daniel Mendoza, Jose Angel Mendoza, John O'Brian, Jesus Perez, Teresa Ramos, Patrick Rios, Maricela Sanchez, Desiree Sandoval, Gabriel Senibalo, Andrew Stowers, Cesar Tarango, and Christy Widner.



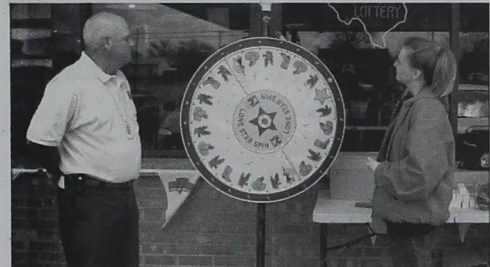
FRESHMAN students at FHS gathered in the cafeteria last Monday to study and practice as a group for the TAKS tests which given during the week.
 dana d jameson photo



MARIA LOPEZ was the winner of the bicycle drawing at Fast Stop's grand opening last Friday.
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THE KNNK RADIO crew from Hereford was on hand for the Fast Stop grand opening with a live remote and giving away prizes. From left are Jerry Brock, Darla Stengel, and Ken Branum.
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THE TEXAS LOTTERY had a special promotion in conjunction with the Fast Stop grand opening last Friday. A \$5 lottery ticket purchase earned a free spin of the wheel to win prizes. Lottery official Randy Hudman of Lubbock assists Misty Townsend with a winning spin.
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Meet the Class of 2017

Natalie is a kindergarten student at Friona Schools. Her parents are Noe and Lucy Avilez.

Natalie likes biking, and gymnastics. Her favorite food is pizza and her favorite color is pink.

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- famous TX fiddler Robertson
- TXism: "fits like ugly on an ___"
- best of its kind autobiography
- TX-based Mary Kay Cosmetics opened in this Spain city in '93
- TX Gary Morris tune: "One Fall ___ Takes"
- TXism: "he could talk a wagon out of ___"
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- Stack or Costner role
- office furniture
- Palo Pinto Co. creek
- Cinco de Mayo (5th ___)
- challenges
- Hill Country trees (2 wds.)
- "___ in unannounced"
- Austin quote in 1835: "___ our only resource"
- take the kernel off the cob (2 wds.)
- "Streets of ___"
- inhabitant of Serbia
- A & E Biography of George W.: "The Son ___ Rises"
- TXism: "gave him ___ of his own medicine"
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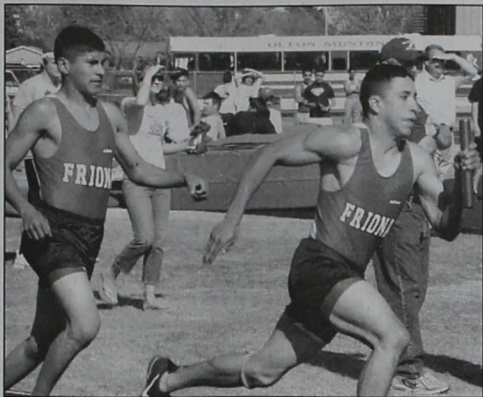
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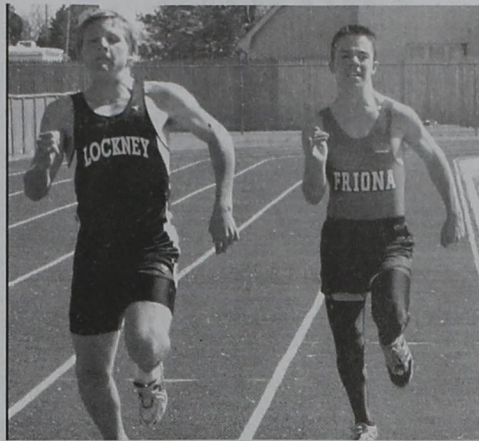
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District 6-2A Track Results



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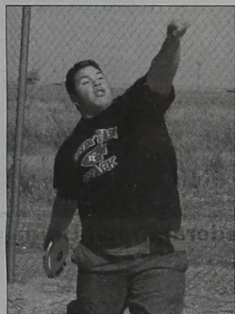
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*track photos by dana d. jameson,
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COACHES Karen Carroll, Jose Gonzales, Jimmy Arias.

Varsity Squaws

The FHS Squaws track team placed 3rd with 121 points in the District 6-2A track meet held in Lockney Thursday April 14.

Squaw results:

- 200m Dash-Anayeli Ramos, 2nd, 27.68.
- 400m Dash-Karla Padilla, 3rd, 1:05.24.
- 1600m Run-Emmie Crutchfield, 1st, 6:00.99; Jordan Monroe, 3rd, 6:09.57.
- 3200m Run-Emmie Crutchfield, 3rd, 13:23.70.
- 100m Hurdles-Erica Davila, 3rd, 17.31.
- 300m Hurdles-Michelle Martin, 2nd, 50.18; Erica Davila, 3rd, 51.21.
- 400m Relay-Anayeli Ramos, Angelica Chico, Katy Welch, Karla Padilla, 3rd, 53.35.
- 1600m Relay-Anayeli Ramos, Michelle Martin, Karla Padilla, Emmie Crutchfield, 2nd, 4:20.47
- Discus-Trisha Winebrinner, 1st, 119'11".
- Pole Vault-Molly Carthel, 3rd, 7'6".
- Shot Put-Trisha Winebrinner, 3rd, 31'6 1/2"

Varsity Chiefs

The FHS Chiefs track team competed in the District 6-2A track meet held in Lockney Thursday, April 14.

Chief results:

- 5th place
- 67 1/2 Team Points
- Triple Jump-Ryan Schwab, 3rd, 39'8".
- Shot Put-Chris Carrillo, 3rd, 43' 4 1/4".
- 800m Run-David Davila, 2nd, 2:10.96
- 400m Dash-Ben Santiago, 3rd, 55.16.
- 300m Hurdles-Willy Castillo, 3rd, 41.55.
- 1600m Run-Eric North, 3rd, 5:04.25.

J.V. Chiefs

Friona High School JV Chiefs competed in the district track meet held in Lockney April 14.

J.V. results:

- 138 Team Points
- 2nd place
- Shot Put-Derek Davila, 1st, 36'11"; Dillon Welch, 4th, 32'8".
- Discus-Dillon Welch, 1st, 135'11"; Chris Haile, 2nd, 106'6".
- High Jump-Sawyer Reed, 1st, 5'4".
- Long Jump-Ruben Chico, 3rd, 17'6".
- Triple Jump-Alonzo Rojas, 6th, 35'11".
- Pole Vault-Ritchie Casas, 4th, 8'.
- 400m Relay-Sawyer Reed, Ryan Geries, Daniel Vasquez, Ruben Chico, 2nd, 48.11.
- 800m Run-Lupe Gonzales, 4th, 2:25.41.
- 110m High Hurdles-Dillon Welch, 3rd, 18.74; Chris Haile, 6th, 19.79.
- 800m Relay-Sawyer Reed, Dillon Welch, Chris Haile, Josh Jameson, 2nd, 1:42.37.
- 400m Dash-Ryan Geries, 1st, 58.26; Alonzo Rojas, 3rd, 60.14; Ritchie Casas, 4th, 62.21.
- 300m Hurdles-Chris Haile, 4th, 48.94.
- 1600m Run-Lupe Gonzales, 5th, 5:43.19.
- 1600m Relay-Daniel Vasquez, Ryan Geries, Sawyer Reed, Ritchie Casas, 2nd, 3:53.21.

"The kids competed well at the District track meet," said Coach Rex Cumpton. "A couple of breaks here and there and we would have won the meet. We were proud of their effort."

7th & 8th Braves

The 7th & 8th grade Braves competed in the District 6-2A track meet held in Dimmitt Saturday, April 16.

7th grade results:

- Team Totals-143 pts.
- 2nd place
- Pole Vault-Marquese Saenz, 3rd, 6'6".
- Long Jump-Jordan Kelly, 5th, 13'10"
- High Jump-Matthew Stanberry, 2nd, 5'0"; Steven Mendoza, 6th, 4'4".
- Triple Jump-Marquese Saenz, 3rd, 30'11 1/2".
- Discus-Matthew Stanberry, 4th, 85'0"; Oscar Reyes, 6th, 77'1".
- Shot Put-Matthew Stanberry, 4th, 29'10".
- 2400 Run-Jesus Sarabia, 2nd, 9:39.76; Juan Rubio, 3rd, 9:47.88.
- 400m Relay-Steven Mendoza, Stetson Reed, Oscar Reyes, Marquese Saenz, 1st, 52.57.
- 800m Run-Samuel Gonzales, 3rd, 2:51.01; Roy Lee Bums, 5th, 2:53.45; Isidro Aguilar, 6th, 2:55.34.
- 110m High Hurdles-Jose Ramirez, 3rd, 20.94; Raul Dominguez, 6th, 22.03.
- 800m Relay-Stetson Reed, Oscar Reyes, Marquese Saenz, Steven Mendoza, 1st, 1:52.47.
- 400m Dash-Jordan Kelly, 5th, 66.06.
- 300m Intermediate Hurdles-Jose Ramirez, 1st, 51.72.
- 1600m Run-Jesus Sarabia, 2nd, 6:13.07; Juan Rubio, 4th, 6:16.77; Samuel Gonzales, 6th, 6:25.23
- 1600m Relay-Steven Mendoza, Jose Ramirez, Oscar Reyes, Marquese Saenz, 2nd, 4:21.95.

8th grade results:

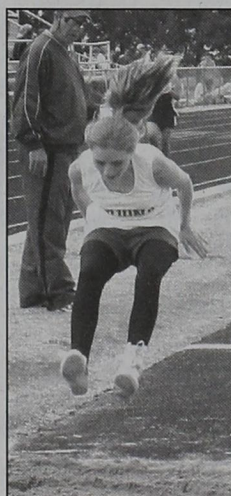
- Team Totals-42.5 pts.
- 6th place
- Pole Vault-Andy Bentley, 3rd, 9'0".
- Triple Jump-Justin Echavarria, 6th, 32'10".
- 400m Relay-Irving Huerta, Andy Bentley, Raul Licerio, Justin Dominguez, 5th, 52.18.
- 110m High Hurdles-Justin Dominguez, 4th, 17.91; Justin Echavarria, 6th, 18.63.
- 800m Relay-Andy Bentley, Justin Echavarria, Raul Licerio, Joey Mendoza, 4th, 1:50.69.
- 400m Dash-Irving Huerta, 1st, 57.68.
- 300m Intermediate Hurdles-Justin Echavarria, 6th, 49.07.
- 1600m Relay-Andy Bentley, Justin Dominguez, Irving Huerta, Victor Guerrero, 4th, 4:08.41.



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8TH GRADE MAIDENS, back row, l-r, Staci Fairweather, Brittany Berend, Maria Meza, Emma Lopez, Melissa Gallego. Middle row, l-r, Hannah Carthel, Monica Acosta, Maria Jurado, Corinne Hinton, Christy Widner, Ana DeLaPaz, Liliana Palacios, Teresa Ramos, Lucy Mendez. Front row, l-r, Heather Sandoval, Maricela Sanchez, Kathleen Wylly, Tori Abeyta, Gaby Rivera.

7th & 8th Maidens

The 7th & 8th grade Maidens competed in the district track meet held in Dimmitt Saturday April 16.

7th grade Maidens results:

- 4th place
- 111 Total team points
- 1600m Relay-Anyuli Lopez, Monica Dominguez, Sasha Estrada, Yesenia Rojas, 3rd, 4:47.01.
- 1600m Run-Monica Saenz, 4th, 6:50.35.
- 200m Dash-Estephanie Macias, 4th, 3:04.74.
- 800m Run-Paige Herbert, 6th, 3:04.74.
- 100m Dash-Anyuli Lopez, 1st, 13.81.
- 800m Relay-Sasha Estrada, Estephanie Macias, Diana Bolivar, Yesenia Rojas, 1st, 2:03.40.
- 2400m Run-Monica Saenz, 2nd, 10:14.26.
- Triple Jump-Lacey Lookingbill, 6th, 25'11 1/2".
- Pole Vault-Anyuli Lopez, 3rd, 6'0".
- Discus-Diana Bolivar, 1st, 73'9".
- Long Jump-Yesenia Rojas, 2nd, 11'10 1/2".
- High Jump-Taryn Jamerson, 1st, 4'6"; Yesenia Rojas, 2nd, 4'4".
- Shot Put-Diana Bolivar, 6th, 26'3 3/4".

8th grade Maidens results:

- 1st place-District Champs
- 140 Total team points

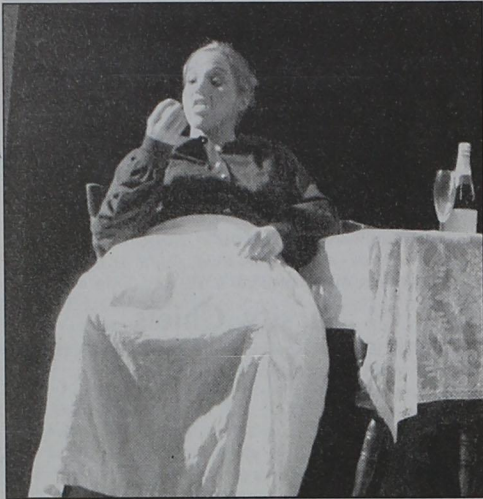
- 1600m Relay-Corinne Hinton, Liliana Palacios, Heather Sandoval, Hannah Carthel, 2nd, 4:47.82.
- 100m Dash-Maricela Sanchez, 5th, 15.35.
- 800m Relay-Melissa Gallego, Kathleen Wylly, Maricela Sanchez, Heather Sandoval, 3rd, 2:11.02.
- 400m Dash-Kathleen Wylly, 5th, 1:21.32.
- 300m Hurdles-Hannah Carthel, 1st, 52.92; Christy Widner, 3rd, 59.15.
- 1600m Run-Liliana Palacios, 3rd, 6:43.73; Jessica Delgadillo, 5th, 7:03.23.
- 100m Hurdles-Christy Widner, 5th, 19.73; Melissa Gallego, 6th, 20.60.
- 800m Run-Jessica Delgadillo, 5th, 3:03.31.
- 400m Relay-Corinne Hinton, Hannah Carthel, Melissa Gallego, Heather Sandoval, 3rd, 58.29.
- 2400m Run-Liliana Palacios, 1st, 10:46.65; Monica Acosta, 4th, 11:54.25; Ana DeLaPaz, 5th, 13:05.19.
- Discus-Maria Meza, 1st, 74'10"; Brittany Berend, 3rd, 66'2"; Lucy Mendez, 4th, 62' 5".
- Shot Put-Maria Meza, 2nd, 29'7"; Brittany Berend, 4th, 28'2"; Staci Fairweather, 5th, 27'11 1/2".
- High Jump-Heather Sandoval, 4th, 4'2"; Corinne Hinton, 5th, 4'0"; Melissa Gallego, 6th, 3'10".
- Long Jump-Heather Sandoval, 1st, 13'5 1/2".



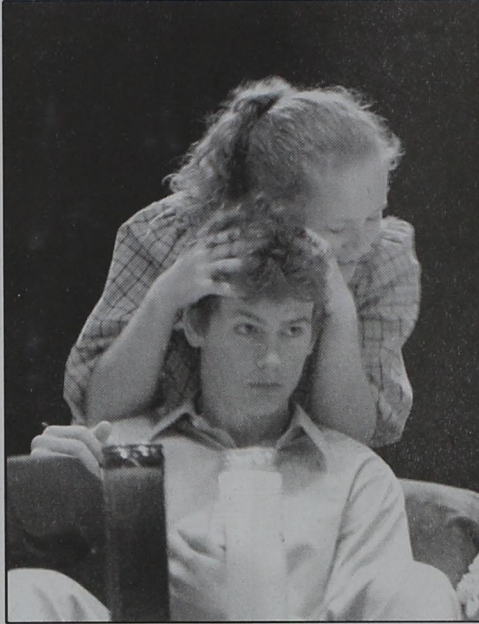
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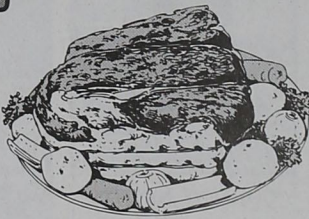
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With April showers looming, 2004 growing season finally winding down

By SHAWN WADE

It isn't a normal year on the Texas High Plains unless something out of the ordinary happens. The 2004 growing season certainly took that sentiment to heart and produced a crop that will linger in the memories of the High Plains cotton industry for years.

Now, 4.73 million running bales later, it appears the history books can all be rewritten and area producers and gins will have a new benchmark for judging future success.

High Plains cotton producers, when everything is finally tallied and county estimates published, are expected to have produced the equivalent of 4.8-4.9 million 480 pound net weight bales in the area served by the Lubbock and Lamesa USDA Classing offices.

Once the National Agricultural Statistics Service released county estimates, a final tally of total production in PCG's 41 county service area will be possible.

The season did not get off to the fast start many would normally ascribe to a record-breaking season, but things quickly turned around as timely rainfall, often accompanied by less than ideal temperatures, fed what would become a record 2004 crop.

Cool temperatures affected a large part of the crop to the point that quality, particularly Micronaire, fell below normal levels. Some areas were so significantly impacted that growers were hit with both yield and quality drops that strained pocketbooks.

On the flip side, the plentiful rain pushed dryland production in southern areas to record levels in some places and well above normal expectations just about everywhere else.

Getting the crop out of the field, though, proved to be a challenge at times with weather related interruptions slowing progress early. After that the next major hurdle turned out to be the sheer volume of cotton produced. Many producers saw harvested cotton wait weeks and even months before ginning.

Many gins dealt with more cotton than they had ever processed before. While it is unclear whether or not a record for the most cotton ever ginned by a single gin plant can be confirmed, one High Plains gin, United Cotton Growers in Hockley County, may have a pretty good claim for such a record after processing 128,227 bales in its plant in 2004.

United achieved an overall 2004 total of 152,449 bales, including cotton processed by nearby gins subcontracted to shorten the wait time for United customers.

Quality reports from the Lubbock and Lamesa Classing offices show that over the season the High Plains produced a crop with an average Staple length of 34, average Micronaire of 3.6, and an average Strength of 28 grams/tex. The predominant Color grade was a 31 at Lamesa and 41 at Lubbock.

As a testament to the challenges that faced growers throughout the harvest season over 50 percent of the bales classed at the Lubbock Classing office and almost 44 percent of the cotton graded at the Lamesa Classing office were discounted for bark.

Heavy rains reduce pre-plant irrigation needs

(Reprinted from the March 2005, *The Cross Section*.)

EDITOR'S NOTE—Results of the annual joint pre-plant soil moisture survey conducted by the High Plains Water District and the USDA-NRCS are traditionally published in the March issue of *The Cross Section*. However, above-average rainfall received in 2004 has caused the agencies to modify the pre-plant soil moisture survey this year only. The following article by USDA-NRCS Soil Scientist Gerald Crenwelge outlines the results of the 2005 abbreviated pre-plant soil moisture survey—CEM.

By **GERALD CRENWELGE**
USDA-NRCS Soil Scientist

The primary purpose of the annual joint pre-plant soil moisture survey program, conducted by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District and the United States Department of Agriculture—Natural Resources Conservation Service, is to gather representative soil moisture data across the water district service area to assist producers in making pre-plant irrigation decisions.

Abundant rainfall in the fall and winter added moisture to the soil.

Since there is abundant soil moisture, very little pre-plant irrigation is expected at the start of the 2005 growing season.

Therefore, the normal joint pre-plant soil moisture survey was not conducted in 2005.

However, both High Plains Water District and USDA-NRCS officials felt that some sites should be read to get representative values for soil moisture this year within the water district's 15-county service area.

Approximately 40 sites were selected in a pattern across the water district service area. Sites were selected to obtain a relatively even spacing with a preference for cotton and pivot irrigation, since that is the most com-

mon cropping combination found in the area.

The soil moisture survey sites were read from January 17 thru 25, 2005.

The sites that were read indicate an average of 2.5 inches of soil moisture deficit in the upper five feet of the soil this year. This represents the amount of additional moisture that the soil could hold. That compares to 5.4 inches of deficit last year. That indicates almost three inches more moisture than last year.

The average available moisture values indicate the same trend. This represents the amount of moisture in the soil, which could be used by plants. This year, there was an average of 6.2 inches of moisture in the upper five feet while the value last year was only 3.2 inches.

Several soil moisture sites were examined since taking the initial soil moisture readings. The soil moisture conditions at that time

were consistent with the values calculated when they were read.

Generally, the rains that occurred in the fall and winter of 2004 were slow. In spite of that fact, the data showed that this rain did not completely fill the soil profile to five feet. This can be explained by several factors.

First, the infiltration rate (how fast water can enter the soil) becomes slower and slower as the soil becomes wetter at the surface.

During a rainfall event, the soil surface becomes wet, water begins to pond on the surface, and then flows from the field as runoff. This fall, the soils were already fairly wet at the surface. Because of this, much of the rainfall that was received ran off the field before it had a chance to enter the soil.

Secondly, water that enters the soil at the surface moves down through the soil slower and slower as the soil becomes wet-

ter. The soil essentially acts like a wick, with water being drawn down into the lower soil profile. This is a slow process, especially true in the heavier, clayey soils.

Third, the soil was wetter at the five-foot level than it was last year. Therefore, some moisture soaked deeper than the five-foot level. The amount of moisture that did soak deeper than five feet is not known and would vary greatly with the soil type and other soil properties that affect soil moisture movement. This moisture would normally not be available for crops to use.

These are three primary factors as to why the soil was not completely filled with moisture when the readings were taken.

Since the soil moisture readings were taken, most areas continue to receive rain. This should be very beneficial for crop production this year although it has hampered most field operations.

Weather brings wheat rust worries

By **KAY LEDBETTER**, Texas A&M University Research & Extension Center

Would be, could be, should be a record year for wheat, unless it rusts.

This year's wheat crop across the Panhandle is in excellent condition, said Dr. Brent Bean, Cooperative Extension Service agronomist here. With help from May rains, the crop should be the best in years, he said. Insect and virus diseases have been minimal, Bean said, but we are seeing more fungal diseases, due largely to the wetter than normal weather. These include septoria, powdery mildew, leaf rust and stripe rust. Most serious are the rusts.

The wet weather this last weekend, along with the potential for more rain this week, could potentially cause an explosion in the incidence of wheat rust in many Panhandle fields, Bean said. Stripe rust is relatively new to the Panhandle, showing up in a few fields three years ago. Now it is the dominant rust in the area. It looks similar to leaf rust, but the rust pustules tend to line up between the leaf veins, giving

it a striped appearance. Stripe rust will thrive in 46-58 degrees when moisture is present on the leaves, Bean said. In contrast, leaf rust prefers warmer conditions and will thrive in 70 degree temperatures.

Researchers believe there are varietal differences in tolerance to leaf and stripe rust. However, data collected in south Texas suggests all varieties are now susceptible. It is possible the rust strains in the Panhandle still lend themselves to some varietal resistance. Recent observations made by Dr. Calvin Trostle, Extension agronomist in Lubbock, and others, suggests some leaf rust resistance of Cutter and Jagalene varieties.

Producers must answer several questions when deciding what is the best way to manage rust. Oklahoma research suggests to justify the cost of fungicides, a minimum per acre yield of 40 bushels and a price of at least \$3-\$3.50 per bushel is necessary to justify spraying, Bean said. A fungicide application will likely

cost about \$16.50 per acre. Spraying fungicide will not increase yields, but will preserve yield potential.

Timing also is important. Research shows the flag leaf contributes as much as 75 percent or more of grain yield. So keeping it healthy is important to realizing grain yield potential, Bean said. For example, wheat at flowering with 40 percent of the flag leaf covered with leaf rust has an estimated yield loss of 20 percent.

There are primarily two fungicides for leaf and stripe rust control sold under five trade names: triazole (Tilt, Propimax), strobilurin (Headline, Quadris), or a combination (Stratego, Quilt). To protect yield potential, spraying should be considered from when the flag leaf fully emerges to flowering to full boot and milk, Bean said. Sprays at soft dough and hard dough don't offer much control.

If leaf rust is already strongly present, then earlier spraying is probably warranted, provided the yield potential criteria are met, Bean said. Waiting until all flag leaves are fully emerged risks infection of leaf rust on the flag leaf and fungicides work best at prevention rather than curing an existing problem. The amount of leaf rust infection moving to the flag leaf from lower leaves will be reduced when conditions are dry and warm.

Anticipating weather favorable to rust development on the flag leaf is the most important factor. "We believe the window of effective control is at least 14 days and an additional level of control may be available up to 21 days after spraying," Bean said. A second spraying, even in fields with a high yield potential (greater than 70 to 80 bushels per acre) is seldom justified. One option is to spray a half rate of fungicide early and apply a second half two weeks later. This should give longer overall protection.

FLASHBACKS

75 Yrs. Ago
April 26, 1930

In addition to the fire mentioned in last week's issue of the Star, which consumed the barn and much property on the farm of B.C. Day, south of town, the community has suffered loss from other disastrous fires last Saturday and Sunday. The home on the farm of R.H. Kinsley, occupied by Harry Whitley, was consumed about noon Sunday. The home of Charles Edmiston, several miles south of town near the Jesko and Lazbuddie communities, were entirely destroyed last week.

55 Yrs. Ago
April 14, 1950

Formal opening was held last Saturday by Allen's Jewelry in its new quarters in the Friona State Bank building. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart moved to Friona in 1948, setting up a jewelry store in the Friona Star building. They moved to the bank building upon its completion on February 15 of this year.

35 Yrs. Ago
April 23, 1970

The Lazbuddie community was still cleaning up early this week from a destructive tornado which struck home in the area

last Friday killing one person, Mrs. Alton Morris. The late Friday night storm, which spawned tornadoes over a wide section of the Texas Panhandle, caused thousands of dollars of damage in the Lazbuddie area alone, in addition to the loss of life.

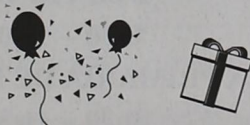
25 Yrs. Ago
April 23, 1980

General Telephone company was busy this week making the tie-in on the new underground cable which is being installed between Bovina and Friona.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April 24, 2005-April 30, 2005

- Apr. 24-Evelyn Hart, Lucretia Bracken, Trista Hand, Bill Nichols, Josh Kerby, Mark Montoya
- Apr. 25-Allison Hardgrove, Levi Landrum, Darrell Roth, Mike Riethmayer, Felicia Florez, Mariann Boeckman, Melba Burleson, Dalton Cockerham, Penny Dutton, Jack Clayton, Joshua Lucero, Michael Wales
- Apr. 26-Ben Osborn, Mark Petchinsky, Karla Dixon, Pamela Schipang, Ami Schueler, Honey Gist
- Apr. 27-Clint Homfield, Diane Mendoza, David Whatley, Tony Baca, Gena & Tena Willard, George Ryan, Von Edelman, Glaytus Wyly, Kevin Smith, Sarah Speters
- Apr. 28-Davy Hamilton, Naomi Perez, Julie Landrum, Wade Davenport, Lynn Pope, Kade Carthel, Cory Evan Reeve, Cody Widner, Will Rushing, Elias Fuentes
- Apr. 29-Chance S. Butman, Bernard Gowens, Wayne Davis, Vincent Koelzer, Karen E. Burns
- Apr. 30-Wanda Reeve, Teresa Ready, David Rebber, Andy Gomez, Kay Williams, Genevieve Ezell, Brennen Montoya

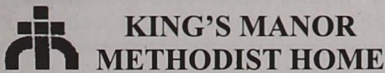


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Refreshments will be served.
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Clean Up Friona



These artists painted in the basement of the museum while the boys at right keep up the sweeping and cleaning.

Cleaning Up Friona

The week of April 18-23 was designated Clean Up Friona Week by the Chamber of Commerce. Each year during TAKS test week at Friona schools, the seniors are volunteered to help with various clean-up projects around the city. It keeps them out of the school building while others are concentrating on the TAKS test.

The kids paint, sweep, mop, hoe, and rake at the library, primary school, hospital, museum, and anywhere else there is a need to help clean up. They do a great job, always smiling and cooperative, and should be applauded for their service to the community.

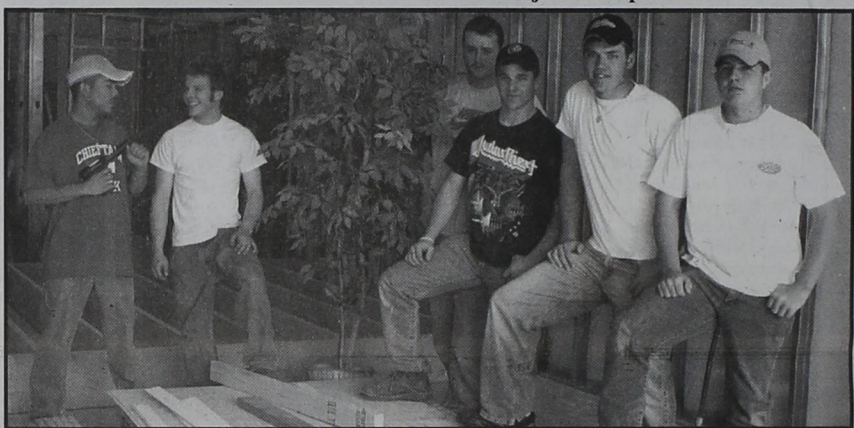


A group of senior boys, at right, helped out with construction at the city offices where a new city council chamber and office is being built.



Cleaning up in the flowerbeds around the primary school, left, and Girl Scouts picking up trash near the Friona sign on Highway 60.

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The Parmer County Shared Service Agreement serving the Friona, Bovina, Lazbuddie, and Farwell Independent School Districts, is offering a **FREE DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC** for children 3, 4 and 5 years old who seem to have a learning problem or developmental delay. Certified specialists will be working with children at this clinic which is to be held at the following locations on Wednesday, April 27, 2005.

**FARWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE
8:30 – 9:30 A.M.**

**BOVINA RIDGELEA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
10:30 – 11:30 A.M.**

**LAZBUDDIE SCHOOL LIBRARY
1:00 – 2:00 P.M.**

**FRIONA ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
909 E. 11TH STREET
2:30 – 4:00 P.M.**

If you are concerned about your child's growth and development, bring your child to this clinic. If you need additional information, call Sue Wells, Director of Special Education at 250-3315.

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**ESCUELA PRIMARIA DE FARWELL – OFICINA
DEL PRINCIPAL
8:30 – 9:30 A.M.**

**ESCUELA PRIMARIA DE BOVINA – RIDGELEA
10:30 – 11:30 A.M.**

**ESCUELA DE LAZBUDDIE – BIBLIOTECA
1:00 – 2:00 P.M.**

**EDIFICIO DE ADMINISTRACIÓN DE LA
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2:30 – 4:00 P.M.**

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Bovina Independent School District will be hiring for a full time **CUSTODIAL POSITION**. The job will begin on Tuesday, May 3, 2005. The application deadline will be Tuesday, April 26, 2005 at 3:52 p.m. Applications can be picked up at the Administration Building located at 500 Halsell Street, Bovina, TX between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. If you have additional questions concerning this job, please contact Stan Miller @ 251-1336 ext. 310. Interviews will be conducted, by invitation, and may be conducted prior to the application deadline.
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice to Bidders
 Pursuant to the Local Government Code Annotated Chapter 116, Notice is hereby given that the Parmer County Commissioners Court will select a depository bank for Parmer County Funds and Parmer County School Funds.
 Sealed applications must be brought or mailed to Bonnie Clayton-Heald, County Judge, 401 Third Street, Room 104, PO Box 506, Farwell, Texas 79325, to be received no later than 10:00 a.m., Monday, May 9, 2005, at which time all applications will be considered.
 The Parmer County Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications. The Depository Contract will be awarded at the Commissioners Court meeting on Friday, May 13, 2005, at 10 a.m.
 By order of the Parmer County Commissioners Court.
 Bonnie Clayton-Heald
 County Judge
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LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE
 The undersigned hereby gives notice of renewal to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Austin, TX., for a Private Club Registration Permit. Said business is located at 1505 W. 5th, Friona, Parmer County, Texas, operated under the name of Friona Country Club, Friona Country Club owner. The names and titles of the officers of said business are as follows: Ronnie Glen Stevick, president; D.T. King, Jr., vice president; and James R. Atwell, secretary-treasurer.
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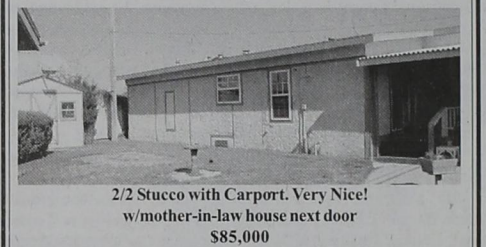
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OBITUARIES

Hector M. Campos

Funeral mass for Hector M. Campos, 53, of Hereford, was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at La Iglesia de San Jose Catholic Church, with Monsignor Arturo Meza officiating. Burial followed in West Park Cemetery under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors of Hereford.

Mr. Campos died on Friday, April 15, 2005 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He was born on March 5, 1952, in Saltillo, Mexico, to Isidoro Campos and Esperanza Maldonado Campos. He attended schools in Mexico.

Hector moved to Friona in 1971 and then to Hereford in 1991. He married Ana Celaya on March 7, 1977 in Hereford. He had been employed by Cargill Meat Solutions for 31 years and was a member of La Iglesia de San Jose Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ana Campos of Hereford; two sons, Eric Campos and Hector



HECTOR M. CAMPOS

Daniel Campos, both of Hereford; one daughter, Esperanza Campos of Hereford; three brothers, Jesus Campos of Friona, and Oscar Campos and Isidoro Campos, Jr. of Saltillo, Mexico; and two sisters, Elva Maldonado and Martha Irma Maldonado both of Saltillo, Mexico.

To register online please visit www.rixfd.com.

Mable Elizabeth Glass

Funeral services for Mable Elizabeth Glass, 93, of Canyon, will be held on Friday, April 22, 2005, at 1:30 p.m. in the Holley Funeral Home Chapel in Canyon, with the Reverend Gayle Bowen, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at 3:00 p.m., in Restlawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Hereford under the direction of Holley Funeral Home of Canyon.

Mrs. Glass died on Friday, April 15, 2005 in Amarillo. She was born on November 2, 1911 in Cottle County, Texas to E.L. Powell and Lula Laine Dulaney Powell.

She married Brice Glass on December 22, 1935 in Paducah, Texas. She lived in Paducah, Hereford, and Dalhart, before moving to Canyon in 1988. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church of Canyon. Over the years, she baked and decorated cakes for various occasions, while living in Hereford. She loved her church activities, teaching Sunday school classes, working with young people, and was a Pink Lady Volunteer at the Coon Memorial Nursing Home in Dalhart.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Brice, on December 23, 1979 in Dalhart, and four brothers and sisters.

Survivors include one son, Loyd Glass of Vega; one daughter, Jean Ricketts of Friona; three grandsons, James Ricketts of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, Tony Ricketts of Floydada, and Zane Ricketts of Canyon; five granddaughters, Cheri Webb of Ft. Worth, Melanie Kirkland, Cynthia Artho, and Deborah McDonald all of Vega, and Kerri Lewis of Coggon, Iowa; 14 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to Palo Duro Village Co-Op or First Baptist Church, both in Canyon.

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- Let your lower abdomen relax and expand as it fills with air.

- When your lungs and abdomen are full, slowly let air out through your mouth and allow your diaphragm to collapse.

- Repeat. If your mind wanders, return your attention to your breathing.

- When you are ready to end the session, don't jump out of your chair. Slowly start to regain a sense of your surroundings. When you're ready, allow your attention to return fully.

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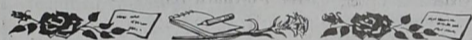
Gene C. Baxter

Gene C. Baxter went to join our Heavenly Father on April 8, 2005 with his loving family at his bedside.

Gene was born August 30, 1924, in Elk City, Oklahoma. He served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II with the Occupation Forces in Korea. After returning home he and his wife, Wilma, lived in Friona for a short while. They moved to Bristol, Colorado in 1948 where they farmed for 18 years. Gene and his wife moved to Rye, Colorado in 1964 where they resided for 30 years before moving to Colorado Springs in 1994. He was a kind, gentle, and loving man and will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.

His parents, Roy and Amber Baxter, and his son-in-law, Gary Kravig, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Wilma; one brother, Dean Baxter of Durango; two sons, Gary (Terri) Baxter of Centennial, Colorado and Keith Baxter of Colorado Springs; one daughter, Sherry Kravig of Colorado Springs; grandchildren, Darcy (Barbara) Carter, Shad Baxter, Brian (Stacie) Baxter, Tammi Baxter - David Barlow, Nicole (Brian) Binkley, Brandi Jackson, Brittney Baxter and Jordan Woodard; ten great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his devoted caregivers, Teri McQueen and Eva Dillard.



THE TIBURONS, pictured l-r, Ramon Mendoza, Librado Reyes, Leo Mendoza, and Juan Medrano, all of Dimmitt, and Jesus Mendoza of Friona, have been playing together for close to 20 years. They play in the Panhandle area for fun and entertainment.

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Maynard to end 35-year Friona Texas Federal Credit Union career

Thirty-five years ago Barbara Maynard went to work for the Friona Texas Federal Credit Union. This year the Friona Texas Federal Credit Union celebrates 50 years of service to the community. Barbara has been at the helm as credit union manager for half that time, 25 years, and has decided to retire.

She announced her plans during the 51st credit union annual meeting April 12. She will be stepping down as of July 31, 2005. She plans to stay in Friona and hopefully have time for some traveling.

Barbara wrote a farewell message to members, which was included in the printed program at the annual meeting. In it she listed many, many employees, committee, and board members she has worked with over the years. It is a long list but we thought our readers might enjoy browsing among the names, past and present, that have played a part in Mrs. Maynard's credit union career.

Here is the text of her message and the listings she prepared. We wish Barbara a long and happy retirement and appreciate the "job well done" for the community.

25 years As Manager

Half the age of this great Credit Union!
It has been a privilege to serve you as President for the past twenty-five years. It has given me the opportunity to meet many people I would never have known. I have found many friends in this work and have enjoyed it very much.

This Credit Union is a great place to save your money and to borrow money when the need arises. We were one of the first small credit unions that made real estate loans, so we have financed many homes in Parmer County. Many of our members have become homeowners, then went on to become landlords.

We may have been the pioneer of payroll deductions in Friona. We were the first in Friona to offer checking accounts without returning the cancelled checks to you each month. Now it is becoming the norm for banks not to return them.

I have put together a list of people I have worked with in the Credit Union over the past thirty-five years. I thought it might be interesting for you to see a list of all the people that have been involved with the Credit Union.

Some people you will be aware of, some you will have forgotten about their service, and some you may not have known about. All of them have fulfilled some duty that the Credit Union needed at the time.

As the Credit Union has become larger and larger it has taken more and more people to meet the needs of our membership. Those on the Board and Credit Committee have taken their job seriously of meeting your needs and keeping the CU profitable. The Supervisory Committee has been the watchdog of the CU to see that we do everything correctly.

May the Lord continue to Bless our Credit Union.
Barbara Maynard
President



THE MAYNARD FAMILY gathered for a photo at the credit union annual meeting. From left are sons Don and Mike, mom Barbara, dad Jimmy, and daughter Shauna Maynard Gillespie. The kids are all Friona school graduates and all three live in Amarillo. The credit union presented Barbara with the clock as a momento of her years of service and pending retirement. coy jameson photo

Supervisory Committee members I have worked with since becoming manager:

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Supervisory committee members before I became manager:

Harry McCaulley; Steve Messenger; Don Huckabee; Fern Sanders; Robert Ginsburg; Maudene Edelman; Rose Lange; Jesse Douglas; John M. Messenger; Wanda Hart; Linda Knowles; Frances Euler; Robert Crozier, membership; Elizabeth Gore; Zola Cranfill; Orma Flippin; Ruth Tucker; Jeanette Maurer; Carolyn Gore; Dale Hart; Roxanne Hurst; Carolyn Vaughn Reeve; Bernard Gowens; Mary Bingham; Larry Knowles; O.D. Bingham, membership.

Housekeeping:

Thelma Jackson; Tammy Richards; Elvira Chavez; Francisca Rivera; Elvira Salinas; Guadalupe Rocha; Rhonda Bentley; Maria Gutierrez; Alice Portillo; Maria Salinas; Enriqueta Ortega; and Armandina Degollado.

Employees I have worked with since I became manager:

Billie Tongate, Vice President; Nancy Peace, bookkeeping; Geneva Williams, collections; Jiselle

Hand, bookkeeper; Rhnea White, D.E. student; Peggy Monroe, part time teller; Kim Dixon, teller; Lucy Hernandez, teller; Ginger Stephens, bookkeeping; Marsha Rocha, teller; Isabel Balli, teller; Pam Morris, teller, new accounts, ACH; Veronica Vega, teller; Noelia Rocha, teller; Alicia Gonzalez, teller; Nancy Davis, loan officer; Charee Lewellen, part time teller; Marisa Rodriguez, part time teller; Vickie Rhodes, teller; Lori Bandy, teller; Fanny Garza, part time teller; Katie Kelley, part time teller; Jo Lewellen, teller; Donna Sims, teller; Donna Williams, teller; Dana Berend, teller; Susan London, teller; Lucinda Patterson Stokes; DeLinda Shipp Carr, teller; Teresa Buske, teller; Casey Sharrock, teller; Ericha Garcia, teller; Susan Teague, teller; Maria Rivera, teller; Tara Vega, teller; Rosa Torres, teller; Peggy Alexander, teller; Maria Gonzalez, teller; Laqueta Garner, part time; Tiffany White, DECA student; Lanetta Small, teller; Charlene Shafer, teller; Julie Garcia, teller; and Jeanette Gonzalez, teller.

Employees I worked with before becoming manager:

Mary Elliott; Wanda White; Rodney Dunnam; Karene Hart; Don Segovia; Shelly Head; Peggy Howard; Mike Jester; Mary Beth Bennett Wyly; Peggy Allen; and Diane Hamilton.

Board members I have worked with since becoming manager:

Arlen May; Geneva Williams; Carl Mason; Carolyn Dement; Dave Hutson; Fred Florez; Frankie Allen; Glenn Reeve, Jr.; Sam Garrison; Gene Schueler; Troy Sharrock; John Baxter; Curt Miller; Monte Allen; Ted Procter; Gerall Wyly; Bruce

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Those who served on the board before I became manager:

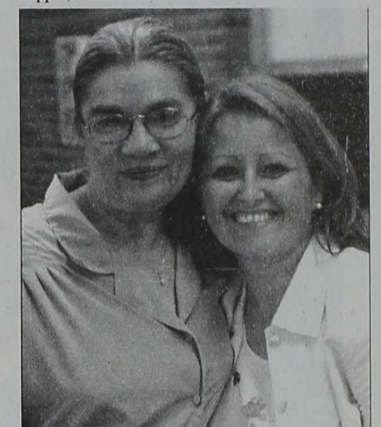
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Credit committee members I have worked with since becoming manager:

Alvin Gaines; Glen E. Reeve, Jr.; Carl White; Ansel Renner; Troy Bass; Bill Nichols; Carmen Reeb; Harold Taylor; Geary Brogden; Beth Shelton; Matt Osborn; Betty Chaney; David Smith; Henry Guana; Lee Romo; Billy Joe Mercer; Rick Beard; Jason Wright; Kirk Wright; Leonard Coffey; Floyd Wilkins; John Baxter; Bobby Jordan; Fred Ferguson; Danny Campbell; Ruben Taylor; Sam Mears; Gerall Wyly; Jimmy Broyles; Ted Procter; Fred Florez; John Clark; Mike Lamb; Charles Hamilton; Larry Moyer; Tommy Hamilton; Joe Santellana; and Bud Rainey.

Credit committee members before I became manager:

Leslie Fithen; W.R. (Bill) Woodley; John Bingham; Ralph Roden, loan officer; W.H. (Bill) Flippin; and J.R. Cocannouer.



BARBARA enjoys a smile with her soon-to-be successor Nancy Davis. Mrs. Davis will become credit union president when Mrs. Maynard retires July 31. coy jameson photo

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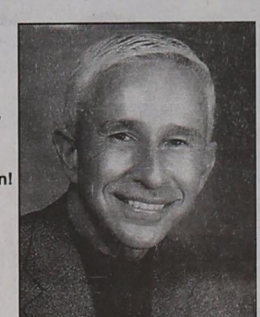
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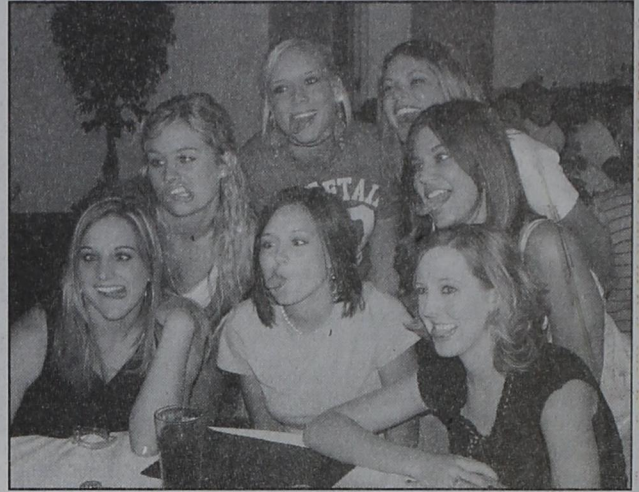
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1st Baptist Church Senior 2005 Banquet



CHOWING DOWN Italian style are, l-r, Will Hughs, Kyle Jamerson, David Mendez, Derek Fairweather, and Jacob Hoon.



YUCKING it up are, clockwise from left, Katy, Andrea, Trisha, Chance, Kristin, Maegan, and Brenda.



LANCE SCOTT & Aaron Hale entertained the seniors.



ALL SMILES are, l-r, David Davila and Artemio Garcia.



SOPHOMORE Stephen Campbell is either serving Italian food or flirting with some cute seniors.



THE First Baptist preacher's wife Debbie Stovall and daughter Hannah hosted the senior banquet.

In a joint effort, ladies from Calvary Baptist Church and First Baptist Church combined their cooking talents to host the Baptist Senior Banquet for the Class of 2005 Tuesday April 19. The lasagna meal was served at First Baptist's fellowship hall which was decorated Italian Evening style. The seniors were served by underclassmen and there was plenty of lasagna and garlic bread to go around.

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SENIORS Shanel Patterson and Kristi Lanier share some final senior moments.



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KTQM Remote 99.9

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Test Drive a Vehicle at any of our 3 locations and receive tickets to Joe's Boot Shop Calf Roping, May 1, 2005 Curry County Mounted Patrol Arena (Limited Supply)

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FCCLA teams qualify for National meet in San Diego

Students in Friona high school's Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) program competed at the state meet in Corpus Christi. Three teams qualified for National FCCLA competition to be held in San Diego, California July 1-7, 2005. The three teams, comprising 10 students, are the most students Friona has ever had to qualify for Nationals. Last

year 8 students advanced to National competition in Chicago. The three teams bound for the National meeting are: Emily Allen, Erin Austin, and Erica Wyly, Junior Focus on Children team; Lindsey Neill, Crystal Garcia, and Pedro Ramos, Interpersonal Communications team; and Kayla Estrada, Jessica Silva, and Mariana Mendez, Occupational National Programs in

Action team. Placing 4th at the state meet was the Friona Occupational team which includes Shanel Patterson, Maegan Ingram, Brittany Anthony, Kristi Lanier, Kristin Butman, Misty Adams, Molly Carthel, and Daisy Delgadillo. The junior Applied Technology team of Ashley Ingram, Brooke Herbert, and Stefanie Tirado, and the Oc-

cupational Applied Technology team of Magaly Leyva, Ludres Herrera, and Nena Ortega both finished in 6th place. One of the Friona FCCLA projects was recognized as the best in the U.S. out of 50 states and will be highlighted at the National meet. Friona FCCLA instructors are Gayle Murdock and Patsy Allen.



JESSICA SILVA, KAYLA ESTRADA, MARIANA MENDEZ

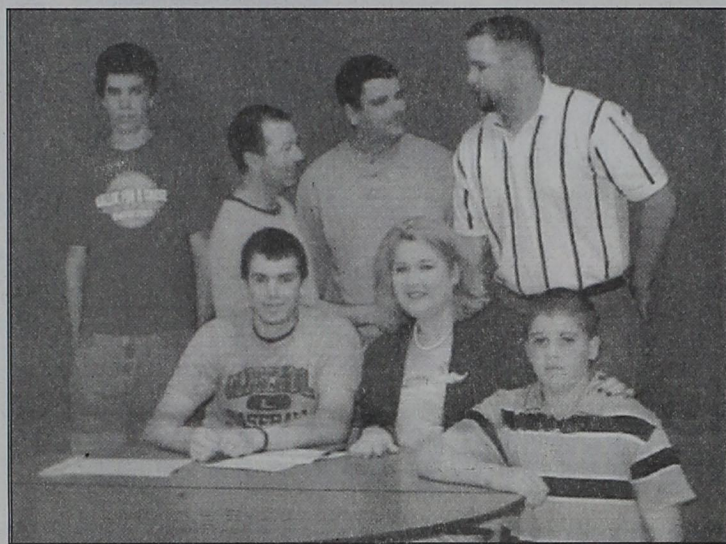


ERIN AUSTIN, ERICA WYLY, EMILY ALLEN



LINDSEY NEILL, PEDRO RAMOS, CRYSTAL GARCIA

GOOD LUCK



HANK BLACKBURN of Edmond, Oklahoma, a Friona native, has signed a letter of intent to play baseball at Rose State College in Midwest City, Oklahoma. He is a first baseman for Santa Fe High School, the #2 6A ranked team in Oklahoma. Hank is the son of Brian and Kerry Blackburn of Edmond and the grandson of Rex and Chuck Blackburn, of Friona, and Ron and Myrna Cain of Corpus Christi, Texas. Standing, l-r, Colton Blackburn, Coach Lonny Cobble, Brian Blackburn and Coach Coty Cooper. Seated, l-r, Hank Blackburn, Kerry Blackburn, and Clayton Blackburn.

courtesy photo

New cookbook recipes needed

The Women's Division is in the process of compiling a new cookbook. The thought is to get as many Friona cooks, as possible, to contribute. It will be called something like *100 Years of Great Cooking in Friona*. (A title has not as yet been decided on.) You can pick up a form at the Friona Chamber of Commerce office or take your recipe card and they will make sure it is transferred. All recipes need to be in the office by May 20, 2005, so there is plenty of time to have them printed and ready to sell by the beginning of the year.

Friona Country Club Golf Special

Through May 15, all Friona residents can play golf at Friona Country Club!

Green fee \$12

Cart: 9 holes \$5,

18 holes \$10

The country club is closed on Mondays!

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Happy Retirement!!



Wayne Lady

A RETIREMENT RECEPTION honoring Wayne Lady for 24 years of dedicated service will be held from 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM on Thursday, April 28, 2005 in the Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative offices in Hereford.

You are invited to come by and help us recognize Wayne for his contributions to Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative.



NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN ENVIRONS GAS RATES

On February 25, 2005, Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos" or the "Company") filed a Statement of Intent with the Railroad Commission of Texas (the "Commission") to increase its gas rates in the unincorporated area ("Environs") surrounding the Cities of West Texas Service Area (the "Cities"). This proposed increase in gas rates willing to apply to customers residing inside the city limits of the West Texas Service Area.

In its filing, the Company proposes to change its Environs base rates and service charge tariffs to the same level as those current rates previously approved by the Cities for customers inside the city limits. The service charge rates have been in effect inside the city limits since April 10, 2003 and the base rates have been in effect inside the city limits since May 1, 2004. The Company proposes to change the Environs rates effective April 1, 2005. The Commission may suspend the proposed effective date for up to 150 days.

The proposed changes will affect all classes of Environs tariff customers, including Residential, Commercial, Industrial, State Institution, and Public Authority customers. The Company's Air Conditioning Customers, who currently take service under a separate tariff, will instead be served under the Residential tariff. There are approximately 17,306 Atmos Environs tariff customers (15,071 Residential, 1,916 Commercial, 182 Small Industrial, 16 State Institution, and 121 Public Authority). The proposed changes in Environs base rates are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$440,274. The Company also proposes to implement and apply a new Weather Normalization Adjustment clause to the bills of customers in weather-sensitive classes (Residential, Commercial, State Institution, and Public Authority).

The typical monthly residential customer bill (assuming consumption of 6 Mcf) and the typical monthly commercial customer bill (assuming consumption of 30 Mcf) will be affected as follows by these changes:

	Current Bill (1)	Proposed Bill (1)	Difference
Residential Customer using 6 Mcf:	\$13.99	\$15.12	\$1.13
Commercial Customer using 30 Mcf:	\$43.05	\$43.10	\$0.05

(1) (a) Includes average PGA of \$4.96 per Mcf as of December 31, 2003.

Atmos estimates that the proposed changes to its nonrecurring charges will increase its Other Revenues in the Environs by approximately \$30,377 annually. The proposed changes are as follows:

Description	Current Charge	Proposed Charge	Increase
DURING BUSINESS HOURS:			
Turn on new service (with meter set)	\$23.50	\$32.00	\$8.50
Turn on service (shut-in test required)	\$19.00	\$23.50	\$4.50
DURING BUSINESS HOURS (cont'd):			
Turn on service (meter read only required)	\$10.50	\$15.00	\$4.50
Miscellaneous service calls	\$10.50	\$11.25	\$0.75
Reconnect delinquent service or Service temporarily off at customer's request	\$29.50	\$37.50	\$8.00
Dishonored Check Charge	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
AFTER BUSINESS HOURS:			
Turn on new service (with meter set)	\$35.25	\$48.00	\$12.75
Turn on service (shut-in test required)	\$28.50	\$35.25	\$6.75
Turn on service (meter read only required)	\$15.75	\$22.50	\$6.75
Miscellaneous service calls	\$15.75	\$16.88	\$1.13
Reconnect delinquent service or Service temporarily off at customer's request	\$39.00	\$56.25	\$17.25

The various changes in base rates and nonrecurring charges proposed by Atmos would increase the Company's total revenues in the Environs by approximately \$470,651 on an annual basis, or 9.7%. The proposed change in revenues is a "major change" under state law. The new Environs rates will not exceed 115% of the average of all rates for similar services in all municipalities served by Atmos Energy within the same county.

Affected individuals may review a copy of the proposed filing during normal business hours (9 am until 5 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays) at 1) the local offices of Atmos in its West Texas Division; 2) Atmos' Lubbock office, located at 5110 80th Street; or 3) the Railroad Commission.

Customers affected by the proposed Environs rate changes may file written comments or protests with:

Docket Services Section
Legal Division (Re: Docket No. 9573)
Railroad Commission of Texas
P.O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967