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## ATTENTION!! Friona ex-students

The Friona Ex Student Association needs updated addresses by July 1. A reunion is being planned during Maize Days on September 17 at 6 p.m. in the Community Center.

If you know of ex-students that have moved or can help in anyway in locating these persons, please contact Kitty Gallman at 250-2549, Kathy Sandoval at 247-2809 or Sharon White at 265 3874 or email addresses to [swwhite@wtrt.net](mailto:swwhite@wtrt.net).

## Friona's 4th of July celebration

Friona's 4th of July activities this year will take place entirely at the Chieftain football field. The Lions Club will be selling burgers and fries and the Chamber of Commerce will sell its famous ice cream.

If you would like a booth for games, raffles, etc. you will need to supply your own tables, chairs, and shade. The Chamber says first come, first served on the display area.

Events will begin at 6 p.m. The evening will end with a fantastic fireworks display furnished by Dynamite Firecrackers and some generous local businesses and private citizens. The Friona volunteer fire department will supervise the fireworks.

## Open house at dairies June 25

If you haven't seen a dairy operation up close mark your calendar.

Three Parmer County dairies are planning an open house from 2-5 p.m. Saturday June 25 in celebration of June as National Dairy Month.

Only these three dairies will hold the open house: Mesman Dairy in Farwell; Lone Star Dairy, six miles north of Highway 86 on FM 1172; and High Plains Dairy, six miles east of the Hub intersection on Highway 86.

Look for black and white balloons at the entry to the dairies. You will have an opportunity to tour the rotary milking platform and designated areas of the dairy and also each will serve milk, ice cream, yogurt, and cheese sticks.

## Museum closed for the summer

The Parmer County Pioneer Museum is closed for the summer for painting and repairs. It is planned to reopen in time for Maize Days and the All-School Reunion, which is scheduled for September 17. Friona High School students donated their \$1,000 cash award from last year's competition to go towards the electrical upgrade at the museum.

The All-School reunion organizers will be sending out invitations around July 14. If you are interested in helping with the reunion contact Rickey Receptor. All help and input will be appreciated.

## Post office offers 4th of July cancellation

The Friona Post Office has been designated as a "Celebrating Fourth of July" station. Post offices across America will offer a special Celebrating Fourth of July cancellation that is a large replica of the American flag.

Stamp collectors and others interested in the cancellation should contact the post office.

CELEBRATING FOURTH OF JULY STATION  
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# Father Ed Sweeney to retire from St. Teresa's

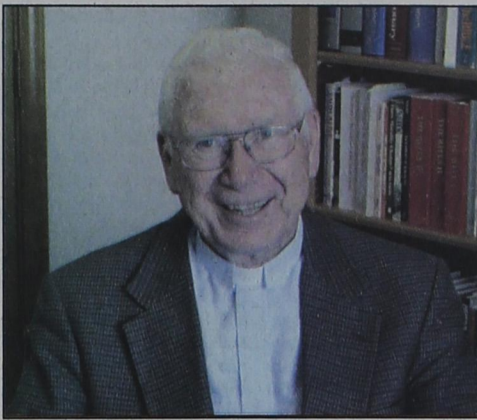
BY RON CARR

Father Ed Sweeney is proud of the fact he was the first resident priest in Friona. Prior to his arrival in 1994 the Friona parish was served by visiting priests from Bovina and Hereford.

"I can't express my thanks and appreciation enough to the community for welcoming me and sharing their lives with me these past 11 years," Father Ed said. "It has truly been a love-love situation."

Sweeney, 75, was speaking on the occasion of his retirement from St. Teresa's Catholic Church after a total of 17 years in the priesthood. A lifelong Catholic, he entered seminary at Assumption Seminary in San Antonio while in his 50's and served in Happy, Texas, and St. Lawrence Cathedral in Amarillo before coming to Friona.

Ed Sweeney was born in McCurtain, Oklahoma. A career as an electronics technician for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) brought



Father Ed Sweeney

him to Amarillo in 1961 where he worked on airport radar and control tower communications systems.

After a couple of months in Amarillo, he went back to Oklahoma, married his wife Ruth, and brought her to Amarillo. She had two children, a

boy and a girl, from a previous marriage. The couple later adopted a third child, a daughter.

Tragedy struck 20 years later when his wife Ruth died suddenly from an aneurysm. She was 50-years-old. Their adopted daughter was 16 at

the time. Sweeney had never seriously considered becoming a priest. "All Catholic boys think about being a priest at one time or the other but Ruth was my priesthood and my life," he said. "I vowed to see our daughter grown and secure. It wasn't until later I considered priesthood. After she married I entered seminary."

The daughter did marry and had three children. But tragedy struck again. In 2000, at the age of 35, she died of a heart attack aggravated by diabetes.

The other two children live in Amarillo. Sweeney counts 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren in his clan, most of whom live in Amarillo and the area.

A while back he bought a home on one-acre in north Amarillo. Church members have helped him by pruning trees, mowing, and trimming the property where he will spend his retirement years.

But it won't be a quiet retirement.

"You never really retire from being a priest," he said. "I will be spending a lot of time filling in for vacations, and volunteering for the diocese." He expects to return to St. Teresa's on weekends to conduct mass and preside over weddings and quinceaneras. It is uncertain whether a full time replacement can be found. "There is a severe shortage of priests," he said. When asked he said you could probably look for him at the annual Jamaica too.

St. Teresa's de Jesus Catholic Church parishioners and friends are invited to attend a retirement party for Father Ed Sweeney Sunday June 26 at the Friona Community Center. Bishop Leroy Mathiesen will conduct one mass only at 10 a.m. A meal of BBQ, beans, potato salad, drink and dessert will be served at the community center following the mass.



tyler jameson photo

The Friona Library's little readers enjoyed a day in the park last week as a part of the "Go Wild...Read" summer reading program. Mason Stanberry tries his limbo form as Perla Trevino gets in position early for her turn under the bar.

## Friona High School announces Hall of Distinguished Graduates

Friona Independent School District is pleased to announce the creation of the Friona High School "Hall of Distinguished Graduates." The purpose is to honor and recognize former graduates who have exhibited strong personal character and integrity while attaining promi-

nence in their elected fields of endeavor and through their accomplishments have had a positive impact on society. FHS principal Denver Crum said the school would like to honor any graduate that has exemplified the above traits. "We chose the name Hall of

Distinguished Graduates instead of Hall of Fame to get away from a strictly sports connotation," Crum said.

Nominees must meet the following criteria: gained recognition and prominence in his/her field of endeavor; person of good character and integrity;

and positive impact on society. To be eligible a nominee must be a Friona High School graduate (eligible 10 years after graduation), or an individual who has made exceptional contributions to Friona High School.

If you would like to nominate a candidate who meets the above criteria and eligibility, please contact Denver Crum at 806-250-3951 and request a Friona High School "Hall of Distinguished Graduates" nominee application form.

## School dress code will ban earrings for boys

The Friona ISD Board of Trustees met Monday, June 20. The board approved budgets for the athletic department, choir, and band programs.

Dress codes and campus policies were reviewed with Friona high school staff. The board approved a change to the high school dress code

prohibiting earrings for male students.

The board heard a report on yearbook costs. Kara Hardin presented a yearbook report detailing new features that will help defray ever-increasing production costs. A discussion followed on yearbook formats and the consensus was the traditional year-

book format should be continued. Yearbook sales and support for the program are essential in order to continue publication.

A plan was approved to monitor high school campus lunch activities more closely. Additional ISD staff will supervise parking lots and common areas. Residents in the

area will be provided cell phone contact numbers to report students loitering or littering streets and alleys. Campus administration will restrict off campus privileges for students abusing the opportunity.

Friona Police Chief Tino Salinaz and the Friona Police Department regularly assist with patrols in the school

neighborhoods. The board and staff expressed their appreciation for this service.

In other business trustees approved a risk-management proposal as well as policy updates from the Texas Association of School Boards.



## Around Town

### Final Summer Reading Club program June 30

The final Summer Reading Club program will be Thursday, June 30. Friona Public Library and the Southwest Dairy Museum will sponsor The Mobile Dairy Classroom at the City park from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Bookmark winners will be announced at this program so all members are encouraged to be there! Door prizes will be given.

### Friona Library to be closed July 4-8

The Friona Public Library will be closed for one week, July 4-8, for Technology Maintenance. The library staff will be working on and upgrading the computer network.



Pvt. Logan Spencer (I), son of Raymond and Cathy Spencer, of Friona, graduated from Boot Camp on June 3, 2005. Logan and wife Trina are stationed at Ft. Benning, Georgia for Airborne School.

courtesy photo

### Breast Cancer Screening July 18

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Parmer County Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Ave., in Friona on July 18, 2005

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

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

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



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Lion Cecil Maddox, left, installs, l-r, Edward Martinez and Anthony Montelongo as new members of the Noon Lions. Boss Lion Albert Ricketts, right, pins the two and welcomes them to the club.



## Lions Club News

BY RON CARR, PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

The Friona Noon Lions met Thursday June 16 with 13 members and 3 guests present. Guests were exchange student Yurio Sato, Mark Stovall, and Andrea Geris.

Miss Sato answered questions from members about her experiences here the past year and how Panhandle life compares to her home in Japan. During her year in the U. S. she took a trip to Boston to visit with an exchange student that had spent a year in Japan with her family.

Miss Sato will graduate high school in Japan in March 2006 and hopes to go to college in America. To give Lions a taste of Japan, she sang Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer in Japanese to great applause.

Lion Cecil Maddox officially installed new

members Edward Martinez and Anthony Montelongo. Their sponsors were Lions Albert Ricketts and Mike Hutson. Club sweetheart Andrea Geris said her final farewell to the club as she departs for college at Angelo State in San Angelo.

Boss Lion Albert Ricketts thanked his officers and board members for their support during his year as president. Ricketts passes the gavel to new Boss Lion Clint Mears.

Everyone is urged to come out July 4 for the celebration at Chieftain Field. The Lions will be selling our famous burgers and onion-laced French Fries. Events start at 6 p.m. and fireworks at dark.

Next meeting of the Friona Noon Lions will be Thursday July 7



ron carr photo

Foreign exchange student Yurio Sato was guest speaker at the Friona Noon Lions meeting. She goes home to Japan June 29.

### Thanks Hugh!



tyler jameson photo

Since 1970 Hugh Moseley has been chairman of the Parmer County Historical Commission. He served on the board before then. Moseley resigned at the end of 2004 as commission chairman after more than 35 years. The board presented him with a plaque honoring his service. From l-r, Rex Blackburn, John Baca, Judy Cummings, Moseley, Gladys Spring, Mary Johnston, Don Spring.

Gladys Spring is now the chairwoman of the Historical Commission. The full board by city is: Friona, John Baca, Rex Blackburn, Wendy Carthel, Judy Cummings, Mary Johnston, Micah London, Sharon White; Farwell, Bonnie Howard, Pat Howard, Hugh Moseley; Lazbuddie, Ted Treider; and Bovina, Don and Gladys Spring.

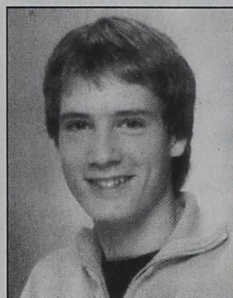
## Friona exchange students going home

Two foreign exchange students who have spent the last year in Friona will be going home this month.

Micha Hummes will be returning home to Germany June 23 and Yurio Sato will depart for her home in Japan on June 29. Both attended Friona High School the past year.

Hummes was hosted by the Leigh and Alan Monroe family. Sato was hosted by the Debbie and Mark Stovall family.

The students were here under the auspices of Youth for Understanding, an international foreign exchange organization. Randy Thomas,



MICHA HUMMES

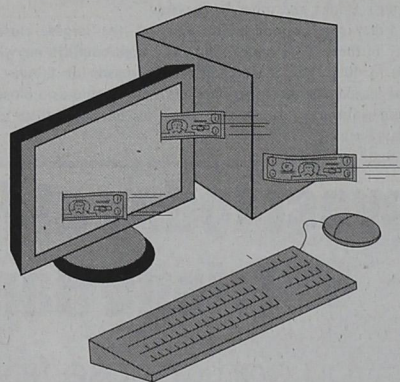


YURIO SATO

manager of the Attebury Grain elevators at Black, Texas, volunteers with the exchange student organization. Thomas said that the return

home after one year away is also quite an adjustment for the students.

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# Sheriff's Report

June 9, Daniel Ponce, 23, of Bovina, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with motion to revoke probation (aggravated robbery), pending District Court.

June 12, Joel F. Rodriguez, 22, of Friona, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with DWI 2nd, fined court cost and 30 days in jail.

June 12, Mark Douglas, 45, of Nevada, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with DWI, pending County Court.

June 14, Vicky Cathey, 27, of Amarillo, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with theft by check, fine, court cost, restitution and 3 days in jail.

June 15, Alfred Sena, 28, of Clovis, NM, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with possession of a controlled substance, pending Grand Jury.

June 17, Flavio Garcia, 24, of Clovis, NM, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with DWI, pending County Court.

June 18, Manual Hernandez, 46, of El Paso, TX, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with possession of a controlled substance, pending Grand Jury.

June 19, Janet Brown, 22, of Roswell, NM, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with possession of marijuana less than 2 oz, pending County Court.

# Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from June 8, 2005 to June 15, 2005.

Madrid Marcella - Madrid Marcos Jr., L16-18 B48 FRIONA.

Antwiler Keri and Antwiler Ralph D. - Friesen Herman and Friesen Wanda, W/2 S17 T15S R2E.

Owen Jerry Dee and Owen Pat Ann - Christian Gene and Christian Sherry, 84 AC L2-3 S31 T9S R1E.

Jaramillo Michael and Jaramillo Emelia - Garcia Avelino and Garcia Estela, E15' L6 ALL L5 W4' L4 B1 LAKESIDE.

Villa Alyssa - Villa Tommy, L3 B3 FIRST ADDITION FRIONA.

Villa Lorenzo J. - Villa Tommy, L3 B3 FIRST ADDITION FRIONA.

Renner John W. and Renner Lavon - Newtex Feedyard Inc., SE/4 S32 T4S R4E.

Monarrez Toribio and Monarrez Maria - Duran Joe G. and Duran Maria, L1-2 B43 FRIONA.

Trimble Joyce and Trimble C.E. - Velazquez Petra Veronica, L18 B6 LAKEVIEW.

Black Monty Bryan and Black Brittni - Ramage Dusty D. and Ramage Lindsey N., 5.06 AC SE/4 S67 BLK Y WD & FW JOHNSON.

Campbell Danny and Campbell Holly - Padilla Daniel and Padilla Lina, L4 B26 FRIONA.

Wilson Robert E. - Wilson Kregg, S30 BLK B; S 345 AC D25 BLK C

# Big Lots store coming to Clovis

An article in the Clovis News-Journal (Friday June 17) announced that closeout retailer Big Lots will be opening a store in Clovis by mid to late fall. The location will be at 21st and Prince in part of the former Furr's Supermarket building, also occupied by Master's Books and other businesses.

Big Lots is a Fortune 500 Company, the largest closeout company in the U.S. A typical Big Lots store employs anywhere from 20 to 40 people, depending on the season. In Clovis, the store has leased 30,000 square feet and will operate as a closeout store with a furniture department. Big Lots has more than 1,500 stores in 46 states.

# Nazareth German festival July 9

Activities begin at 10:00 a.m. with an ARTS & CRAFTS Bazaar in the Nazareth Band Hall, sponsored by the Nazareth Art Club. There will be lots and lots of great items and gift ideas.

Other activities will include Pioneer Days at the Nazareth Museum (see how things were once done, as members of the

community reenact the old days), a Sausage Cook-Off, a Strudel House, an art show, a Farmer's Market, Tour the Holy Family Church & Cemetery, and various other activities.

## Amarillo 3-on-3 Streetball Jul 9-10

Amarillo's original 3-on-3 streetball event returns for the 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive year as Kids, Incorporated brings the ultimate in basketball to a new location at the AIG parking lot located at 27<sup>th</sup> & Osage, behind the Kids, Incorporated Warehouse. Tip-off for the 2005 Streetball Challenge is scheduled for Saturday, July 9 and Sunday, July 10.

The tournament is open to male and female players. Divisions begin at the 10 & under age group, and progress through the adult Supreme Court division. Teams will be grouped into divisions with teams of similar age and playing ability. Last year's event consisted of 225 teams competing in 38 divisions.

Entry fees are set at \$96 per team with an entry deadline of Wednesday, July 6, 5 p.m. Entry forms are to be turned in to Kids, Incorporated located at 27<sup>th</sup> and Osage. Each player will receive an official event t-shirt, and each team is guaranteed a minimum of three games. Prizes will be awarded to the first and second place winners in each division. All proceeds from the 2005 Streetball Challenge will support the athletic programs offered by Kids, Incorporated. Approximately 13,000 children participate annually in Kids, Incorporated activities.

Special events this year include the traditional 10' Slam Dunk contest and 3-Point contest sponsored by Buck's Sporting Goods. The 10' Slam Dunk contest will be held Saturday, July 9, at 1:15 p.m.; the Men and Women's 3-Point contest is held all day Saturday and Sunday, July 9 and July 10. In addition, the popular 9' Slam Dunk contest returns, courtesy of the Ambassador Hotel. The 9' Slam Dunk will be held Saturday, July 9, at 12:30 p.m. Tickets for these special events will be \$1.

Entry forms will be available at the following sponsoring locations: Buck's Sporting Goods; all Toot 'n Totum locations; Academy Outdoors & Sports; and the Kids, Incorporated Warehouse. An entry form for the 2005 Streetball Challenge is also available online at [www.kidsinc.org](http://www.kidsinc.org).

For more information regarding the 2005 Streetball, or to request an entry form, please contact Kids, Incorporated at 376-5936 or [info@kidsinc.org](mailto:info@kidsinc.org).

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

June 26, 2005-July 2, 2005

- June 26-James Peace, Jacquelyn Ryan, Galen Brewer, Marcos Trevino Jr., Corrie Lundy, DeEtte Snyder
- June 27-Andy Alexander, Sandra Osborn, Jerry Zachary, Clint Phillips, Chad Wilkins, Stacie Dodson, Kelly Cash, Ruben Rivera, Jo Schueler Osborn, Kathey Carthel, Briana Pollard
- June 28-Jackie Stowers, Bill Hardin, Debbie Rector, Leslie Wilkins, Dwight O'Brian, Carol Reeve, Holly Jack, Lindsay Cranfill, Charlotte Ratcliff, Sherry Atwell, Mike London
- June 29-James Varner, Russel O'Brian, Eva Lou Rector, Allison Walker, Andrew Stowers, Elizabeth Gore, Teddy White, Lucas Hall
- June 30-Sharon Diane Jones, Dewayne Procter, Brooke Herbert, Ruth Brown, Karene Cass, Keegan Neill, Devin Boren
- July 1-Richard Malouf, Karen Wied, Gregg Nichols, Haleigh Herbert, Courtney Clark, Mariza Santillan, Jennifer Harris, Pat Vargas, Iby Lewellen, Benny Pryor, Brandie Munoz, Candace Hanes
- July 2-Steven Mann, Nathan Simic, Leslie Drake, Rhonda Wilkins, Cristie Blackburn, Ruede Rule, Janet Edwards, Carol Jackson, Matthew Stanberry, Leslie Thurman, Laurie Hall, Martha Schilling, Christy Thatcher, Leslie Moody

## Roadcheck 2005 results announced

DPS troopers inspected 5,560 commercial vehicles during Roadcheck 2005, which ran from June 7 through June 9. The inspections found that 1,518 of the vehicles and 200 of the drivers had serious enough safety violations to be removed from service.

DPS Commercial Vehicle Enforcement troopers, along with Highway Patrol troopers who have received specialized training in commercial vehicle inspection, stopped commercial vehicles to inspect safety equipment, as well as checking driver licenses and endorsements. Troopers also looked for possible drug or alcohol use.

The annual Roadcheck program which stretches from Mexico to Canada, is designed to reduce commercial vehicle highway fatalities through increased vehicle safety. The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, which sponsors Roadcheck, reports a significant decrease in the commercial vehicle crash rate in North America since the program's start in 1988.

Vehicles passing inspection received a CVSA decal exempting the vehicle from inspection for a 90-day period, unless they have an obvious safety defect. Troopers issued 2,726 decals during Roadcheck 2005.

# FLASHBACKS

75 Yrs. Ago  
June 27, 1930

Friona can now boast of at least one resident aviator in the person of R. W. Parr, who has recently purchased an airplane of the Eagle Rock make. Mr. Parr keeps his plane in the hanger at Hereford except on occasions when he has it out for excursions or for practice. He graduated from a school of aviation in Chicago, and plans to give flying instructions upon securing his government license.

70 Yrs Ago  
June 28, 1935

P.W.A. workers were busy part of last week and early this week tearing out the old board sidewalk in front of J.J. Horton's store, and replacing it with a new smooth concrete sidewalk. The work is to continue on the west side of Main Street across Block No. 63 (the 600 block of Main Street).

55 Yrs. Ago  
June 23, 1950

Observers who have noted the trend in counties throughout the country to have a census count somewhat under the population estimates were not too surprised at the weekend release of Parmer population figures. Totals were 1196 for Friona, an increase of 396 since the last census. Bovina's total was 610, and Farwell was slightly over 500. Total population for Parmer County is 5,771.

50 Yrs. Ago  
June 24, 1955

The new addition to Friona Wheat Growers elevator now under construction is expected to be completed by the end of September according to Arthur Drake, Wheat Growers manager. The elevator, having a million bushel capacity, will be composed of twenty-eight 30,000 bushel tanks and the star bins connecting the tanks.

45 Yrs. Ago  
June 23, 1960

Construction of a brand new super market was announced this week as necessary papers

were signed and the contractor started plans to begin work immediately for two more businesses, an automatic laundry and a ladies ready-to-wear shop. The new building will be built on the corner of Washington and Ninth Street in Friona, facing south.

30 Yrs. Ago  
June 22, 1975

The overpass on Highway 214 continues to come closer to reality with the pouring of cement on the high structure. The cement work is over half through, and it appears that motorists will be driving across the bridge before the summer is over.

20 Yrs. Ago  
June 23, 1985

Wheat harvest reached it peak in the Friona area this week, according to elevator officials. Harvest of the 1985 wheat crop was aided by several days of hot, dry weather and not even a threat of rain.

15 Yrs. Ago  
June 23, 1990

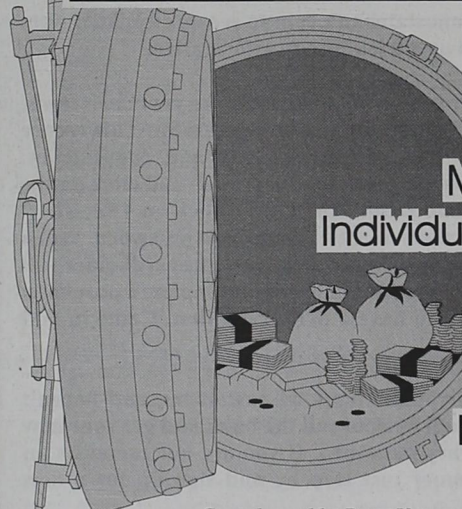
On Wednesday, June 20, 1990, Dr. Paul Spring officially retired from his practice at Parmer County Community Hospital, ending a 42-year career as a staff member of the Friona medical facility.

10 Yrs. Ago  
June 24, 1995

Crops in the immediate Friona area, particularly north and northeast of Highway 60, sustained serious damage from the toadadic storm that battered the area on June 2. David Grimsley, who farms northeast of Friona, said he had 2,000 acres of cotton hailed out that evening.

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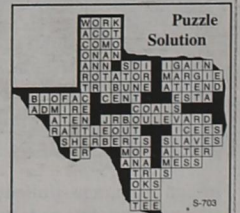


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# Bechtol & Griffin united in church ceremony

Sarah Christine Bechtol and Dr. John Franklin Griffin IV, both of College Station, were married at 11:00 a.m., on Saturday, May 21, 2005 at First Baptist Church in Amarillo. Reverend Tim Skaggs, associate pastor of Central Baptist Church in College Station, a special friend of the groom, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. Richard and Susan Bechtol of Amarillo and the granddaughter of Nola Vestal of Friona.

The groom is the son of John and Vicki Griffin III of Austin, and Jeannette Griffin of Georgetown, and the grandson of Millie "Tootsie" Griffin of Austin.

Music was provided by David Lowe, organist, Susan Burt, pianist, and Harris Bechtol, brother of the bride, soloist. Selections included Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring; Canon in D; Bridal March; As the Deer; Great is the Lord; Jesus Savior, Pilot Me; Wedding March; and Hymn to Joy. Harris accompanied himself on the guitar when he sang Jesus Savior, Pilot Me, as the bride and groom took communion.

The bride was presented in marriage by her parents. Sarah wore a strapless, A-line gown of ivory satin with chiffon overlay, a fitted bodice accented with beads, and beading around the hem and train. Her fingertip veil held a scattering of pearls and she carried a bouquet of assorted, bright colored flowers, a "wildflower bouquet". With her bouquet she carried a New Testament that was carried by her PaPa, C.L. Vestal, in World War II. Nola Vestal carried it when she married C.L., and the bride's mother, former Susan Vestal, carried it when she married Richard Bechtol. She also wore diamond stud earrings, a gift from her father, and a blue topaz pendant, a gift from the groom.

Maid of Honor was Jennifer Bechtol, cousin of the bride,



Mrs. John Franklin Griffin IV  
nee Sarah Christine Bechtol

of Yukon, Oklahoma. Bridesmaids were Sydni Sullivan, cousin of the bride, of Yukon, Oklahoma, and Jenny Griffin, sister of the groom, of Dallas, Texas. The female attendants wore strapless, cranberry red satin tea length gowns with chiffon overlay, accented with ribbon belts and carried purple hydrangeas accented with lime green berries.

Honorary attendants were Allison Brewer and Heather Hansen, both long-time friends of the bride, and Shea Henty, Amanda Nalley, and Jennifer Trousdale, all college friends of the bride.

The groom wore a black tuxedo with a white vest and tie.

Josh Griffin, brother of the groom, of College Station, served as Best Man. Grooms-

men were Jess Tucker and Norm Ashby, both long-time friends of the groom, and Harris Bechtol, brother of the bride. They wore black tuxedos with cranberry red vests and ties.

Ushers were Jared Bechtol, cousin of the bride, Travis Nichols, friend of the bride and groom, and Andy Rosberg, vet school friend of the groom.

Haylie Johnson, long-time friend of the bride, and Staci Carter and Callie Willingham, both vet school friends of the bride, attended the registry and also served as reception attendants.

The ceremony was followed by a wedding reception held at River Breaks Ranch. The tables were decorated with wheat and wildflower arrangements and the guests were

served smoked turkey and roast beef sandwiches prepared by cowboy cooks. Vegetable trays, cheese trays, and chips were also served.

The bride's cake was a four-layer square buttermilk cake with buttercream icing. Each layer was decorated with a different design in the icing and the top layer held flowers made of sugar icing.

The groom's cake was German chocolate in a Texas A&M logo, bordered with chocolate covered strawberries.

DJ Chris Albracht provided music for the reception, as the bride and groom danced first to "Can I Have This Dance for the Rest of My Life", followed by the bride and her father dancing to Louis Armstrong's "It's a Wonderful World".

Wildflower seeds and wheat were thrown at the bride and groom as they left in a white carriage pulled by a team of black horses.

The bride graduated from Amarillo High School and Baylor University in Waco. She is a third-year veterinary student at Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine in College Station.

The groom graduated from Georgetown High School, Texas A&M University in College Station, and Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine. He currently works as a veterinarian.

Following a honeymoon trip to Zihuatanejo, Mexico, the couple will reside in College Station.

# ENGAGEMENTS



Aaron Hendrickson & Whitney Addison

## Addison~Hendrickson

Miss Whitney Addison, daughter of Marshall and Carol Addison, of Arlington, Texas will become the bride of Mr. Aaron Hendrickson on July 22, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Hendrickson is the son of Jon and Dona Hendrickson of Friona.

The ceremony will be held at the Venetian Terrace in Los Colinas, Texas.

Miss Addison is a graduate of James Martin High School. Mr. Hendrickson graduated from Friona High School. They both attend Abilene Christian University and are employed by Outback Steakhouse.

# Heinrich & White wed in Lubbock

The Reverend Dave Menefee united Pam Rhodes Heinrich, of Lubbock, and David Brooks White, Orlando, Florida in marriage on March 11, 2005 at The Pavilion at the County Line Restaurant in Lubbock.

Attending the couple were their children Meredith White, Justin Heinrich, Wade White and Brooks White.

The bride is the daughter of Gaylon and Shelby Rhodes of Bovina. Pam is a 1979 graduate of Bovina High School and 1984 graduate of Texas Tech University.

The groom is the son of Joe and Doris Ann White of Odessa, Texas. David is a 1972 graduate of Odessa Permian High School and 1976 graduate of Texas A&M University. He is employed by Southwest Airlines in Orlando, Florida as a Captain.

The couple will reside in Orlando, Florida.



Mr. & Mrs. David Brooks White  
nee Pam Rhodes Heinrich

## Think Texas

By Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs

Organic-the concept has grown far beyond produce and has evolved to include unexpected products, everything from wine to bacon to caviar. The organic industry

is enjoying double-digit annual growth, and sales were estimated at more than \$12 billion for 2004.

According to the Organic Trade Association's Manufacturer Survey, sales are expected to double to more than \$23 billion by 2008. The organic sector is still dwarfed by the conventional food industry, which grosses \$550 billion a year in sales. But the conventional sector is growing at an annual rate of 2 percent to 3 percent, while the organic rate is growing at a rate of 17 percent to 20 percent a year.

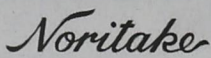
In the beginning, the organic industry was dominated by small producers who marketed fruits and vegetables at roadside stands and farmers market. As the industry has grown, larger processors have entered the organic market, providing a wide variety of packaged and processed organic convenience foods. Today supermarkets account for about 37 percent of all organic sales of products including tortilla chips, potato chips and orange juice.

Here in Texas, some organic producers are taking advantage of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Value Added Producer Grant Program. This program is designed to provide ag producers or rural businesses with grant funds to help them become more profitable through value-added ag business opportunities. For more information about the program, contact the

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courtesy photo

Allen and Emma Lou Stewart recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Present were two sets of four generations for the Stewarts. Above, l-r, are granddaughter Donna Kuchar, great-granddaughter Savannah Kuchar, daughter-in-law Mary Stewart, Emma Lou Stewart, daughter Margie Sanders, granddaughter B. J. Martin, and great-granddaughter Britni Dozier.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Jesus going the second mile

By T. LEON TALLEY, Sixth Street Church of Christ

The life of Christ of Nazareth is the most important life in history and the most exceptional life ever lived. Jesus lived as a human in that he felt sorrow at the death of Lazarus, his friend; bitterness in the garden when facing his coming death; thirst on the cross; and temptation when tempted of the Devil.

Yet Jesus showed his divinity, too. He was different and it is those differences that make his life worth copying. Those differences in his life are what make it possible for us to reform our lives.

Jesus always went the second mile when it

came to his relationships. He always put his Father first setting the example that we, too, must put our heavenly Father first in our priorities. He had the wonderful ability to forgive the unforgivable. This is comforting indeed. To know that God will forgive me regardless of what I've done if I'll just commit my life to Him. Jesus loved the unlovable. Again, a most comforting thought. God loves me and you, no matter how unlovable we may be.

Aren't you glad that Jesus went the second mile? I want to be like Jesus, don't you? Let's strive to follow in His footsteps! Think about it.

GOD'S HOUSE IS ALWAYS OPEN

Spirit Wind



tyler jameson photos

The Spirit Wind Choir performed to a full house at the Friona United Methodist Church last Thursday. Several Friona youth are members. If you look hard in the small picture you'll find Allison Jones, Adrienne Anthony, and Adrienne Osborn.



New Arrivals

Rabekah Grace O'Brian

Edward and Brandee O'Brian of Lubbock are pleased to announce the arrival of Rabekah Grace. She was born April 29, 2005 in Lubbock. She weighed 6 pounds one ounce and was 19 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Roy and Paula O'Brian of Friona. Maternal grandparents are Mark and Teresa

Nelson of Lubbock.

Paternal great grandparents are Martha Phillips of Dallas and the late Montie Phillips and Tom and Barbara O'Brian of Dimmitt and the late Noreen O'Brian. Maternal great grandparents are Claudell Jones and Sid and Barbara Nelson, all of Lubbock.

P.K. Preacher's Kids

by David Ayers



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Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

THE SPITEFUL KING!

KING NAHASH OF THE AMMONITES, SHORTLY AFTER SAUL HAD BEEN MADE KING OVER ISRAEL, CAME UP AND BESIEGED THE TOWN OF JABESH-GILEAD. THE MEN OF JABESH, WANTING NO WAR, OFFERED TO SURRENDER THE TOWN TO NAHASH AND SERVE THIS AMMONITE KING! (1 SAM. 11:1) OBVIOUSLY NAHASH WAS A SPITEFUL MAN, FOR HE WOULD NOT ACCEPT THIS PROPOSAL UNLESS EVERY MAN IN TOWN CONSENTED TO LOSE HIS RIGHT EYE! PROBABLY KING NAHASH WANTED TO INSULT THE ISRAELITES IN THIS MANNER, BECAUSE IN THE DAYS OF MOSES THE AMMONITES WERE FORBIDDEN BY LAW TO EVER ENTER INTO THE CONGREGATION OF THE LORD! THE ELDERS OF JABESH RECEIVED A WEEK'S RESPITE IN WHICH TO SEEK HELP. WHEN THE MESSENGERS OF THE TOWN REACHED GIBEAH, WHERE KING SAUL LIVED, THE PEOPLE WERE HORRIFIED AT THE NEWS! KING SAUL WAS SO ANGERED THAT HE KILLED A YOKE OF OXEN AND SENT PIECES OF THE SLAIN ANIMALS THROUGHOUT ISRAEL WITH THE MESSAGE THAT ANY MAN WHO DID NOT JOIN HIM TO FIGHT KING NAHASH WOULD LOSE HIS OWN OXEN IN THE SAME WAY! (1 SAM. 11:7) NATURALLY THE RESPONSE WAS TREMENDOUS - THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND MEN ANSWERED THE CALL! SO SPITEFUL KING NAHASH DIDN'T HAVE HIS WAY WITH THE MEN OF JABESH-GILEAD, FOR KING SAUL AND THE ARMY OF ISRAELITES ROUNDLY DEFEATED THE AMMONITES!



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# OBITUARIES

## Linn T. "Ted" Zolman, Jr.

Linn T. "Ted" Zolman, Jr., 67, a longtime resident of Albuquerque and more recently residing in Bovina, Texas and Fort Sumner, New Mexico, passed away Wednesday, June 15, 2005, after fighting a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born August 24, 1937, in Colorado Springs, Colorado and was the son of the late Linn T. and Florence M. Zolman.

He graduated from Valley High School Albuquerque in 1955. Ted retired as Master Sergeant with the New Mexico National Guard after 30 years of duty. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, which distinguished him in the performance of outstanding service of the United States while assigned to the 150<sup>th</sup> Logistics Support Flight at Kirtland Air Force Base. He also retired as a driver with Greyhound Bus Lines where he received numerous safe driving awards.

He was the New Mexico State Fair Horse Arena Manager for several years and most recently attended Rodeo Announcing School and worked at rodeos in New Mexico, Texas, and Colorado. He enjoyed trail riding, attending Cowboy Symposiums, experimenting with Dutch oven cooking, and buying fix-up properties for resale.

One brother, James Michael Zolman, precedes him in death.

Ted is survived by four sons, Phillip Linn Zolman of Tulia, Texas, David Bruce Zolman of Cornville, Arizona, Michael Dean "Stoney" Zolman of Bennett, Colorado, and Linn T. "Trace" Zolman, III; one daughter, Michelle Zolman of Clovis, New Mexico; six grandchildren; one great grandchild; three sisters, Loretta K. Logsdon of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Carole J. Smith of Bovina, Texas, and Georgia A. Sciacca of Trinidad, Colorado.

The family will be serving a light meal at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 23, 2005 at the Bosque Arena on the north Bosque Loop, Bosque Farms, New Mexico for friends and family with a memorial service to begin there at 7:30 p.m. Interment will be on Saturday, June 25, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. in the Crystal Valley Cemetery in Manitou Springs, Colorado with arrangements by Cornerstone Funeral Directors of Tulia, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Bosque Farms Rodeo Association, 1040 Arena Road, Bosque Farms, NM 87068.

## Pauline Dutton

Pauline Dutton, 58, of Clovis, New Mexico, passed away on Wednesday, June 15, 2005, at her home in Clovis.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 18, 2005 at the Steed-Todd Chapel, with Pastor Jim Peabody officiating. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery with arrangements by Steed-Todd Funeral Home of Clovis.

She was born on May 19, 1947 in Portales, New Mexico to George and Ruth Taylor.

Paula married Joe Mack Dutton on May 26, 1978 in Bovina. They moved to Hereford where she worked as a cosmetology instructor for six years before moving to Friona where she owned and operated her own beauty shop for two years. Mrs. Dutton and Joe Mack then moved to Clovis, in 1986, where she worked as an instructor at the Vogue Beauty School. She also attended La Plata and A&C Cosmetology School in Austin, Texas. Mrs. Dutton loved collecting teapots and dolls.

Her parents and one brother, Billy Joe Taylor, precede her in death.

Mrs. Dutton's survivors include her husband, Joe Mack Dutton of the home; three daughters, Sharla Cruz and husband David of the home, Stephanie Marshall and husband Tim of Clovis, and Vilna Fox and husband Ernie of Tacoma, Washington; two sons, Toby Dutton, and Clay Dutton and wife Christy of all of Lubbock; two sisters, Peggy McNeil and husband John of Clovis, and Shirley Payne and husband Paul of Melrose, New Mexico; four brothers, J.B. Taylor and wife Weda of Portales, Kenneth Taylor of Texico, Bob Taylor and wife Mary of Melrose, and Arnold Taylor of Manzanola, Colorado; 12 grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Memorial contributions may be made to Vista Care Hospice in Clovis.



Pauline Dutton

## Venita Merelene Starks

Venita Starks, 67, of Freeport, Florida, died Tuesday, June 21, 2005, in DeFuniak Springs, Florida.

She was born June 17, 1938, in Friona, Texas. She had lived in Freeport the past 13 years moving from Milton, Pennsylvania. She was a Baptist, enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, and enjoyed gardening. She was always willing to help anyone in need.

Mrs. Starks was preceded in death by her father and mother and husband Bernard Starks.

Survivors include four sons: Donald E. Starks and wife Christine of Freeport, Jerry L. Starks and wife Candie of DeFuniak Springs, Thomas E. Starks and wife Mikki of Milton, Pennsylvania, and David W. Starks of Freeport; daughter Valerie J. Russell and husband Danny of Freeport; two brothers, Thomas Gibson of Copeland, Kansas and Lee Gibson of Friona, Texas; two sisters, Sue Nazworth and husband Elmo of Amarillo, and Linda Gay and husband Carl of Friona. Also survived by 13 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 24, at the Clary-Glenn Freeport Chapel Funeral Home with Reverend Richard Helms officiating. Arrangements are by Clary-Glenn Freeport Chapel Funeral Home.

### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that PARMER COUNTY SSA intends to destroy records of students who received special education services during the 1997-98 school year. These records include only those located in the Parmer County SSA office located at 909 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Friona, Texas. Records herein described include students receiving special education services in the following school districts: Bovina ISD, Farwell ISD, Friona ISD and Lazbuddie ISD. Legal parent/guardian or adult student with disabilities may request copies of these records by contacting Sue Wells, Director of Special Education, at the PARMER COUNTY SSA office at 909 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Friona, Texas 79035, phone number (806) 250-3315 by July 01, 2005. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THESE RECORDS MAY BE NEEDED FOR SOCIAL SECURITY PURPOSES.

### ADVISO

Adviso esta dado que PARMER COUNTY SSA tiene intencion de destruir documentos de estudiantes que recibieron servicio de Education Especial antes y durante el Ano 1998. Los unicos documentos que van estar destruidos son los que estan en la oficina de PARMER COUNTY SSA localizada en 909 East 11<sup>th</sup> Calla en Friona, Texas. Documentos en esto son de estudiantes que recibieron servicio de distrito en seguida: Bovina ISD, Farwell ISD, Friona ISD and Lazbuddie ISD. Padres/guardian legal o estudiantes adultos con incapacidades fisica/mentales pueden pedir copias de sus documentos. Pueden llamar o escribir a Sue Wells en la oficina de PARMER COUNTY SSA, 909 East 11<sup>th</sup> Friona, Texas 79035. Número de teléfono es (806) 250-3315, 01 antes Julio 2005. POR FAVOR RECUERDEN QUE ESTOS DOCUMENTOS PUEDEN SER NEEDED PARA EL SEGURO SOCIAL.

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## WTAMU announces honor and graduate lists

Several Friona students were among honorees for the spring semester at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Four former Friona students were among the 650 who received degrees during a May 7 commencement.

Receiving degrees were Cheryl Cunningham, Master of Education, Instructional Technology; David Martinez, Bachelor of Science, Sports/Exercise Sciences; Tyson Neill, Bachelor of Science, Biology; and Barry Procter, Bachelor of Science, Biology.

More than 1,200 WT students were named to honor lists for the spring semester. Students named to the President's List must have a grade point average of 3.85 or better and carry a minimum of 12 hours. Students named to the Dean's

List must have a GPA between 3.25 and 3.85 and carry a minimum of 12 hours.

Named to the President's List were Dorothy Powers, sophomore, English and Language Arts major, and Katherine Thompson, senior, Theatre major.

Dean's List students and their majors are Adam Bandy, junior, finance; Beau Barnett, sophomore, management; Johnna Blackburn, senior, generic special education; J'Lond Jarecki, senior, sports/exercise sciences; Alexandria Roach, junior, Spanish; and Carolyn Stowers, senior, general studies.



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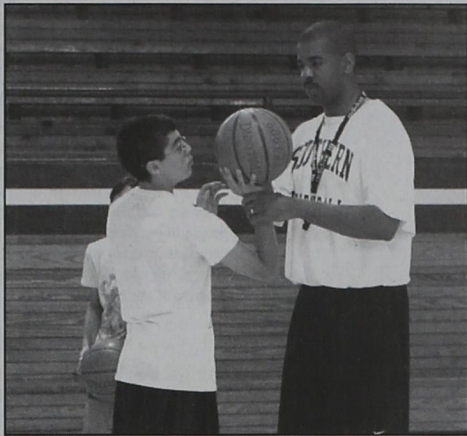
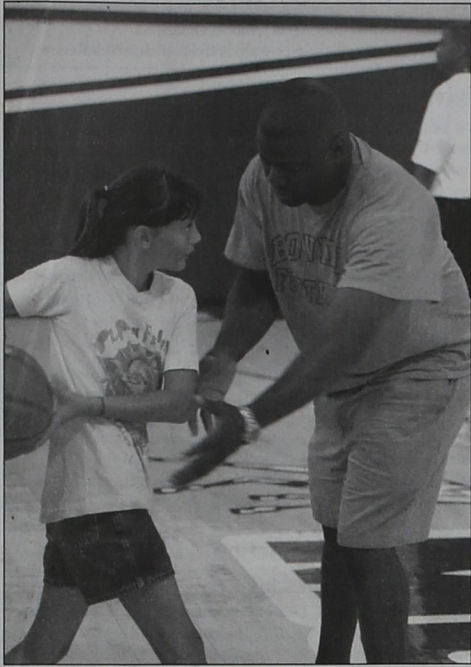
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### Bovina Basketball 6th-8th Grade Camp



dana d jameson photos

**Bovina Mustang Coach Shannon Shorter, left, teaches Taylor DeLeon some keep away moves at the Bovina basketball camp this week. Top, visiting coach Morris Wilson of Southern Nazarene Univesity works with Abraham Guevara.**

## Bovina News

Bovina firefighters are having a raffle, with the winners to be announced at the July 4<sup>th</sup> activities.

First prize is a riding lawn mower and second prize is a gas grill. There will also be three \$50 Wal-Mart gift certificates.

Tickets are \$3 each or two for \$5. They are available at City Hall or from any firefighter.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Blake Rundell Co-ed Softball Tournament is planned for Saturday, July 9. All teams are welcome to sign up. Cost per team is \$100. There will be a concession stand available.

All proceeds go to the First Baptist Community Youth Group. Contact Rodney Shepherd at 806-584-5743 or Molly Steelman at 505-693-4398.

BISD reported a few changes in personnel at their school board meeting held Monday, June 13.

—Steve Arias, high school teacher/coach, has taken a job in Laredo, TX.

—Jan Thiemann, part time home economics teacher and FCCLA teacher.

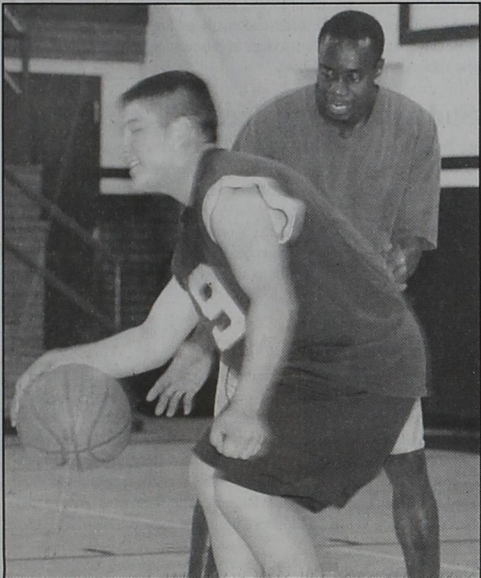
—Mitzi Branscum, elementary school teacher.

The board hired two new employees.

—Jamie Cooper, elementary school teacher.

—Daniel Reagan, high school Social Studies teacher/coach. He is a recent graduate of West Texas A&M.

In other business the board agreed to seek bids on selling the ag farm trailer house; approved First Bank of Bovina as the bank depository; plans to discuss at it s July meeting proposed agreements with the city on the land under the showbarn and the use of the baseball field; received a financial update for 2005-06, which included state mandated 2.9 percent pay raises for certificated employees; and viewed a slide presentation given by student Liz Ortiz, Saul Martinez and Jesse Reyna on their recent trip to Washington, D.C.



dana d jameson photo

**Coach Brian Cooper, assistant girl's coach at Monahans High School, was a visiting coach at the Bovina basketball camp. He is shown teaching defensive techniques to Trent Quintana.**



dana d jameson photo

**Bovina basketball camp attendees were, front, l-r, Sandra Godoy, Chance Barrett, Jessica Bachicha, Laura Rocha, Audrie Terrones. 2nd row, l-r, Isaias Castillo, Jeremy Vazquez, Jacob Torbert, Daniel Valdez, Trent Quintana. Back, l-r, Coach Morris Wilson, Chris Heinzman, Robert Knoll, Saul Martinez, Jesus Rocha, and Coach Brian Cooper.**



## Hometown Health Holiday fireworks safety

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As the holidays approach, fireworks safety will soon be a key issue for you and your family. In 2003, about 9,700 people were treated in hospital emergency rooms for injuries associated with fireworks, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Over half of the injuries involved the hands, eyes and head.

Most legal fireworks can be relatively safe, the CPSC says. However, all fireworks are hazardous, can cause injury and should be used with extreme caution. Please use the following safety tips from the CPSC:

- Never allow young children to play with fireworks.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby for emergencies and for pouring on fireworks that don't go off.
- Do not handle malfunctioning fireworks. Soak and douse them with water and throw them away.
- Never have parts of your body directly over a firework while lighting.
- Don't experiment with homemade fireworks.
- Observe local laws.

No firework is safe, not even sparklers. Sparklers burn at very high temperatures and can easily ignite clothing. Always follow safety precautions when working with or around fireworks.

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## YOUR EYES

### Eyelid Bumps

Have you ever thought about the valuable function your eyelids serve? Not only do they help to circulate tears and keep the eye moist, but they shield it from excess light and injury. Your eyelids can develop a number of problems requiring attention, though.



One of the more common eyelid "bumps" is the sty. This is sometimes painful, but is simply an infected oil gland within the lid. It's related to the chalazion. These generally stay around much longer, but are painless. Your doctor can tell the difference between the two and start appropriate treatment.

Cysts are also a rather common cause of lesions on the eyelids. Most all of them are caused by a blockage of the "drainage duct" for the eyelid glands. They're not likely to develop into anything serious. Unfortunately, the eyelid can also develop tumors. As you may have guessed, you must take these seriously as they may be malignant. The best advice is to see your eye doctor for any suspicious growth on your eyelids. Early treatment is always best.

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**VFW Post 1413 closes**



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Friona's VFW Post 1413 closed due to lack of revenue to continue operation and lack of new members. The existing members, most of whom are WWII and Korean veterans, are growing older and health concerns forced the post to close. Veterans Hall at 6th & Euclid is owned by the American Legion, which also has an older declining membership. Some of the veterans still plan to participate in local patriotic events but there will be no more Sunday fried chicken dinners.



**Chamber sets junior ranch rodeo July 16**

Sponsored by the Friona Chamber of Commerce, the Pokey the Clown WRCA Junior Ranch Rodeo is coming to Friona July 16.

"Along the way, everyone who gets involved in these activities or merely watches them will have a really fun time," said Chris Alexander, Chamber executive vice-president.

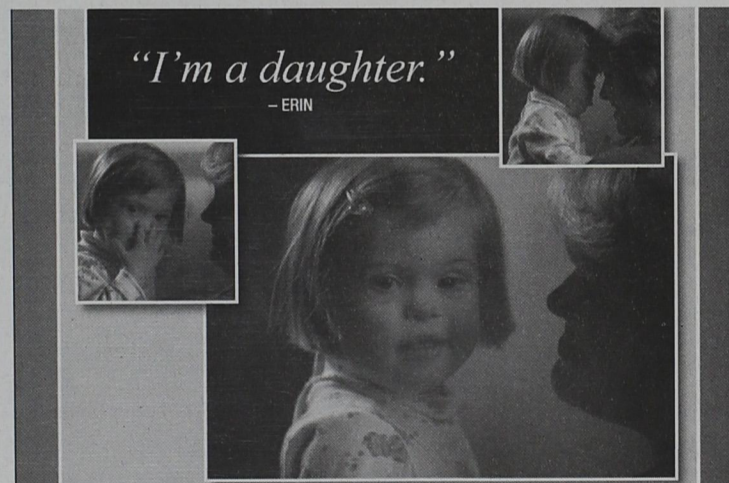
chunk wagon for some good grub of burgers and fries during the rodeo. For more information or for entry forms contact the Chamber office at 250-3491.

Everyone must participate on a wooden stick horse or longhorn, which will be provided. There is a \$20 entry fee per team. Each team will compete in 4 events: pony express, calf branding, cow milking, and steer doctoring. One team in each age group will qualify for the WRCA World Championship Ranch Rodeo held in November in Amarillo.

The Friona Lions Club will be firing up their famous



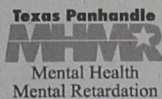
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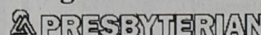
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## Despite active June weather: region's crop losses appear below long-term average

By SHAWN WADE

Since the Memorial Day weekend, trying to put together an accurate estimate of cumulative 2005 crop damage and how many acres of cotton were lost has been no easy task.

The challenge for everyone, including the grower, is determining what the level of direct damage has been and then figuring out how best to deal with the situation.

Prior to Memorial Day, planting was progressing at a rapid pace. That situation changed May 31, the day after Memorial Day. Since that time multiple storms containing hail, strong winds, tornadoes and heavy rains have put a different face on a sizeable portion of the 2005 crop.

It appears that more than half a million acres of cotton have been negatively impacted by the adverse weather. The varying degree of that damage however, has made estimating how many acres may ultimately be completely lost extremely difficult.

Many producers have been left with damaged or diseased stands that could go either way at this point.

Best guesses and gut feelings have the region's acreage loss total somewhere between 250,000-300,000 acres to date. On average the High Plains region loses 18 percent or approximately 650,000 acres in a "normal" growing season.

Although crop damage can occur at any time, early season storms typically account for a majority of the acreage lost in the High Plains region. Should the High Plains avoid additional widespread loss events over the next 3-4 weeks it would be on pace to remain below the 18 percent long-term average abandonment rate.

# Northwest Plains pest management news

By MONTI VANDIVER, Extension Agent-IPM

Wheat harvest is in full swing. Early dryland yield reports are good to excellent with test weights exceeding 60 lbs per bushel. A few dryland fields have yielded more than 50 bushels per acre.

Keep in mind that Plant Variety Protection Act (PVPA) enforcement is stronger now, and less wheat seed wheat will be sold as VNS or variety not stated. In brief, you may only save seed from your own fields for your own use, and you cannot save more than you would use. For a summary of the current PVPA rules, consult "The Plant Variety Protection Act: Information for Texas Small Grain Producers," by Texas Extension small grains specialist Dr. Gaylon Morgan at: <http://croptesting.tamu.edu/smallgrains/docs/plantvarietyprotectionact.pdf>.

If you are legally saving wheat you harvested for your own planting seed it should be at least 85% germ and have a minimum test weight of 58 lbs. per bushel. Good test weight and germination have demonstrated value in fall

forage production.

Corn is growing very rapidly. This rapid growth begins a rapid, steady increase in nutrient uptake and dry weight accumulation. Soil nutrients and water supplies are now in greater demand to sustain the current growth rate.

Spider mites can be a widespread serious problem in the Northwest Plains of Texas. Although areawide infestations may not reach damaging levels each year, locally damaging infestations may occur yearly. Populations may begin to increase early in the growing season each year, but temperature, rainfall, drought stress, and pesticide applications for other pests mediate whether the populations increase to an economic level.

There are now two miticides (hexythiazox (Onager) and propargite (Comite)) that can be applied early, before populations reach economic threshold levels. They are designed to "set back" the growth of colonies by killing the immature stages, but not necessarily adults, although propargite is an effective adulticide when spray coverage is good. The well-timed use of these products may prevent a far more serious problem later. If a field or area has a history of heavy mite pressure a preventative application of either Comite or Onager may be a good idea. However, if mite numbers have reached economic threshold, a rescue treatment is in order and hexythiazox and propargite are not appropriate.



## Teacher union elects new president

Texas Federation of Teachers members elected Linda Bridges—a longtime union activist and president of the Corpus Christi American Federation of Teachers (CAFT)—as its president at the group's biennial convention in San Antonio. Bridges takes the reins from John Cole, who is retiring after 25 years at the post.

Bridges officially takes office on July 1. "I'm energized and ready to go, which is good because with my election comes news that the Legislature is ready to try and tackle school finance again next week," Bridges said. "Our members are juiced as well. It may be summer vacation time, but we're going to be on the front lines letting legislators know every day that we're watching and we're working to ensure that adequate education funding is the key focus this time around."

Bridges has a long history of successful activism in Texas, including a campaign that led to CAFT becoming the first teachers union in Texas to win the right of elected representation, which allows a group elected by all employees of a

district to negotiate exclusively on issues affecting those employees.

As the local leader in Corpus Christi, she worked with the school district to emphasize professional development for teachers and support personnel, including mentoring programs and safety training. "We're going to continue on the path of providing teachers and support staff with the training they need to improve their effectiveness, which translates into a better education for schoolchildren," Bridges said.

Bridges also worked hard to help school employees play an active role in community efforts for education initiatives, such as work on reducing drop out rates. And she stressed involvement in other community-based programs. "It's my belief that educators need to reach out in all areas of community development, because it helps form a network of support for education," she said.

Bridges was president of Corpus Christi American Federation of Teachers, an affiliate of TFT and AFT, since 1981, and a full-time officer since 1978. She formerly taught special education in the Cor-

pus Christi Independent School District and served a six-year term as a Del Mar College regent. She was also one of the community members appointed by plaintiffs to negotiate in a landmark desegregation lawsuit against Corpus Christi ISD in the early 1980s that ended school busing and instituted improvements in low-income schools in the district.

The Texas Federation of Teachers represents more than 51,000 teachers, paraprofessionals, support personnel, and higher-education employees across the state. TFT is affiliated with the 1.3-million-member American Federation of Teachers.

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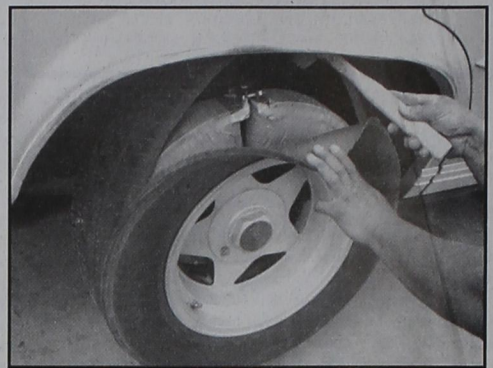
## Troopers set new drug seizure records

DPS troopers broke drug seizure records for marijuana and methamphetamine in 2004, the most prolific year for highway drug seizures in the last 10 years, and the second biggest drug haul in DPS history.

According to 2004 statistics released today by the Texas Highway Patrol, DPS troopers confiscated illegal drugs valued at \$189.1 million while on routine patrol.

Some of the drug seizure highlights in 2004 were 1.5 tons (3,000 pounds) of cocaine, second most in DPS history; 38 tons (76,581 pounds) of marijuana, a record for DPS troopers; 191 pounds of methamphetamine, the most in DPS history; the 2,117 drug arrests ranked second all-time.

"Thanks to our regular patrol activities targeting drunk drivers, speeders and seat belt violators, DPS took 90,000 pounds of drugs out of circulation and put thou-



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This DPS photo shows one of the many ways crooks use to transport drugs on Texas highways. This stash was found inside a tire.

sands of drug smugglers behind bars," said DPS Director Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr.

Cocaine, Marijuana and methamphetamine seizures were all up compared to 2003, when troopers took \$156 million in controlled substances off the streets. Texas troopers have led

the nation in highway drug seizures for the last several years.

While on routine patrol, troopers also arrested more than 26,000 suspects for a variety of other criminal violations, ranging from homicide to auto theft.

## Sheriff seeks info on stripped car

The Parmer County Sheriff's Department received a report of an abandoned vehicle on County Road C in the Rhea Community. The report was received on June 21 and an investigation found the vehicle had been stripped of wheels, tires, motor, transmission, and most other valuable parts.

A computer search showed the vehicle had been stolen in El Paso a few days earlier. Sheriff Randy Geris believes the vehicle was stripped at another location

and dumped in the rural area. Persons in the area did not see the vehicle being abandoned.

The Sheriff's Office is requesting information from anyone about this incident or any other crimes in the county. "Remember this includes all towns in Parmer County. Please report suspicious activity, no call is unimportant," Geris said. You can contact Crime Stoppers and remain anonymous at 1-800-774-TIPS (8477) or 806-481-9178.



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FHS Spanish Club students provided colorful dancing at the Relay for Life. The girls shown above, are, l-r, Magaly Leyva, Daisy Delgadillo, Nora Castanon, Brenda Acosta, Teresa Garcia, and Maria Mendez.



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This stolen car was found abandoned on County Road C in Rhea. It has been stripped. Call Crime Stoppers if you have any information.

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