



**HONOR GRADS!....**These three ladies were the top three graduates at Friona Junior High. They are l-r, Andrea Gerries, valedictorian; Misty Adams, salutatorian; and Jaime Gilliam, historian. ron carr photo

## Girls Lead The Way Among 8th Graders

Girls led the way among the top ten students in Friona Junior High's eighth grade class this year. Matthew Gammon, who ranked sixth, was the only boy in the top ten students, who were revealed last week at the Junior High's Awards Assembly.

Andrea Gerries, daughter of Sarah and Randy Gerries, was the leading student with a grade average of 97.667.

Misty Adams, daughter of Shonda and Tim Adams, was second with an average of 96.8.

Third-ranking student was Jaime Gilliam, daughter of Gayla and Shawn Bucksath, with an average of 96.167.

Brenda Murphree, daughter of Rhonda and Jim Murphree, ranked fourth in the class with an average of 95.8.

Fifth-ranking student in the class was Patricia Mata, daughter of Carmen and Ascension Mata, with an average of 95.5.

Matthew Gammon, son of Tammy and Mark Gammon, was the sixth-ranking student with an average of 95.333.

Seventh-ranking student in the class was Guadalupe Estrada, daughter of Elva and Remedios Estrada, with an average of 94.5.

Randy Lara, daughter of Margarita and Juan Lara, was the eighth-ranking student in the class, with an

average of 94.286.

Ninth-ranking student in the 2001 class was Trisha Winebrinner, daughter of Dawna and Danny Roach, with an average of 93.833.

Laura Rosas, daughter of Lupe and Sammy Rosas, was tenth-ranking student in the class, with a 93.5 average.

## Landmark Building Sells Here

B. K. and Janet Buske announced this week that they are selling their Property Associates building, to Holly Campbell. She will be the managing sales person under her father, Dale Hart's broker's license.

The sale will be effective June 1, 2001.

The Buskes plan to move to South Texas, in the near future, to be closer to her parents, Armstrong and Ruth Kerr, who are in their 80s.

"Janet and I would like to thank the residents of the community for the way they have supported us for the past 25 years. We hope and expect that our former customers will continue to support Holly in this same way, and we are confident that she will do an outstanding job," said B.K. Buske.

Holly Campbell has over 18 years experience as a licensed real estate agent.

B. K. and Janet Buske have owned Property Associates since 1979. He was managing Tri-County Savings and Loan's Friona office at the time, but later joined Janet in operating the business.

Buske's father, the late G.B. "Pete" Buske started the real estate business in the 1950s

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VERONICA VELAZQUEZ



MATTHEW WHITE



AMBER WYLY

## RAZOR-CLOSE RACE

# Top Graduates Told For 2001 FHS Class

Veronica Velazquez will serve as valedictorian for the 2001 Friona High School graduating class. She won the honors with a razor-thin margin over classmate Matthew White. Miss Velazquez's four-year average was 4.70, and White was close behind at 4.68.

Amber Wyly had the third-highest grade-point average at 4.62, and will

serve as historian for the class.

Other students in the top ten for the 2001 class were:

4. Lynette Jubay, daughter of Dr. Felipe L. and Dita Jubay, 4.61.

5. Kayla Smiley, daughter of Kim and Mitchell Smiley, 4.59.

6. Blane Winebrinner, son of Dawna and Danny Roach, 4.58.

7. Charley Saiz, son of Marie and Robert Saiz, 4.54.

8. Josh Burleson, son of Janet and Greg Burleson, 4.53.

9. J'Mae Randolph, daughter of Melissa and Tom Randolph, 4.51.

10. Justin Boyd, son of Carol and Byron Boyd, 4.48.

As you can tell, it was a dog-fight for each of the

## Sr. Social Scheduled Saturday

All Friona senior citizens are invited to attend an ice cream supper and social at 5 p.m. Saturday at the Friendship House.

Contributions will be accepted, to assist in the upkeep of the Friendship House.

Seniors are reminded that no meals will be served the week of May 28, due to the Memorial Day holiday and "rest plans" by Barbara Neely and her cooking staff.

positions on the list. "It was that way for the next ten students as well. This is just an outstanding class," said Principal Kenny Austin.

**VERONICA VELAZQUEZ**, daughter of Juan Velazquez, has been a student in Friona Schools eleven years. Her plans include attending either Abilene Christian University or the University of Texas at El Paso.

She was in band, Thespians and contest play, four years; Student Council her freshman year; Science Club, Forensics, NHS, and Foreign Language Clubs three years; Science physics and biology divisions this year.

Veronica was a member of the all-region concert band two years; was a member of the sextet solo and ensemble qualifying for state her junior and senior years; received the foreign language award her junior year; named Homecoming Queen in 2000; Student of the Year and most likely to succeed this year.

She served as Science Club physics division vice president; Thespians' vice president; Chieftain Band drum major, NHS secretary; Science Bowl team manager; and was the stage manager/musical for the one-act play. She attends 6th Street Church of Christ.

**MATTHEW WHITE** is planning to attend Texas Tech University, Lubbock, following his graduation from FHS. His parents are Mike and Tammie White and he

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**LOTS OF HARDWARE....**Friona High School scored many victories in all areas of school competition in 2000-01. Shown here with the 40 trophies, plaques and banners from football to forensics are coaches and teachers, l-r, Joy Morton, Patsy Allen, Mike Scott, Dean Price, Hayden Merket, Richard North, Paul J. Smith and Tim Youree. ron carr photo

## My Turn

By Carol Ellis



**DO YOU LIKE LISTS OF THINGS?** I do! My old buddy Claire found a list of the ten most popular fads of the 20th century. . . as follows: disco, the poodle skirt, the hula hoop, the twist, cabbage patch dolls, drive-in theaters, trivial pursuit, C.B. radios, the pet rock, and Dr. Atkins' diet. Well, heck! I not only can remember all of the above named fads, but I participated in every one of 'em.

This is my annual birthday column where I bemoan the inevitability of becoming a living, breathing, finely-aged antique.

If my friends are planning a birthday party for me on Saturday, here are some games that we could play: "Sag, You're it!," "Pin the Toupee on the Bald Guy," "20 Questions Shouted Into Your One Good Ear," "Spin the Mylanta Bottle," "Musical Recliners," and last but not least, "Kick the Bucket!" The winner will receive a year's supply of Polident. If they decorate my cake with a candle for every year, we'll need the boys at the Fire Department to be on call for sure.

Preacher Petty came over the other day and said that at my age, I should be thinking about the hereafter. I told him I do that all the time. No matter where I am. . . in the family room, in the kitchen, at the office, down in the basement. . . I ask myself, "Now, what am I here after?"

Here's a fun game that everybody can play. This one is neat. First, get a pen and piece of scrap paper. Then pick a number between one and ten. . . just for fun, make it the number of times each week that you crave chocolate, as long as it doesn't exceed ten. Then multiply that number by two, add five,

multiply that by 50. (I'll wait while you go get your calculator.)

Now, if you have already had your birthday this year, add 1751. . . if you haven't, add 1750. Now subtract the four digit year that you were born, if you can remember it. You should come up with a three digit number. The first digit of this was your original number (i.e., how many times you crave chocolate each week) and the next two numbers are your age. Isn't that neat? They tell me that this is the only year that this little trick will work.

The Dalai Lama once said that sharing your knowledge adds to your immortality, so here are some tidbits of mini-wisdom that I have picked up along life's journey:

When your ship comes in, make sure you are willing to unload it. Success means getting up one more time.

No one can ruin your day without your permission. Others can stop you temporarily, but only you can do it permanently.

The best way to escape your problem is to solve it. When you lose, don't lose the lesson. Open your arms to change, but don't let go of your values.

Look for opportunities, not guarantees. Whatever you are willing to put up with is exactly what you will have.

When you are baking, follow the directions. When you are cooking, go by your own taste.

Never underestimate the kindness of your fellow man. In the long run, 'takers' lose, and 'givers' win.

The best relationship is one in which your love for each other exceeds your need for each other. Life's precious moments have more value when they are shared.

In our life-long pursuit of happiness, most people will be about as happy as they decide to be. You are the only person who can truly make you happy. Being happy doesn't mean everything is perfect. It just means that you've decided to see beyond the imperfections.

Finally, if you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep. . . you are richer than 75 percent of the people in this world. You are indeed blessed.

## Funnel Cloud Spices Saturday Afternoon

A harmless-looking spring raincloud produced small "would be" funnels last Saturday afternoon, causing the tornado warning to sound about 3:30 p.m. in Friona.

Although no funnel touched down, some "tails" were noticed as the cloud system passed over the city. Many people took shelter, recalling Friona's "Big Blow" of 1995.

Others knew nothing about it, if they didn't hear the siren, as no warning was ever given by the National Weather Service in Amarillo, so no Amarillo radio or TV station announced a tornado alert.

The cloud did produce some pea-sized hail, along with rainfall amounting to .80 inch. That brings the month's total to 5.51 inches, and the total for calendar 2001 to 10.59 inches, according to official recorder, Bill Ellis.



**EMERGENCY PERSONNEL** had their hands full last Saturday afternoon. This pickup, westbound on Hwy 60, rolled through the median and across the east bound lanes, sending 2 women and 3 children from Hereford to Friona and Amarillo hospitals. See accident story elsewhere in this paper. ron carr photos



**THE FRIONA COMMUNITY YOUTH CHOIR  
Youth Choir To Give  
Free Concert Sunday**

The public is invited for an afternoon of music when the Friona Community Youth Choir presents a Spring Showcase on Sunday, May 20, at 2 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Admission is free.

The choir, made up of local youth, is directed by Allison Johnston. She and the singers have spent most Sunday afternoons learning new songs and rehearsing for

Sunday's performance.

The dedicated youth in the choir are Courtney Baxter, Cara Evans, Mandy Gerie, Amy Gerie, Andrea Gerie, Aaron Hendrickson, Meghan Hendrickson, Katherine Johnston, Michael Johnston, Dwight Merrell, Andrew Merrell, Monica Santellana, Kelsey Welch, Amber Widner, Allison Jones and Jordan Jamerson.

Come by, listen in, and enjoy great youth music.

**Louise Widner Is Buried Here Thurs.**

Funeral services for Louise Widner, 64, were conducted Thursday morning, May 17, at First Baptist Church of Friona, with Rev. Joe Hubb Collier officiating, assisted by Rev. Don Kimbrough.

Burial was in the Melrose, N.M. Cemetery, with graveside rites, Thursday afternoon, under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Widner passed away Tuesday, May 15, 2001, at her residence in Friona after an illness of some time.

She was born October 18, 1936, in Clovis, N.M. Louise Frazier married Dale Widner February 22, 1955, in Melrose, N.M.

The Widners moved to Friona in 1963. She has been a member of Friona's First Baptist Church for 38 years. She was an active member of the Meals on Wheels

program, and served as the group's first treasurer. She had also served as the general secretary of her Sunday School class for 30 years.

Louise also worked with the commodity program, which assisted needy families.

Survivors include her husband Dale of the home; two daughters, Jaton Magness of Longview and Alicia Widner of Lubbock; one brother, Jerry Frazier of Roswell, N.M.; and two sisters, Juanita Richards of Clovis, N.M. and Esther Dodd of Melrose, N.M.

Two grandchildren, Jake and Courtney Magness of Longview, also survive.

Pallbearers were: Chriss Elkins, Allan Monroe, Bill White, Bill Grist, Dale Milner and Floyd Reeve.

Honorary pallbearers were M. C. Osborn, Clarence Monroe, Sam Mears, Bud Rainey, A. L. Black and Danny Black.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Youth with a Mission program.

**Pot-Luck at Calvary Sunday**

Calvary Baptist Church will have a pot luck supper for their 6 p.m. church service on Sunday, May 20.

The men of the church will bake cakes and bring them to be auctioned off. Money received will go toward tuition for an African student at Wayland University in Kenya.

The public is invited to join in for this fun event.



**LINDSEY PRUITT  
L. Pruitt To Graduate  
On May 26**

Lindsey Rhea Pruitt of Texas City, granddaughter of Jack and Carolyn Rains of Bovina and Printes Pruitt of Friona, is graduating from Pine Drive Christian School May 26, 2001.

She attended Bovina Schools for eight years, Friona High School for one year and Clovis Christian School for two years.

She will be moving to Dallas after graduation and is undecided where she will attend college.

**Friona Flashbacks**

...from the files of The Friona Star

**55 YRS AGO-MAY 31 1946**  
The Friona Cardinals won over Needmore here last Sunday, by a 9-0 shutout, on the fine pitching of Price Brookfield. Brookfield gave up only six hits, struck out ten and walked none. Brookfield, one of the stars of our 1941 team, may play for Borger's team in the West Texas-New Mexico professional league this year.

**50 YRS AGO-MAY 31 1951**  
Friona students this week chalked up a final honor for the concluded term by winning the Quizdown Contest in Amarillo. Local team members included Mary Tom Spring, Robbie Boggess, Jon Mack Roden, Judy Barnett, Jan Edelson, Darrell Buske, Phyllis Treider, Gerald Floyd and Janice Miller. The program is sponsored by the Amarillo Globe-News and Station KGNC.

**45 YRS AGO-MAY 31 1956**  
A new business in Friona, to be owned and operated by J. L. Marcum and J. C.

**Rick Londons Have A Boy**

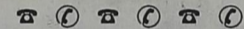
Rick and Rebecca London of Friona are the parents of a baby boy born March 7 at 10:32 a.m. in the Hereford Hospital.

Named Maverick Garrett, the new arrival weighed six pounds, six ounces and was twenty inches long.

He has an older brother, William Richard, two years old, three half-sisters and one half-brother.

Grandparents are R.L. and Peggy Landon of Friona and the late M.G. and Carrie Marie Northcutt of Port Stockton, Texas.

Great-grandparents are Emma Gay, a resident of Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friona.



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Bill Ellis.....Editor & Publisher

Claborn, will soon open its doors on Main Street in the former location of the Corner Drug and Knox's Ready-to-Wear. It will handle furniture and home furnishings. Marcum, who is now managing Marcum-Claborn Funeral Home here, made the announcement this week.

**40 YRS AGO-JUN 1 1961**  
Parmer County voters saw eye-to-eye with the majority of the ballot-markers throughout the state in Saturday's special U.S. Senate election, giving Republican John Tower a slight edge over his democratic opponent, Bill Blakely. Lazbuddie was the only precinct to give Blakely an edge, and that was by a one-vote margin, 75-74.

**35 YRS AGO-JUN 3 1966**  
Dr. Robert Alexander, a former classmate of Friona's Dr. J. L. Humphrey, will move to Friona as the fifth medical doctor on the staff of Parmer County Community Hospital on July 1. The association of Dr. Alexander will mark the first time in its history that there have been five medical doctors on the staff.

Open House for the new **A. Kendrick Qualifies For NCAA Meet**

Andy Kendrick won the NCAA sectional pole vault in a meet held at Tarleton State, clearing 17 feet, his best height in competition.

This qualified Kendrick for the national NCAA Div. II meet, to be held at Southern Illinois University at Evansville on May 26.

Kendrick had earlier won the conference meet with a 15-9 height.

Members of his family plan to attend the national meet. **GOOD LUCK, ANDY!**

\$100,000 addition to Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona will be held from 2-5 p.m. Sunday. The new wing adds ten rooms to the hospital and the rooms are constructed so that two beds per room is a possibility.

**30 YRS AGO-JUN 3 1971**  
Dedication ceremonies for the Official Texas Historical Marker at Parmerton, first county seat of Parmer County, will be held Sunday, June 6 at the marker's site adjacent to Highway 60 between Friona and Bovina. The ceremonies will also commemorate the 64th anniversary of the organization of Parmer County, and will highlight the local observance of "County History Appreciation Week", which has been proclaimed for June 6-12 by Governor Preston Smith.

**25 YRS AGO-MAY 30 1976**  
Milton Evans of Friona was injured Wednesday following a freakish two-vehicle accident just east of Friona. A large truck driven by a Nebraska man jack-knifed across Highway 60, just after a cloudburst had dumped water onto the road and made it slick. Evans crashed into the truck. Evans sustained cuts and abrasions, plus a fractured ankle.

For the first time in a number of years, the voters in both county precincts which are electing new commissioners will go back to the polls to decide nominees for the positions. Raymond Euler and Ernest Anthony square off for the Precinct 1 nomination, while in Precinct 3, former judge Archie Tarter and Wendol Christian seek the nod.

**20 YRS AGO-MAY 31 1981**  
A total of 100 students received their diplomas in the eighth grade graduation exercises here Thursday. Seventy-two young people

graduated from Friona High School in the class of 1981 Friday night at ceremonies held in the high school gymnasium.

**15 YRS AGO-JUN 14 1986**  
New officers for the Friona Evening Lions are: Bill Ellis, president; Porter Roberts, secretary; Roy Miller, treasurer; Ralph Shirley, first vice-president; Leonard Coffey, second vice president; and M. C. Osborn, third vice-president.

**10 YRS AGO--JUN 15 1991**  
The Friona Police Department is instigating a "Teddies for Tots" program, for children in disturbed environments, including domestic violence and violent crimes. Officer Ron Englett explains that when an officer responds to a situation where a small child may have been traumatized, they will be offered a teddy bear, to help calm them down.

**5 YRS AGO--MAY 18, 1996**  
June Floyd observed her 40th anniversary writing for the Friona Star on May 3. Her first issue in 1956 was under the ownership of Joe Osborn and W.H. Graham.

**Letter To The Editor**  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515  
May 7, 2001

Dear Bill:  
Congratulations on being named to the Panhandle Press Association's Hall of Fame. What a tremendous and well-deserved honor!  
I am pleased to see your tireless dedication and many years of service to the people of West Texas receive such a positive recognition.  
Again, congratulations, and I look forward to seeing you again soon.  
Sincerely,  
Larry Combest

**Around Town**

**Senior citizen social Sat, May 19**  
Friona's senior citizens will host their monthly social on Saturday, May 19, at 5 p.m. at Friendship House. Ice cream and cake will be served to mark the first anniversary of the organization. All seniors are welcome. Donations accepted.

**Shelton reception Sunday 2 p.m.**  
A retirement reception for Friona elementary principal Jerry Shelton will be held on Sun, May 20, from 2-4 p.m. at the school administration building.

**Friona basketball camp May 28-Jun 1**  
The Chieftain-Squaw basketball camp is being organized by Coach Richard North. The dates are May 28-Jun 1. The fee is \$30. The camp is open to 3rd-9th boys and girls. 3rd-6th will be 1-4 p.m. 7th-9th 8:30 a.m. to noon. Contact Coach North to enroll.

**Support the FHS cheerleaders**  
The FHS cheerleaders will raffie a Kenneth Wyatt original framed picture called "Chapel on Bluehill." The 18X20 picture will be displayed at Friona State Bank. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5 and are available from any cheerleader, at the bank (see Judy or Britny) or at Great Plains Ag Credit. The drawing will be held May 24.

**Trunk & quilt tickets drawing Monday**  
Tickets for a May 21 drawing are now available at area merchants. A steamer trunk and a quilt will be given away. They are on display at Friona State Bank. Tickets are \$2 and will benefit former Police Sgt. Steve Jones in his continuing battle with cancer.

**Genealogical meet May 25**  
The Genealogical Society of Friona will meet at the library on Fri, May 25, at 10 a.m. The discussion will be on relating to forefathers of the Civil War. Everyone interested in genealogy is encouraged to attend.

**Amarillo Funfest May 26-28**  
Funfest is a 3-day outdoor festival held annually during Memorial Day Weekend at Thompson Park in Amarillo. Daily performances by area bands, special events, great food, lots of fun and games for the entire family. Funfest will be open each day from noon to 8 p.m.

**Methodist Bible School May 29-Jun 1**  
Way To Go! stories, songs, games, crafts and fun will make a positive difference for children attending the Friona United Methodist Church Bible School, May 29-Jun 1. The Bible School is open for children from age 3 to 4th grade and will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

**Need A Gift For A Graduate?**

**Friona State Bank has \$10 and \$20 scratch pads to give that special young person.**

**U.S. Savings Bonds in various denominations make great gifts to give any time of the year!**

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# Maybian Rhodes Is Buried Thursday

Funeral services for Maybian "Granny" Rhodes, 86, were conducted Thursday afternoon at First Baptist Church of Dimmitt, with Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor, assisted by Rev. Charles Broadhurst, officiating.



**MAYBIAN RHODES**

Barbara Grimsley of Friona; Margaret Coker of Amarillo; and Darla Shelton of Suamico, Wisconsin.

Also, three sisters: Flossie Bales of Amarillo, Ellen Kilday of Chowchilla, California; and Coleta Stinson of Fay, Oklahoma; two brothers, Augustus "Tyke" Morgan of Cordell, Oklahoma; and Sam Morgan of Whitesboro, Texas. Also surviving are 23 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Palbearers were the grandsons.

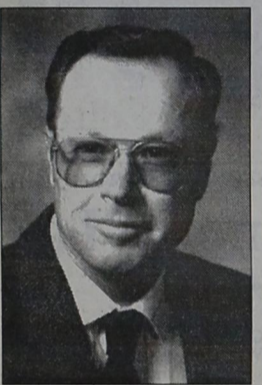
The family suggests memorials be given to First Baptist Church of Dimmitt's Memorial Fund, or to the Dimmitt Hospice Care.

Mrs. Rhodes passed away at Parmer County Community Hospital on Tuesday, May 15, 2001.

She was born January 16, 1915, in Mountain View, Oklahoma. She married O.C. "Friday" Rhodes on October 29, 1932, in Washita County, Oklahoma. He died July 10, 1987.

Mrs. Rhodes had lived in Friona for 48 years, moving here from Western Oklahoma. She had lived in the nursing home at Dimmitt since 1999. A member of First Baptist Church at Dimmitt, she had been in charge of the nursery at First Baptist Church at Friona for over 20 years.

Survivors include four sons, Gaylon Rhodes of Bovina; Wayne Rhodes of Friona; Cleatus Rhodes of Sayre, Oklahoma; and Howard Rhodes of Dimmitt; four daughters, Betty Smith and



**PHIL BROCKMAN**

# P. Brockman Buried Wed. In Bovina

Funeral services for Phil Brockman, 56, of Lazbuddie, were held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 16, 2001, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina.

He died Sunday, May 13, at Muleshoe Medical Center.

Father Juan Carlos Baragan officiated. Burial was at Nazareth Cemetery under direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

A rosary was held on Tuesday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Mr. Brockman was born January 10, 1945 in Tulia, Texas.

Formerly of Nazareth, he had resided in Lazbuddie for 33 years. He married Judy Schulte of Nazareth on June 22, 1965. He was an Army veteran and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

He was a manager and salesman for Tide/Wilbur-Ellis for 33 years. He was also involved in farming. He was a member of the Parish Council and coordinator of CCD at St. Ann's. He served on the Lazbuddie School Board for 12 years.

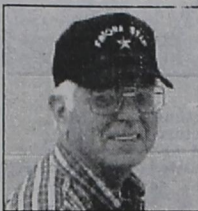
Survivors include his wife; two sons, Guy and Jonessa Brockman of Lazbuddie and Leland Brockman of Aurora, Colorado; one daughter, Launa and George Gaal of Carrollton, Texas; two sisters, Rita Book of Bluffton, Texas, and Irene Wilhelm of Nazareth; three brothers, Jerome and Cyril of Nazareth; and Tommy of Friona; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Phil Brockman scholarship fund at Lazbuddie High School, c/o FirstBank, P.O. Box 565, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

# Buyer's Name Was Omitted

It has been called to our attention that the name of Parmer County Cotton Growers Cooperative was left off the list of buyers at the Parmer County Jr. Livestock show when it was published.

A spokesman for the show stated that they were sorry for the oversight.



# Out Here

by Ron Carr

"There Ought To Be A Law!"

Thanks to our Texas Senate, we have a hate-crimes law now. We should all feel much safer.

The politicians tell us that education and laws are the most important issues we face in Texas and America. I don't agree.

I think the most important issues us common folk face are how to get rid of the politicians, reduce the number of rules and regulations and stop thinking that all kids should have "standard" education.

I'll be doing a few columns about education this summer but for now I thought I would discuss some new laws you might like.

Keep in mind that every time there is a new law it is one more step toward local, state and federal government regulating your personal life.

I'm not against all laws. I'm just against legislatures who think it is their duty to continually crank out law after law. We can't even obey the ones we have, much less remember the new ones.

When was the last time you saw a TV newscast lead off with a big announcement about a law that had been canceled?

Of course we have to have laws to protect us from ourselves and our neighbors. The law of the old West just doesn't get it today.

When George W. was governor, he refused to sign a hate-crime law. He said we already had the death penalty and you can't punish people more than that. I guess he was wrong.

Our present governor, Rick What's-his-name, signed the James Byrd Bill this week which increases penalties for crimes committed because of hate.

One example might be if you paint a "Nazi Swastika" on a Jewish Synagogue because you hate Jewish people, your fine would go up from, say, \$200, to a couple of thousand.

If you paint the same swastika on an Exxon Station though just figure on the standard \$200 fine.

Tell me how the law would be able to prove a crime was motivated by hate. Unless you were stupid

# J.L. Langer Is Buried In Bovina

Graveside services for Joe Lawrence Langer, 73, of Muleshoe were held Thursday afternoon in Bovina Cemetery, with Father Joe Augustine of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church officiating.

Arrangements were by Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe.

Langer died Tuesday, May 15, 2001, in Muleshoe Area Healthcare Center.

He was born November 14, 1927, in Bovina. He married Ola May Badley in Clovis, N.M., in 1950.

Langer was a veteran of World War II, as well as the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include two daughters, Penny Lee Graham of Pocola, Oklahoma and Linda Jo McClendon of Albuquerque, N.M.

Also, two sisters, Marie Venable and Helen Blalock, both of Bovina. Three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren also survive.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Fred Langer.

enough to say "I hate you" just before you clobbered somebody, I don't see how you can prove hate in court.

Texas lawyers, like my personal attorney Bobby Bobby, P.C., are no doubt already lathered up about the potential profit of hate crimes trials.

We also have a new Texas law that makes it illegal for children younger than 17 to ride in the back of a pickup.

Like all laws, it has a few exceptions. For instance if a pickup truck is the only vehicle a family has it is okay to carry your kids back there. It doesn't say if you can carry your kids' friends.

Kids can ride in the back during a parade or on the private property of a farm. There is no word on when dogs in the back of pickups will be outlawed.

My favorite current law debate is sure smokin' things up in Lubbock. The city fathers and other righteous citizens have been trying to ban smoking in restaurants and public places.

They had a couple of open meetings that lasted about six hours each so the city council appointed a city advisory committee to study the matter.

By a 6-5 vote the city committee recommended that smoking be banned in public places, but of course there were some exceptions. Now the city council has to figure out how to make a law out of their recommendation and still be re-elected next time.

The smoking ban exceptions are interesting. One says the smoking ban does not apply to bars that do not serve food. They don't say whether peanuts are food.

If you own a bar that does not serve food, your folks

can smoke. Which is great because if you served food it would be a restaurant.

Another exception is "sports grills intended for adult patrons." What qualifies as a sports grill? If you put a few TVs around and some sports stuff on the wall, your folks can smoke.

The city committee said it was okay to allow smoking in existing bingo parlors (new ones will be non-smoke?) and outdoor dining areas.

They excepted businesses not open to the public and hotel rooms designated for smokers. But here is my favorite exception. The city committee said they would not ban smoking in private homes.

Did the city committee think for one second they had

the right to ban smoking in private homes? Then why did they put it on the exception list if they hadn't thought about it?

See, lawmakers make laws because that is what they do. Doesn't always matter if the laws are based on common sense or if they intrude into personal behavior.

Many times they are passed on emotion instead of reason. The pickup law was passed after an accident that killed eight children near Snyder in 1994.

For the Lubbock city committee's treading on the rights of smokers, I have one suggestion: make it a hate crime to smoke in public.

That ought to pretty much take care of it!

# Retired Teachers Attend Meetings

The annual convention for the Texas Retired Teachers Association was held on April 11-14, 2001 in Austin. Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel was represented at the convention by Nancy Edelman.

The revision of the by-laws and current legislation concerning active and retired teachers was of interest to the delegates attending. Community involvement by the state's retired teachers and school personnel was lauded as one of the goals and responsibilities of its members.

The District XVI Texas Retired Teachers Association Spring Leadership Conference was held on May 3, 2001 at the District XVI Service

Center in Amarillo.

Those attending from the Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel unit were Benny Pryor, Mary Maddox, Bettye and Tom Jarboe (District Legislative Chairman), Ray and Iona Cook, and Nancy Edelman all of Friona and Anne Corn of Bovina.

The purpose of this gathering was to update members on business that was transacted during the 48th Annual TRTA State Convention that was held in Austin and to train local unit officers for the upcoming 2001-2002 year.

The meeting was conducted by District President Roy Pennington of Dumas. The keynote speaker was the new state president of the TRTA Dr. Myron Koehler.

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# One Death, Several Injuries Result From Two Crashes

Two traffic accidents in Parmer County last weekend caused several injuries and the death of a Lazbuddie man.

Phil Brockman, 56, of Lazbuddie, suffered fatal injuries when his Honda Goldwing motorcycle was struck by a Mercury Cougar at the intersection of FM1731 and FM145 about 7 p.m. Sunday, May 13.

The motorcycle was eastbound on 145 and the Mercury was southbound on 1731. The Mercury, driven by Sammy Chavez of Morton, entered the intersection after apparently running a stop sign and struck the motorcycle. Both vehicles ended up in a ditch at the southeast corner of the intersection.

According to DPS Trooper Dean Fant, the motorcycle skidded along the pavement after being struck and Mr. Brockman was thrown about 20 yards farther than where the cycle came to a stop. He was transported to Muleshoe Medical Center by Farwell EMS where he died of the injuries.

A one-vehicle accident on Saturday, May 12, about three miles east of Friona on Highway 60 sent five Hereford residents to hospitals.

The 1999 Ford pickup was westbound on Hwy. 60 when the female driver lost control and entered the center median causing the pickup to roll, cross the eastbound lanes of the highway and end up on its top on the south shoulder.

The pickup was occupied

by two women, 23 and 28 years-old, and three children, 9, 6, and 2. The 9-year-old and 6-year-old were ejected from the truck. The younger child was found in the median of the highway.

All five sustained serious injuries. The Friona Fire Department used the jaws of life tool to extract the driver from the crushed cab of the truck.

DPS Troopers Isabel Carrasco and Joel Rejino investigated the accident. No cause of the rollover was determined at press time.

Ambulances from both Friona and Bovina responded to the accident to assist and transport the five victims.

Because of Saturday's weather, including rain, hail and tornado sightings, Amarillo's Lifestar Helicopter, which was called to transport two of the victims, could not reach Friona.

Friona EMS transported two victims, intending to meet Lifestar at the Hereford Airport. But the weather was moving northeast, causing the Friona ambulance to continue east on Highway 60 and link up with Lifestar at Dawn.

The Hereford Fire Department rallied to assist with closing Highway 60 west of Dawn so the helicopter could land on the pavement. The Friona ambulance turned the two most serious victims over to Lifestar at that point.

Bovina's EMS came to the rescue also. The Bovina ambulance, which had been called for backup, transported one of the injured to Northwest Texas Hospital in

Amarillo. In the meantime, the Friona ambulance returned from Dawn, refueled and re-crewed, then transported another wreck victim to Amarillo.

At mid-week, two of the victims, including the 9-year-old boy, were in critical condition and in intensive care at Amarillo hospitals. The youngster suffered severe internal injuries.

Friona EMS director Kelly Daniel spread thanks all-around. "We are grateful to our Friona Fire Department, the Bovina EMS, the Hereford Fire Department, DPS Troopers, Sheriff's deputies and the Friona PD for all the help they gave. Also special thanks to Dr. Jubay and Dr. Alexander and the nursing staff at PCCH for the expert handling of a difficult situation, re-crewed, then transported another wreck victim to Amarillo.

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SENIOR GIRLS PHOTOGRAPHED AT LAST SATURDAY'S PROM

## Memorial Day Ceremony To Dedicate Eisenhower Tree

The local VFW Post 1413 will host a ceremony at Friona Cemetery on Monday, May 28, at 6 p.m. The public is invited to come out for the planting and dedication of the Eisenhower Green Ash tree, which will be planted near the VFW memorial wall at the cemetery.

Local veterans will officiate the brief dedication ceremony. Show your support with your attendance. "Operation Silent Witness" will be the largest national tree-planting in the 126-year history of American Forests Famous and Historic Trees

Project. The organization, based in Jacksonville, Florida, is spearheading a campaign to plant Dwight D. Eisenhower green ash trees in remembrance of World War II veterans.

The green ash trees are taken from a tree that stands in Denison, Texas, Eisenhower's birthplace. Today, at Arlington Cemetery in Virginia, 20-foot descendants of that green ash tree symbolize the six branches of the military and the terrible price 300,000 Americans paid as they fought alongside

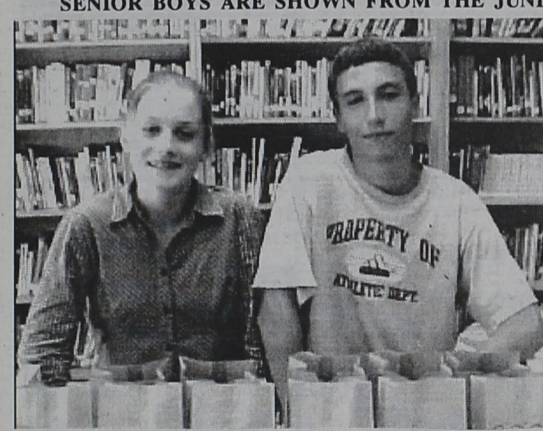
General Eisenhower in World War II.

American Forests' Famous and Historic Trees program collected seeds from the tree outside Eisenhower's birthplace. Many of the resulting trees will be planted Memorial Day week at nearly 10,000 VFW Posts throughout the country.

Wal Mart, Sam's Club, Scotts and the VFW Foundation are sponsoring the tree program. Green Ash trees in five-gallon green buckets are available for individual purchase at the Wal Mart in Clovis.



SENIOR BOYS ARE SHOWN FROM THE JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM



TOP GRADES....Andrea Geries had the girl's highest grade average in junior high this year and Matt Gammon had the boy's highest grade average. Both are 8th graders headed for high school.



TOP READERS at Friona Elementary for the year were, back, l-r, Gaby Rivera, 691.6 points; Cristina Silva, 206.3; front, l-r, Lauren Hughes, 403.4; and Jessie London, 249.1. Congratulations to these girls and the other elementary students for their excellent reading accomplishments this year.

## Primary School's Award Winners Are Announced

### PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Kindergarten: Kylie Boyd, Eduardo Rojas, Benjamin Anthony, Sonia Palacios, Sajal Patel, Francisco Sarabia, Rowdee Rhodes, Oscar Vazquez, Braxton Upton.

First Grade: Jason Berend, Gabriel Avalos, Maggie Harris, Mirella Galaviz, Weston Wyly, Gabriela Reveles, Marci Ruiz.

### NEAR PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Kindergarten: Eribaldo Delgadillo, Trey Crozier, Corvin Cuellar, Jesus Mendoza, Nohely Juarez, Macy Herring, Magali Moralez, Anthony Tapia, Zoe Herring.

First Grade: Trevor Boren, Daniel Meza, Emily Ramos, Adilene Adame, Jacob Pena, Juan Pablo Lule, Savanna Valenzuela, Dillon Kelley, Megan Sharrock.

### MUSIC AWARD

Kindergarten: Benjamin Anthony, Zoe Herring.

First Grade: Vanessa Vital, Weston Wyly.

Headstart students that read the most books: Josephine Samarron, Abayomi Salinas.

### ACCELERATED READER 5 OR MORE POINTS

First Grade: Jason Berend, Gabriel Avalos, Alan Gomez, Tenna Bermea, Meagan Balli, Paden Henry, Trevor Boren, Taylor Carrasco, Lilianna Hernandez, Elda Castanon, Alysa Cooper, Chelsea Holland, Mirella Galaviz, Tony Gama, Jessie Jamerson, Martin Gama, Brittany Howard, Juliana Jimenez, Abby Jones, Erika Lang, Veronica Miralles, Katie Jo Osborn, Anthony Maldonado, Caleb Monroe,

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Very Important Parents: Belinda Anthony, Mark Anthony, Rachel Avalos, Julie Balli, Rose Boren, Carol Boyd, Misti Cooper, Gloria Escobedo, Shana Fleming, Becky Jones, Karen Lucas, Rosa Mendez, Delma Padilla, Lupe Paiz, Betsy Perea, Rene Preston, Tiffany Rhodes, Dulce Rodriguez, Karen Wyly.



IT THAT AN OWL?..Yes, a barn owl at the elementary school. The Lubbock Wildlife Rehabilitation Center brought the owl, a hawk and a falcon and visited with the 5th grade students.

### Kids See Birds

Thomas Reed of the Soil and Water Conservation District brought a book to life for a group of 5th grade students. The students studied the book, "My Side of the Mountain" about a boy who befriends an injured peregrine falcon and catches food for it.

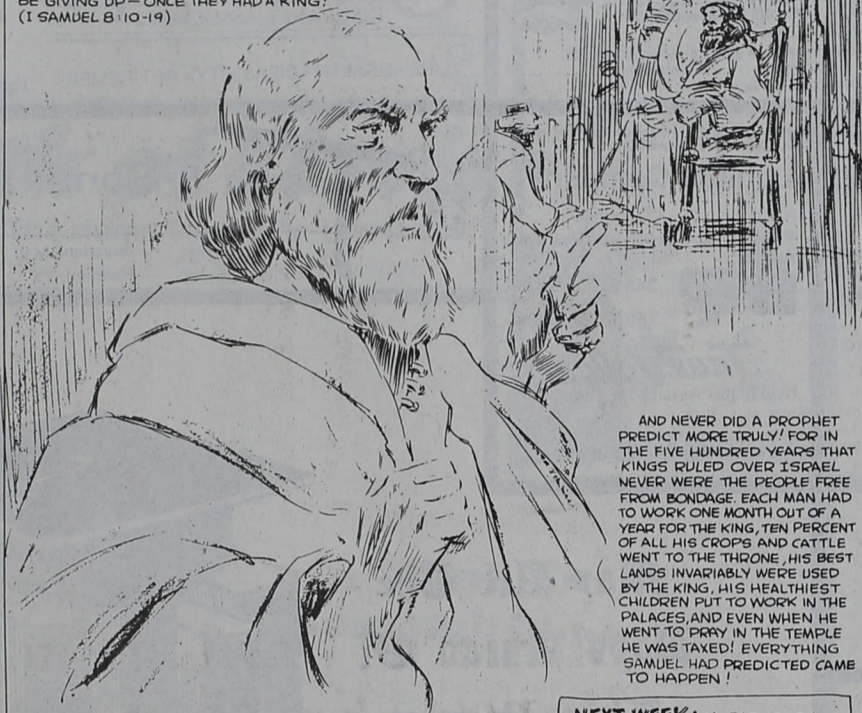
On Wednesday, Thomas and employees of the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Lubbock brought a peregrine falcon, a barn owl and a red-tailed hawk to the elementary school and told students how they care for the birds.

# FRIONA/BOVINA DEVOTIONAL PAGE

## Facts About The **BIBLE** BY JOHN LEHTI

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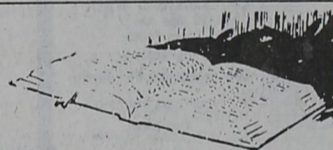
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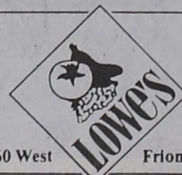
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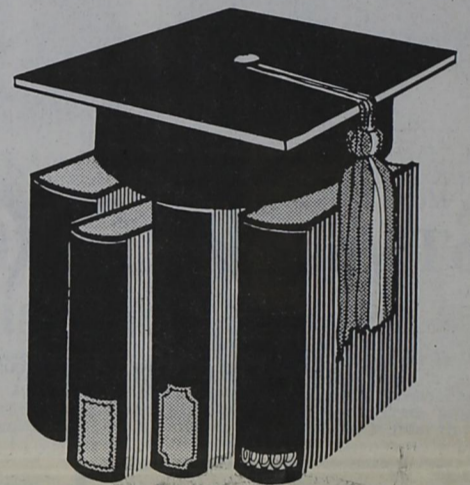
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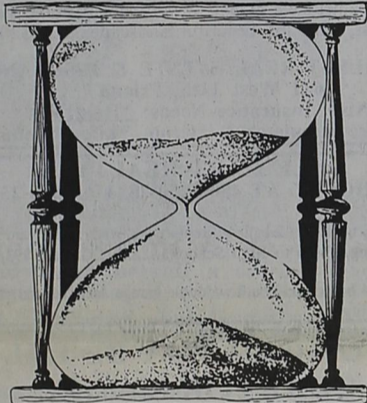
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IT IS AWARDS TIME at all Friona schools as the year comes to a close. Selected as "Best All Around" students at Friona junior high were future freshmen Andrea Geries and Chris Carrillo. ron carr photo



FRIONA SENIOR FCCLA student Valerie Bandy won herself a sewing machine in a sewing contest at school. She made this quilt and matching pillow and said it would probably end up as a gift to her mom Tamela. Students in the Apparel and Housing classes have been sewing projects all year. See story below for more info. ron carr photo

## Students Sew For Dough In FCCLA

Friona senior Valerie Bandy won a sewing machine in the Friona High School sewing contest. Students in Apparel and Housing classes have been sewing projects throughout the year.

Prizes for the students were donated by Gary Lewis and Bowman Sewing Machine in San Antonio, Malouf's in Friona and the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA, formerly FHA).

Other students winning prizes were: People's Choice and a \$25 cash prize--Candace Ingram; Betsy Clark and Santa Avila--\$25

Malouf's gift certificates; Claudia Almaguer--\$25 cash prize; \$10 prizes to Lindsay North, Amber Widner and Guadalupe Corral; and \$5 prizes to Gloria Vazquez, Brenda Mendez, Cristal Lowater and Tania Hand.

Forty-four students made 53 entries for the contest. The students are taught by Patsy Allen. Judges for the sewing contest were: Susie Perez, Cheryl Salyer and Donna Schueler.

The entries were displayed at the high school awards assembly and the Friona State Bank Community Room.



# Friona News

By BECKY LONDON

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Friona had another week of funerals to attend again. Matilda Baca, Maybian Rhodes and Louise Widner all passed away this week.

Mrs. Baca was a favorite of mine and was just a very sweet person to know. Mrs. Rhodes was sweet too and you know all her family, friends and neighbors will surely miss her. Mrs. Widner was so young to pass away had been sick for a while. Our sympathies to her family in their loss.

Plus, Phil Brockman of Lazbuddie was killed in a motorcycle wreck last Sunday at the age of 54. I drove through the intersection where the accident occurred at Oklahoma Lane that night around 9 p.m. and the aftermath was pretty bad.

Mary Crump enjoyed having her daughter in town for a visit. Patti Arrington of Dolores, Colorado, stayed with Mary for five days to help Mary celebrate Mother's Day. Mary said they had a nice time and she is feeling better. She had been a patient at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock for three weeks.

## Comptroller Remits May Sales Tax

State Comptroller Carol Keeton Rylander delivered monthly sales tax rebates to Texas cities. She says year-to-date sales tax rebates statewide are up 5.2 percent compared to 2000.

May sales tax rebates represent sales taxes collected in March and reported to the Comptroller in April. The next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, June 8.

Parmer County received \$36,965 in May, an overall 17.99% increase over May 2000.

Bovina received \$4,269; Farwell, \$4,178; and Friona, 28,517 in May payments. Total payments to date this year are \$150,084 compared to \$147,496 same period last year.

In 2001, Bovina has received total sales tax payments of \$13,730; Farwell, \$24,745; and Friona, \$111,608.

## USPS Says Check Your Mailbox

The U.S. Postal Service is asking all Friona area homeowners to inspect and repair their mailboxes during Mailbox Improvement Week, May 21-26, says Postmaster Larry Rogers.

"Repairing suburban and rural mailboxes improves the appearance of our community and makes delivering and receiving mail safer for our carriers and customers," Rogers says.

The Postal Service makes this annual request because of the wear and tear that occurs to mailboxes every year. "This is especially important after the effects of last winter," Rogers adds.

Some of the typical activities that may need to be done include: replacing loose hinges on a mailbox door; repainting a mailbox that may have rusted or started peeling; remounting a mailbox post if loosened; and replacing or adding house numbers.

"If a homeowner plans to install a new mailbox or replace a worn one, he or she must use only Postal Service-approved traditional or contemporary mailboxes," said Rogers. "Customers should be careful when purchasing curbside mail receptacles because the use of unapproved boxes is prohibited. Customers may use a custom-built mailbox, but they must consult with my office to ensure it conforms to guidelines applying to flag, size, strength and quality of construction."

For more information on the use of names or numbers on mailboxes, or answers to any other questions, contact your local postmaster, Larry Rogers, at 250-3080.

and has been back home for about two weeks now. Glad you are home Mary!

Ty and I went to Odessa for the weekend to see my mother, Wanda Norris, for Mother's Day. We had a really nice time shopping and taking care of her yard. Ty, 2, is a great helper with the water hose-just stay out of his way!

We also visited my sisters, Ruby and Robyn and Ty's cousins, Garry, 3 and Brooklyn, 2.

Don and Eva Kimbrough recently attended the wedding of their grandson and his bride, Scott Cline and Cristi Wallace, both of Dallas. Don performed the ceremony.

They visited with their daughter, Sharolyn Cline (Scott's mom) and her children, Viviana and Kevin Cline, her daughter-in-law, Tracy Cline and granddaughter, Jessica Cline, who was the flower girl at her uncle Scott's wedding.

The Clines all live at Las Cruces, New Mexico where Sharolyn runs a day care center and Tracey teaches school. Tracey's husband, Jay, is in the Army at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina.

Another daughter, Phyllis Sandoval, from Newport Beach, California, also attended the wedding with her daughter and son-in-law, Genica and Cory Lee and their daughter, Paiema, 3, from Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Following the rehearsal dinner Scott and Cristi willingly shared their lime-light with grandparents Don and Eva who were celebrating their 57th wedding anniversary.

Sons, Cris Kimbrough and daughters Sharolyn and Phyllis surprised their parents with a scrapbook, flowers and

anniversary cake.

Cris has recently returned to the United States after living in Hong Kong for 15 years. He taught school and music and served as principal of the Norwegian School there. Cris now lives in Tucson, Arizona, where he is completing his Master's Degree.

Cris served as chauffeur for the Eva and Don as they visited a friend, Sandy Shaver, in Crowley, then they stopped in Killeen where they spent an enjoyable time with Eva's brother, Dr. Truell Hyde and his son, Dr. Brad Hyde and his wife Lisa and son B.J.

Lisa and Brad are teachers. Beaumont was their stop where they visited son and daughter-in-law, Tip and Danette Kimbrough and their children, Caleb and Kelsey. Both Tip and Danette teach school.

The next stop was Meridian, Mississippi where they visited friends Bob and Ina Carmichael who helped raise the Kimbroughs' children. The next stop was Corbin, Kentucky where they visited Eva's sister, Maxine Bolding and her daughter Jan Bolding and Cathy Pruitt, a friend.

The trio's last stop was

Springfield, Missouri where they visited another son and daughter-in-law, Max and Andrea and sons Nathan and Matthew as well as Andrea's mother, Dixie Wheeler. Max is an associate pastor and minister of education at Springhill Baptist Church there. Andrea teaches school. Max recently made a mission trip to Copiapo, Chile to assist brother Kip Kimbrough in teaching baseball to the Chilean people. Kip and wife, Eva are area associate missionaries of the International Mission Board with the Southern Baptist Convention. They have three children, Jeanette, 14, Brandon, 12 and Alyssa, 9.

Kip and his family plan to return to the U.S. this summer to await appointment as career missionaries.

After traveling over 3000 miles in two week's time, Eva and Don are happy to be home but very happy to have seen five of their six children as well as other family members and friends on this trip.

Did you have Mother's Day company? Call me next week and let me report on it.

Something to think about: Blessings balance burdens.

## Meet Friona's Class of 2013



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## Happy Birthday

Week of May 20-26  
Friona residents next week include:

May 20--Gay Welch Markham, Kim Barnett, Sherrie Stanberry, Larry Manuel, Mary Sinner, Graham Douglas Edelson.

May 21--Mark Zachary, Matthew Schueler, Fay Smith, David Drake, Ronnie Skaggs, Jeremiah Norwood, Christy King, Cindy Gargile, C.A. Carrera, Gary Gonzales, Ruby Garza, Aspen Fleming, Mason Fleming.

May 22--Lillian Williams, Scott Terry, Mark Oborn, Jerri Landrum, Lance Venhaus, Richard Collard.

May 23--Becky Mays, Susan Renner, Dana Auburg, Dona Auburg Caballero, Ray A. Martinez, Chad Gayle.

May 24--Suzanne Tullis,

Micky Ready, David Warren, Jo Witten, Tara Cargile, Tommy Davis, Farron Young, Joe Santellano, David Sarpalius, JeDon Gallman.

May 25--Cathy Buchanan, Joshua Reed, Cheryl Procter, Jacob White, Alayna Rolan, Connie Clark, Jordan D'nae Carr, Connie Tebeest.

May 26--Cayla Mabry, Janey Reeve, Jessie Douglas, Marcos Reyes, John Gurley, Katherine Johnston.

When you see names which should be removed from our birthday list (moved away, names changed, deceased, etc.), call the newspaper and let someone know. Thank you.

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, please call the Friona Star office at 250-2211 and report it.

# Rebekah Lowery, Wade Hinkle Are United In Church Ceremony

Rebekah Marie Lowery, daughter of Arden and Susan Lowery of Crane, and Wade Hinkle, son of Jerry and Lucy Beth Hinkle of Friona, were wed in a 2 o'clock afternoon ceremony at the First Baptist Church in Crane Saturday, April 7, 2001.

The bride is the granddaughter of Leo and Joyce Lowery and of Charles and Evelyn Stroder, all of Crane. The groom is the grandson of Lois Miller and Claudia Adams of Friona.

Rebekah is a 1995 graduate of Crane High School and Wade a 1995 graduate of Friona High School. Both are 1999 graduates of Texas A&M University in College Station.

Ministers Tim Skaggs of College Station and Robert Stovall of Alba conducted the ceremony, with Skaggs giving the charge to the bride and groom and Stovall directing the exchange of vows and rings.

Instrumentalists were June Atkinson on the organ and Dolores White on piano. Instrumental music for the processional and recessional included Pachelbel's "Canon in D," Wagner's "Wedding March," and excerpts from Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" and "Ode to Joy" by Beethoven.

Other musicians included Alison Covington and Kristie Frymire, who sang "Amazing Grace"; Miranda Skaggs who sang "How Great Thou Art"; Michael Stone who sang "Your Love, Oh Lord"; and Angela Sherwood, cousin of the bride, who sang "The Lord's Prayer" by Malotte.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown by Mori Lee, which was made of soft white bridal satin. The square neckline was supported with beaded spaghetti straps, and the princess-line skirt was trimmed with delicate embroidery, which extended along the hem line. The deep square-cut back was embellished with three

horizontal beaded straps, while the beautiful embroidery-accented with silver thread-flowed down the dress onto the chapel-length train. Rebekah wore a fingertip-length veil of bridal illusion dotted with scattered crystals and seed pearls, and attached to a narrow tiara of rhinestones and pearls.

For her "something old" and "something blue", she wore a garter made with lace from her mother's wedding veil, and her "something borrowed" were her mother's pearl and diamond earrings. The bride also wore a drop pearl and diamond necklace given to her by the groom.

The bride carried a nosegay bouquet of gardenias, stephanotis, and lily-of-the-valley, fashioned by her aunt, Nancy LeBeau, of Tomball.

Silver and white was the color theme, as arrangements of hurricane lamps and white pillar candles among callalilies and greenery atop tall white columns decorated the front of the church. Pews were marked with small hurricane lamps and white carriage candles, surrounded by English ivy and white tulle.

Sarah Lowery of Abilene was her sister's maid-of-honor. Bridesmaids were Cretia Carpenter of Liberty, Missouri, Michelle Gordon of New York City, and Janet Stovall of Houston, all college friends of the bride and groom, and Kim Ashburn Chandler of Cross Plains, lifelong friend of the bride. Sydney Wilkinson of Trinidad, Colorado, cousin of the bride, was junior bridesmaid. They wore two-piece sheaths of platinum gray shantung satin and carried nosegays of white alstroemeria and gardenias.

Jeremy Stovall of Houston, college friend of the bride and groom, was best man. Groomsmen were the groom's brother Brent Hinkle of Lubbock, Jim Massey of Corpus Christi and Russell Leist of Bedford, both college friends of the bride and groom, and Ross Lowery of Crane, brother of the bride.

Flower girls were Brooke Hixon of Houston, niece of the groom, and Abbey Stroder of Crane, cousin of the bride. They were in white satin dresses following the lines of the bride's princess-style gown. Zachary Stroder of Crane, cousin of the bride, was ring bearer.

Programs were distributed by Donna Porter of Amarillo, college friend of the bride and groom, and serving at the guest book were Erin Allen Gerit of Abilene, lifelong friend of the bride, and Alyson Tuttle of Grand Prairie, college friend of the bride and groom.

Ushers were Richard Bryant of Mansfield, cousin of the bride, and Michael Stone of Denton, lifelong friend of the bride. At the reception,



Mr. and Mrs. Wade Hinkle

bubble servers, dressed in white satin princess-style dresses, were Bethany Hixon of Houston, niece of the groom, and Samantha Stroder of Crane, cousin of the bride.

Students and friends of the bride Kayla Frymire, Lindsey McElveen, Stacey Payan, Abbe Stone, and Tara Tipton, all of Crane, served at the bride's and groom's tables.

Those attending the wedding from Friona were: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Delton Lewellen, Donna and Monte Schueler, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Wiseman, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Murpree, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Nelson, Jacob, Hanna, Sarah and Leah, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Clark, Virginia Moyer, Karen Wright, Betty Wiseman, Shirley Fangman, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Neelley and Joy Osborn.

Other out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnson and Andria from Monahans, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Turner, New Braunfels, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Miller and M'Lynn from Amarillo.

The Rehearsal Dinner was hosted by the grooms parents and was held in the fellowship hall of the church. A barbecue meal was served with all the trimmings. A western theme was carried out with decorations of denim and bandanna prints, lanterns and western decorations.

Following a honeymoon to

Eureka Springs, Arkansas, the couple will make their home in Odessa, where Wade is employed with Western National Bank. The bride is a Spanish teacher at Crane High School.



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THEY GATHERED AT the Friona Fire Department. They brought mostly dogs. There were a few cats too. It was the annual city rabies vaccination day Monday May 21. City officials believe a record number of animals were vaccinated this year.



YIKES!....It is a tough job but somebody has to do it. Friona animal control officer Ted Osborn, left, assists local vet Gary Cash during the annual rabies vaccination day last Monday. Reports are that not all the "patients" were real happy.

ron carr photos

## Financial Focus

### Is It Time To Consolidate IRAs?

Do you know where all your IRAs are? Actually, the answer may be trickier than you would have thought. Over the years, you may have started IRAs with a variety of financial institutions. You could have a traditional IRA at one place and a Roth IRA at another. If you're self-employed, you also may own a Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) IRA. To complicate matters further, your spouse also could have multiple IRAs at multiple locations.

Is there anything really wrong with having all these IRAs all over the place? After all, what difference does it make where they are, as long as they're (hopefully) still growing?

Actually, it could make a considerable difference to you. For one thing, you could lose track of some of these IRAs. And if you think things like that don't happen, just ask any bank, brokerage or insurance company how much time and effort they've spent trying to track down the rightful owners of savings accounts, stocks and insurance policies. Through death, divorce, moves and other factors, owners and heirs of valuable assets get separated from their property--and sometimes they never get it back.

You may think that this will never happen to you and your IRAs. And maybe it won't. But even if you know exactly where all your IRAs are, that doesn't mean it's a good idea to have them all spread out. You may want to consolidate them--in other words, keep all your IRA accounts at one financial institution.

Consolidation offers some potentially significant advantages. There's the reduced paperwork, for starters. Instead of having to deal with multiple statements from different companies, you'll only have one. Also, you may be able to reduce the fees you're paying to maintain all your IRAs. By consolidating them, you should be able to pay just one fee to one institution.

Saving paperwork and fees are two of the most obvious benefits of consolidating IRAs. But there's another one that may be just as important: tracking your required minimum distributions. If you have a traditional IRA, you will need to take required minimum distributions beginning at age 70-1/2. With all your IRAs in one account, it will be easier for you to keep tabs on these distributions--and on how much money you have left after the distributions are made. Also, some financial-services companies will even calculate the distributions for you. You'll find these calculations extremely useful in helping you map out your finances during retirement. Keep in mind that, if you're already over age 70-1/2, you'll have to take your required minimum distribution for the current year before you transfer your IRA.

Consolidating IRAs can clearly pay off for you in a few different ways. But before you make any moves, it's a good idea to consult with your tax adviser. Also, do your homework on the financial-services institution you're thinking about using as a "consolidator." Have them convince you that they're experts at handling IRAs. Your IRA may play a big part in financing your retirement--so you want them to be in good hands.

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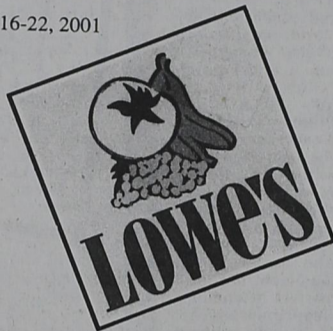
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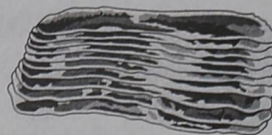
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# Honor Students Told For 2001 Class....

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has been a student in Friona Schools four years.

He played junior varsity football, basketball and ran track; played tennis as a sophomore, junior and senior, qualifying for regional his junior year; Student Council member two years; and FFA his junior year, serving as parliamentary procedure president.

He was listed on the "A" honor roll, named in Who's Who Among American High School Students four years; NHS, Spanish Club and Science Club three years; FCA, Math Club, Chemistry Club, Physics Club and Biology Club, Computer Science Club and Thespians this year. Active in UIL

competition, he was a member of the one-act play cast placing first at district and area and fourth at regional; CX debate team member, winning first at district, qualifying for state; and current issues team winning first at district, qualifying for regional as a junior.

He maintained the highest overall yearly average for a male student at FHS his sophomore year; was named most studious his junior and senior years; was a member of the regional qualifying marching band as a junior and was selected as Chamber of Commerce Student of the Year this year.

Matthew served as yearbook photographer his junior year; Math Club,

Physics Club, NHS and speech team presidents; Biology Club treasurer; Computer Science Club secretary; and Thespian Troupe officer this year. His hobbies include playing tennis, hanging out with his friends and watching movies. He attends the Church of Christ.

**AMBER WYLY** is the daughter of Gerall and Mary Beth Wyly. A student in Friona Schools the past twelve years, she will be attending Texas Tech University after her high school graduation.

At FHS, she was in FHA, Science Club and played tennis four years, where she was a district runner-up in doubles in '99, district champs in 2000, qualifying for regional her junior and senior years.

She played basketball her freshman and sophomore years; was in Thespians, Student Council and Foreign Language Club two years; NHS and FCA her sophomore, junior and senior years and Leadership Friona participant her senior year.

Amber was a nominee for best all-around her freshman year; class favorite nominee her sophomore and junior years; class favorite her freshman and senior years; most studious nominee and received a perfect attendance award her sophomore year; most courteous and named the DAR good citizen her senior year; was on the all "A" honor roll and listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students four years.

Offices she held included senior class president, NHS vice president, Student Council vice president, president of the chemistry division of the Science Club and Texas Student Technology Association secretary. Playing tennis is her favorite pastime. She attends the 10th Street Church of Christ.

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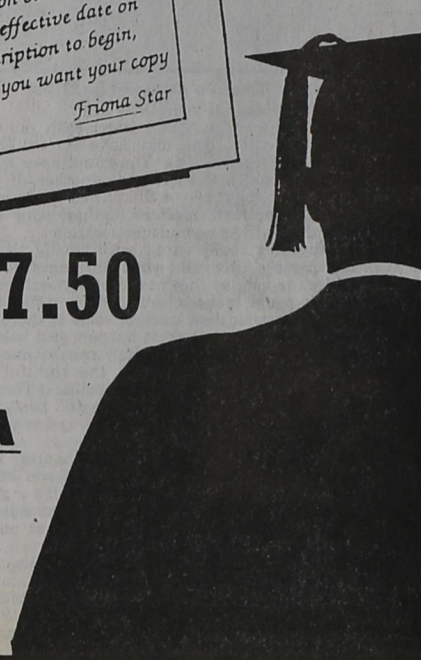
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## Sale Announced..

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along with "Tiny" Magness, and the late Joe Douglas built the building at the corner of Main and Highway 60 in the mid to late 50s.

Dean and John Bingham were partners with Douglas in the business for a time, as "Bingham and Douglas Land Co." John and Mary Bingham then owned the company, and later on sold it to Carroll Gatlin, who sold to the younger Buskes, who have owned it longer than any of their predecessors.

Mrs. Campbell and her husband Danny own and operate Campbell Electric and Hardware Company, and they are both local products as well. Holly's parents are Laura and Dale Hart. Her grandparents were the late O.B. and Beulah Moyer, and Leon and Daisy Hart, all of Friona.

Danny's parents are Vernell Campbell of Fritch and the late Ray Campbell. His grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Berry and Mr. and Mrs. Porter Campbell of Canyon.

The Buske children, Lindsay and Garland, went all the way through school in

the Friona school system, as have the Campbell children, including the late Sarah Campbell, Dustin and Stephen Campbell. Dustin Campbell and Garland Buske are both members of the 2001 Friona High School graduating class.

## EMS Week Scheduled

National EMS Week is May 20-26, and emergency medical services across Texas will mark the occasion.

This year's theme "EMS: Answering the Call" emphasizes the responsiveness of EMS statewide, while underscoring the importance of the national 911 system.

Terry Bavousett, Regional EMS Director for TDH, emergency medical responders provide a lifesaving link between ill or injured individuals and medical care.

"There are hundreds of trained certified personnel across the Panhandle/South Plains ready to respond when needed," Bavousett said.

"They treat patients from the scene of an emergency to the hospital and are a vital part of the medical process."

# ANNOUNCING---

**B. K. and Janet Buske Announce the Sale of the Property Associates building at Main and Highway 60, to Holly Campbell, effective as of June 1, 2001.**

**Holly will be the Managing Sales Person under Dale Hart's Broker's License.**

**Holly Campbell has over 18 years experience as a Licensed Real Estate Agent.**

**"Thanks to the residents of the Friona area, for their support during the 25 years we have owned Property Associates. We hope our former customers will continue to support Holly as they have us.**

**"We are confident that Holly will do an outstanding job in this regard."**

**Janet and B.K. Buske**

