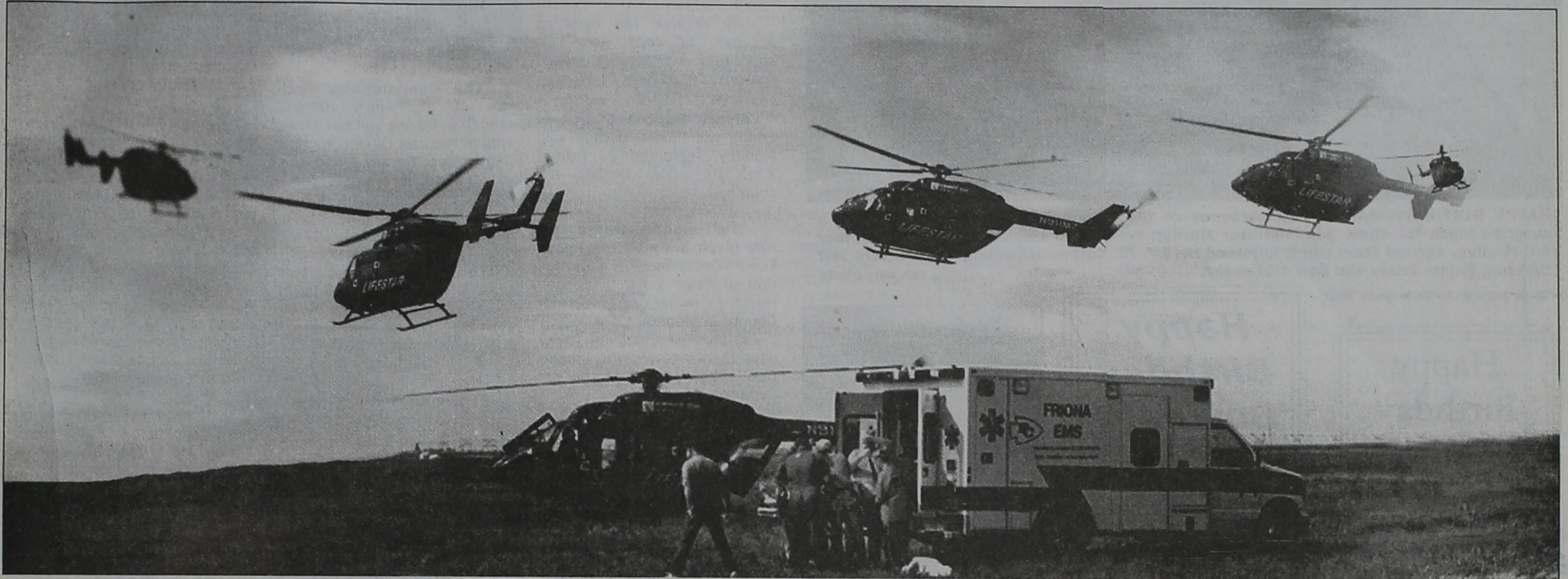




Two Die in Hub Wreck



Another major accident at the Hub intersection south of Friona claimed the lives of two Turkey area residents. The accident happened Tuesday about 10:45 a.m. when a Ford Taurus occupied by the two victims, Tommy Roosevelt Williams, 69, and Manuelita Escobar Chavez, 54, was westbound on Highway 86 and apparently ran the flashing red light according to witnesses.

A southbound semi, pulling a refrigerated trailer loaded with food products, had the right-of-way and hit the Taurus on the passenger side. The impact carried the truck and car across the intersection to the southwest corner where the truck broke off an Xcel Energy power pole before turning over onto its driver side. The Taurus ended up on its driver side also with the occupants pinned inside.

The victims died on impact and were pronounced dead at the scene by Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Vi Hutto. Judge Hutto is a volunteer with the Bovina EMS and was a first responder along with many fire and EMS personnel from Bovina and Friona.

The truck driver, James A. Ater, Jr., of Amarillo, was trapped in the cab of his overturned truck for almost an hour as fire department volunteers worked to extract him. A Lifestar Helicopter was dispatched from Amarillo and landed at the scene. Lifestar transported the truck driver to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. His condition was not available at press time. Officials at the wreck site said he suffered lower body and leg injuries and was not believed to be critical.

Workers from Xcel Energy and Deaf Smith Electric Coop were also on the scene. The huge Xcel pole fell across several REC lines. Power to more than 2,500 REC meters was cut off and several Xcel Energy customers in Friona also lost power for a brief period.

This was the second major accident in the last two months at the Hub intersection and another of many fatal accidents that have occurred there over the years. One veteran Friona fireman said the two fatalities made a total of at least 16 deaths at the intersection plus many non-fatal accidents.

LIFESTAR was called to the Hub intersection Tuesday. The helicopter landing and takeoff sequence photos were taken by Ron Carr. The separate pictures were then computer software blended by Nathan Parson of the Friona Star production staff into this sequence photo.



THE Ford Taurus was struck on the passenger side by the semi- in the background at the Hub intersection Tuesday.
ron carr photos



THE WINNER of the 4x4 4-wheeler drawing sponsored by the Friona Fire Department was Bob Hurst, right. At left is Fire Chief Jim Taylor.

Parmer Co. Receives Sales Tax For Sept.

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn sent the September monthly sales tax payments to Texas cities and counties.

Parmer County's September payment totaled \$36,094, broken down as Bovina

\$5,030; Farwell \$8,762; and Friona \$22,303. In September 2002, the tax payment was \$31,962, an increase of 12.92%.

Comparing September 2003 to September 2002 tax receipts, Bovina was up 114.43%; Farwell was up 106.81%; and Friona was down 12.12%, accounting for the overall increase in monthly tax revenue.

For the year 2003, Parmer County cities have received a total of \$274,395 compared to \$240,822 for the same period last year. For the year, Bovina tax revenue is up 141.82%; Farwell is up 27.28%; and Friona is down 3.55%.

Frank Hollman Sentenced In DWI Fatalities

On May 11, 2002, a head-on collision on Highway 60 near Summerfield claimed the lives of 13-year-old Amy Kilpatrick of Hereford and her mother, Connie Ortiz of Friona.

Francis Michael "Frank" Hollman, 43, of Friona was the driver of the other vehicle traveling northbound in the southbound lane of Highway 60 when his van collided with the Ortiz vehicle. Hollman was found to be intoxicated at the time with a blood alcohol level more than twice the legal .08 limit.

His 3-day trial was held in Hereford last week in 222nd District Court, visiting judge Bryan Poff presiding. The jury took less than two hours to return a guilty verdict and impose the maximum sentence on the two counts of intoxication manslaughter.

Hollman was given two 20-year sentences and two \$10,000 fines. The sentences were to run concurrently and Hollman must serve at least half of the time before being eligible for parole.

Chisom: 236 Yds 3TDs Mustangs Win Again

Mustangs senior running back Jonathan Chisom has accumulated 710 yards on 79 carries (a 9 yard per carry average) and scored 6 touchdowns through 4 games. The figures put Jonathan among the area leaders in offensive statistics.

Last Friday, at Vega, the tough-running youngster amassed 236 yards on 27 carries and scored 3 TDs on runs of 60-, 3-, and 93- yards.

Teammate Matthew Villarreal scored on a 7-yard pass reception and a 20-yard run and Claude Tamez scooped up a fumble and raced 42-yards for a score. Hugo Aguillon was 3 for 6 in point after kicks, to give the Mustangs an impressive 39-8 win over Vega. The 'Stangs are now 3-1.

Quarterback Jeff Casas continued his steady pass performance, completing 2 of 5 passes for 47 yards and one

touchdown. On the season, Casas is 18 for 33 for 315 yards, 2 touchdowns and 2 interceptions.

Raymond Chisom and Michael Nieto have each caught 7 passes in the four games. Tamez has 3 interceptions and 2 fumble recoveries. Ortiz and Villarreal have 2 interceptions each.

In addition to his offensive production, Jonathan Chisom also shares the team lead in tackles. He and Roger Martinez each have 30. Hugo Martinez is close behind with 29.

The Mustangs travel to Lubbock to take on Lubbock Christian tomorrow night. Next Friday, October 3, is homecoming for Bovina High School. The Mustangs wind up non-district play as they host Tascosa JV in the annual homecoming game. Pre-game activities begin at 7 p.m. and the game is at 7:30 p.m.



MISS FRIONA top three were, l-r, Breanne Barnett 1st runnerup; V'Lesha Wilcox, Miss Friona; & Trisha Winebrinner, 2nd runnerup.

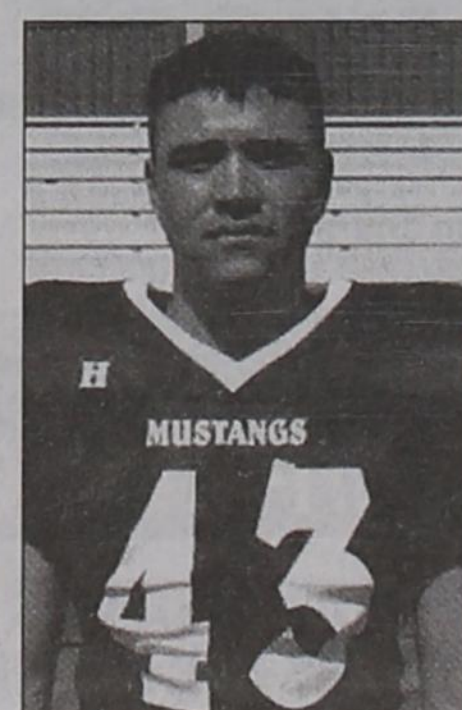


LITTLE MISS FRIONA top three were, l-r, 1st runnerup Emily Harris, Little Miss Jaylee Floyd, & 2nd runnerup Lariat Larnar.

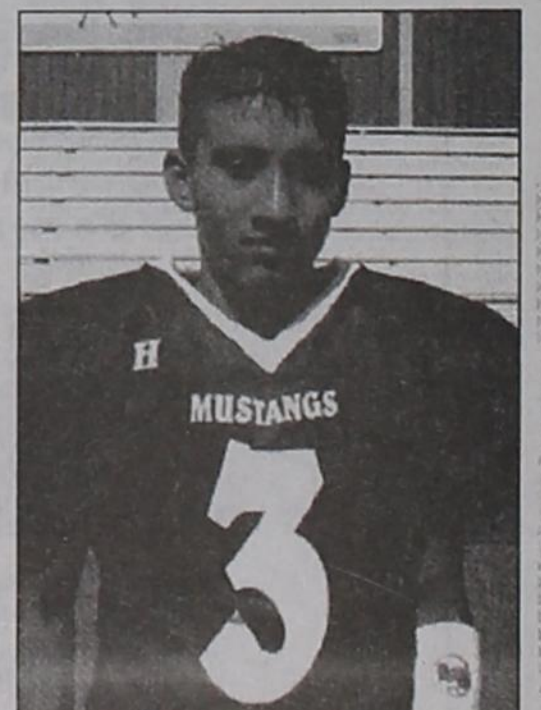
MUSTANG FOOTBALL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



**JONATHAN CHISOM
BIG STICK & OFFENSIVE**



**MICHAEL NIETO
SPECIAL TEAMS**



**MICHAEL ORTIZ
BIG STICK**

NEWS

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARILYN!...Employees of the Friona Rural Health Clinic held a surprise lunch for clinic administrator Marilyn Watson to celebrate birthday number 60. Marilyn, second from right, is joined by, l-r, PA Cathey Hamman, and doctors Jeff Dickson, Felipe Jubay and Bob Alexander.

People & Places

People & Places is the place to be for local events or news of interest. We have combined the former Around Town column and People & Places. There is no charge for news included in People & Places. So call us at 250-2211, email to frionastar@wtrt.net, or mail info to P.O. Box 789, Friona 79035.

We reserve the right to approve all copy and edit submitted articles for space reasons. Let us hear from you.

Calvary Baptist Church of Friona will hold a garage sale Monday, September 29, from 7 a.m. to noon behind the church.

The winner of the 4x4 ATV given away by the Friona Fire Department Saturday during Maize Days was Bob Hurst, owner of Parmer County Implement Co.

Friona Fire Chief Jim Taylor says thanks to all who bought tickets and supported the fire department.

The Wesley United Methodist Church of Hereford will host its 23rd annual Festival of Arts & Crafts December 6 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Community Center. Only a limited number of booths are available, with applications being screened. Booth fee is \$10. Applications may be obtained from Ellen Collins, 801 Miles St., Hereford 79045. 806-364-0774.

The Guadalupe Soci-ety of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina will have their annual Mexican Dinner Sunday, September 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the St. Ann's Parish Hall. Donations are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 6-years.

The Friona Evening Lion's Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 25 at 9th & Pierce. Entertainment chairman Ron Davenport will be presenting the program.

It is time for the Hollene & Bellview school reunion. There will be a buffet at 12

noon Friday, October 3 at Kingswood Methodist Church, 2600 Main in Clovis. The meal is \$7 per plate. The church will be open at 10 a.m. so come early and visit. For more information call Eldred Brown at 806-289-5972.

St. Teresa's Catholic Church Ladies Society of Friona will sponsor the annual German Sausage Dinner on Sunday, October 5 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Parish Hall.

Congratulations to Wendy Carthel, Mary & Jim Johnston & all the volunteers who helped with the Pioneer Heritage Museum open house last Saturday. A good steady flow of folks came to see the old bedroom setting, the old kitchen setting and all the other interesting displays that Wendy and friends had arranged.

The museum is open each Saturday from 9-11 a.m. Stop by. You'll be glad you did.

Bill Ellis has retired from the newspaper but not from writing. He is planning a book on Friona sports history.

He has been collecting data for years and plans to publish a Friona sports record book tracing FHS records from as early as possible up to the present.

He is in pretty good shape for records but really needs scores, records, pictures, team rosters, etc., for football seasons before 1931.

Anyone with old records, sports photos, etc., please call Bill at 250-3053 to compare notes. He is also interested in basketball and track history. Call the number or email to case@wtrt.net.

Happy Birthday Friona!!!

Birthdays for the week of September 28 thru October 4.

Sept. 28 Florence Sifford, Keith Black, Virginia Jennings, David Wilkerson, Cindy Mata, Dennis Anthony, Gordon Stokes, Tell Stockstill, Macy McLellan.

Sept. 29 Judy Head, Tammi Potts Burney, Lois Norwood, James Widner, James Cunningham, Brock Baker, Jeannie Belcher, Harold J. Wells, Shana Fleming.

Sept. 30 Clair Osborn, Elizabeth Ferguson, Henry Gauna, Jill Bishop, Tessa Schueler, Clara Seale, Bridget Soltero.

Oct. 1 Debbie Wedel, Frances Gonzales, Beth Fleming, Karson Charles Nance, Sheila Clark, Marilyn Garret, Polly Whatley, Cayce Wade Epperson.

Oct. 2 J'Mai Cash Gayle, Lacye Osborn, Linda Rando, Scott Cummings, Chris Daigle, Madeline Scott, Tiffany Smith.

Oct. 3 Sarah Schueler, Joe Mann, Sally Osborn Whatley, Marlene Mueller, Danny Guerra, Lanis Graham, Jackie Martin, Jane Huddle, Darlene Swinney, Janis Polson, Steven Moore, Gertrude Murphree.

Oct. 4 John Robert Schueler, Amelia Rankin, Leslee Floyd, Darrel Augurg, Joseph Ryan, Travis Graves, Coy Jameson, Eloy Caballero, Allan Haile, Debbie Lewellen, Winifred Hurst.

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

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

Happy Birthday Bovina!!!

Birthdays for the week of September 28, 2003.

Sept. 28—Sunny Moore, Chad L. Jennings.

Sept. 29 Stephanie Wines, Barbara Cockerham, Suzan Hughes.

Sept. 30 Carolyn George, Wanda Headlee.

Oct. 1 Brenda Kirkpatrick, Denise Anderson, Gilda Garner.

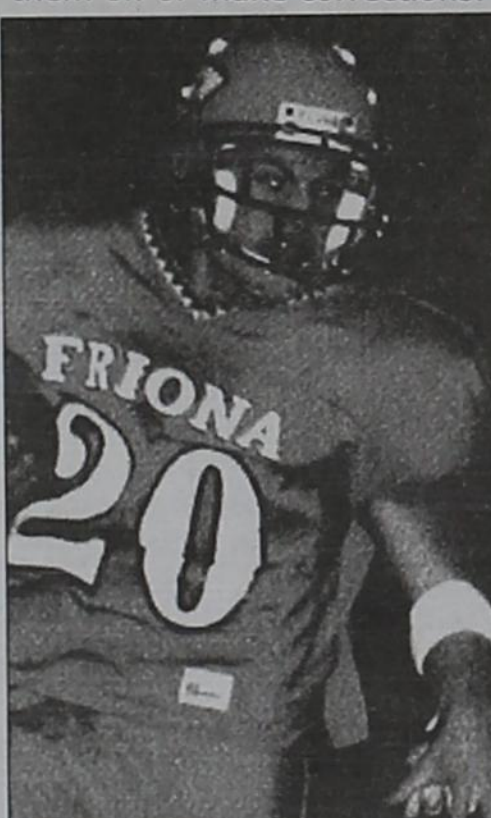
Oct. 2 Don Teague, Judy Ramon, A.L. Glasscock, Lazaro Munoz.

Oct. 3 Carolyn Rains, Starlie Clayton.

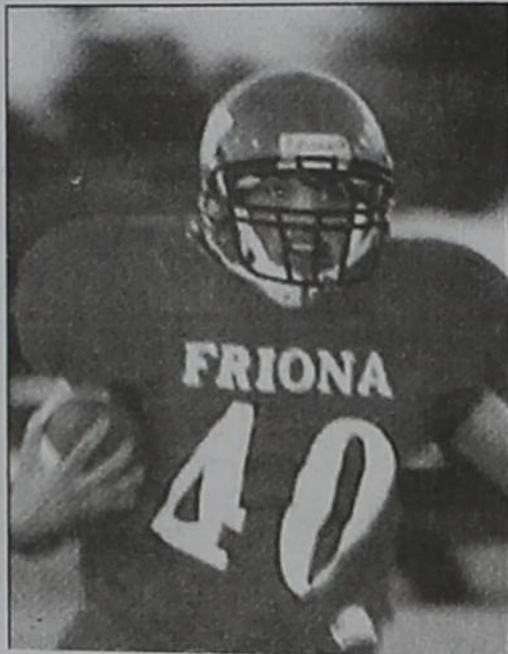
Oct. 4 Scooter Russell, J.B. Barrett, Elsa Galvan.

Add friends or relatives to our permanent birthday list by calling 250-2211.

If names appear that should be deleted or changed due to death, marriage, moved away, etc., please let us know also so we can take them off or make corrections.



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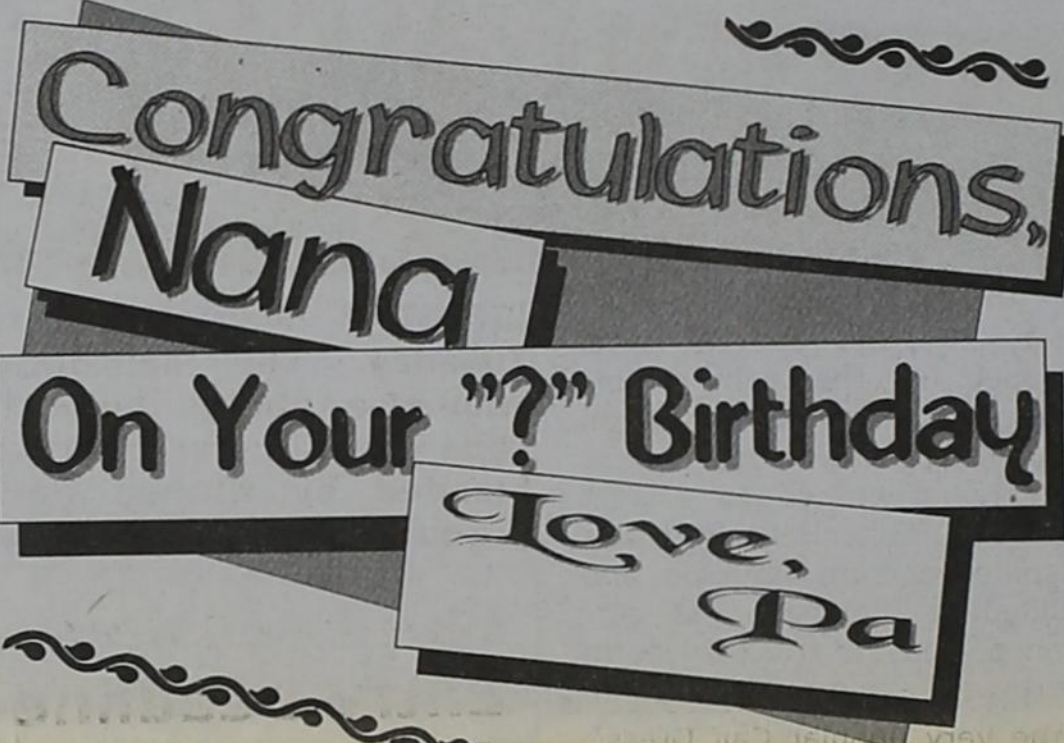
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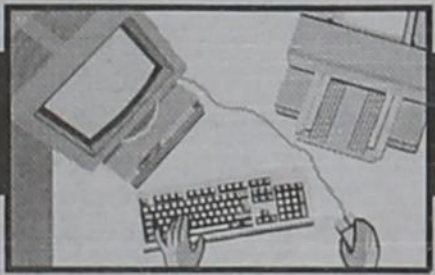
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NEWS



MEMBERS of the Friona & Bovina fire departments worked for an hour to extricate the truck driver from the wrecked cab of his truck at the Hub intersection wreck Tuesday. Friona Carr photos

Jury Roster for Sept. 30

Several of our readers requested that we publish the list of jurors summoned for District Court jury duty. Thanks to the cooperation of District Clerk Sandra Warren and Secretary Rhonda Webb we will publish the juror summons list as provided.

Because scheduled court proceedings are sometimes canceled or changed, prospective jurors can call the District Clerk's office after 5 p.m. Monday, September 29 or before 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 30, for recorded information about whether they should report for jury duty on the specified date. The phone number is 481-3419.

Following is a list of prospective jurors summoned to report on Tuesday, September 30, to the 287th District Court in Farwell.

Manuel Almanza, Onesima P. Almeida, Lawrence J. Appling, Tonya K. Armstrong, Delia S. Arpero, Carol J. Auderer, Romancita G. Avila, Lareta D. Barber, Gerardo A. Barrandey, Laura M. Bartlett, Deborah D. Bass, Juan Bautista, Jesse O. Baxter, Linda L. Behrendsen, James W. Bentley, Rebecca S. Borunda, Rex Bracken, Judy K. Brockman, Brandon A. Brown, Mavis H. Burnam, Holly M. Byrd, Dalton K. Caffey, Cruz A. Cano, Forrest L. Carpenter, Juan I. Carranza, Maria R. Castillo, Carmel Cerda, Jo N. Chavez, Rosario B. Chavez, Denise M. Christian, Brenda T. Clark, Paula G. Clark, Phyllis A. Coburn, Lishia L. Cochran, Shannon D. Cochran, Sandra M. Cockerham, Theresa C. Contreras, Ulysses A. Cooper, Sarah E. Correa;

Alma D. Delacruz, Gil Deleon, Lucas T. Deleon, Sylvia F. Deleon, Guadalupe Delgadillo, James R. Denton, Esmeralda Diaz, Clarice Dominguez, Quinten L. Ellis, Willie L. Ellis, Marcos A. Escobedo, Valentin A. Espinoza, Lesli L. Fiel, Dennis W. Field, Patricia Fleming, Gregoria G. Flores, Maria A. Flores, Rhea L. Foster, Raymond E. Freeman, Tammy M. Frieda, Deon M. Gallman, Juan E. Gamboa, Juan P. Gamboa, Daniel L. Garcia, Maria E. Garcia, Lillis M. Garner, Lilah R. Gee, Toby D. Gibson, Margarita A. Goff, Janie Gonzales, Rafael S. Gonzales, Josephina D. Gonzalez, Robert L. Gowing, Chad E. Griswold, Violeta S. Guerra, Refugio Guevara;

Dennis K. Hadley, Claudia M. Hanes, Peggy Ann Hargrove, Alva Hartman, Michael H. Haseloff, Oscar P. Hernandez, Andrew K. Hicks, Tiffany P. Hicks, Dawn A. Hill, Katie L. Jack, Christy L. Jackson, Shirley V. Jackson, Sylvia C. Jaquez, Holly M. Jarecki, Joe B. Johnson, Felipe L. Jubay, Margaret A. Kelley, Marvin R. Kerr, Alice J. Ketcherside, Kimberly B. Kimbrough, D.T. King, Jr., Ysleta L. Kittrell, Florene J. Koehn, Michael K. Lamb, Suzanne Langford, Rosendo S. Lara, Marta T. Logan, David W. Long, Mitchel K. Lookingbill, Michael D. Lovett, Julia Loya, Joshua L. Lunsford;

Jade H. Mahaney, Sheranette E. Martin, Absal Martinez, Phil L. Martinez, Rebecca O. Martinez, Rebecca Mata, Ronnie L. McEllan, Mary S. Medlock, Timothy S. Meeks, Arnulfo R. Mendez, Jose G. Mendiola, Deneen K. Merrell, Lois S. Miller, Eloisa P. Morales, Laura Moseley, Katie D. Neal, Mike T. Nichols, Anne Norton, Juan A. Olivia, Elizabeth A. Osborn, Todocio J. Padilla, Gerardo S. Paez, Mary J. Paiz, Inocencia Pena, Elberta V. Perez, Monica Perez, Rickey D. Pierce, Debra J. Pollard, Beatrice E. Prather, Mary C. Prieto, Billy R. Proctor, Jimmy D. Putman;

Rebecca D. Raymond, Michael D. Read, Becky M. Reeve, Charles A. Richardson, Maribel Rivera, Keith R. Robb, Juvey M. Rocha, Refugio L. Rochel, Patricia C. Rodriguez, Adan D. Rosas, Joseph M. Ryan, Benita Sanchez, Juanita Sanchez, Luis A. Sanchez, Maria De Lourde Sanchez, Keeley M. Sasser, Sonja G. Schmidt, Mary Scott, Tyler S. Scott, Ginger E. Sides, Eva I. Silva, Jerry A. Simmons, Jack E. Smallwood, Cheryl L. Smith, Jackie L. Smith, Jeanell F. Smith, Joshua G. Snead, Gladys M. Spring, Cole G. StClair, Phyllis J. Steelman, David L. Stephens, Stephen D. Stevenson, Jessie R. Stone, James W. Stormes, Jerry G. Stover, Tina S. Symm;

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN GAS RATES

Atmos Energy hereby gives notice of its intent to implement new gas rates for Residential, Commercial, Public Authority, Small Industrial and Air Conditioning customers. The proposed changes will take effect no sooner than 35 days. The Cities may suspend the proposed effective date for an additional 90 days. The company may implement a different rate design than proposed provided the increase to revenue does not exceed that specified herein. It is anticipated the new rates will increase the revenues of the company by approximately \$ 7.7 million or 7.32 percent and therefore constitutes a "major change".

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Competition Intense For The 10th Annual Feedyard Rodeo

There are seven teams entered in the 10th Annual Parmer County Feedyard Rodeo that will be held on Saturday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Friona Riding Club arena. Teams entered include Bovina Feeders, Con Agra Cattle Feeding (2 teams), Cattle Town Feedyard, Farwell Feedyard, Friona Feedyard, and Paco Feedyard. Con Agra has won the trophy two years in a row and the trophy will retire if Con Agra wins the trophy this year.

Since 1994, Bovina Feeders and Farwell Feedyard have both won the trophy two years in a row, but did not win for the third year. Therefore, the original trophy is still in use.

Teams of ten employees compete in six events to gain points for the trophy. Events include Team Penning, Trailer Backing (by a female employee), Feedbunk Race, Team

Branding, Manager's Chip Shot, and Team Roping.

First place team members will win a beautiful trophy buckle, second place team members win latigo headstalls, and prizes of Friona Bucks are awarded to teams that win the individual events.

Also a part of the rodeo is the very popular Calf Dressing event that features teams of three members attempting to "dress" a calf in jockey shorts.

Children ages 6-10 may also compete in the Calf Scramble by getting ribbons off the tails of calves that are turned loose in the arena. Prizes of Friona Bucks are given I this event for first, second, and third places.

Admission to the rodeo is \$5.00 at the gate. David Davila will have the concession stand at the rodeo. So, turn off the stove, come out and eat with David and watch the rodeo.

Calf Dressing Entry Deadline September 29

The Calf Dressing event in the Parmer County Feedyard Rodeo is a crowd pleaser. Organizations or individuals are encouraged to put together teams and be a part of this exciting portion of the 10th Annual Feedyard Rodeo. Come by or call the Chamber Office to enter a team. Teams must be entered by Monday, September 29 to be listed in the program for this event.



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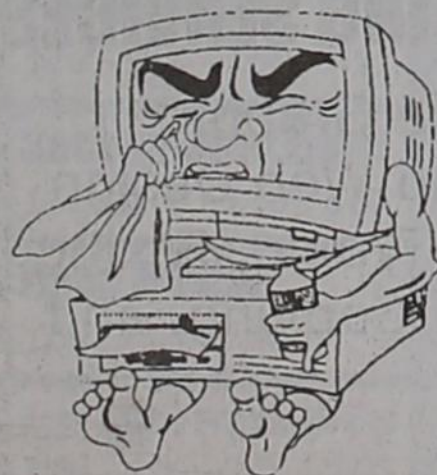
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SPORTS



THE FATHER & DAUGHTER HOMECOMING court Friday night were, l-r, Haleigh & Donald Herbert; Amy & Randy Geris; homecoming queen Claudia Cruz & Jaime; Melissa & Oscar Vasquez; and Nohemi & Rosalio Benavides. photo by dana jameson

Wied Wins Week Four

The top score in the Week Four football contest was 15 correct. No one picked the exact tie-breaker score or the 18-correct bonuses this week.

We need to caution all contestants again about sending in the entry for the current week's contest. Because our publish date is now Thursday, several contestants have submitted the entry blank for the wrong week. It is clearly printed on the entry blank what week it is for and the dates of the games. For example, during the Week 3 contest we received two entries for Week 4 instead of Week 3. Make sure you are submitting the right week. Thanks.

The Texas-Rice score of 48-7 was used to sort out the winner in Week 4 among those who managed 15 correct. The lucky winner of the \$25 first

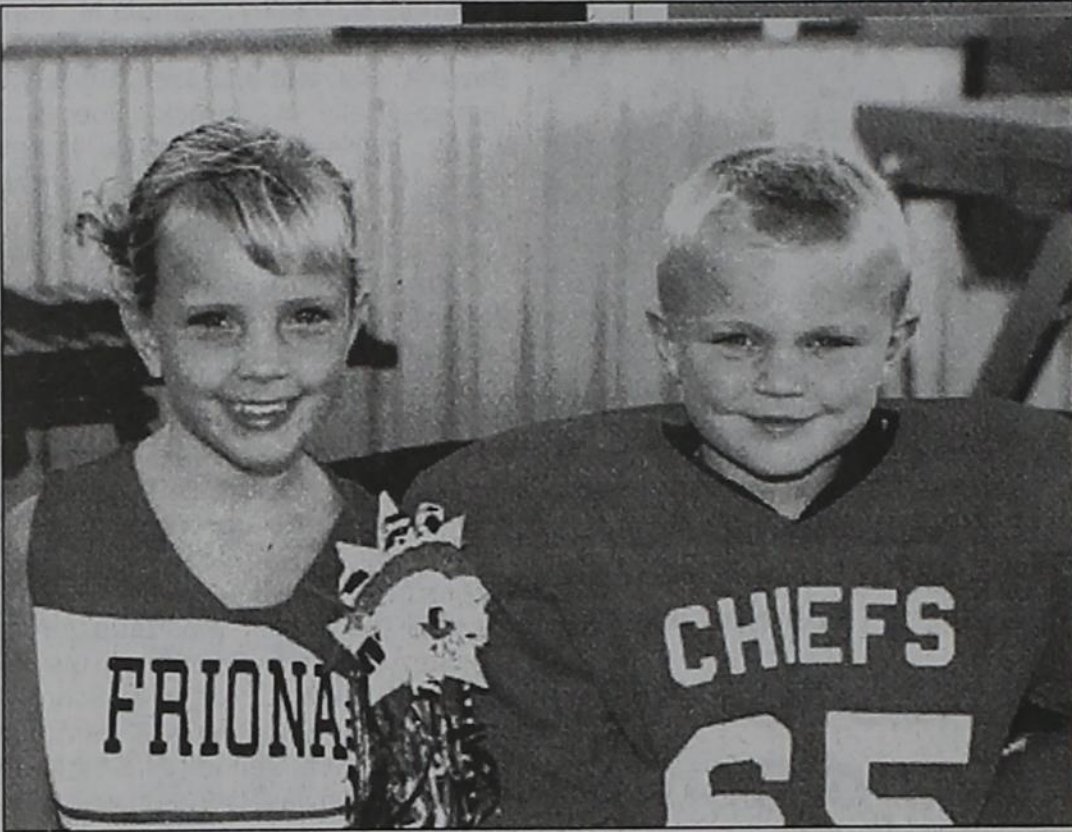
prize was Bobby Wied of Friona. Bobby was 9 points off on his tie-breaker.

For the first time we had to use the total rushing yards tie-breaker to determine second and third place. Alex Ferguson of Friona and Bruce Scroggins of Grandview both had 15 correct and both were 13 points off on the tie-breaker score. Total rushing yards in the Texas-Rice game was 488. Scroggins, former Bovina head coach, was off by 152 and Alex, son of Friona head coach Bob Ferguson, was off by 163 yards. Scroggins won 2nd place and Alex earned 3rd place money.

We appreciate all our contestants and sponsors for the football contest. Total point standings after Week 4 are printed elsewhere in the paper. Good luck and good pickin'.

FOOTBALL CONTEST STANDINGS

- 56-Jimmy Harris
- 55-Denae Anthony
- 53-Alex Ferguson, Dorothy Harris, Jimmy R. Walker
- 52-Linda Sudderth, Scott Sudderth, Charles Wales, A.M. Wilson
- 51-Lindsey Dayhoff, Mark Neill, Dean Sasser, Del Ray Sudderth, Bobby Wied
- 50-Martin Brito, Colby Cheney, Danny Harris, Susan Kerby, Clint Mears, Derek Sudderth, Glenden Sudderth, Janie Sudderth, Mark Walker, Veca White
- 49-William Gromowsky, Danny Guerra, Mike Hutson, Tyson Kerby, Lilly Michel, Andy Montana, Pedro Ramos, Ron Smiley, Gay Taylor, Bobby Thompson
- 48-Raul Brailif, Peggy Hargrove, Eddie Jacobs, Lisa Lane, Joy Morton, Sawyer Reed, Jerry Roach, Alesia Tucker, Mike White
- 47-James Elder, Daniel Hernandez, Lance Looper, Bill Miller (Friona), Lisa Reed, Mitchell Smiley, Scott Steelman, Francisco Torres
- 46-Jayson Blouch, Davy Carthel, Teresa Cary, Sally Gonzales, Matt Hromas, Frances Johnson, Jim Johnston, Al Kerby, Aaron King, Bill Miller (Hereford), Thomas Red, Blake Sudderth, Lory Wyly
- 45-Scott Brown, Larry Johnston, Marisa Rodriguez, Quentin Shelby, Dean Stanberry, Eufemia Torres
- 44-Ronnie Cary, Ronald Diaz, Jack Glover, Josh Kerby, Charlie Pope, Martha Rodriguez
- 43-Andy Alexander, Brett Field, Eddie Gauna, Doug Johnson, Harley Merritt, Salley Putman, Enrique Rodriguez
- 42-Rex Cumpston, Raymond Diaz, Jon Field, Lance Field, Frank Gonzales, Jr., Bobby Johnson, Sean Lookingbill, Lisa Neill, Maria T. Rios, Lynell Rose
- 41-Sandra Berend, Gaines Butman, Virginia Steele
- 40-Tommy Brockman, Kelly Lookingbill
- 39-Jennifer Gonzales, Clayton Smiley
- 38-Jo Blackwell, Charla Chesher, Antonio S. Duran, Jr., Tim Elmore, April Hudson
- 37-Ernest Mills
- 36-Denise Anderson, LaFawnda Mays, Randall Roberson, Domingo Villarreal, Jr.
- 35-Bruce Scroggins
- 34-Candy Highsmith
- 31-Don Grissom, Marcus Rosales, David Woody
- 30-Brett Anderson, Johnny Rosemond, Jeremy White
- 29-Jason Kerby
- 28-Trent Hudson, Tolby Wilcox
- 24-Timothy Roberts
- 21-Raymond Fuentes
- 20-Chance Lewellen



MASCOTS for the Friona homecoming ceremonies were Emily Harris, daughter of Hollis & Jennifer Harris and Hayden Smiley, son of Mitchell & Kim Smiley. photo by dana jameson

7/8 Braves Lose Two to Muleshoe

The 7th grade boys were shutout by Muleshoe 30-0 in last Thursday's game. Coaches singled out the defensive play of David Aragon and Geraldo Garza in the game.

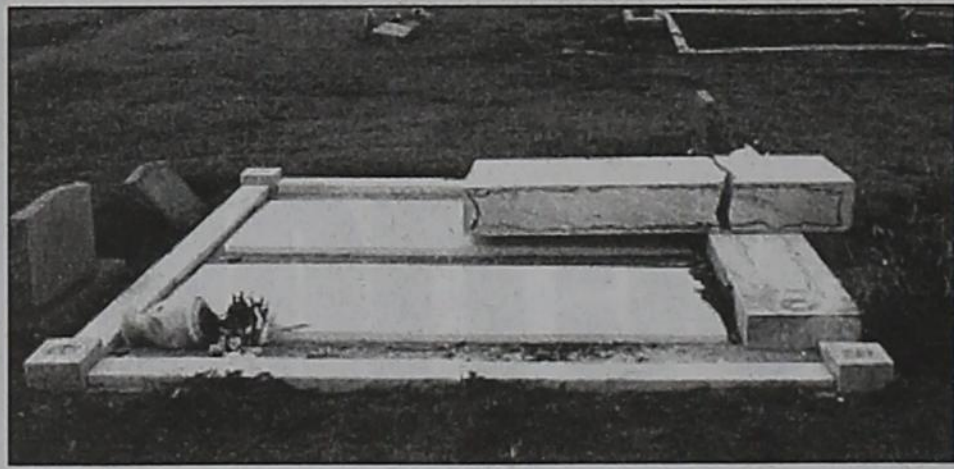
The 8th Braves did a little better, but losing 22-8 to the small Mules. Quarterback Sawyer Reed scored the only touchdown on a 6-yard run.

Reed threw to Jesus Tafoya for the 2-point conversion.

Ryan Geris had an outstanding game at running back for the Braves and caught a 26-yard pass. On defense, Dillon Welch caused a fumble and Jesus Tafoya was the leading tackler.

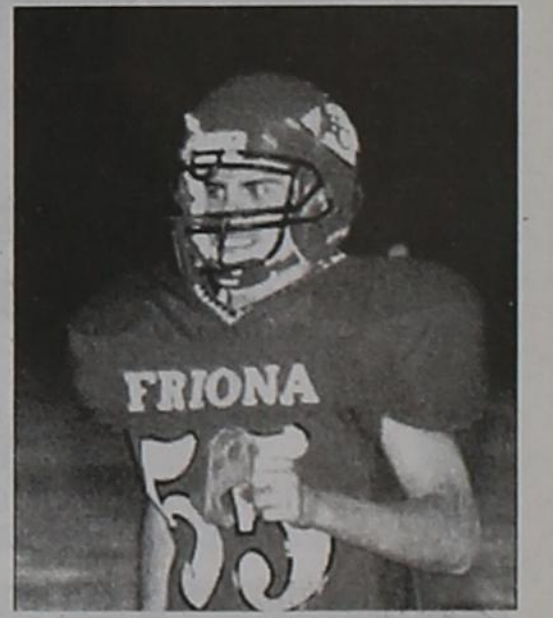
Next game is tonight, September 25, at Dalhart.

\$500 REWARD



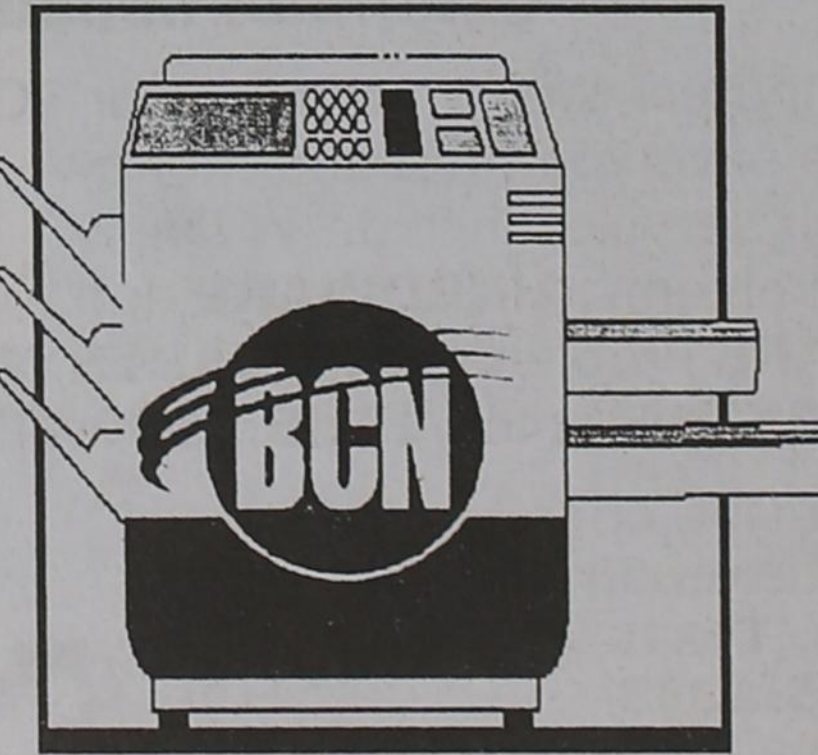
A reward of \$500 is being offered by W.D. Buske for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the extensive damage done to the Buske plot in the Friona Cemetery between Sept. 17th and Sept. 18th 2003.

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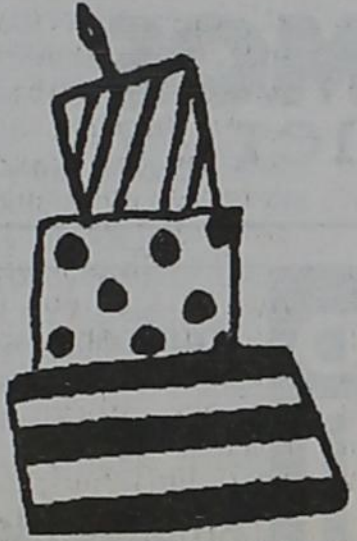


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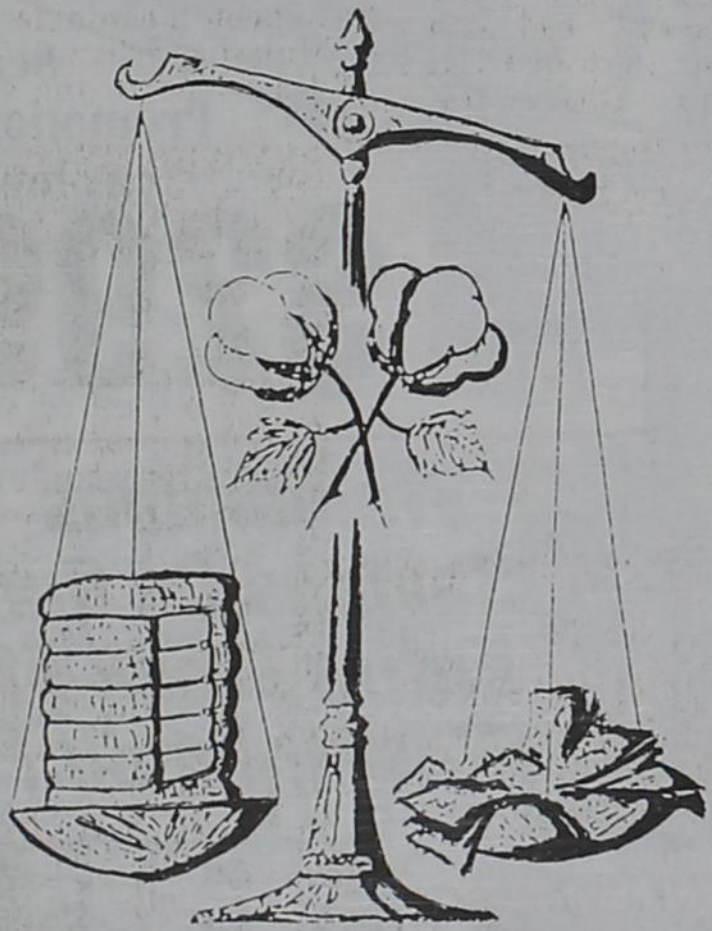


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SPORTS

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Stats. Game #4
MHS 15, CHIEFS 14

FHS	MHS
9	15
112	27
0	155
112	182
10-0	22-9
0	1
3	2
6-208	5-110
34.7	27.5
7-65	8-70

Score by Quarter
FHS 0 7 7 0-14
MHS 7 0 0 8-15

INDIVIDUAL SCORING
2Q--Sergio Saenz, 1 run (Antonio Monreal, kick) 7-all.
3Q--Jason Gutierrez, 9 run (Monreal kick) 14-7.

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

Player	TCB-Yds-Avg.
Sergio Saenz	15-41-2.7
Jason Gutierrez	8-33-4.1
Brock Field	2-22-11.0
Derek Fairweather	5-8-1.6
Pedro Ramos	2-5-2.5
Freddy Reyes	3-3-1.0
Totals	35-112-3.2

INDIVIDUAL PASSING

Player	A-C-Yds-T-I
Brock Field	4-0-0-0
D. Fairweather	6-0-0-0

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING
None

KICKOFF RETURNS
Willy Castillo 2-49-24.5
Sergio Saenz 1-30-30.0

INTERCEPTION RETURNS
David Mendez 1-39-39.0

PUNT RETURNS
David Davila 5-55-11.0

INDIVIDUAL PUNTING
Antonio Monreal 6-208-34.7

INDIVIDUAL TACKLES
David Mendez 11; Willy Castillo 6, Juan Chico 6, Steffan Busch 6, David Davila 5, Derek Fairweather 5, Marc Haile 4, Emmanuel Vega 4, Rudy Gonzales 4, Eduardo Godoy 3, Ben Santiago 3, Matt Gammon 2.

Fumble Recoveries: Juan Chico 1, David Mendez 1.

District 5-2A Standings
(Through games of September 19)

Team	Dist.	All	Pts-Opp
Lockney	0-0	4-0	135-46
Floydada	0-0	3-0	64-26
Olton	0-0	2-1	81-36
Abernathy	0-0	3-1	90-86
Friona	0-0	2-2	103-81
Hale Center	0-0	0-4	48-129

Last week's results: Muleshoe 15, Friona 14; Floydada 22, S. Earth 0; Lockney 22, Morton 20; Crosbyton 22, Olton 0; Abernathy 27, Dimmitt 13; Petersburg 35, Hale Center 14.

This week's games: Friona; at Dalhart (Saturday, 2 p.m.); Lockney at Tulia; Crosbyton at Floydada; Olton at Morton; Shallowater at Abernathy. Hale Center is open.

Mules Snatch Victory With 1:27 Remaining

BY BILL ELLIS

Although hobbled by the loss of senior quarterback Brock Field in the second quarter, a blow to the Chieftain offense, the team yet had a chance to win over rival Muleshoe but wasted the opportunity on an untimely penalty, which proved costly.

Muleshoe, which trailed for most of the game, used the break to score a 15-14 win over Friona here last Friday, at Friona's Homecoming.

It was only the second loss for a Chieftain team to Muleshoe in games played at Chieftain Field in the past 20 years.

The Mules took an early lead, on a 35-yard pass play when Muleshoe was facing a third down and seven from the Friona 35.

The visitors got the scoring chance when Friona fumbled on its third offensive play, Muleshoe recovering at Friona's 39 yard line. The Chieftains lost three fumbles, which equalled the FHS total in its first three games.



CHIEFTAIN Jacob Hoon (8) gets tangled up in a herd of Mules during Friday's homecoming loss to Muleshoe.
photo by dana jameson

Muleshoe Jayvees Top Chieftain Junior Varsity

The Chieftain Junior Varsity suffered their second loss of the season, 22-8, in a game at Muleshoe last Thursday, leaving their season record at 2-2.

Juan Reyes scored Friona's touchdown, on a 25-yard touchdown catch. Javier Sanchez had Friona's extra points.

Eddie Ortiz led the rushers with 68 yards, followed by Ruben Chico, 54, Steven Sanchez, 34, Fernando Moreno, 18, and Octavio Moreno 10.

"We played pretty well for the most part, but made a couple of critical mental errors that killed drives. This group continues to do good things, and makes improvements in some areas each week. We have to keep working hard," said Coach Rex Cumpston.

Muleshoe led in the "stat" department as thus: first downs, 16-12; rushing: 213-174; passing yards: 28-25, and total yards, 241-199.

Freshman Girl 2nd in X-Country

Friona cross country track coach Ky Graham may have found a future star in the girl's cross country competition.

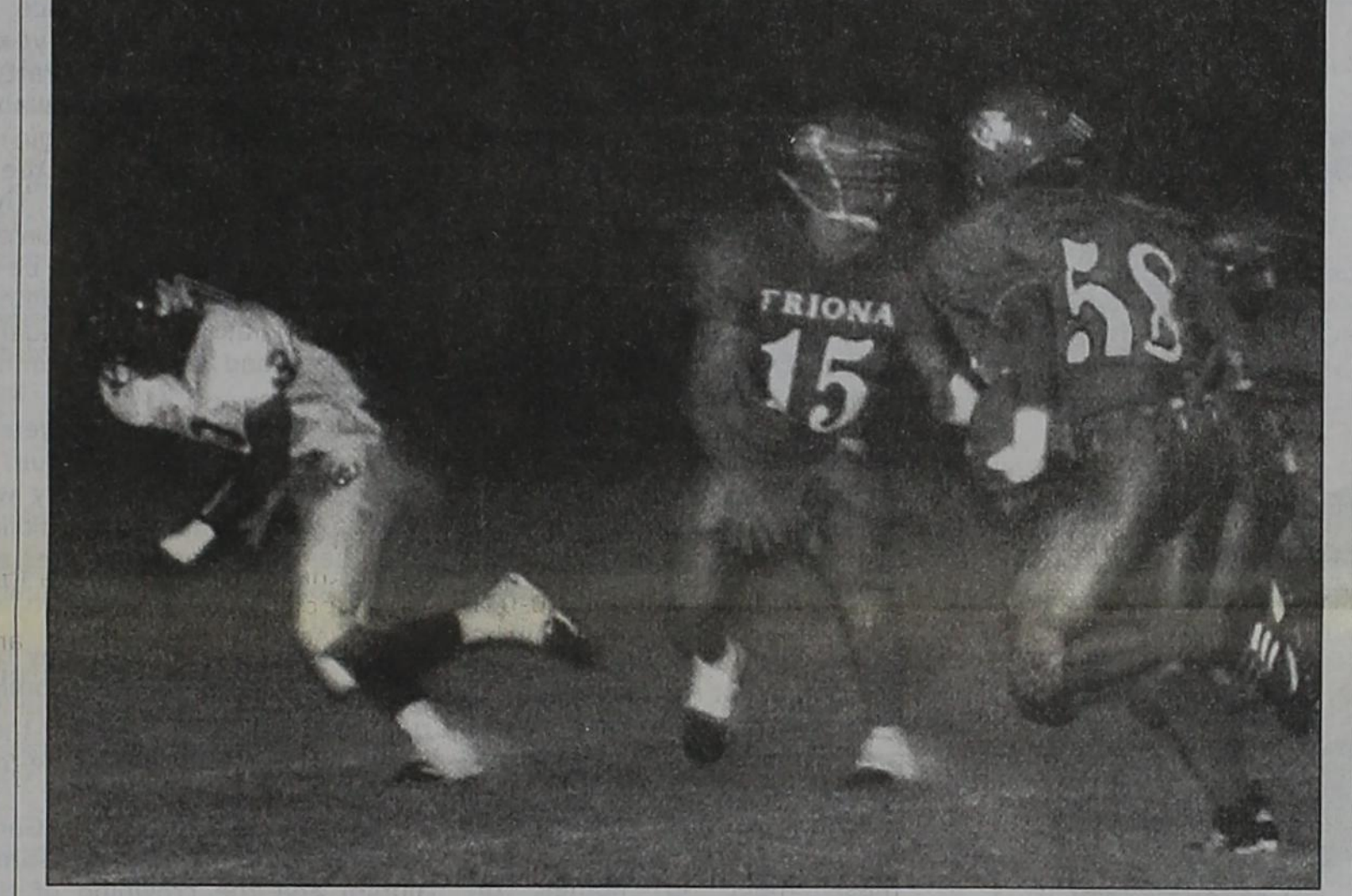
At the cross country meet in Tulia last weekend, freshman Emmie Crutchfield ran an amazing time of 12:06 on the two-mile course. Emmie placed second in the small school division. Graham said the winner set a new course record but Emmie's time of 12:06 would have won the big school division. The big school winner ran a 12:17.

Friona sophomore Beth Nava ran a 13:44 at Tulia for 44th place and freshman Darcy Daniel finished 59th with a 14:09.

Coach Ferguson Comments:

"We felt we played about as well as we could on defense, but we turned the ball over at critical times. But we had the opportunity to win," said Coach Bob Ferguson.

Mendez Shines



CHIEFTAIN junior line-backer David Mendez (58) "played his heart out" against Muleshoe, according to coaches. Above, he returns an interception as Marc Haile (15) blocks. Below, he gets congratulations from defensive coordinator Mike Fair. Mendez had 2 unassisted tackles, 9 assisted, 2 sacks, the interception and a fumble recovery.

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Chemigation is a technique that allows agricultural producers to apply chemicals or fertilizers directly to the soil or plant surface through an irrigation system. However, there is risk of accidental back flow of these materials into a ground source if the system does not have a working chemigation check valve and back flow check valve in place.

In-line, automatic quick-closing chemigation valves are mandated by state law and are strongly encouraged by the Water District. "Required equipment shall be installed on all systems whenever a pump is installed or repaired or at the time of a chemical injection," according to Texas Water Well Drillers and Water Well Pump installer's rules.

"If during daily work activities, a Water District field technician finds a chemigation system operating without a check valve, we will send the land owner a reminder that state law requires these safety devices," said Arnold Husky, water use division director for the High Plains Water District.

By state law, these check valves must contain an automatic, quick-closing, tight sealing mechanism designed to close when water stops flowing in the output direction. This prevents flow back into the well and potentially contaminating ground water. In addition, check valves must be installed between the pump discharge and the point of chemical injection.

Chemigation and back flow check valves are available through any irrigation dealer. Producers with questions should contact Arnold Husky, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas 79411-2499. He may be reached at (806) 762-0181 or by e-mail at ahusky@hpwd.com.



United Way

Boy Scout Hut Gets New Paint

The Friona Boy Scout Troop 56 and Friona Cub Scout Pack 56 have been busy this year with programs that build character, strength, and leadership.

The Boy Scouts have a

membership of 13 boys and six leaders.

The Cub Scouts are working with 50 boys and 12 leaders.

These boys range from 1st grade Tiger Cubs to high school students working toward becoming Eagle Scouts.

The Boy Scouts have completed many activities this year. The Scout Council awarded two Eagles this year, which is the highest rank awarded in Scouting.

The Cub Scouts hosted their Blue and Gold Banquet to award advancement badges to the boys.

Leaders and boys attended summer and winter camps and camporees over the past year. Our Pack 56 hosted the District Day Camp for the second year.

The Friona United Way has played a tremendous part in the Scouting program. With the money and support of the United Way, the Scout Council is able to provide facilities and equipment that would not be possible otherwise.

The money received from the United Way was used to paint the Boy Scout Hut this year.

Support from the United Way also helps with utilities, insurance, and repairs for the building. Many communities do not have a Boy Scout Hut and must meet in homes or schools. Friona is very fortunate to have a building in which to meet.

The Boy Scout Council was also able to purchase new camping equipment for the boys with funds provided by the United Way.

Again this year United Way Funds were used to purchase supplies for projects for the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. It takes a great deal of supplies for the boys' to complete their projects and achievements and advance to the next rank.

The leaders are dedicated to the program and work hard to teach the boys' discipline, integrity, citizenship and all the other traits associated with the Scouting program. Support from the United Way enables the Friona Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts to provide an exciting program for the boys in our community. Without their support, the Scouting program would not be as effective.

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Maize Days Art Show Is Viewed By Large Crowd

Friona Amateur Artists Association held an informal Fall Art Show in the Depot during the final day of the Maize Days Celebration, September 20. A crowd of approximately 250 people toured through the Depot to view the art displays.

There was no formal judging of the art entries, but the public was asked to vote for the "People's Choice" among the 38 paintings on display. An oil painting by Carol Ellis entitled "Portrait of My Yellow Cat" received the most popular votes for first place. Second place went

WTAMU Homecoming to Celebrate Alumni Association's First 50 Years

West Texas A&M University's 2003 Homecoming celebration is scheduled for October 9-11.

"Buffalo Crossing: Where Generations Unite" is this year's Homecoming theme in honor of the 50th anniversary of the WTAMU Alumni Association.

"To show our appreciation to our alumni, we have special dinners planned for the classes that are celebrating their gold, silver and 10-year anniversaries," said M. Keith Brown, director of the Alumni Association.

Homecoming is Thursday, October 9 with a first-ever appearance at WTAMU by award-winning actor and comedian, Bill Cosby. The show begins at 7:00 p.m. at the WTAMU Event Center. Call 806-651-1414 for ticket information.

The Homecoming Classic Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, October 10 at the Palo Duro Creek Golf Course in Canyon. Those who wish to participate can enter by calling 806-651-2345 by 5:00 p.m. Monday, September 29.

After the golf tournament, the Alumni Association will honor the graduating classes of 1953, 1978 and 1993 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Buffalo Courts Alumni Center. The Class of 1953 will gather for a Golden Anniversary Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Alumni Banquet Facility, Buffalo Room.

Also on Friday, visitors to campus can take tours of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, where the exhibit "Let the Good Times Roll" celebrates the 100th anniversary of Buick and Harley Davidson. Vintage machines from private collections will be on display. Tours, which are free to WTAMU alumni who register at Buffalo Courts, are from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Friday's Homecoming events will then move to the Event Center for the Pigskin Revue at 8:00 p.m., where head football coach Ronnie Jones will give a pep talk and the Homecoming Queen and King finalists will be announced.

WTAMU President Russell Long will begin the Torch Procession at 9:15 p.m. when he lights the Homecoming torch at the Event Center. Then the WTAMU band, Homecoming Queen and King Courts, and Dr. and Mrs. Long will lead a processional to the bonfire at Spur 48 and WTAMU Drive.

The annual Bonfire Dance will begin at 10:00 p.m., while graduates from the last 20 years are invited to honor the Class of 1993 at the Young Alumni Party in Canyon, adjacent to Camp Don Harrington. Maps will be available at Buffalo Courts Alumni Center.

Saturday's festivities begin with a 5K Run and 1-mile Fun Run/Walk, at 7:00 a.m. at the northeast parking lot of the Virgil Henson Activities Center. The run/walk will benefit WTAMU Wellness Services and the Maverick Boys and Girls Club of Canyon.

The Alumni Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. at the Alumni Banquet Facility, as the Alumni Association celebrates its Golden Anniversary at its 50th annual meeting. Honored guests will be recognized and the 2004 Alumni Association Board of Directors will be elected.

The Homecoming Parade gets under way at 10:30 a.m. Saturday along Canyon's Fourth Avenue. Grand Marshals for the parade are the Stanley Schaeffer family whose enrollment at the University spans four generations. Following the parade, the Canyon Chamber of Commerce invites everyone to Fourth Avenue and 16th Street for the Fair on the Square, featuring entertainment, games, food and craft sales.

Or, parade-goers can enjoy brisket, sausage and cobbler, which will be served at the Homecoming Barbecue from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on the lawn east of the Museum. In case of inclement weather, the barbecue will be moved to the Jack B. Kelley Student Center.

The Homecoming Football Game, Buffs versus Midwestern State, will start at 2:00 p.m. Halftime activities include recognizing all alumni and the crowning of the 2003 Homecoming Queen and King.

Following the game, the Ag Development Association Fajita Feast and Reunion is set for 6:00 p.m. at Nance Ranch.

For more information or to order tickets for the Homecoming activities, contact the Alumni Association at 806-651-2311.

Annual Festival Of Trees

The 14th Annual Festival of Trees celebration is set for November 15-19, 2003 at the Hereford Senior Citizens Center. This annual extravaganza introduces the magic of Christmas and represents labors from the hearts and minds of dedicated and tireless workers.

This community-wide event sets in motion the holiday season with twenty beautifully decorated Christmas Trees, Children's Activities, Bazaar, Bake Shop, Silent Auction, Lionel Train Display and, of course, Santa.

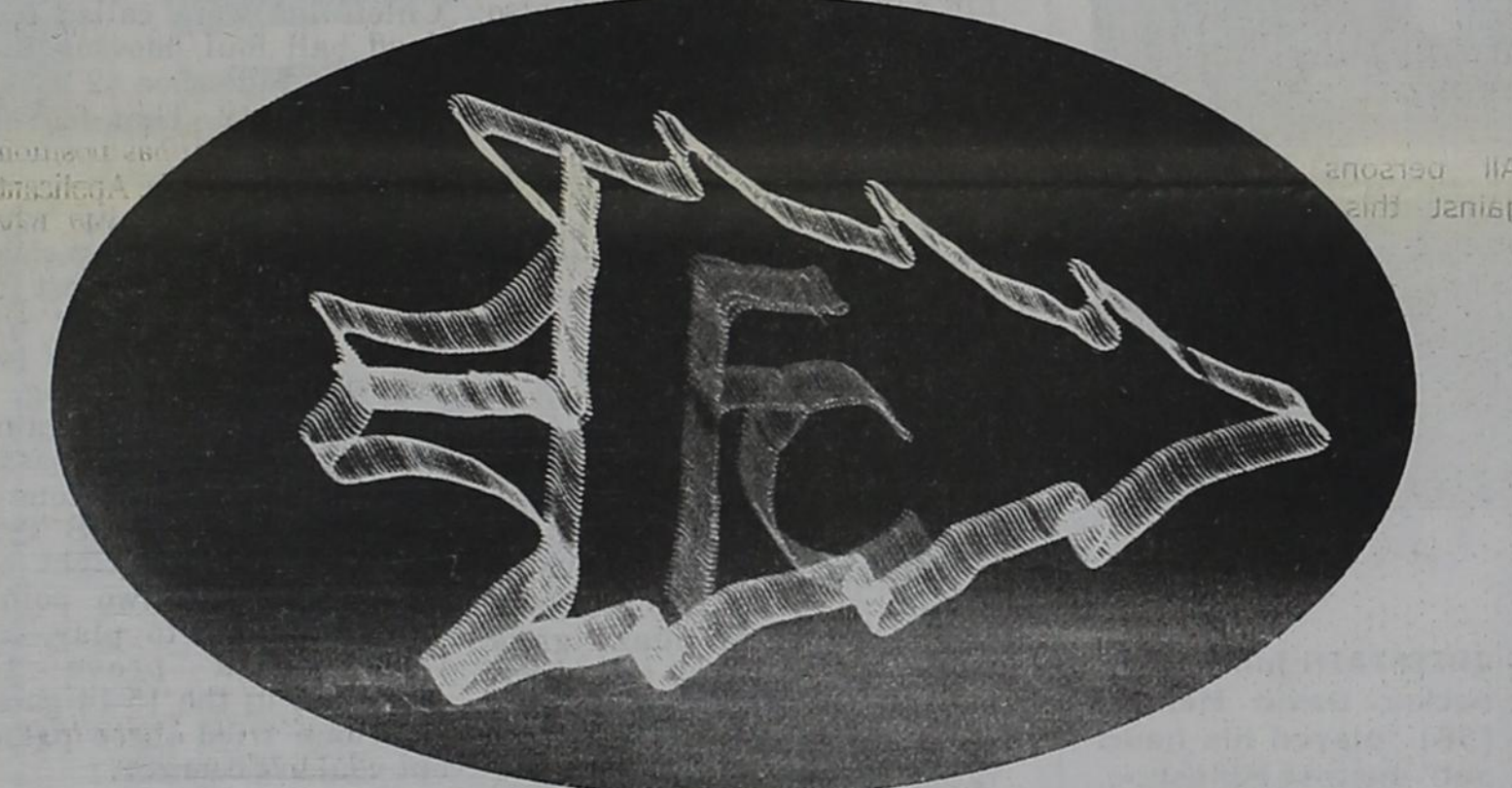
The festival is sponsored by local businesses. Trees are decorated by various schools, organizations and individuals and displayed at the Center. They later are auctioned or leased and, after the festival, delivered to places of choice.

The following is a calendar of events:

- Saturday-Wednesday - Bazaar, Bake Shop, Silent Auction, Viewing of Trees and Lionel Train Display;
- Saturday, November 15 - Children's Activities (Clown Shows 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Cookie Baking, Face Painting and Santa);
- Saturday evening - Dinner Theatre (enjoy melodrama over a sumptuous dinner);
- Sunday, November 16 - Holiday Dinner (turkey, ham and trimmings);
- Monday, November 17 thru 19 - School Children and Care Centers (children's performance & viewing of trees);
- Monday evening - Melodrama (snack bar open);
- Tuesday, November 18-Gala and Auction;
- Wednesday, November 19-Silent Auction closing and Quilt Drawing, 3:00 p.m.; closing of FOT 2003, 5:00 p.m.

Ways to help sponsor the Festival of Trees include: be a Festival of Trees sponsor; purchase a decorated, delivered tree; donate items for Gala/Auction and/or Silent Auction; donate crafted items for Bazaar or Bake Sale; volunteer; or attend the festivities.

Homecoming Fireworks



THE HOMECOMING PEP RALLY Thursday night included a lighted Friona Chieftain arrow and a great 10-minute fireworks display sponsored by the cheerleaders and the Booster Club.
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WINNING ENTRIES---Voting by the public for "People's Choice" during the recent Art Show in the Depot, resulted in these top three winning paintings: third place (lower left) Debra Baxter's "Mountain Cabin Scene;" second place (top) Bobby Wied's "First Day Out;" and first place (right) Carol Ellis' "Portrait of Yellow Cat."

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c/o: Kathryn H. Gurley
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DATED the 16th day of September, 2003.

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DEVOTIONAL

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The Sensational and The Ordinary in Religion

By REV. ALVIN PETTY

Religion has both the sensational and the ordinary in its makeup. The sensational, however, is very minor in wholesome religion and the ordinary is very major. Spiritual maturity and joy consists of seeking and learning to do the ordinary excellently well. Anytime a group or an individual majors on the sensational, mark it down, that their expression of religion is emotionally immature. Maturity, spiritual strength, is finding great sensation in the midst of doing the ordinary well. To paraphrase a statement of Abraham Lincoln's, "God must prefer the ordinary, for he sure made more of it."

Almost all religions traditions contain revelations, visions, prophecies, ecstasies, experiences of being caught into heaven as the apostle Paul was (2 Corinthians 12). These are valid and have their place if they lead toward the further transformation of our lives towards positive good. But if there is no personal transformation to the good these sensational experiences are void of any real worth.

Stephen Mitchell in *The Gospel According to Jesus*, points out that any good spiritual teacher such as the apostle Paul will discourage us from taking visions and other sensational religious experiences too seriously. That is, we are prone to center upon the "residue of fascination" left by mystical experiences. We are to learn from the sensational religious experiences that do come, that which transforms our lives and helps us to focus on doing well the practicality of real life here and now. We are to let the sensational experiences "come and go like any other experiences."

In 2 Corinthians 12 the apostle Paul refers to his vision experiences of being caught up into heaven for the only time in all his writing. And he speaks of it here only to catch the attention of an emotionally immature congregation, which worships sensational experiences, and Paul wants to grow them beyond that. Paul even states deprecatingly in 2 Corinthians 12:6b that he "refrains from speaking about his vision experience so no one would think more of him than was warranted by what he did or said." He wanted the Corinthians to focus on the simple gospel of accepted by grace through faith and transform their ordinary lives accordingly. A sensational experience can be very helpful but as Mitchell said, "if focused on too seriously, too much, then like medicines it can have strong and harmful side effects."

Again Mitchell teaches that the purpose of any sensational religious experience is to help us make "the ordinary become the greatest miracle of all." An eighth century oriental, Layman Pang, summed up this issue very well:

My daily affairs are quite ordinary; but I'm in total harmony with them.

I don't hold on to anything, don't reject anything; nowhere an obstacle or conflict.

Who cares about wealth and honor? Even the poorest thing shines.

My miraculous power and spiritual activity; drawing water and carrying wood.

Star Lites

by

BILL ELLIS



My Friend Ralph--

Friona lost one of its best longtime boosters last week with the death of Ralph Shirley.

When I first arrived in Friona, I heard Ralph being called "Gassy." It wasn't anything derogatory, it was just the fact that he was manager of Friona's Pioneer Gas Co. office.

I learned that a group of businessmen in town enjoyed giving their friends nicknames according to their business.

There was Kenneth Williams who owned the Tasty Cream Drive-In. He was known as "Tasty." D.G. McClellan, local service manager for the GTE office, was called "Phoney."

I guess I'm jealous, since they didn't call me "Newsy." But again, they could've used "Nosey," so I guess that's okay.

In the early 1960s, area farmers organized a group to fight a rate increase in natural gas, used to power their irrigation well motors. At a meeting at Hub, a farmer got up and said "I know we need to keep the prices as low as possible, but I don't want to hurt Ralph Shirley--he is such a nice guy."

Ralph came to Friona in 1951, and immediately became active in community activities, such as the Fire Department, where he served as Chief for over 30 years.

His Fire Chief job didn't stop with Friona. He taught at the Texas A&M Fire School for 31 years, and eventually took other local firemen to work at the school. The firemen and wives also were regular members of the Panhandle Fire Marshalls & Firemen's Assn., which met at Amarillo.

A veteran of World War II, Ralph was active in the American Legion and VFW Post, as well as the Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts, Lions Club--you name it, Ralph was ready to assist.

During his term as president of the Chamber of Commerce, Ralph instigated the awards to a pair of high school students each year, along with the regular Chamber awards.

He didn't ask for a lot of publicity. In fact, if Ralph ever called with a request, I tried my darndest to do something about it, because he wouldn't have asked if it wasn't needed.

Thanks for coming our way, Ralph. We join your family, your community, your church, etc., in mourning your loss. There was just one Gassy Shirley!

LET THE "SON" SHINE

A child's advice to his parents:

I am a special gift from God. Treasure me as God intended, holding me accountable for my actions, giving me guidelines to live by, and disciplining me in a loving manner. God's instructions to man through the Apostle Paul were, "do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." (Eph. 6:4) Have a great week! (TLT)

Thank You

The family of Blake Rundell would like to express our sincere thanks to family and friends for the prayers, visits, calls, flowers, food, and cards. Words can never tell you how much it meant to our family.

May God bless you.

Molly Rundell

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To the wonderful people of Friona, to the E.M.S.--they were the first to our house, to our doctors, especially to Dr. Alexander, one of our greatest, to the nursing staff, to Friona Volunteer Fire Department and to the city for the use of the fire trucks, to Father Ed Sweeney, to the parish of St. Teresa's Church, Mike Roberts, and last but not least to John Blackwell and his staff for a very blessed and fulfilling service for our loved one, Ralph Shirley.

We want to thank everybody for their cards, food, time, talents, thoughts and prayers, during the sickness and death of Ralph.

He loved this town and everyone in it. And most everyone he met became his friend. We hope you miss him as much as we do.

We certainly thank all of you for your love and kindness.

The Ralph Shirley Family

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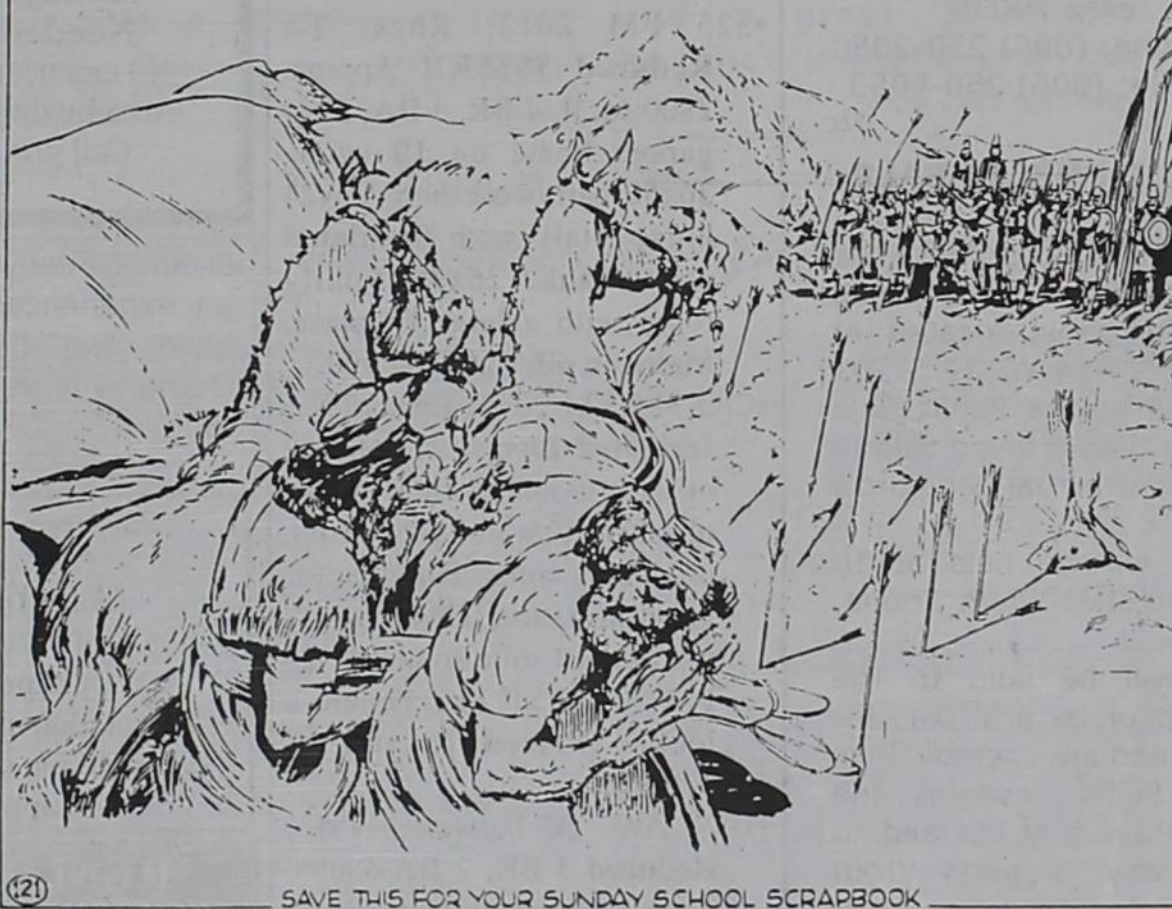
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THE HARD LIFE OF THE MESSENGER

MESSENGERS IN BIBLICAL TIMES WERE IMPORTANT PERSONAGES. THEY CARRIED DICATES OF KINGS, GENERALS, AND STATESMEN, WITH GREAT DISPATCH ALTHOUGH THEIRS WAS NOT A JOB TO BE SOUGHT AFTER. THEIR TRAVELS WERE HAZARDOUS, THEIR HOURS WERE LONG, AND VERY OFTEN THEIR WORK WENT UNAPPRECIATED. IN FACT, IF THEY HAPPENED TO BE READERS OF EVIL TIDINGS THEIR OWN LIVES COULD BE ENDANGERED DUE TO THE FACT THAT OFTEN THE RECIPIENTS OF THE BAD NEWS WOULD ORDER THE DEATH OF THE MESSENGER WHO BROUGHT SUCH UNPLEASANT TIDINGS. ALSO, IT WAS NOT UNCOMMON FOR GROUPS OF MEN TO IMPEDIE THE PROGRESS OF A MESSENGER TO KEEP THE COMMUNICATIONS FROM BEING DELIVERED FOR POLITICAL REASONS. MORE THAN ONE HARLESS COURIER FELL VICTIM TO A ROADSIDE AMBUSHCAUSE RESULTING IN CONFIDENTIAL MISSIVES FALLING INTO THE WRONG HANDS.



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NEWS

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MRS. WADE JOHNSON
KOURTNEY ROBERTSON

Kourtney Robertson & Wade Johnson Exchange Wedding Vows in Canyon

Kourtney Robertson of Canyon and Wade Johnson of Hereford were married Saturday, August 16, 2003 at the First Baptist Church in Canyon, Texas. The Reverend Dixie Robertson officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Jeff and Karen Robertson of Canyon.

Grandparents of the bride are Mrs. Pat Boykin and the late Maynard Boykin of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Robertson of Dimmitt.

Parents of the groom are Ms. Terri Johnson of Friona and the late Terry Johnson.

Grandparents of the groom are Mrs. Fannie Townsend and the late Mr. Johnnie Townsend of Hereford and the late Mr. and Mrs. Jessie "Doc" Johnson of Plainview.

The bride was escorted by her father and wore a white satin A-line gown. It was fashioned with a strapless neckline and an asymmetrical pleated waist. The bodice was trimmed with crystal-beaded embroidery, gathered side drape and lace-up back.

The matching headpiece was a crystal rock tiara and elbow-length white waterfall veil of tulle enhanced with white satin cording. The bridal bouquet contained yellow roses, white calla lilies and seed eucalyptus.

The groom was dressed in the traditional black and white tuxedo and wore a yellow rose on his lapel.

Maid of honor was Kalissia Robertson of Canyon, sister of the bride.

Bridal attendants were Jill Ginn of Hereford, sister of the groom, and Kaci Wethington and Tanya Wethington, both of Nazareth. The bridal attendants wore buttercup satin floor

length strapless A-line dresses. Their bouquets were an array of colorful flowers including yellow roses, daisies and purple calla lilies.

Best man was D.J. Wagner of Hereford. Groom's attendants were Scott Ginn, brother-in-law of the groom, Tanner Murphey and John Crawford, all of Hereford.

The groom's attendants wore black tuxedos with buttercup vests and Windsor ties, which complimented the bridal attendants attire. They wore purple calla lilies on their lapels.

Flower girls were Taylor Ginn, niece of the groom, and Alexis Ethridge. Ring bearers were Bryson Blair, cousin of the bride, and Zach Harbour, cousin of the groom.

Candle lighters were Desta Crawford and Shelia Wagner.

Reception attendants were Kendra Benham and Bobbie Benham, both cousins of the bride, and Megan Brown and Holly Combs, both cousins of the groom.

A reception was held at the Hereford Country Club following the wedding. Guests were served hors d'oeuvres from a buffet table centered with two strawberry trees.

The bride's table featured a traditional white wedding cake made up of three square layers frosted in white and trimmed with yellow scrolls. The cake was topped with white calla lilies, yellow roses and white daisies.

The groom's table held a chocolate cake designed to resemble the Broken Arrow Saloon, which the groom and best man had built behind the groom's family home while they were in college. The groom's table also held a chocolate fountain, accompanied by a strawberry tree.

The groom's family hosted a chuck wagon barbeque supper at the Whitaker Ranch in Canyon on Friday, August 15 following the rehearsal.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Nazareth High School. She graduated from West Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in Business Finance in 2002. She is employed by Southwest Feedyard in Hereford.

The groom is a 1994 graduate of Hereford High School. He graduated from Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in Animal Science in 1998. He is a project specialist for Micro Beef Technologies in Amarillo.

Following a honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico, the couple is at home in Yucca Hills, north of Hereford.



GRANDMOTHER LAURA HART & NOAH LEON ROMERO

Joseph & Evelyn (Hart) Romero Welcome Baby Boy Noah Leon

Joseph and Evelyn (Hart) Romero of Amarillo are proud to announce the birth of their baby boy, Noah Leon Romero, on Friday, September 19, 2003 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

He weighed seven pounds, five and 1/2 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long.

Noah has one brother, Jonathan, age six, and one sister, Rachel, age four, to help welcome him home.

The proud grandparents are Dale and Laura Hart of Friona and Irene Romero of Bedford, Texas.



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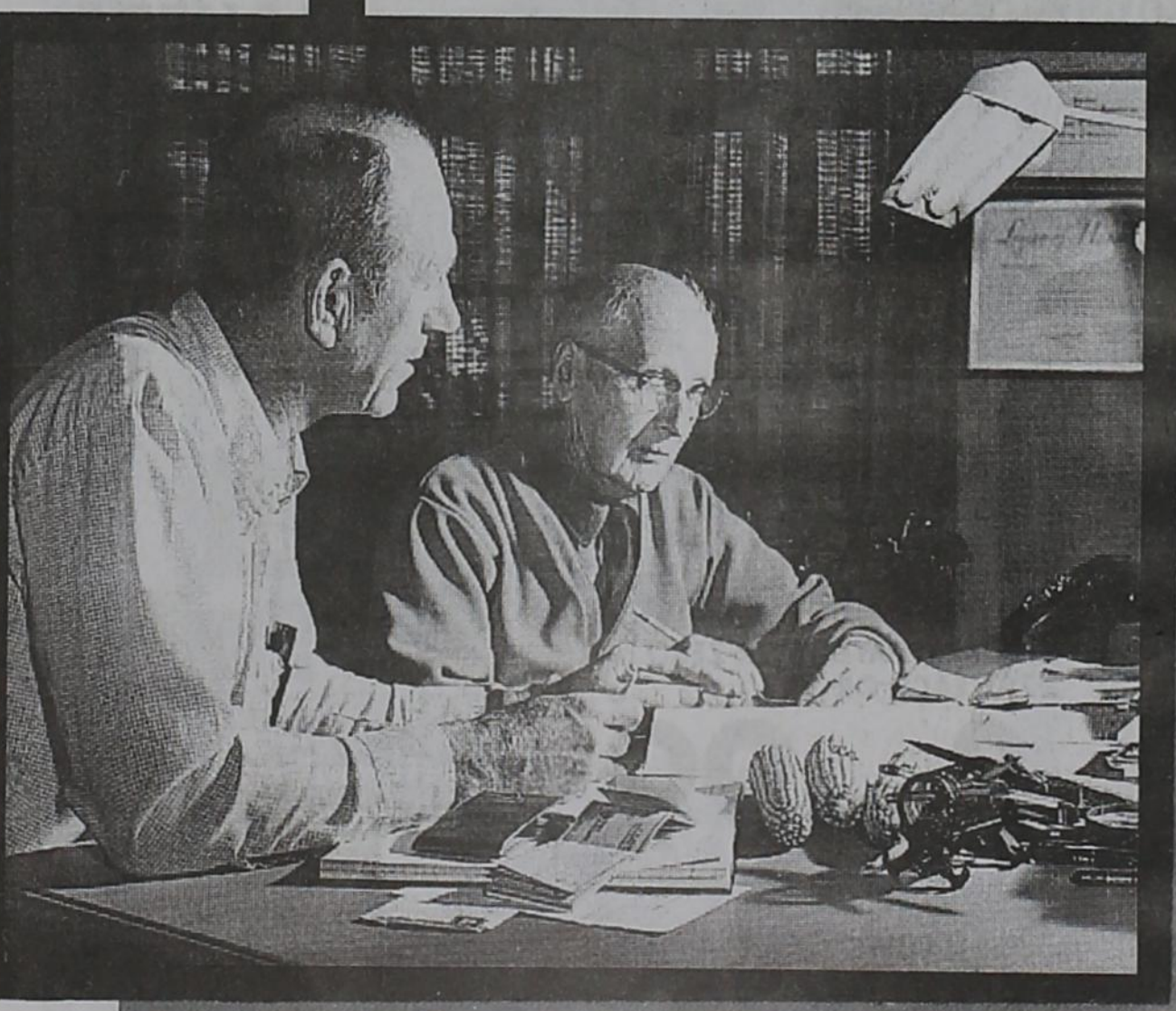
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OPINION

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OUT HERE

by ron carr

10-50 at the Hub Intersection

We gathered again at the Hub intersection Tuesday.

Pretty much the same group of people as last time: EMS responders from Bovina and Friona; volunteer firemen from Bovina and Friona; the County Sheriff and his deputies; a half dozen DPS Troopers; workers from the electric companies; area residents, various onlookers, the simply curious. And me.

The occasion was not a festive one. But then it never is when we all gather at the Hub intersection. The dispatcher call went out as a "major 10-50 at the Hub intersection." A 10-50 in police parlance is a motor vehicle accident.

When a call goes out about a "10-50" at the Hub intersection, you can be confident that it is major. The Hub intersection is not designed for minor accidents.

The intersection of Highways 214 and 86 has become legend in Parmer County. Highway 214 runs north-south. Traffic on 214 has the right-of-way, given by a blinking yellow light. The east-west route, Highway 86, has a blinking red signal, and traffic is supposed to stop.

North-south 214 traffic doesn't even have to slow down. Most oldtimers that live around here do slow down though. One man at the accident site said he slows to at least 20mph when he approaches the intersection.

Over the years at least 16 people have died at the Hub intersection, mostly because someone ran a red light. Numerous other near-fatal accidents have happened.

Minor accidents seldom happen at the Hub intersection.

Yet no one seems to know what to do to make the intersection safer. This latest accident killed two people instantly, trapped a truck driver in his overturned truck, snapped a major electricity pole, and brought the Lifestar helicopter.

A lot of people at the scene Tuesday were shaking their heads and asking "what can be done about this damn intersection." Of course in an ideal world if everyone obeyed traffic signals there would be far fewer wrecks. That is not the case at the Hub intersection.

Almost everyone in Parmer County passes through the Hub intersection at some time or other. During football season, countless football fans and school buses travel south through the intersection. Friends and relatives that come from the south to visit here, pass through Muleshoe and the Hub intersection. With the welcome addition of dairies to the county, dairy related traffic, including many milk trucks, pass along the intersected highways.

The last accident at the Hub intersection involved a loaded hay truck and an empty milk truck that ran the flashing red signal. The hay truck ended up in the yard of a residence with its hay on fire. Two truckers injured. Two trucks totaled. Same first responders, same intersection.

I'm going to venture out on a limb and suggest that the intersection be a four-way stop intersection with the blinking

red signal stopping traffic in all four directions.

(I think I just heard somebody say "aw crap, we don't need to do that.")

When that idea was suggested (not by me) at the accident site Tuesday, a law enforcement person said that "people still wouldn't stop." If we buy that theory then why not just get rid of all annoying signal lights in the county and let people drive however they like.

A four way stop light would at least minimize a lot of stupidity. In Tuesday's case, the truck driver (who had the right of way) would have had to stop which means he would else is inconvenient? Hitting somebody broadside and killing them, then being trapped in your truck cab for an hour and grabbing a helicopter ride to Amarillo when all you wanted to do was deliver some food to the Hub Cafe. That's really inconvenient.

Or having your hay truck split in half and burn up when it is hit by an empty milk truck that jackknifes and totals? That's damn inconvenient if you ask me, especially if you take care of the wife and kids by hauling hay for a living.

How about attending the funeral of a friend or loved one that was killed at the Hub intersection because it was inconvenient to stop for a flashing red light on a flat, straight highway where you can see for miles?

Tommie Weemes at Deaf Smith Electric Coop thinks it is kind of inconvenient to keep replacing poles at the Hub intersection and reconnecting

lines that are knocked down. In this Tuesday accident, three substations were knocked out and power was disrupted to about 2,500 electric meters on the DSEC system.

Jon Hendrickson and a crew from Xcel Energy found their pole splintered into pieces with lines draped across both the car and truck. Electricity in Friona, eight miles away, was off for a while. That's inconvenient.

I'm sure TxDot has some elaborate formula they use to determine whether an intersection like Hub qualifies for a four-way signal. There has to be a certain number of meaningful fatal statistics before they do anything.

There have to be some studies done. Maybe stretching those rubber hose traffic have avoided T-boning the Taurus and killing two people.

Another law person said that making the intersection a four-way stop would be real inconvenient for traffic. I suppose it would.

You want to know what counters across the road for a few months.

I know many of you have personal stories about the Hub intersection. I would like to have copies, or hear from you. You can email us at frionastar@wrtt.net.

I'll be trying to find somebody at TxDot to talk to during the next few weeks about the Hub intersection. Somebody needs to do something.

Saving a life is not an inconvenience.

Letters To The Editor

Ron:

Your editorial last week has prodded me off the couch and onto my soapbox. It seems to be past time for our city government to make an attempt to reinstall some common sense to our city. I had the opportunity to visit with Jerry Morris on two occasions, but after each visit I wondered how we were fortunate enough to hire a man who seemed to have the interest of Friona at heart. At that time, most of the Friona people had never seen the Police Chief outside his office or his car. In his great wisdom, before moving to Tulia, he placed Jerry Morris on suspension. If we as a city will not get off our brains and defend Jerry Morris then we deserve the mess we are in. Who in their right mind would want to serve in our Police Department? If we were to have a citywide forum tomorrow I think recommendations would be made somewhat as follows:

1. Re-instate Jerry Morris immediately; retroactive to the day he was suspended without pay.
2. Give Jerry Morris legal and moral support, as he may need it. If we leave him hanging out to dry as we have these months, then why are we surprised that no one in their right mind would apply for a job here? If we will not support him, then common sense tells us that we will be flooded with John Doe complaints in the future. I suspect that we had better have a reserve for legal expenses in the future if we sit on our hands and continue doing nothing.
3. Suspend the rule of residence, temporarily. We have to recognize that we have a housing problem in Friona and it will be for some time.
4. Send a message to the future John Does and Ambulance Chasers that we are proud of our town and its employees and we will fight for them when we know they are right.

Ron, I appreciate your interest in our community and I have enclosed my check for a Lt. Morris legal fund. If you learned anything from Bill Ellis you will charge me for this political statement.

Kenneth Neill

Gina Villarreal Earns Degree From WTAMU

Degrees were officially conferred on 261 West Texas A&M University students during summer commencement exercises, August 16, 2003, at the WTAMU Event Center. The University awarded 175 baccalaureate and 86 master's degrees.

Gina Villarreal, of Bovina, was among the graduates. She was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

Flu Shots Available Oct. 14

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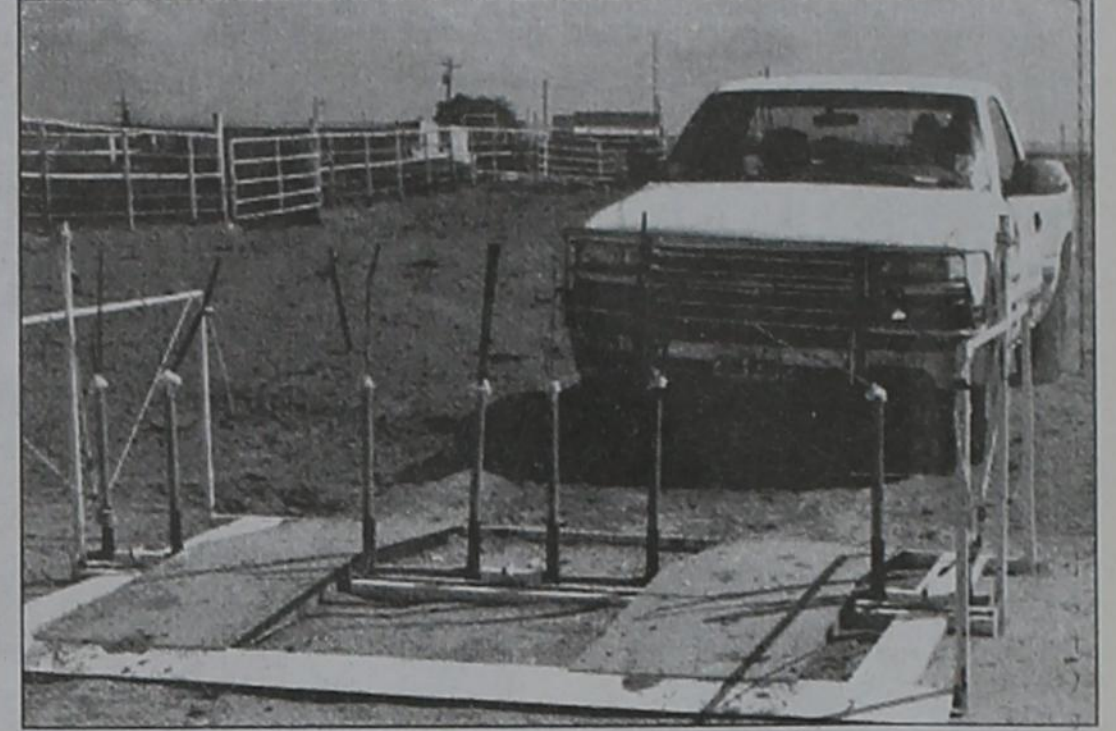
NEWS

Winners In Dixon Run Competition

Winners in the Dixon Six-Mile Run competition in conjunction with Maize Days were: Six-Mile: Rob Noland of Hereford, 45:54, 1st; Justin McNeely of Hereford, 53:55, 2nd; and Jim Dixon, 1:45, 3rd. Two people turned out for the two-mile walk. Lana Bracken and her dad, Teddy Fangman walked the two miles in 34:27. In the two-mile run, 22 runners competed in the event. The top finishers were Ben Kirton, 12:33, 1st; Michelle Martin, 14:09, 2nd; and Beth Nava, 14:15, 3rd.



WINNERS in the annual Dixon Two-Mile Run competition during Maize Days were, l-r, Ben Kirton 1st; Michelle Martin, 2nd; and Beth Nava 3rd. courtesy photo



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Keep glasses in a protective case when not wearing them. Always rest them with the lenses facing up. Put on or take off your glasses with both hands, grabbing the temples midway on each side and sliding them backwards over your ears. This will keep their shape.

Avoid spraying aerosol hairsprays and perfumes near your lenses. These products may contain acetones and other chemicals that can cause lens coating to peel.

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BITS AND PIECES

By TONY BAPTISTE

Police Chief

Friona Police Department

A reminder that the current seat belt law is being enforced statewide and is expensive if a traffic citation is issued. As of this writing, the fine for not wearing a seat belt is \$132.00. That is quite a large piece of change that you could put to better use than in the coffers of the State of Texas or the City of Friona. So please do us a favor and wear your seat belt.

There is also the safety factor, in that seat belts save lives, it's as simple as that. In my 30 years of law enforcement I have not checked one wreck where a seat belt caused an injury, but I have checked wrecks where the victim did not use a seat belt and that was the basis for serious injury or death.

Another violation that is dangerous and expensive, if issued a citation, is exhibition of acceleration. That will cost you \$124.00.

I would like to ask you to be extra careful when passing a police car that has a vehicle stopped on the side of the roadway. Slow down and move over to the center of the roadway as much as possible. The officer has enough to watch out for without having to worry about you as you attempt to pass.

I have been looking over the applications for patrolman and there are some good experienced officers wanting to go to work for the City of Friona. Our current shortage of officers is starting to look like it might be solved in the next two or three weeks.

I think I need to explain the 'billy club' school I was talking about at the newspaper office. I told Ron that officers have to be certified with each piece of equipment they have access to. Thirty years ago an officer had to qualify with his weapon and that was about it as far as training went.

Today, the officer is much better trained and educated.

The correct name for the school I mentioned is 'baton training' and in this training session an officer is taught how to control a violent person with the baton without causing severe injury or death.

Pepper spray is another tool that enables an officer to restrain a violent suspect without causing severe injury, and an officer has to be certified in the use of pepper spray before he can carry it on duty.

An office has to be certified in radar operation before he can operate the radar set in his unit.

The number of schools and re-certifications an officer has to go through every year is extensive and time consuming, not to mention the cost to the agency he works for. Our officers at the Friona Police Department are currently up to date with their training and are fully qualified to use each piece of equipment they are issued.

I just wanted to set the record straight.

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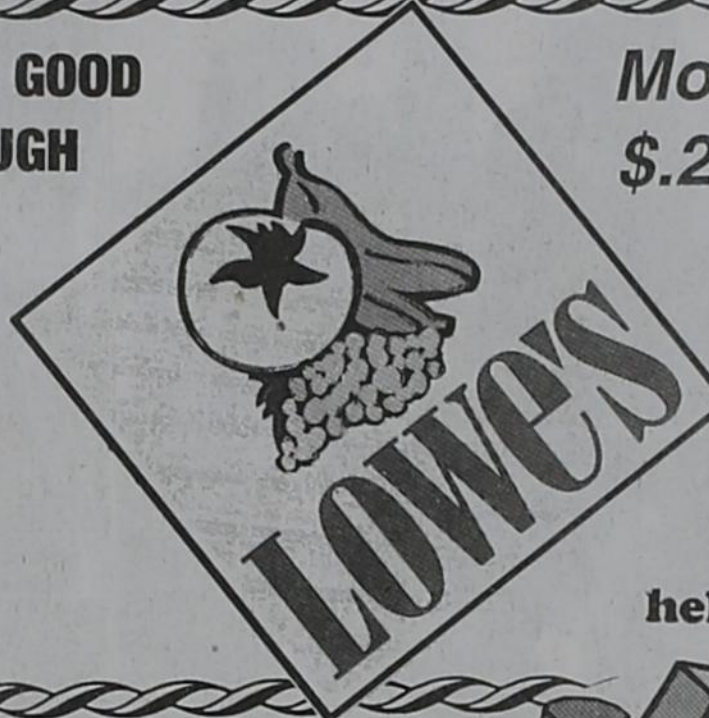
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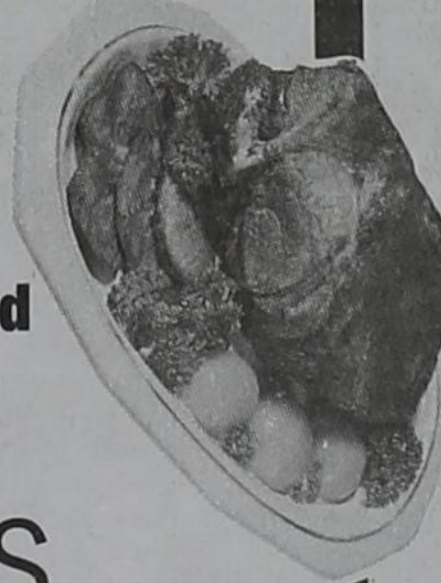
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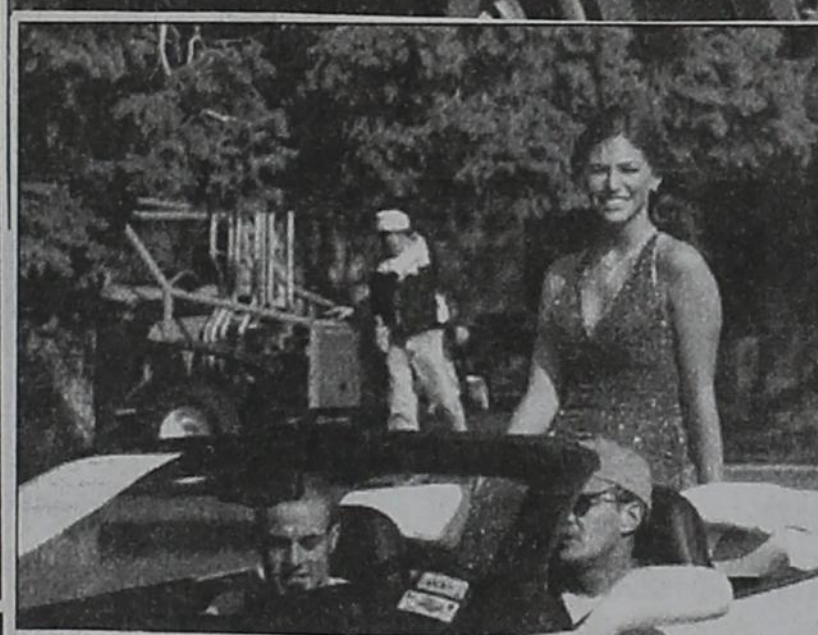


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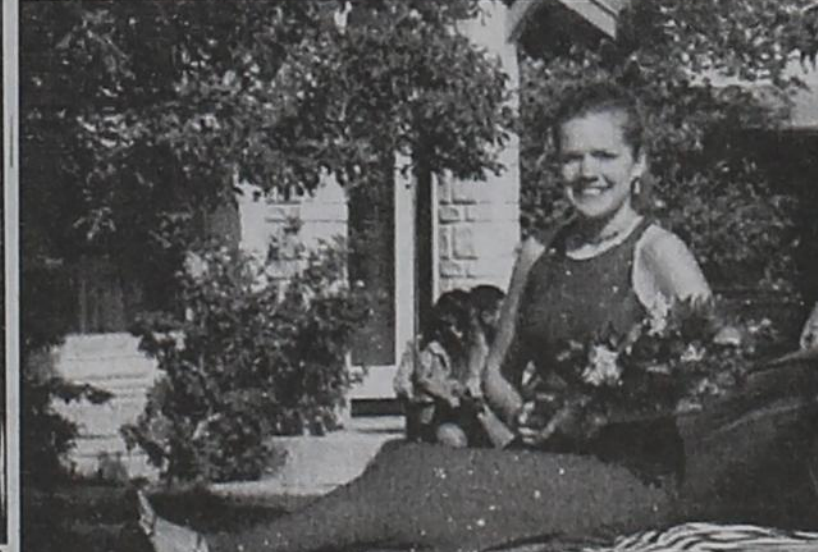


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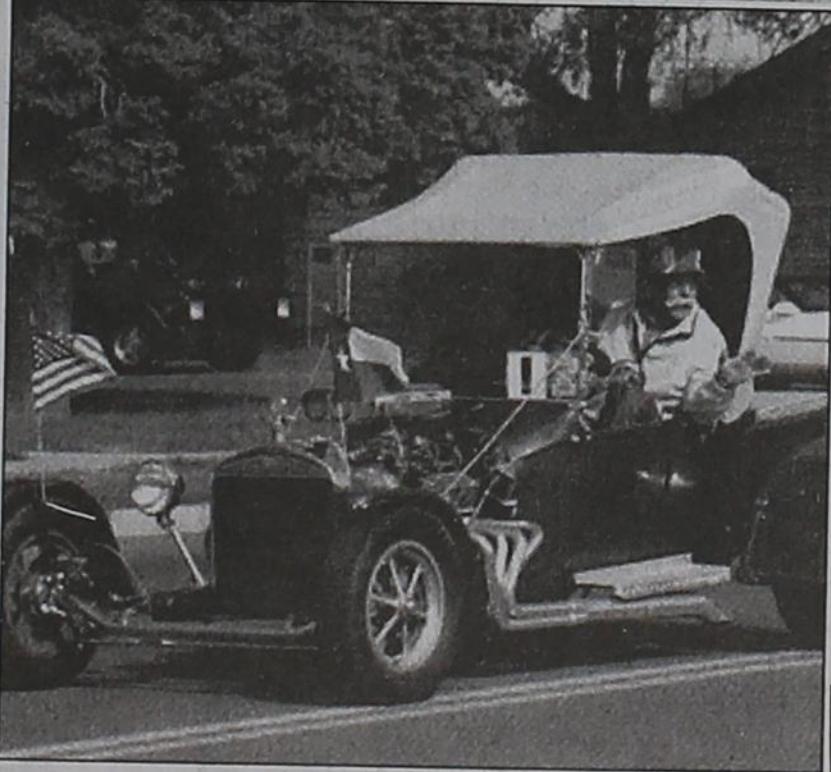


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Hail Damage Total Still Unclear;

Harvest Aid Guidelines Available from TCE

LUBBOCK September 19, 2003 By Shawn Wade
A week after one of the worst late-season storms in recent memory has done little to pinpoint just how much cotton was lost to a pair of hard charging hail storms that sliced through the area early last week.

The damage, concentrated in Dawson, Terry, Lynn, Hockley and Yoakum counties, has reportedly affected upwards of 150,000 acres. Acres so severely damaged that they will not be harvested is estimated at less than 100,000 acres.

Affected producers are now in the uncomfortable position of having to assess the amount of damage incurred and deciding what course of action they should take next.

To help producers through this process the Texas Cooperative Extension service has available a publication titled "Assessing Hail-Damaged Fields" that provides information on how to determine the potential of the remaining crop. It also discusses harvest aid options are available to open remaining bolls and salvage the most production from damaged fields.

In order to help producers make 2003 harvest aid treatment decisions, TCE Cotton Specialist Dr. Randy Boman has also updated the "2003 High Plains and Northern Rolling Plains Harvest Aid Guide".

This publication, along with the other TCE publications cited, is available at local Texas Cooperative Extension office locations or from the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock. You can also find the 2003 Harvest Aid Guide and Harvest Aid Price table in .pdf format on the Lubbock Extension Center's website (<http://lubbock.tamu.edu>). The publication "Assessing Hail-Damaged Cotton" is available on the PCG website (www.plainscotton.org) along with a study evaluating the effectiveness of harvest aids applied to hailed-on cotton.

TCE also has prepared a chart containing the average retail price for most of the harvest aid products available to producers. The prices shown are averages and are not reflective of any single retail location. Producers need to be aware that prices will vary from location to location.

Disaster Rules Involving Deceased

Producers and Estates Getting Clarified

LUBBOCK, September 19, 2003 By Shawn Wade
Over the past few months one of the most vexing problems being encountered by individuals inquiring about participation in the 2001-2002 Disaster Assistance Program has been how to apply for eligible losses on a farm when the producer who farmed the land is deceased.

Program rules state that DAP applications must be signed by the eligible producer, someone authorized to sign for the eligible producer, or, in the case of a deceased producer, the individual who has authority to enter into a contract for the deceased producer.

In the case of a deceased producer, figuring out who has authority to sign the application has created a great deal of consternation for both producers and county Farm Service Agency personnel.

Unfortunately, determining if an estate has been closed and if authority remains vested in an individual is often a little harder to determine.

Proof of authority is often an easy thing to provide through copies of court orders, letters from the Secretary of State, or documentation authorizing the individual as the Executor of the Estate.

If none of the above types of documentation are available, other documents may be approved by FSA on a case-by-case basis. This case-by-case approval mechanism will include requests to accept applications from, and issue payments to, heirs of the deceased.

Once approved, payments will be issued either to the eligible individual, or the deceased producer's estate as applicable. If payment has been approved for a deceased producer's heirs, then payment will be made in the name(s) of the heirs based on the details of the determination by FSA.

TDA Amends Stalk Penalty

The Texas Department of Agriculture today amended the Cotton Stalk Destruction Program's penalty system to further TDA's mission to control cotton pests and eradicate the boll weevil in Texas.

The biggest change is that the new penalty formula used to calculate fines does not take field wetness into account. This is because current herbicides, including some new materials, make cotton-killing aerial applications possible even if fields are wet. In the past, the farmers with wet fields were given extra time to destroy stalks.

In 2002, the cotton stalk destruction regulations for Cotton Pest Management zones 1-8 were modified to require simply that farmers maintain their fields in non-hostable condition, instead of specifically requiring the shredding and plowing of stalks. Non-hostable means that no live fruiting structures (buds, flowers, squares or bolls) can be present. In the absence of such structures, a cotton plant cannot serve as a host for boll weevils. As a result of this 2002 regulatory change, alternative means of stalk destruction, such as herbicides, have become widely adopted.

Another change simplifies the penalty calculations. The new formula uses a \$250 base penalty, plus a 50 cents per acre penalty for each day of non-compliance. The new system benefits cotton growers by shortening the period that boll weevils have host material available to feed upon in the fields. This helps reduce the size of weevil populations present at the beginning of the next planting season.

The changes come as a result of suggestions made by the Cotton Producer Advisory Committees made up of Texas growers from across the state. Deadlines for cotton stalk destruction are mandated by regulations adopted under the Cotton Pest Control Law to help control boll weevils and pink bollworms. After the deadline, cotton stalks in Cotton Pest Management Zones 1-8 must not be allowed to develop squares, blooms or bolls and must remain without fruiting structures until planting next spring.

For additional information, growers can contact TDA's regional offices in Lubbock, (806) 799-8555; Dallas, (214) 631-0265; Houston, (713) 666-8491; San Antonio, (210) 820-0288; or San Juan, (956) 787-8866.

Cotton Market Weekly

A Service Provided by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

Cotton futures on the New York Cotton Exchange rose to new 33-month highs Wednesday. The highs were short-lived, however, as cotton futures declined the following day in consolidation. Although technical factors permeated the market this week, concerns surrounding potential damage to the U.S. cotton crop by Hurricane Isabel were evident.

Cotton analysts were apprehensive that Isabel would move through the key cotton producing state of Georgia and then northward into the Carolinas. Instead, only North Carolina and Virginia were affected.

Talk among traders is the damage to North Carolina's cotton crop has not been too severe in the aftermath of Hurricane Isabel. In fact, Isabel was downgraded to a tropical storm Thursday night. North Carolina's production for the 2003-04 season was projected at 1.0 million bales. It still is too early to report a complete assessment of the damage to the crop, but one trader estimated losses at 25,000 to 50,000 bales of cotton due to the storm and more cotton will have suffered wind damage.

Meanwhile, USDA's crop progress report continued to highlight a U.S. crop that still lags behind the norm. As of Sept. 14, 45 percent of the bolls on the U.S. cotton crop were open compared with 35 percent last week, 61 percent in 2002 and the five-year average of 64 percent. The condition of the U.S. crop showed 19 percent in poor to very poor condition compared with 18 percent, while 53 percent of the crop remained in good to excellent condition.

In other news, USDA's weekly sales and export report was delayed as the agency remained closed in the aftermath of Hurricane Isabel. The report is scheduled for release on Sept. 22. Traders expect the report to show weak sales, but they said they will be more interested in future reports to see how sales have fared in the wake of cotton prices hitting 33-month highs. The high prices, traders said, likely will hinder foreign cotton demand. Sales estimates for the week ended Sept. 11 ranged from 30,000 to 50,000 bales while shipments were pegged at 90,000 to 120,000 bales.

China remains key to the bullish outlook in cotton prices due to its reduced production and expected import increases. Internal cotton prices in China have been rising to record levels, and this has been offering support to futures prices. A news service reported this week that China's low tariff quota for cotton imports in 2004 has been lifted to 4.0 million bales from 3.8 million bales this year, according to the State Development and Reform Commission (SDRC). The commission said the government would ask local cotton importers to seek overseas cotton at preferential prices to meet the textile industry's demand, as China's cotton supply will not be ample.

On the spot cotton scene, online sales by Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas producers in the five trading days ended Sept. 18 totaled 4,123 bales compared to 84,421 bales the previous week. Prices received by producers selling their cotton online ranged from 46.03 to 54.81 cents per pound versus the previous week's 47.41 to 53.61 cents per pound range.

USDA Grants Funds For PCS

Bryan Daniel, Texas State Director, USDA Rural Development today announced that Panhandle Community Services was awarded a \$157,920 grant through the Rural Housing Service Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) program.

"USDA Rural Development is very pleased to be able to provide housing rehabilitation funding for rural Texans," said Daniel. "It is our goal to ensure rural residents are afforded an opportunity to live in decent housing that meets basic health and safety standards and provides the benefits of energy efficient features."

USDA funds will be used to assist 35 families with essential home repairs in 26 Panhandle counties. The estimated population of these counties is 360,000, with 9% being very

low income. Each county will receive assistance based on the total population, percentage of low income and amount of funds available and areas of greatest need. The funds will be used to conserve energy and improve accessibility for the handicapped.

The purpose of the HPG program is to promote sustainable economic development in rural communities by making grants to sponsoring organizations for the repair or rehabilitation of low and very low-income housing. Grants are competitive and are made available in areas where there is a concentration of need.

For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact USDA Local Service Center in Amarillo at (806) 468-8600, ext. 4.

FFA Looking For Former Members

The Texas FFA Association has launched a program to reconnect with the hundreds of thousands of students that have worn the distinctive blue and gold FFA jacket over the last eight decades. "The Texas FFA is celebrating 75 years of success through youth leadership development and agricultural education," said Tom Maynard, executive director of the Texas FFA program. "We want to hear from our former students about how their lives have turned out and how their FFA training helped them."

Maynard said the 75th annual observance of the FFA's birthday in Texas is an excellent opportunity to locate the students that have been in FFA over the years. The organization plans to do that with a website, and a media campaign encouraging former students to make contact with the organization.

To assist alumni in reconnecting with the organization, the Texas FFA has launched a new website: www.texasffa.org. Alumni can visit the website and click on the 75th Anniversary logo to submit their contact information.

What started as an organization for farm boys in 1929 has grown into a large and sophisticated program that trains both boys and girls in agricultural science, public speaking, parliamentary procedure and a solid work ethic.

"We believe FFA has matured into a progressive, inclusive, and diverse youth organization, teaching leadership, technology, career and character development," said Tobin Redwine, this year's student president of the Texas FFA Association. "We are eager to hear from all generations of former FFA members about how FFA has impacted their lives."

The Texas FFA initiated this project to reunite former Texas FFA members with the organization, to keep them informed about the organization and to let current members know how the Texas FFA can impact their own lives, through the experiences of others.

The Texas FFA is the nation's largest state FFA association with a membership of 58,753 and 977 local affiliates.

Great Plains Ag Credit Announce Distribution

Great Plains Ag Credit, ACA has recently distributed \$612,000 in cash patronage to its stockholders according to Carroll Haygood, the agriculture lending cooperative's president. He noted that both the amount of earnings being allocated to stockholders and the cash distributions paid out through GPAC's Patronage Allocation Program has increased in recent years. It was reported that \$4.1 million in earnings has been allocated through the program since the 2000 year. The patronage program defrays interest costs to both short and long term borrowers, according to the release.

GPAC serves numerous

agriculture producers and agribusinesses in the western two-thirds of the Panhandle and is headquartered in Amarillo. Loan offices are also in Plainview, Dalhart, Dumas, Olton, Tulia, Friona, Muleshoe and Dimmitt. The ag lender was formerly known as Plainview and Amarillo PCA's. The association merged in 1999 and in 2001, federal land bank association operations began in order to better serve producers.

For additional information, contact: Carroll Haygood, President, P.O. Box 2410, Amarillo, Texas 79105; call 806-376-4669; fax 806-373-4761.

Failed WTO Negotiations Did Not Fail Texas Farmers

Congressman Randy Neugebauer is pleased that U.S. trade negotiators, "didn't give away the farm" at last week's World Trade Organization trade negotiations.

Neugebauer recently returned from a four-day trip to the WTO ministerial meeting in Cancun as part of the House Agriculture Committee delegation. The U.S. negotiating team included the Secretary of Agriculture, Ann Veneman and the U.S. Trade Representative, Robert Zoellick.

Neugebauer went to the WTO negotiations to promote and defend the concerns of West Texas farmers who are increasingly victimized by unfair trading practices in other countries; he was encouraged that U.S. negotiators held their ground. Neugebauer called his experience eye opening.

"The world is really starting to understand the importance of U.S. Agriculture, U.S. Cotton, and U.S. Textiles. Fair trade is more important than free trade. The U.S. is not prepared to give away the farm when it comes to trade negotiations," Neugebauer said. "Our West Texas farmers must be protected and that's one of the issues we discussed in Cancun. While free trade has economic benefits, fair trade is more critical to expanding export markets for American farm products, and that's the message I delivered to our negotiating team."

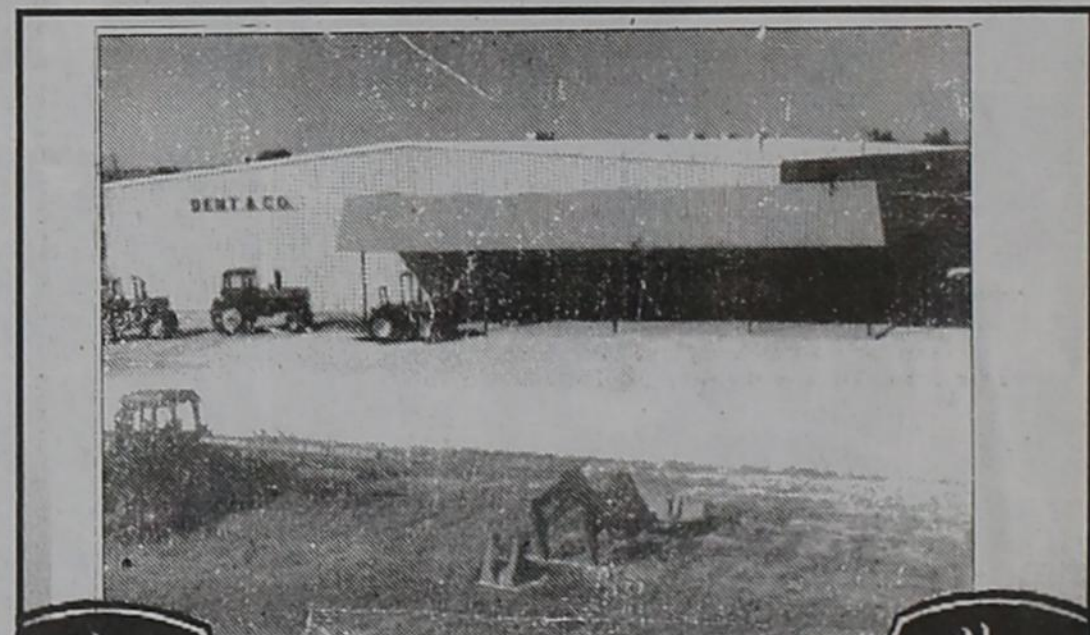
The meetings came to an abrupt conclusion Sunday when four African countries submitted a proposal that would eliminate the U.S. cotton program. Neugebauer said Zoellick tried to persuade those country's representatives to broaden their proposal, but the talks fell apart at that point.

Neugebauer said that while agriculture was not the cause for the failure of negotiations, it was important to note that the U.S. came to Mexico with the willingness to ambitiously move forward on the three pillars of agriculture trade - domestic subsidies, export subsidies, and market access.

"Agriculture had a strong voice at the trading table and that is the most important thing. The skill of the negotiating team ensured that these meetings would in no way result in a bad deal for U.S. agriculture and our farmers," Neugebauer said.

Neugebauer also discussed with Agriculture Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte the possibility of hearings to assess the WTO negotiations after Cancun. One possible hearing will focus on types of subsidies and trade barriers that developing countries maintain in their own markets.

Neugebauer sits on the Agriculture Committee's Subcommittees on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, Specialty Crops and Foreign Agriculture Programs, and Livestock and Horticulture.



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Once again harvest is here! To help you during the Fall Harvest, we will add the following PARTS DROP OFF times in the morning. This will begin September 1, 2003 and continue through November 15, 2003, then we will go back to the Afternoon Schedule only.

Parts Drop Off Schedule

Morning Schedule

Lazbuddie	Trieder Electric	8:30am
Hub	Hub Elevator	9:00am
Friona	4 Way Pump	9:20am

Afternoon Schedule

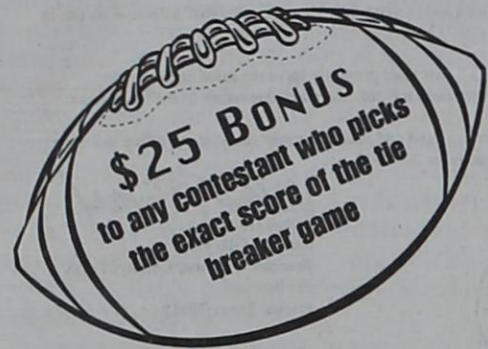
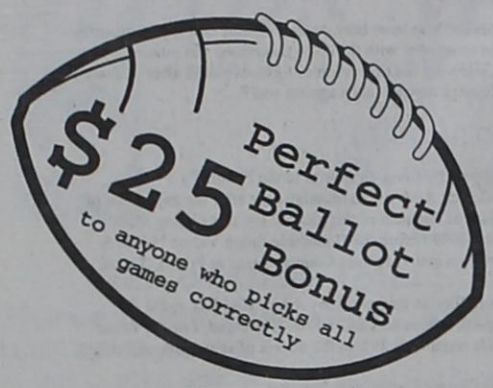
Hub	Hub Elevator	1:45pm
Friona	4 Way Pump	2:00pm
Lazbuddie	Trieder Electric	3:00pm

If you have any questions, call me at Toll Free 866-272-4296. Also, our after hours Emergency number is 806-946-8922.

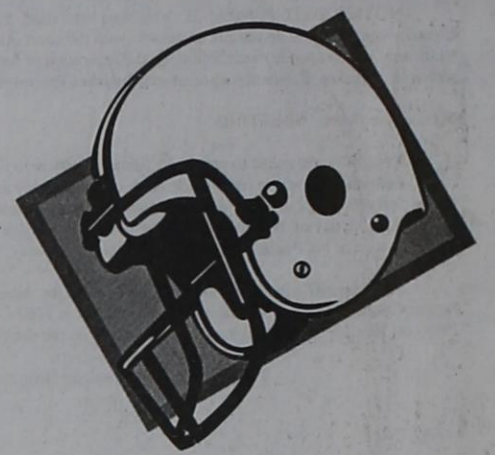
Thanks,
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Parts manager

Football Contest

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Weekly Prizes of... \$25 • \$15 • \$10



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CONTEST RULES

Tie-Breaker: Pick the score of the tie breaker game. The tie-breaker game does not count on the won-loss record. Guess the total rushing yards in the game as a second tie-breaker.

Entries are due by 5 p.m. each Friday. Three ways to enter:

Fax entry to 806-250-5127

Mail to: Football Contest
P.O. Box 789
Friona, TX 79035

Bring entry to: Friona Star Office
916 Main St.
-or-
Dorothy's Beauty Shop
3rd St in Bovina

Mailed entries should be sent to the Friona address above and postmarked by 5 p.m. Friday.

Cash Prizes of \$25 for 1st, \$15 for 2nd and \$10 for 3rd will be awarded weekly.

Each correct game picked counts as one point. Player with most total points at the end of the 13-week contest will win a Grand Prize of \$200. Second place overall winner will receive \$100.

Only one entry form per individual. Must be 10-years or over to enter. Newspaper employees and their immediate families are not eligible to enter.

For questions or more information about the football contest, call: 806-250-2211

Football Contest Entry Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip _____

Phone: _____

Week 6

Games played October 3, 4, 5

Deadline 5:00 p.m. Friday, October 3rd

Please check the game of your choice.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Estacado at | <input type="checkbox"/> Amarillo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pecos at | <input type="checkbox"/> Lubbock |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caprock at | <input type="checkbox"/> Canyon Randall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> River Road at | <input type="checkbox"/> Panhandle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Idalou at | <input type="checkbox"/> Littlefield |
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Tie Breaker Score: Tennessee ___ New England ___

Total rushing yardage of Tie Breaker Game: _____

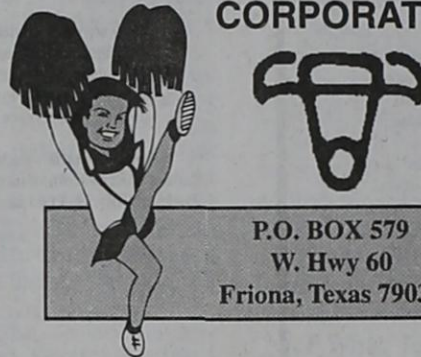
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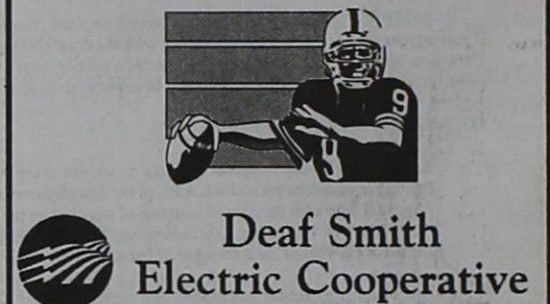
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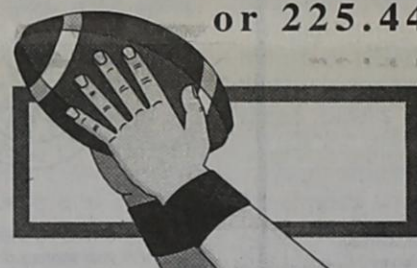
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