



COUNTY RIVALS MEET...Kids Inc., teams are active for about another week before the season ends. Friona and Bovina have a number of teams that play each other in a small fry rivalry. Above, this game was in Friona as the little Chiefs battle the little Mustangs. The umpire is Stefan Busch. ron carr photo

RESTORATION COMPLETE

Historical Items Sought For Friona's Museum

The restoration of the first floor of the Pioneer Heritage Museum building has been completed. The museum board is now ready to accept items from the community. Initially only the first floor will be opened as a museum with the basement used for storage. The purpose of the museum is to preserve and display the rural agricultural history of Friona, Parmer County and the State of Texas.

The main floor area of the museum will be divided into five sections including the original altar area of the church. The altar area will be used to exhibit religious history materials and objects such as early day song books and Bibles as well as banners and other religious materials. A ranching section will exhibit early tools related to ranching, such as barbed wire, horse-shoes, ropes and saddles. This section will also

contain a comprehensive history of the transformation of the XIT Ranch area into Parmer County since Parmer County is the only county which was totally contained within the XIT Ranch.

A farming section will exhibit early farming hand tools and a history of irrigation on the high plains along with the introduction of elevators and railroads for shipping. Included will be crops and commodities raised in Parmer County and the establishment of the cattle industry in the area.

An exhibit of farm and ranch house life will contain early furniture, kitchen ware, and a history of the social life in Friona.

The history of utilities for the area will be included such as electricity, gas, water and sewage. A photo exhibition and special exhibits will also be included.

The Museum requests that items be donated or gifted to the museum for display. If you have an item to donate to the Pioneer Heritage Museum, contact Darla Bracken at the Friona Library 250-3200, Wendy Carthel at the Friona Chamber of Commerce 250-3491, or Mary Johnston 250-2588.

Sign Up For Fourth of July Golf Scramble

A "4th of July" golf scramble is being organized at Friona Country Club in conjunction with Friona's 4th of July celebrations.

Tee off time will be at 1 p.m. You can bring your own team of four or they will put you on a team. Prizes will be awarded to winners in each flight.

For more information call Karen Harrelson at the club, 250-3125.



JUNE IS



Summer Drama Workshop Presentations Fri. June 28

Friona's annual summer drama workshop will present three productions on Friday, June 28, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Friona High School auditorium.

Each summer the two-week workshop is held for elementary, junior high and high school drama students. The public is encouraged to attend this year's plays and support the youngsters. Cost will be \$2 per person, and \$1 for students and senior citizens.

The elementary group will present HeeHaw Hayride, directed by Allison Johnston. The cast is:

Kia Given, Tenna Montana, Kylie Boyd, Krystin

Gonzales, Joel Hass, Derek Jamerson, Hannah Carthel, Aaron Hand, Alex Ferguson, Bryan Baxter, Christy Widner, Laci Austin, Kelsey White.

Also, Jordan Kelley, Cheyenne Harris, Tarah Read, Bobby Moore, Jessie London, Kathleen Wyly, Abby Jones, Jessica Jamerson, Alex Gonzales, Rachel Busch, Kaki Stadler, Ali Frye, Jaci Zingerman, Brittany Berend, Jason Berend.

Also, J Gurley, Weston Wyly, Bradley Robledo, Allie Stadler, Justin E, Callie Ratliff, Haden Smiley, Brandon Berend, Matthew Scott, Matthew Ratliff,

Rowdee Rhodes, Holly Johnston, Mykelti Rhodes, Emma Bowden, Hannah Moore, Chloe Frye, Kirstie Smith, McKenzie Moore.

Stage manager, Troy Turner, assistants to the director, Mary Susan McGarr and Sara Widner; sound, Mashay White; lights, Lory Wyly; stage crew, Kimberlee Jones, Meghan Hendrickson, Kyla Graham; props, Katherine Thompson, Justin McCasland, Brittany Montoya.

Because of our newspaper deadline, some names may be omitted. If so we apologize and urge you to attend the productions June 28.

The junior high production is titled "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," a comedy directed by Kayla Wyly.

The cast includes Pedro Ramos, Kimberlee Jones, Jordan Jamerson, Zac Carr, Brandon Robledo, Hillary Rando, Chase Given, Deirdre Johnston, Hollis Gurley, Jordan Rains, Tiffany Smith, Britney Robledo and Alex Gurley.

Stage manager is Micah White; lights, Lory Wyly, sound, Mashay White; props, Katherine Thompson, Sara Widner, Michael Johnston, Mary Susan McGarr, Brittany Montoya.

The high school group will present "The Other Cinderella," directed by Brenda Beebe.

Cast members are Travis Monk, Sara Widner, Mary Susan McGarr, Lory Wyly, Troy Turner, Josh Rivera, Kyla Graham, Stephenie Jones, Katherine Thompson, Andrew Merrell, Michael Johnston.

Stage manager is Justin McCasland; lights, Micah White; sound, Mashay White; props, cast and crew; costumes, Gay Taylor.

Fireworks In Friona Are Off-Limits

It's dry. It's hot. And Monday, June 24 through July 4, fireworks go on sale to the public.

Parents are cautioned to remember that shooting

fireworks within the city limits of Friona is illegal. Violators in the past have often been issued warning citations. Not this year.

Police Chief Scott Given says that because of the dry weather and fire danger, violators caught shooting fireworks within the city limits will be issued a citation. No warnings.

The fine is up to \$100 plus court costs of \$49. And, if any fire damage occurs, you can be subject to restitution for the damage.

Also, caution is urged for residents that shoot fireworks out in the county. Be aware of the dry conditions and the danger of grass fires. Keep the July 4th holiday period safe for everyone.

Sr. Social Slated For June 29th

-Correction-

Contrary to the Friona Star's story in last week's issue, the Friona Senior Citizens' social will be held on Saturday, June 29, instead of June 22 at the Friendship House.

Cake and homemade ice cream will be on the menu, and the Five Friends will provide entertainment.

All members of the Friona Senior Citizens are invited to attend, at 5 p.m.



VISITING V'LESHA....Shown visiting V'Lessa Wilcox, right, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, are, standing, Caleb Miller, Jacob Miller, Tolby Wilcox, Kelsey Welch, Mandy Daniel and V'Lynda Wilcox. Seated on bed is V'Laura Wilcox. See Ron Carr's "Out Here" column for more.

Area Has Steady Heat, High Wind

The Friona/Bovina area has experienced another week of high temperatures, with high winds accompanying the heat most days.

Farmers with small cotton have been busy running their sand fighters, and until Thursday the wind had blown virtually for a week, from early until late.

Wednesday's high temp of 100 was the second for the month and season. June of 2001 ended with just one day with the temp 100 or above. And, although there were five days in July of '01 that topped 100, a difference was in the moisture.

A total of 5.95 inches was measured for May, 2001, compared to only .47 inch this year.

Date	Hi-Low
Friday, June 14	84-62
Saturday, June 15	96-56
Sunday, June 16	88-57
Monday, June 17	93-63
Tuesday, June 18	98-66
Wednesday, June 19	100-69
Thursday, June 20	92-70
Rain: .19 inch	June 15;
.12 inch	June 16.

MARIJUANA CASE

R. Puckett Charged; Farmland Seized

Last week, the Lazbuddie marijuana case was more or less broken wide open, after an eight-month investigation by the Parmer County Sheriff's department.

On October 18, 2001, the Parmer County Sheriff's office had staged a raid on a farm located one and one-half miles from the Lazbuddie school.

During the raid, more than 200 pounds of marijuana were recovered from a corn field and a barn on the property.

William Vernon Puckett, 74, of Lazbuddie, was arrested on charges connected to the marijuana seizure, was found guilty and placed on probation.

On Thursday, June 13, 2002, District Judge Gordon Green ordered that the Lazbuddie land, a half section (320 acres) be forfeited to the state. This ruling is expected to be appealed.

Evidence introduced in court stated that the land owner is Ronnie Puckett of Lazbuddie.

On Friday, June 14, Ronnie Puckett, 47, was arrested by the sheriff's office on a charge of possession of marijuana between 50 and 2,000 pounds.

The younger Puckett was released after posting \$10,000 bond. The case is pending before the grand jury.

I'M SURE BY NOW most of you have heard the news that McDonald's restaurants may eventually use more imported beef for their burgers, because they prefer lean beef.

Like most of you, my first reaction to this statement was that McDonald's was very un-American in this plan, and I've even heard some say they had eaten their last quarter-pounder from the place with the golden arches.

Ye Editor, wanting to get to the bottom of the imported beef situation, called his friend Burt Rutherford, executive VP of the Texas Cattle Feeders Assn. (TCFA), who we usually see at least once a year, when the TCFA sponsors the Hall of Fame dinner at the Panhandle Press Assn.'s annual convention. You can guess what's on the plates at this particular banquet.

Glad I called him, too, because Rutherford explained a few things concerning the export and import of beef, which sheds a whole new light onto the situation.

"There is no shortage of lean beef in the United States, but the shortage basically comes in the area of inexpensive lean beef," Rutherford told us.

"The U.S.' exports of high-quality beef far outweigh its imports of primarily lower quality products. In addition, the U.S. beef industry has added a lot of value to the beef carcass, specifically the chuck and round portions, which now are more in demand domestically as well as being exported more, as well," the TCFA spokesman said.

"While the U.S. beef producers would like to be able to supply all the beef needed by the quick-service restaurants it makes better economic sense for the U.S. beef industry to accept lower value imported lean trim beef from abroad, than to grind more valuable domestically produced cuts into hamburger, thereby lowering its value," Rutherford said.

Also, in defense of McDonalds, the recent announcement actually said that McD's plans to run a test in 400 of its restaurants, using imported lean beef. Traditionally, McDonalds has used all-U.S. beef, while its chief rival, Burger King is the one that looked abroad for its lean meat.

Incidentally, Wendy's Restaurants, whose founder, Dave Thomas died in the past year, continues to use all U.S. beef products, including much from our immediate area.

One reason the American beef processors can't supply more lean beef is that the leaner cuts abound in cows, including dairy cattle, and younger calves. Packing plants have no plans to slaughter more of these types of cattle.

Another reason the TCFA isn't pushing the panic button is that most of the imported lean beef comes from Australia and New Zealand, which combined supplied 56 per cent of all imported beef in 2001.

These countries are also limited as to how much beef they can export to the U.S. through Tariff Rate Quotas, measured by a certain number of metric tons they can export. And-both virtually filled all of their quotas during the year 2001.

Therefore, beef imports are not expected to increase as a result of McDonald's recent announcement.

"Our main concern at the TCFA is that there might be an attempt by Australia and/or New Zealand to increase their import quotas, and we would fight such an increase vigorously," Rutherford said.

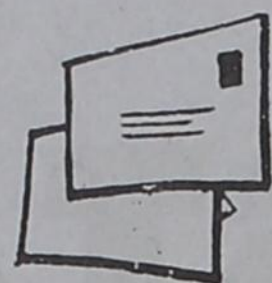
Our thanks to Burt Rutherford for assisting us in this essay.

Star Lites

by Bill Ellis



Letters To The Editor



Dear Bill & Carol:

Congratulations on your 40 year anniversary.

Sonny Graham deserves credit for hiring you. It was one of those fortuitous events that was good for the Star and its owners, the town, and it seems, for you and Carol.

I would not have attempted to be the absentee owner if it had not been apparent that you and Carol were doing so well with the paper, and were so good for it and the community that I began to think it would be hard to replace you, and to worry about you getting a better deal elsewhere and leaving. So it became obvious that the thing to do was to sell it to you. There is nothing like being your own boss.

I remember being agreeably surprised at how quickly and easily you persuaded Frank Spring to finance your purchase, aided, I'm sure, by your prudent saving of a sufficient down payment and the good impression the bank had of your ability to not only run the paper, but also to manage finances.

So, it worked out well for all of us.

I turned 70 two months

ago, and I can't believe it. I still practice law, but at a slowed pace. I like it still and like being involved. Our son William practices law in a firm next door to mine. And our daughter Claire is a reporter on the City Desk with the Austin Statesman, mainly doing crime reporting.

Our best wishes to Friona.

Best regards,
Joe Osborn
Austin, TX.

Dear Bill:

This letter is my way of saying "Thanks" to everyone who helped make my recent art exhibit such a success.

First of all, thanks to the Friona Star for your generous coverage of the exhibit. Thanks to everyone who came to view my paintings.

What a pleasure it was to visit with so many good friends and neighbors, and all the positive comments were greatly appreciated.

Special thanks go to Peggy Monroe, Ann Osborn and Linda Griffin for their help with the reception. Special, special thanks go to my wife Delphine, who spent many a night alone upstairs while I was down in the basement smearing paint.

Thank you all.

Bobby Wied

Services Were Held For Frances Drake

Services for Frances Elizabeth "Mom" Drake, 84, of Lubbock were held at 2 p.m., Wednesday at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel with the Rev. Ray Hamlin officiating. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

She died Sunday, June 16, 2002.

She was born Jan. 14, 1918, in Fayetteville, Ark. She graduated from high school in Fayetteville and married Wesley M. Drake March 7, 1936 in Haskell, Okla. He died in 1977.

A son, George W. Drake, died in 1996.

She worked as a nurse's aide at Colonial Nursing Home for 15 years. She was a charter member of Faith Today Ministries.

Survivors include three daughters, Charlene Holmes, Sondra Campbell and Patricia Holmes, all of

Lubbock; a son, Ray Drake of Pickton; four brothers, Bill Allen of Flagstaff, Ariz., and John Allen and Frankie D. Allen, both of Friona, and Joe Allen of Rhea; a sister, Jessie Jackson of Grand Prairie; 14 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

July 4th Events

*Patriotic music, 2 p.m.

7 p.m.: Hamburger/French Fry cookout at City Park, Friona Noon Lions Club.

*Drinks available, Women's Division.

*Homemade ice cream, by Chamber.

*Games and train rides for kids.

Lillie Hughes' Rites Are Held In Oklahoma

Funeral services for Mrs. Lillie Mae Hughes, age 89 of Arapaho, were held on her 90th birthday at the Church of Christ with minister Patrick Peters officiating.

Mrs. Hughes died Friday, June 7, 2002, at the Grace Living Center in Clinton. She was born on June 10, 1912, the daughter of William and Mary (Caskay) Hughes, near Rhea.

She was reared in Custer County and married Raymond Hughes on June 29, 1930 in Butler.

They lived in Custer County until 1957 when they moved to Friona, Texas where they farmed until 1985 and retired and moved back to Arapaho.

Her husband preceded her in death along with a son, Eugene Hughes; a granddaughter, Lee Ann Johnson; four brothers, Georgie, Cleo, Elmo, Delmar; and two sisters, Beulah Lee and Eliza.

She was a member of the Church of Christ and enjoyed quilting, cooking and working in her flower and vegetable gardens.

Burial will conclude in the Butler Cemetery under the direction of the Stanley-Lee Funeral Home in Clinton.

Survivors include two daughters, Shirley Johnson and husband, Jerry, of Weatherford, Virginia Lowell and her husband, Brice, of Oklahoma City; a son, Jim Hughes and his wife,

Carmileta, of Arapaho; 10 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren.

The family suggests that those who desire may make memorial contributions in her honor to the Western Oklahoma Hospice

Ex-Frionan's Rites Held In Nevada

Funeral services for Violet L. Houser, 84, were conducted Tuesday, June 18, 2002 at Bush River Memorial Gardens Mausoleum of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Caughman-Harman Funeral Home, Irmo/St. Andrews Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Houser died Wednesday, June 12, 2002. She was born in Eagle City, Oklahoma, and was the daughter of the late Samuel and Mabel VanWinkel Green.

Mrs. Houser and her husband Marc lived in Friona for several years, when he was co-owner of Houser Super Market. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include two daughters, Dianne Whitener of New Orleans and Marsha Frisk of Irmo, Nevada; four sisters, Ina Eckhart and Alma Rellan of Watonga, Oklahoma, and June Nusz of Yukon, Oklahoma and Martha Schimmles of Fay, Oklahoma, two brothers, Lewis Green of Watonga, Oklahoma and Ray Green of Canton, Oklahoma.

Eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren also survive.

The family suggests memorials may be made to the American Lung Assn., or to their local Hospice chapter.

Friona Flashbacks

...from the files of The Friona Star

70 Yrs Ago-June 24, 1932

F.W. Reeve and others of this place who were taking an active part in promoting the plan for a north and south highway across Parmer County, met with quite a disappointment in their efforts when they presented their petition to Judge John H. Aldridge for his signature as an endorsement of the project by the Commissioners Court. At a recent meeting of the court it was unanimously agreed that the court should endorse the move, but no motion, it appears, was made to that effect, and Judge Aldridge contended that he could not conscientiously sign the petition unless the matter had been made of record by the court.

60 Yrs Ago-June 19, 1942

Probably the most destructive and the most widespread hail storm on record for Parmer County struck late Sunday afternoon, when an estimated half million bushels of wheat, destroyed in a storm of from three to five minutes duration.

From the best available reports reaching the Star office, the storm originated somewhere near Grady, New Mexico, and spread east and a little south in its mad race of destruction.

50 Yrs Ago-June 19, 1952

Alan Romich, manager of the Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, submitted his resignation to that group early this week.

The reality of a sightlier and safer playground at the Friona Grade School is nearing this week with a crew at work filling in dirt leveling etc. New soil is being placed over the grounds preparatory to lawn seeding before commencement of the fall school term.

45 Yrs Ago-June 20, 1957

M.L. "Marty" Martinez is now on duty at Parmer County Community Hospital. He finished exams before the Texas and Oklahoma Board of Examiners and started work June 15. He is a recent graduate of Southwestern State College in Weatherford, and obtained experience while in college by having a job in a Weatherford drug store.

40 Yrs Ago-June 21, 1962

Anni Jensen, Friona High School's first exchange student, left the city yesterday morning, to begin the first leg of the trip back to her native Denmark. She left behind a year full of memories, new experiences and most of all, a town full of friends, who learned to love the cute Danish girl, and who also learned a lot about her country, its customs and way of life.

Gayle White and Wayne Cason, Friona's representatives to Girl's State and Boys' State, have returned from their outings with reports of a good time, with an elective office bestowed on each.

35 Yrs Ago-June 22, 1967

H.E. (Barney) Barnett, administrator for Parmer County Community Hospital through two major expansion programs, has resigned his position effective July 1. Barnett came to Friona as business manager of the hospital in June of 1958. He observed his ninth year in his capacity this month.

In a page one photo, Delbert Davis borrowed a page from the past last week when he did some plowing on the Bill Flippin farm near Friona using a team of Flippin's mules. The unusual plowing rig caused much comment by passers-by.

30 Yrs Ago-June 22, 1972

On June 2, 1972, a group composed of Parmer and Lubbock county residents filed an application for a state bank in Friona with the

Texas Banking Commission. The proposed bank would be named "Texas Bank," with a capitol structure of \$400,000 and would be located in the downtown area, according to a spokesman for the group.

This week marks the beginning of a novel feature in the Friona Star, a tribute to this area's fabulous cattle industry. Entitled "Cattle Country, U.S.A.," the feature has set out to trace the history of how the cattle industry has blossomed in the Friona area, pointing out what a tremendous economic impact the industry has had, and will continue to have, on the area.

Friona Industries have begun using their beautiful new offices on the eastern edge of Friona. Open house for the new office is scheduled for Sunday, June 25 from 2 to 5 p.m.

25 Yrs Ago-June 19, 1977

Fishing with the earthworm is a discovery of modern-day man, and the worm growing business is about to boom as demand for bait increases. Gladys Wilson and her son Donald are "early birds" who got into the business and Mrs. Wilson says she is not planning to make "big" money but wants to supplement her retirement income.

The temperature hit the century mark in Friona for the first time this season on Thursday when the official high in the city climbed to 102 degrees. Some thermometers registered as high as 105 degrees that day.

20 Yrs Ago-June 20, 1982

Naming of a new city fire marshal, and adoption of a new city electrical code highlighted the monthly meeting of the Friona City Council June 7. Longtime fire marshal, Clyde Fields, had tendered his resignation.

After discussion, Clyde was replaced through appointment by none other than his son, Roger Fields, the city's emergency operator and member of the Fire Department.

The Friona Noon Lions Club announced this week that they will serve their annual barbecue meal for the July 4th celebration on Monday, July 5, starting at 11:30 a.m. through 1:30 p.m. at the Friona Community Center.

15 Yrs Ago-June 20, 1987

The Easter Opry Road Show will give a benefit performance in Friona on Saturday, June 20. Proceeds from the show will go toward hospital expenses for 10 month-old Kimberly Annette Carrera, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cesareo Carrera of 1310 Washington.

Hollis Horton marketed the first load of wheat in Friona this season. The truckload was harvested Monday, June 15, on the Lillard place north of town.

Tony Igo of Plainview was employed as assistant elementary principal for 1987-88 at a recent meeting of the Friona School Board.

10 Yrs Ago-June 20, 1992

Hazel Weir celebrated her 90th birthday Monday, June 15 with a reception given by friends and family.

Rickey Rector reported this week that a grain truck he owns that was partially loaded and parked in a field four miles south of Friona was vandalized by unknown persons Monday evening.

5 Yrs Ago-June 21, 1997

On June 25, an Army recruiter will be in Friona to whisk David Shelby away to a 4-year, or longer, career in the U.S. Army. He will report to Fort McClellan, Alabama June 26 for three months of basic training. He is the

grandson of Bennie and Beulah Shelby.

Friona Chamber members and ambassadors welcome new owners Mark and Deidre Osborn at the official opening of their Big Ticket Video Rental store on Main Street, formerly Wilhelm Video



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Friona News

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With Your News Items...

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Jack and Ona Patterson returned to their home in the Rhea Community last Thursday after spending nearly three weeks traveling. They began their trip with a four-day stay in Knoxville, Tennessee at Jack's Army 94th Infantry Division WWII reunion. They had fought in France and Germany under General Patton. There were about 50 veterans and their spouses present.

Following the reunion, the Pattersons went to Chatworth, Georgia and stayed with Jack's nephew and his wife, Kirby and Sherry Patterson.

Jack and Ona's daughter, Sandra Blacksten of Amarillo, had been sent to Boston by her school where she works for a conference so she stopped in Atlanta on her way back to Texas and joined her parents for the week in Georgia.

After several days of visiting in Chatsworth, the Pattersons and their daughter went to Blue Ridge, Georgia to stay with Ona's brother and sister-in-law, Frank and Janette Ritchie.

On the last Saturday of their stay, Jack's sisters reserved the fellowship hall of their church and invited friends and family members to bring food and visit with the Texas Pattersons. Jack said there were 120 people who attended the reception and only about 6 or 8 of them were not actual family members. They had a great time of visiting and catching up with everyone.

Geraldine Taylor had a busy start to the month of June! On June 1, she went to Pampa, where her daughter Suzanne threw a surprise 60th birthday for her husband Ronnie. His actual birthday was May 28.

Those present were Dana Wood and Greg Mack of Vail, Colorado; Lisa Taylor and girls, Katharyn, Caroline and Sarah Zagorin of Austin; Mark Taylor Wood of Austin, and Gerry.

The group attended church on Sunday at First United Methodist Church of Pampa, where Suzanne is choir director.

Suzanne, Lisa and their daughters returned to Friona with Gerry for a "pit stop." Then they were off to Glorietta, N.M. The group stayed at First Baptist Church, Pampa's cabin. The girls fished at Monastery Lake.

They also had a picnic one

day, and walked about a mile and a half to see the ancient Indian paintings in the area. They went to Santa Fe a couple of days, where they visited the St. Francis of Assisi church, saw Georgia O'Keeffe's paintings among others.

Gerry said that the area around Glorietta had had rain, and was pretty and green. However, they also drove by hundreds of acres of burned-out areas. Gerry arrived back in Friona on Saturday, the eighth.

Roy V. and Eva Miller celebrated Father's Day two or three times last weekend. They were guests for lunch at Donna and Sam Mears' home on Sunday.

Sunday evening, a group gathered at the Dairy Queen for a Father's Day party. Among those present were Don Gerie, Randy and Sarah Gerie and children of Friona, Randy's sister, Lisa Ard of Amarillo, Roy and Eva Miller, Donna and Sam Mears and Clint Mears.

Amy Gerie baked a cake for both of her grandfathers, Don Gerie and Sam Mears.

On Monday, Mary Lou and Dale Glass of McLean came to Friona to honor her dad.

Pat and Lawrence Martin attended their grandson's, Dustin Wetmore's graduation from Cal High School in San Ramon, California, last week.

He is the youngest child of the Martins' oldest daughter and son-in-law, Caroline and Dave Wetmore.

The Wetmores have two other children who attend San Luis Obispo University. They are Kristen, a junior, and Laura, who is working on her Master's degree.

The Martins flew to California last Tuesday, and returned home Sunday.

Betty Louise and Lloyd Rector are happy to report that they are home and feeling some better.

Betty, who had knee replacement surgery May 10 and suffered with complications with medications, is now using a cane outside. Lloyd, who was hospitalized in Mule-shoe for several days, is also improving.

The couple has even been out to eat in Friona a couple of times, and are sure glad to be back home!

Becky and Ty London

went to Odessa Friday to be with her mother, Wanda Norris, following her hospitalization for heart problems. They stayed with Becky's sister and her family, Ruby and Randy Hamilton and children Garry and Brooklyn through Wednesday.

The mother is doing better after doctors changed medications and prescribed lots of rest.

*We understand that A.L. Black suffered a second-degree burn from a cup of coffee and was taken to the burn center in Lubbock.

*Herbert Day fell in his yard on Wednesday, and was taken to the hospital.



NEW HEAD COACH

Jeff Isom has been promoted to head coach of the Chieftains varsity basketball team. He moves up from junior high. Coach Isom has been in Friona 7 years. He and wife Brittany have one child, Jacob, 2 and a baby due in October.



THE BOYS basketball camp was completed last week. Here, Coach Isom gives instruction to Sawyer Reed, left, and Jared Boyd. Isom is the new Chieftain basketball coach.

Hot Deals

 1992 Mitsubishi Mighty Max stk#412XA \$2,995	 1990 Chevy S10 Ext. Cab stk#5526M \$9,995	 1998 Chevy Blazer stk#1057A \$11,495
 1998 Ford Explorer Sport stk#787A \$9,995	 2000 Chevy Suburban 4x4 stk#95907A \$28,995	 2000 Chevy Suburban stk#124CA \$27,995
 1999 Chevy Tahoe LT 4x4 stk#1177A \$21,995	 1999 Chevy Tahoe LS 4x4 stk#620GMA \$22,495	 2000 Olds Silhouette stk#220A \$20,995
 1998 Chevy Venture stk#66CB \$12,995	 2002 Pontiac Montana stk#603GM \$18,995	 2001 Dodge Durango Sport stk#1L \$20,995
 1999 GMC SLT Ext. Cab 4x4 stk#137GA \$17,995	 1997 GMC Ext. Cab Z71 stk#9647GB \$9,995	 2000 GMC SLE 4x4 Crew Cab stk#9595GA \$24,995
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1999 Chevy Blazer 2 dr. stk#31LA	\$12,995	2001 Pontiac Grand Am 2 dr. stk#607GM	\$13,495
1999 Olds Bravada stk#636GM	\$15,995	1999 Pontiac Grand Prix GT stk#1GA	\$12,995
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Ami Davis, Kevin Schueler Exchanged Wedding Vows



50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY....Joe A. and Johnnie Walters of the Hub community celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 14 at the home of Mark and Vicki Walters in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Hosts for the event were the children of the couple and their spouses. Walters married the former Johnnie Evans on June 14, 1952 at First Methodist Church in Littlefield. The couple previously lived in San Antonio, Lubbock and Plainview. Walters is a retired farmer and mechanic. She has taught piano lessons more than forty years and still teaches part-time. Children of the couple are Mark and Vicki Walters, Loren and Maxine Walters and Regina Walters. Their grandchildren are Coby and Lori Walters, Cindy Walters and Clifton Snyder.



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Ami Davis of McAlister, New Mexico and Kevin Schueler of Friona exchanged wedding vows Saturday, May 25 at 5 p.m. at the Will Rush residence twenty miles west of Grady, New Mexico.

The bride is the daughter of Will and JoAnn Rush of McAlister, New Mexico. Parents of the groom are Dale and Donna Schueler of Rhea.

Fred Caton of McAlister, New Mexico officiated at the ceremony.

Ron Fouts, pianist, accompanied guitarist and vocalist, Neal Delk, and vocalist, Sheryl Lockmiller as they presented wedding musical selections.

A western theme, using old quilts and old boots holding flowers, all stood in front of the caprock setting. The bride's father, bride, bridesmaids, flower girls and ring bearers rode up in a covered wagon.

The couple was married under a wooden arch featuring a cross on top, made by the groom and best man. Cedar trees outlined the area. About 250 guests attended the outdoor ceremony, where bales of hay were used for seating.

As the bride was presented in marriage by her father, she wore an old timey floor length dress of antique brocade with assorted colors of organdy flowers at the neckline and bustle with scalloped edges around the bottom. The floor length gown formed a train in back. The dress was made by the bride's mother.

She carried a bouquet consisting of a variety of wild flowers and wore a white pearl necklace.

Nikki Dodd of Portales, New Mexico served as her sister's matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Bozeman of Lubbock, sister of the bride, Kylee Davis of McAlister, New Mexico, sister of the bride, and Jodi Beevers of Melrose, New Mexico.

The bridesmaids' old timey burgundy wine dresses of brocade fabric featured necklines accented with brown beads around the neckline, waistline and arms. The floor length skirt formed a train and each carried parasols.

Monty Schueler of Rhea, brother of the groom, was the best man. Groomsman were Wade Schueler of Rhea, brother of the groom, Nathan Terry of Rhea and Jeff Hamilton of Canyon, cousins of the groom.

Serving as ushers were Corbin Riethmayer of Friona, Davy Hamilton of Canyon, Scott Terry of Sunray, Texas, Will Rushing of Friona and John Schueler of Rhea.

Sadie Rush of McAlister, New Mexico, daughter of Doyle and Tanya Rush and cousin of the bride, and Brooke Lay of Dimmitt, daughter of Levi and Leigh Lay, were the flower girls.

Hunter Hughes of McAlister, son of Lynn and Joe Hughes, and Ivan Rush of McAlister, son of Doyle and Tanya Rush and cousin of the bride, were the ring bearers.

The entire wedding party left the wedding in a covered wagon pulled by horses and rode about a mile to Will Rush's barn, where the reception was held. Decorations included old blankets and old picket fence. The tables were covered with old quilts.

Tamra Wytts registered the wedding guests.

The bride's four tiered solid white cake was decorated with a variety of

It's A Boy For Brandon Renner

Brandon and Christi Renner of Canyon are the parents of a baby boy born June 10 at 10:45 p.m. at BSA, Amarillo.

Named Branson Carder, the new arrival weighed seven pounds, four ounces and was twenty and one-fourth inches long.

The couple has an older daughter, Sydnie, age five.

Grandparents are Conrad and Susan Renner of Friona, Debbie Phillips of San Angelo and Dwayne Phillip of Lubbock.

Great-grandparents are R.J. and Betty Renner of Friona and Paula McBroom of Lazbuddie.



Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Schueler

different colored flowers. The cake was made by her sister, Nikki Dodd. The old quilt used on the bride's table was made by the groom's great-great-grandmother, Elva Matlock. The groom's cake, which was made by his mother, was a chocolate horseshoe shaped cake surrounded by chocolate covered strawberries. Candice Huckins, Tessa

Schueler and Jenny Riethmayer served cake. Punch and coffee were served by Christy Taylor, Rachel Embry and Kristen Holmes.

Food was served by Evyonne Gunn, Dena Dodd, Pam Beevers, Vicki Grider and Georgeann Vandevender.

For a wedding trip to Durango and Pagosa Springs, Colorado, the bride chose a red plaid capri suit.

The couple is making their home at 609 East 14th in Friona.

The bride graduated from Melrose High School in 1998 and is currently a senior special education major at West Texas A&M University.

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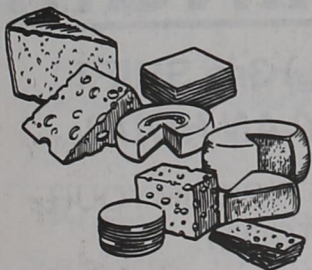
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DUES NEEDED Friona Sr. Citizens Progress

The Friona Senior Citizens group, which was re-organized in June of 2000, remains an active, viable group, and a number of things have been accomplished during the past year by the organization.

Members of the organization who have not done so already are reminded that dues for the year are again "due." The charge for dues is \$30 per person or \$60 per couple.

Dues are being collected at the meals and/or the senior socials.

The most visible of the projects and improvements which have been accomplished for the Friendship House during the past year include:

Just recently, *new carpet has been installed at the Senior Citizens' Friendship House. Earlier, a new metal "cook shack" was built adjacent to the building, where grilling and frying can be done without interference from the weather. Also, earlier this year, the interior of the building was repainted.

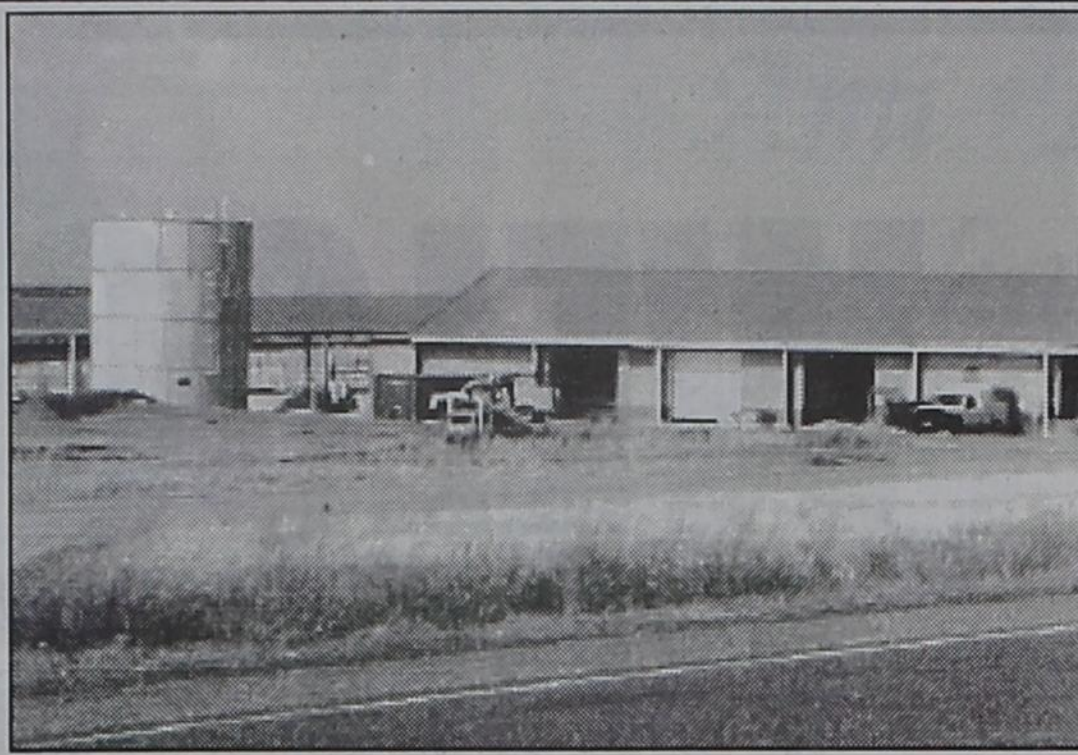
Membership entitles you to attend the monthly evening socials at the Friendship House. The socials include a meal or refreshments and an entertaining program.

The senior meals are operated separately from the Senior Citizens Friendship House, but the two groups work closely together.

A fine group of volunteers work hard to provide tasty and nutritious meals for everyone on Mondays and Thursdays at noon each week for the small donation of \$3.00.

Even those who are on low-salt or sugar-free diets are being accommodated. Plus, there is a lively game session following the meals for those who care to participate.

In order to provide these activities, meals, programs, etc., and to continue the upkeep on the beautiful Friendship House building, the organization does need everyone who is financially able to pay their yearly dues.



PARMER COUNTY can now celebrate National Dairy Month in June with the addition of two dairies in the county. Above, the steel is up on the construction of the feed barns at High Plains Dairy.

Around Town

Genealogical meeting Jun 28

The local Genealogical Society will meet at the Friona Public Library on Friday, Jun 28, at 10 a.m. The program is tentatively scheduled to be a Spanish-Texas historical discussion led by John Baca. All interested citizens are invited to attend.

Special Olympic swimmers need help

The Friona Chieftains Special Olympics kids will start swimming next week and are in need of sponsors. Items needed are towels, t-shirts, shorts, sun screen, swim shoes. Donations of these items or cash to help toward their purchase will be appreciated. There are 11 athletes and 3 coaches. If you can help with any of this please call Donna Mullins at 250-3285 (home) or 250-2788. Thank you.

Fireworks sales start Monday

Local fireworks vendors will be able to begin sales on Monday, June 24 and run through midnight July 4. Laws governing sales are set by the State of Texas. Due to the continuing drought, everyone is urged to use extreme caution with fireworks. As a reminder, fireworks of any kind are not legal to shoot within the city limits of Friona and Bovina.

UMC women selling frozen berries

The United Methodist Women are selling Oregon frozen berries again this year. To order, or for information, call Deke Kendrick 250-3134 or Betty Reeve 265-3415. Deadline for ordering is Jul 8.

Softball tournament in Muleshoe

A Friend's of the Library men's softball tournament will be held in Muleshoe July 12, 13, 14. Cut off date is Jul 10. Class D & E. 12 teams limit. Entry fee \$120. Team roster of 13. Contact Nathan Hill 272-6891; Richard Orozco 272-3576; or the library 272-4707.

Top Students Are Honored At Texas Tech University

Several local students attending Texas Tech University were among those listed on the President's List and Dean's List for the spring

2002 semester.

Students earning a 4.0 grade point average, while enrolled in 12 or more qualifying semester hours, made the President's List. Students carrying 12 or more qualifying hours, with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9, earned their place on the Dean's List.

Friona students named to the President's List are Josh Burleson, sophomore, COBA; Deon Gallman, senior, animal science; Audra King, sophomore, early childhood; and Marvin Kerr of Lazbuddie, senior, exercise and sports sciences.

Making the Dean's List were Kelly Fernihough, sophomore, pre-physical therapy; John Fitzgerald, sophomore, architecture; Sarah Hendley, junior, human development and family studies; Matthew White, sophomore, COBA; and Amber Wily, sophomore, pre-physical therapy.

Rachel Burleson received her Bachelor of Science Degree in multidisciplinary studies. She graduated summa cum laude in commencement exercises held Saturday, May 11.

Brent Beene earned his Master of Science Degree in interdisciplinary studies.



CONSTRUCTION is progressing on the High Plains Dairy located about 6 miles east of Hub on Highway 86. These views are taken looking south from the highway.

EQIP Reauthorized In New Farm Bill

With passage of the 2002 Farm Bill, farmers and ranchers now have an opportunity to install needed conservation practices on their property with assistance from the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

EQIP was reauthorized when President George W. Bush signed the bill into law on May 13, 2002. EQIP is part of the Conservation Provisions section within the new legislation. Although reauthorized, EQIP has undergone a facelift to simplify the administrative concurrence process and improve delivery of the program.

Producers who request EQIP assistance will be able to use program funds in the first year of the conservation contract. Further the program increases total payment amounts to \$450,000 per individual for the life of the new Farm Bill. Changes also include elimination of both the Geographic Priority Areas (GPA's) and "bidding down" process for cost share assistance.

The revised program emphasizes conservation practices relative to livestock production and eliminates annual unit caps on large confined livestock operations.

Of benefit to many producers is the cost share incentive for defined limited resource or beginning farmers and ranchers. Qualified producers may be eligible for up to 90 per cent cost share for needed conservation practices. Final rules for qualified producers are pending.

USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has administrative and technical responsibility for

L. Patterson Receives Scholarship

Leesa Patterson of Farwell has received the \$5,000 Bill Piehl Scholarship.

She submitted her application in February and passed the first hurdle in the Texas Foundation Scholarship process. The second hurdle meant going through an interview at Texas A&M in College Station.

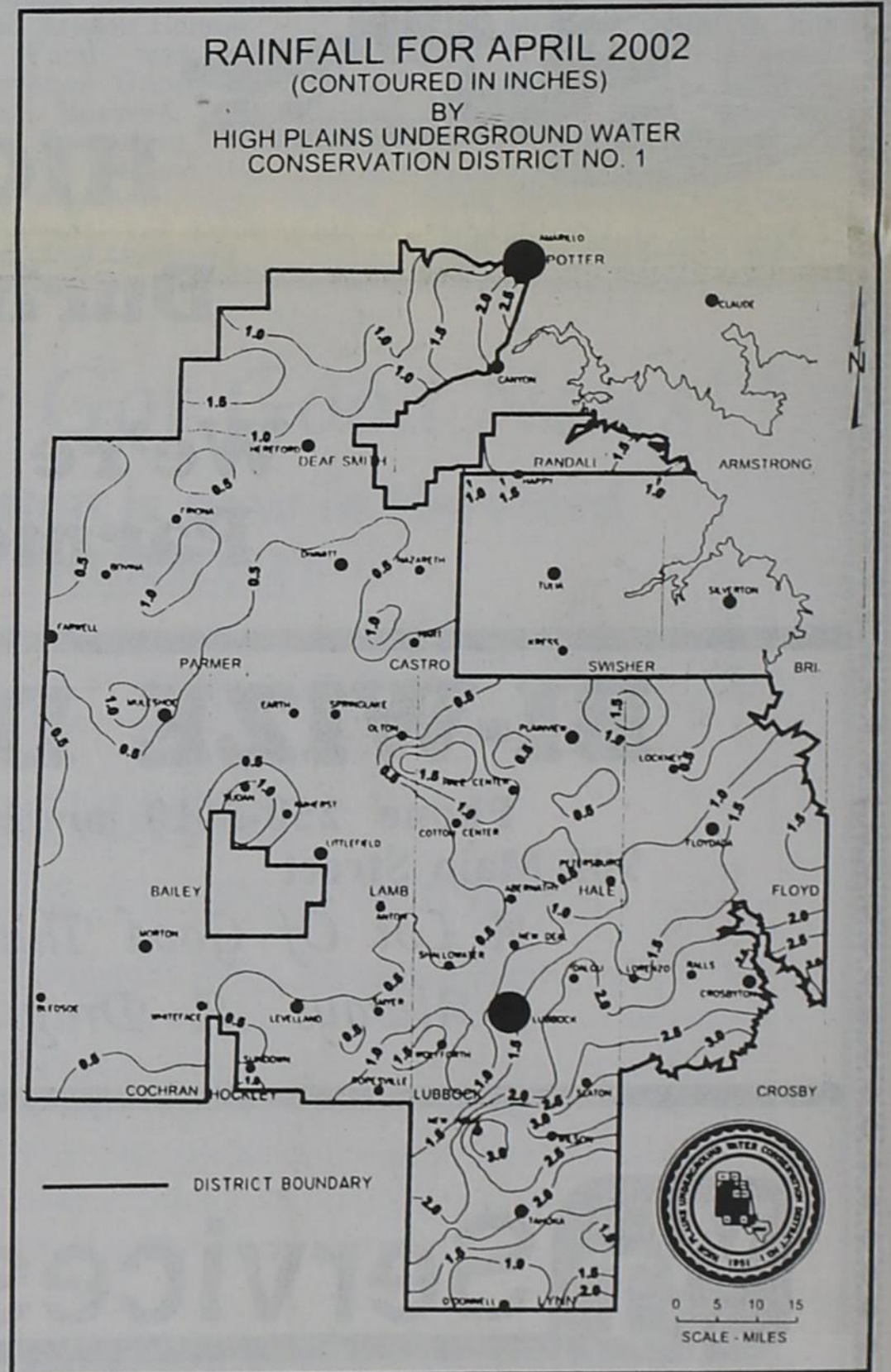
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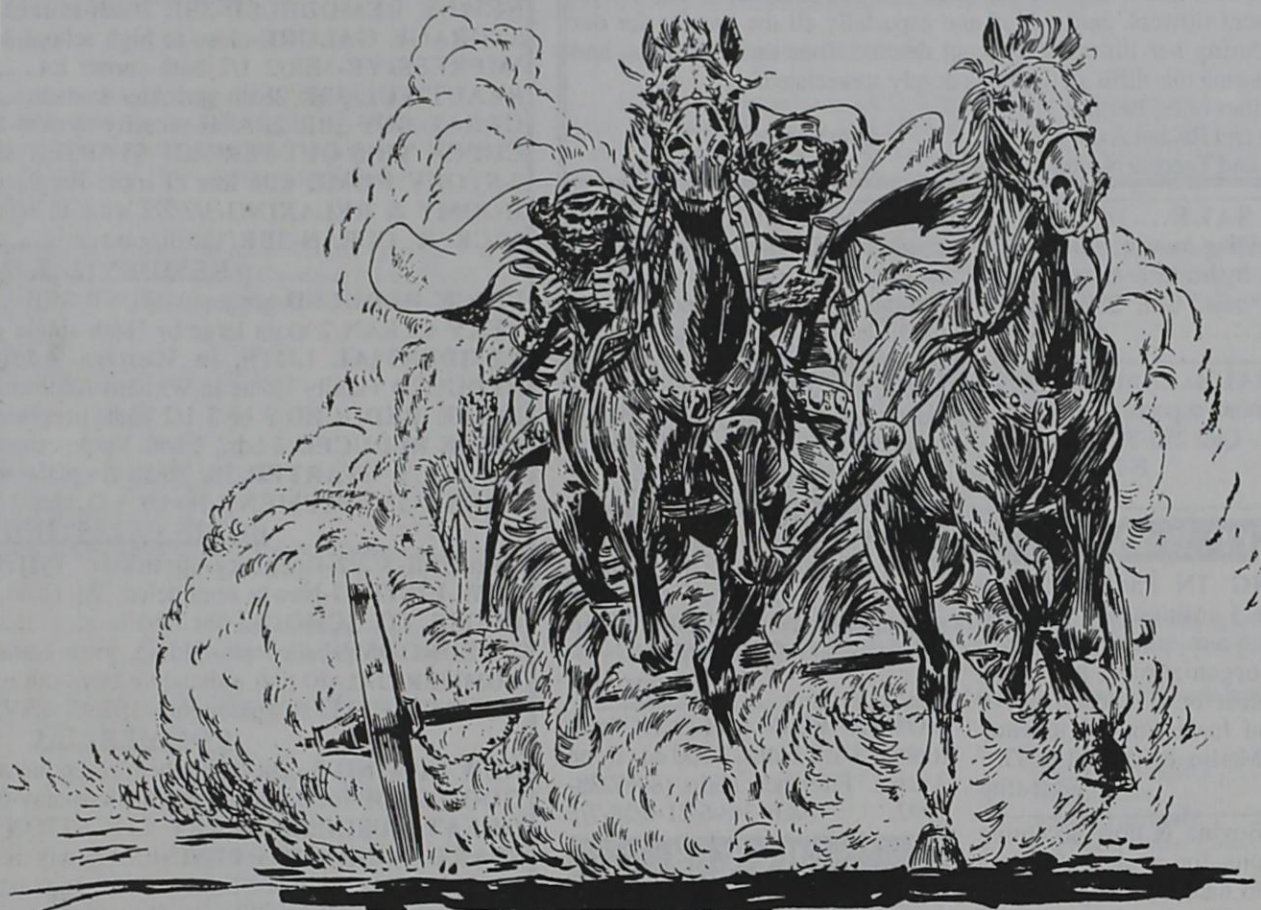
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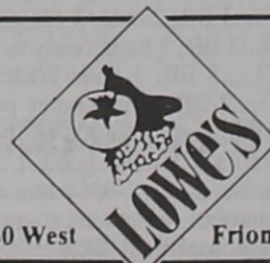
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CHECK THIS OUT--PERFECT STARTER 3br-1bath brick...\$48,000
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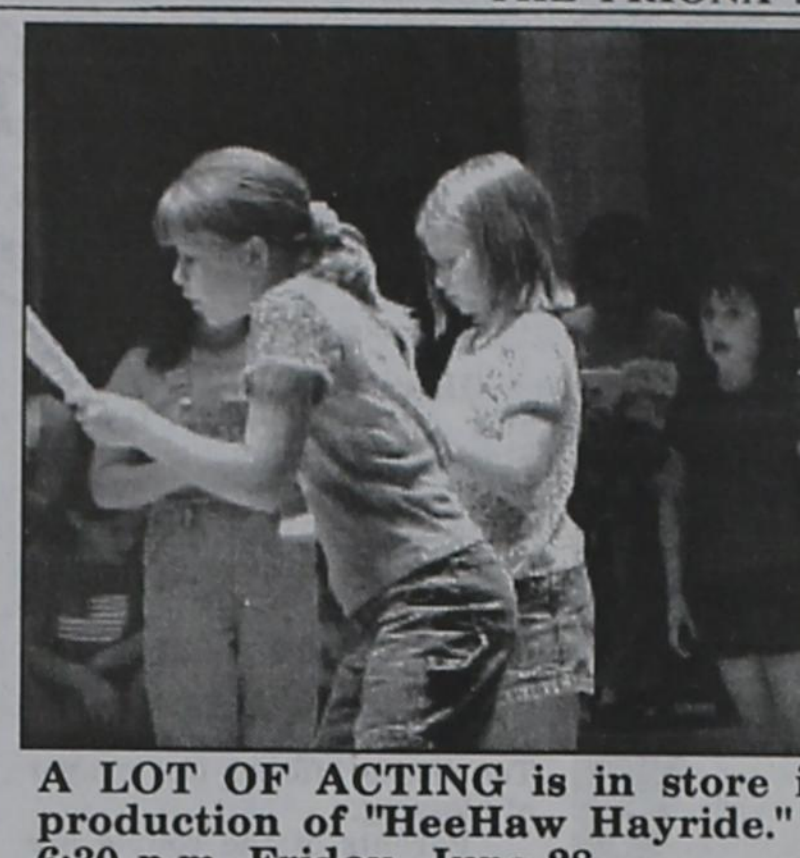
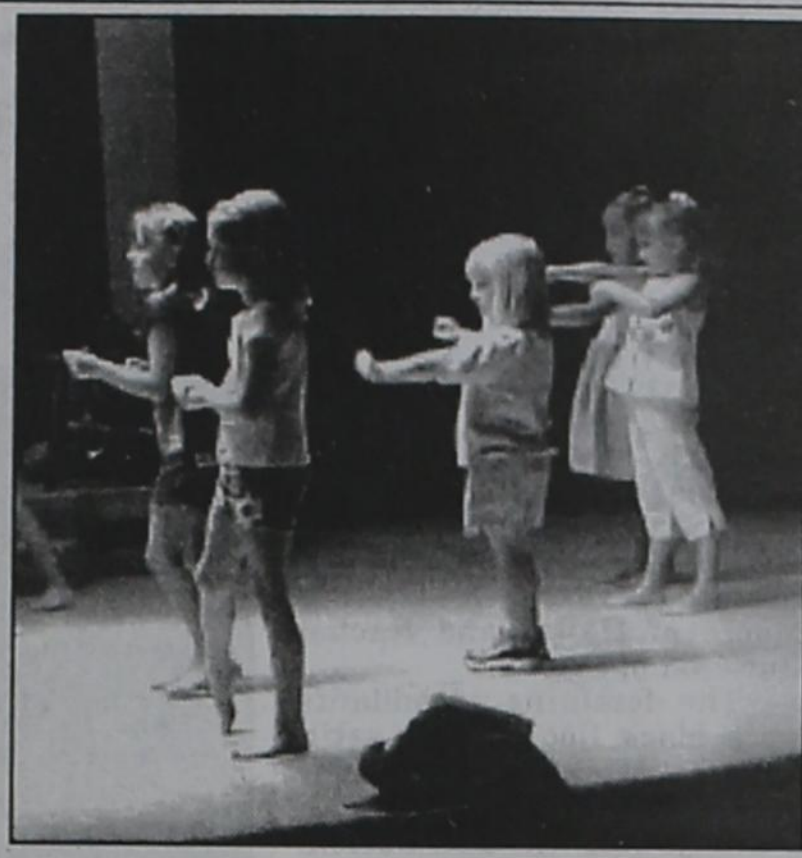
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1 car garage, 2 car shop..... \$75,000
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NEW LISTING....3 BR, 3 BA, 2 LR, DR, lg. garage, re-done.....\$123,900
NEW LISTING....3 BR, 1-3/4 bath, 2 car garage, basement.....\$85,000
NEW LISTING....3-4 BR, 1-1/2 bath, metal roof, .4637 acres.....\$58,000
NEW LISTING....3 BR, 2 bath, 2 car garage, newly repainted.....\$72,000
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NEW LISTING....3 BR, 1 bath, NEEDS HELP.....\$18,000
NEW LISTING....2 BR, 1 bath home plus mobile home lot.....\$25,000
Commercial building, app. 2400', ready to move in.....\$25,000
2 BR, 1 bath, fireplace, fenced, good st...Price Reduced..\$25,000..\$27,900
77 acres with house, 3 BR, 1-3/4 baths, country home...SOLD...\$89,500
5 BR, 2 BA, sunroom, basement, carport, large lot.....\$58,000
3 BR, 2 bath brick, basement, 2 car.....SOLD.....\$80,000
Small office/studio with 1/2 bath to be moved.....\$5,000
2 BR, 1-3/4 baths, 2 car garage, refrigerated A/C.....\$60,000
2 BR, 1 bath, 1 car, brick, good starter home.....\$37,000
Upstairs & downstairs apartment complex...SOLD...\$23,900...\$24,900
3 BR, 2 bath, brick, basement, metal shop.....\$85,000
residence only.....\$65,000
3 BR, 1 bath, 2 carport, trees, large lot.....\$37,900
3 BR, 2 bath, large lot, storage, 1 car, 2 C/P.....SOLD.....\$46,500



A LOT OF ACTING is in store in the elementary drama workshop production of "HeeHaw Hayride." See the results of the rehearsing at 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 28.

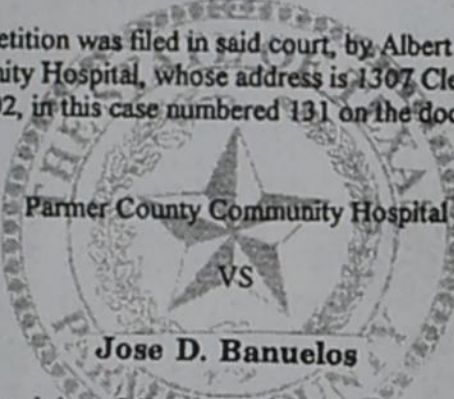
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TO: Jose D. Banuelos, GREETING:

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Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on March 20, 2002, in this case numbered 131 on the docket of said court, and styled,



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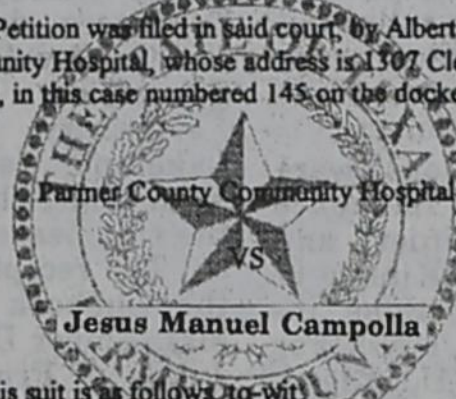
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TO: Jesus Manuel Campolla, GREETING:

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Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on April 4, 2002, in this case numbered 145 on the docket of said court, and styled,



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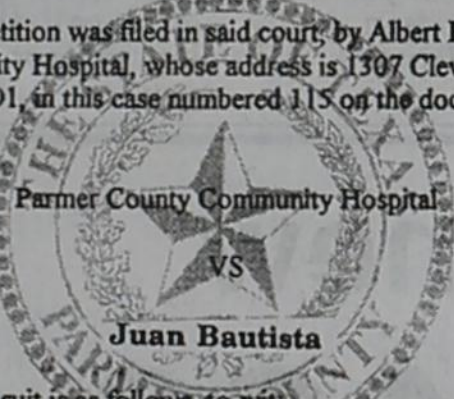
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TO: Juan Bautista, GREETING:

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Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on October 30, 2001, in this case numbered 115 on the docket of said court, and styled,



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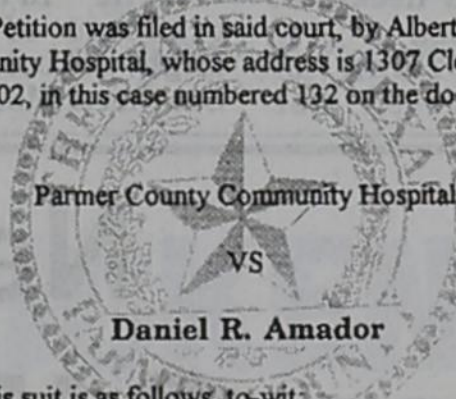
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TO: Daniel R. Amador, GREETING:

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Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on March 20, 2002, in this case numbered 132 on the docket of said court, and styled,



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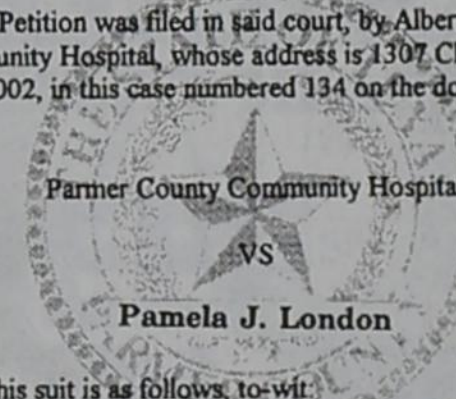
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TO: Pamela J. London, GREETING:

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Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on March 20, 2002, in this case numbered 134 on the docket of said court, and styled,



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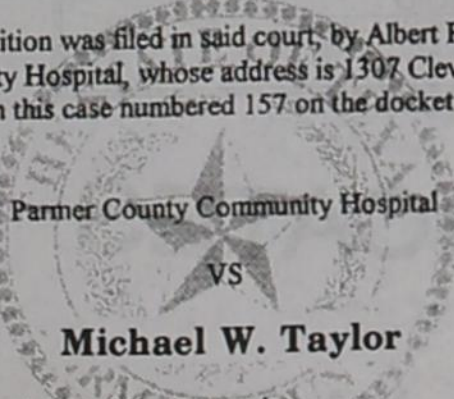
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Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on April 4, 2002, in this case numbered 157 on the docket of said court, and styled,



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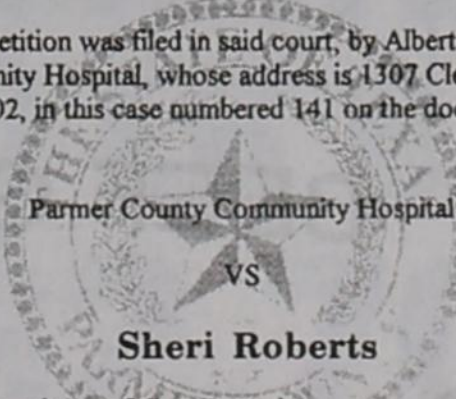
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Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on March 20, 2002, in this case numbered 141 on the docket of said court, and styled,



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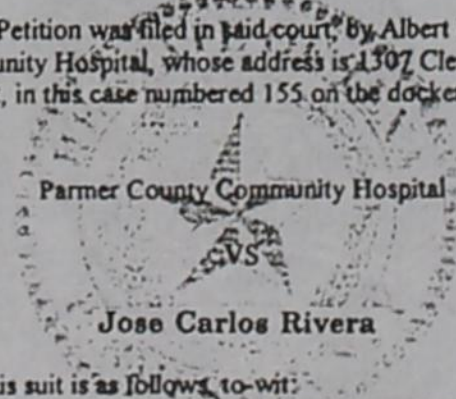
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Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Albert Ricketts, agent for Parmer County Community Hospital, whose address is 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035 on April 4, 2002, in this case numbered 155 on the docket of said court, and styled,



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MISS TEXAS USA is actually the one on the left, Kasi Kelly. Wearing the Miss Texas USA banner is Sydney Grace Frye, daughter of Kip and Misty Frye of Friona. See story for details.

Local Girl Meets Miss Texas USA

Sometimes you have to go all the way to Mexico to meet Miss Texas. At least that is what happened to Kip and Misty Frye and their 3-year-old daughter Sydney Grace. The family recently traveled to Mercedes, Texas, to attend a wedding for one of Misty's cousins. Sydney Grace Frye was a flower girl. The rehearsal dinner was held across the border at a restaurant in Progresso, Mexico. Also in a dinner party at the same restaurant was Kasi Kelly, Miss Texas USA 2002. She and her family along with Miss Rio Grande Valley Teen USA 2001 were enjoying dinner. Miss Kelly was in the area to attend a benefit dinner to be held in Texas

the following night. She told the Fries that she had never been to Mexico and thought no one would know her there. Little did she know the restaurant was full of Americans. Misty Frye said Miss Texas was kind and sweet to all her fans, young and old. Miss Texas' mother was excited to know that her daughter's picture might be in the local newspaper with Sydney Frye. Seems that Miss Texas USA's mother is keeping a scrapbook for her and wants a copy of this paper too. Misty will be sending her a copy and said, "We want to thank Miss Texas and her family for taking the time to be so sweet to Sydney."



FOUR GENERATIONS...Four generations of the Mullins family met recently in Friona. Pictured are Jody Mullins Dryden, Cynthia McIntosh and Daniel Mullins. Mrs. McIntosh is holding her great-granddaughter Alexis Christine Dryden.

HAPPY 60TH - JAMES

Love,
Kristina, Katherine, Angela, Christopher, Nicole, Jeff, Eric, Emily, Xavier, Katherine W., Laurie, Walter, Allyson, Ashton, Mason, Logan, Mark, Belinda, Brittany, Kathy, Benjamin, Beverly, Michael, Shelly, Cody, Montessa, Steven, Brooklyn, Keylan, Nikki, David, and Chase.



Heather Martin, Chris Storey United In Church Ceremony

Heather Michelle Martin and Christopher Daniel Storey, both residents of Cordova, Tennessee, exchanged wedding vows Saturday, February 23 at 5 p.m.

The ceremony was conducted in the First Baptist Church of Lubbock by Randall Holman, pastor, and David Ripley of Memphis, Tennessee offered the prayer of blessing.

Parents of the couple are Mike and Reta Martin of Friona and Dan and Sandra Storey of Cordova, Tennessee.

The altar was decorated with three large arrangements of white lilies, gladiolas, roses and greenery in silver urns atop large white columns. Three large candleabras on columns holding five white candles each stood on each side of the altar. The unity candle accented with a pearl design centered the setting. White rose balls marked the pews.

Megan Sharrock rolled out the white floral aisle runner and flower girls placed white rose petals on the runner.

Musical selections were presented by Josh Lawrence of Texarkana, pianist, and Amanda Brooks McKinney of Tyler, Texas. Selections included "How Could I Ask For More," "Canon in D," "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," "This Is The Day" and "Wedding March."

As the bride was presented in marriage by her father, she was attired in a two piece formal length gown of candlelight delustered satin featuring a strapless bodice adorned in dainty gold flecked soutache embroidery. The top and softly modified basque waistline was edged with coordinating gold accented corded trim. The embroidery flowed over the bouffant ball gown and semi-cathedral train.

The headpiece was a tierra with crystal, pearl and silver designs at the crown of the head. Her veil featured double layer candlelight sheer tulle with satin piping, pearl and crystal accents scattered throughout.

She carried a bouquet of hand-tied tineeke roses and white stephanotis. She wore diamond stud earrings and a pearl drop diamond necklace, a gift from the groom.

Mrs. Renee' Dunn of Austin, Texas served her

sister as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Britney Goodwin of Coppell, Texas, Amanda Brooks McKinney of Tyler, Texas, Leah Ticer of Amarillo, Susan Lakey of Sherman, Texas, Mrs. Allie Moore of Dallas and Rachel Burlison of Friona.

The feminine attendants wore black floor length satin skirts, with off-the-shoulder velvet bodices accented with black jewels at the bottom and three-quarter length sleeves, and carried hand-tied tineeke rose bouquets.

Mark Mask of Millington, Tennessee was the best man. Alan Storey of Lakeland, Tennessee, brother of the groom, was the groomsman. Brent Dunn of Austin, brother-in-law of the bride, and Clint Savage of Coppell, Texas served as ushers.

Megan Sharrock of Friona, daughter of Terry and Casey Sharrock, and Emily Storey of Lakeland, Tennessee, daughter of Alan and Ashley Storey, were the flower girls.

Danny Storey of Lakeland, Tennessee, son of Alan and Ashley Storey, was the ring bearer.

The reception was held at the Lubbock Country Club. Mrs. Amber Drake and Sherri Jubay of Friona presided at the guest registry.

Tables were decorated with mirror tile, votives and rose petals. The bride's four tiered white cake was decorated with butter cream frosting with lipstick roses between the layers and as the topper. The groom's chocolate cake, featuring a square bottom layer and round top layer was decorated with chocolate icing and tuxedo strawberries on the top and sides.

Special guests included the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence William Martin of Friona, Mrs. George Heck of Tulia and Mr. and Mrs. James Horton of Hart, Texas.

Following a wedding trip to Maui, Hawaii, the couple is making their home at 415 Forest Hill Irene, Cordova, Tennessee.

She is a graduate of Friona High School and Abilene Christian University.

The bridegroom is a graduate of White Station High School and is CEO of Southern Masonry Company.



Mrs. Chris Storey

Happy Birthday

WEEK OF JUNE 23-29

Friona residents observing their birthdays next week include:

June 23---Carrie Jones, Kenneth Watkins, Katelyn Steen, Amanda Roxan Mendoza, Darrin Stovey, V'Laura Wilcox.

June 24---Mitch Smiley, James Anthony, Janet Buske.

June 25---Sydonia Tongate McDaniel, Linda Pope, Kimberlee Ryan, Laura Cash, Paige Herbert, McKinley Brockman, Duran Vaughn, Christopher Kemple.

June 26---James Peace, Jacquelyn Ryan, Galen Brewer, Marcos Trevino Jr., Corrie Lundy, DeEtte Snyder.

June 27---Andy Alexander, Sandra Osborn, Jerry Zachary, Clint Phillips, Chad Wilkins, Stacie Dodson, Kelly Cash, Ruben Rivera, Jo Schueler Osborn.

June 28---Jackie Stowers, Bill Hardin, Debbie Rector, Leslie Wilkins, Dwight O'Brian, Carol Reeve, Holly Jack, Lindsay Cranfill, Charlotte Ratcliff, Sherry Atwell.

June 29---James Varner, Russel O'Brian, Oneida Allen, Judy Martin, Eva Lou Rector, Allison Walker, Andrew Stowers, Elizabeth Gore, Teddy White, Charles Hamilton, Lucas Hall.

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.

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.

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THE UMPIRE is Robert Saiz who also maintains the baseball fields and they are in great shape this year. Catcher is Caleb Miller. The 13-15 year-old final home game is Tuesday, June 25, against Dimmitt.



FRIONA'S 13-15 year-old Kids Inc., baseball team is in a league with teams from Tulia, Dimmitt and Nazareth. It's fast paced and fun to watch. Coaches are Danny Campbell, Curt Miller and Kevin Patton. ron carr photos

Amelia Wright Participates In AQHA Riding Program

Amelia Wright of Friona, TX, recently earned an award for logging 50.0 hours in the American Quarter Horse Association Horseback Riding Program. The program recognizes and rewards AQHA Members for time spent with their American Quarter Horses in activities such as trail rides, working cattle, pleasure driving, and simply riding. A unique aspect of the program is its simplicity. Current AQHA Members complete a program application and pay a one-time \$25 enrollment fee. Each enrollee receives an official AQHA log sheet to record their hours driving or riding an American Quarter Horse. Participants need not own their own horse, but all official hours must be accrued with a registered American Quarter Horse.

hours and 5,000 hour award levels, recipients receive recognition in "The American Quarter Horse Journal", AQHA's monthly magazine. Stephanie Stultz, AQHA Manager of Membership Services, said "AQHA is very proud to offer this program rewarding people who enjoy riding and driving American Quarter Horses. Enrollees are doing such diverse activities that it's obvious this program literally fits everyone who likes spending time with horses." AQHA actively encourages horseback riding as a recreational activity that can be enjoyed alone or shared with family and friends. For more information about AQHA and its programs, visit www.aqha.com or call (806)376-4811.

Patriotic Musical July 4

A patriotic musical, "I Love America," will be performed by the Friona Community Choir at 2 p.m., July 4, at the Friona High School auditorium. The choir will also sing some selections in the City Park before the July 4 fireworks display (weather permitting). No admission fee will be charged for the 2 p.m. concert, but donations will be accepted to benefit the Pioneer Heritage Museum.

YOUR EYES

Contacts Provide Partial Protection From UV Rays

Most people are becoming knowledgeable about the damage that ultraviolet rays can do to the body, including the eyes. When spending significant time in the sun, they will purchase sunglasses that offer 100 per cent UV protection, rather than decorative lenses with color tints. Many individuals do not know that contacts can also offer partial protection. Some lenses come with UV blockers to help protect against transmission of harmful radiation to the cornea and into the eye. These blockers are clear, and do not interfere with vision in any way.

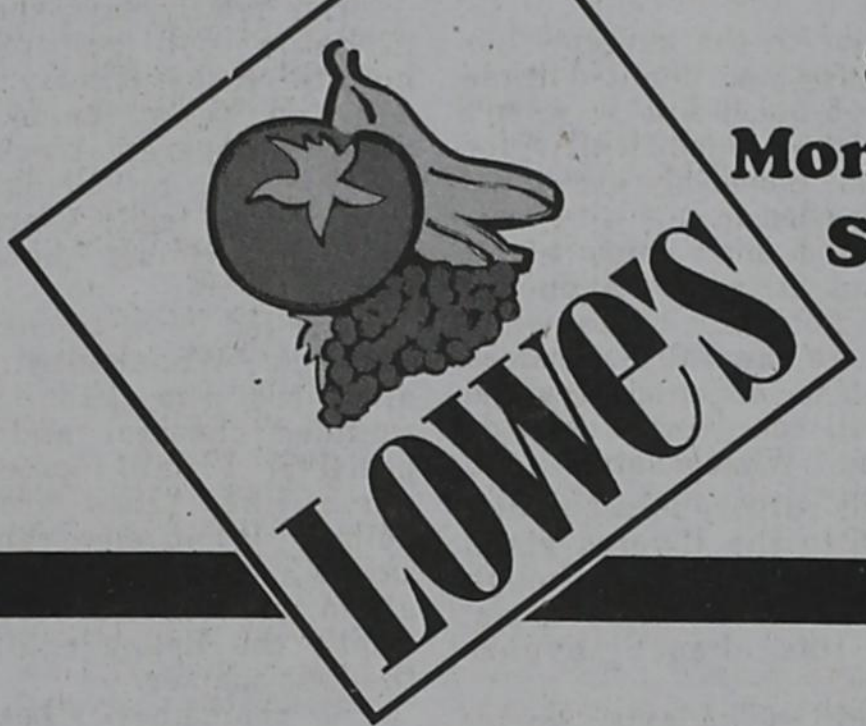


However, these contacts do not replace sunglasses. The lens only covers the cornea, not the entire eye. Depending upon the shape and size of the lenses, sunglasses can cover your eyes and parts of your face. UV blockers in contacts are designed solely for supplemental protection. Getting contacts with UV blockers is a wise decision. In most cases, you will not have to pay extra for the feature. Your eyecare specialist can provide additional information about this feature and its manufacturers.

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Out Here

by Ron Carr
V'Lesha

Life doesn't always seem fair.

As someone older and wiser than me once said, "Life is what's happening while you are busy making other plans."

Over the last few weeks our pages have been filled with young people full of smiles and ambition at graduation.

As they embark on a course of successes and failures, somewhere later on a day will come when life isn't fair.

Most of us get past those days. We move on, grateful for what we have and just as grateful for what we don't have. The cycle of fair and unfair will always continue.

As we grow older, we seem more able to accept frailties and mortality. But all of us double our concern when accidents or illness strike a child.

Many a parent has said, "why couldn't it have been me Lord, instead of my innocent child." But children seem to demonstrate a resiliency and a courage and determination that often gets lost on us adults.

Such a child is V'Lesha Wilcox.

Now I know she doesn't consider herself a child. (So I apologize V'Lesha.) After all she is 16-years-old and will be a junior at Friona High School this year.

But I can say with some certainty that to her parents, Varla and Terry, and to her grandparents Gene and Mildred Welch and Frankie Lindeman and all the adults that care about her, she is still a precious child.

You may remember that we reported in our June 7 paper that V'Lesha had been diagnosed with Myasthenia Gravis (MG), a neuromuscular disorder. Among the symptoms are fluctuating weakness of voluntary muscle groups.

Other MG symptoms are double vision and trouble walking and shortness of breath. V'Lesha had those too and they kept her off the basketball court much of last season.

Folks around here had big hopes for V'Lesha's career as a Squaw basketballer. She was on the varsity in her sophomore year, following in the footsteps of big sister V'Laura who earned a basketball scholarship to Lubbock Christian University after an all-star career as a

Squaw point guard.

We reported that V'Lesha would have surgery on June 11 to remove her thymus gland. Doctors say that removing the thymus frequently lessens the severity of muscle weakness caused by MG.

The improvement, if it occurs, can take some months after the operation. On a more positive note, they say that in some people, the weakness may completely disappear.

Let's all hope so.

Well, on her June 11 operation date, the surgery was called off. Doctors said there was no blood available for standby in case they needed it.

Prior to the surgery, her dad Terry had donated three pints of blood but it wasn't designated specifically for V'Lesha. Somebody else must have needed it.

Now I don't know about you but it must be one of those "not fair" times when you have mentally prepared yourself for major surgery and they tell you, "sorry, can't do it today." What a letdown.

This surgery is not minor. To get to the thymus gland doctors have to cut through and separate the breastbone. Just like heart bypass surgery.

And in today's world, doctors explain every detail of what they are going to do to you before they do it. Personally I had just as soon not know the details. Just put me to sleep and get it over with.

Doctors briefly discussed rescheduling the operation for Saturday but decided against it since there might not be enough blood available on a weekend.

So almost a week after

V'Lesha's original operation date, she had the surgery Monday morning June 17.

And, as it turned out, no blood was needed during the operation, which was successful. This brave young lady will commence the recuperation process now. No one knows exactly how long it will take, but it doesn't seem to matter.

After one day in the Critical Care Unit, the child is safe for now, surrounded by loving family, friends and just average well wishers like me.

They reattached V'Lesha's breastbone with glue instead of staples. They said it would heal better and be easier on her without the staples.

Her family says she will probably get out of the hospital today (Friday, June 21) and be at home soon after. A separate truck will be needed to bring the flowers and teddy bears and stuffed animals back to Friona.

I called down to check on V'Lesha Wednesday. She answered the phone. She sounded cheerful and very positive. I said something dumb like, "How are you doing?" What else can you say to a youngster that has a glued together breastbone. That's the happy ending to the first chapter.

So remember V'Lesha. I take pictures at Squaw basketball games and I want to see you back in the middle of the action. I'll help fill your scrapbook.

And you know what? I predict the first time you step on the court in a game, you can expect a standing ovation.

You deserve it. Here's to your speedy recovery child.

And thanks for starring in my column this week.



V'LESJA WILCOX is shown sitting up in her hospital room just two days following her surgery this week at Lubbock's Covenant Hospital.



LITTLE CHIEFS and LITTLE MUSTANGS played at Friona Monday.

Meet Friona's Class of 2014

Jose Marcos Sanchez D. is a kindergartner at Friona Schools.

Es el hijo de Estela Dominguez. Sus abuelos son Jorge y Martha Dominguez. Tiene un hermano, Carlos A. Sanchez D.

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