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This poppy, our flower, of which we are so proud,
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And offer to share it each May with all others.

We ask for donations, both small and great,
To help our program to rehabilitate
Those veterans in need of what we can give.
Things that make life a bit easier to live
And know the good feeling of aiding our veterans.

Contributed by National Poppy Chairman Opal Stokes.



BEFORE HE was captured, Donna Schueler got this photo of the Rhea Community's bear.

Excel Gives Info About Gas Burning

Excel Corporation located on Highway 60, three miles west of the City of Friona, will begin capturing and burning gas generated from the wastewater treatment operations.

There will be a flame east of the Excel plant that may be visible from Highway 60. This is not a cause for concern and is perfectly normal.

If there are any questions or concerns about this operation, please contact Randy Schawe at 295-8289.

NO FOOLING!

Bear Appears In Rhea Community

By BILL ELLIS

A black bear, weighing an estimated 200 pounds, wandered into the Rhea community last Sunday morning, and managed to become "holed up" in an elevator storage tank at Sherley-Anderson Grain's Rhea elevator.

Joe Allen, elevator manager, said the bear was first spotted about a mile west of the elevator at about 8 a.m. Sunday. He continued walking along the edge of a field that borders FM 1731. Allen and his son Danny "herded" the bear away from some CRP land and toward the elevator.

When he arrived at the elevator, the bear crossed the highway, and began walking along the perimeter of the elevator's grain storage bins.

The bear first tried to climb the side of the elevator, then, spotting a hole at the base of the elevator, which was a storage bin that had just been cleaned out, jumped into the pit, which was about four feet deep.

"We were fortunate that the bear jumped into the pit. We had no idea how we could have corralled the bear until a Texas Parks and Wildlife representative could tend to him," Allen said.

"I think he was tired, and was looking for a place to rest. We gave him some dry dog food, which he was very



BEAR VISITOR....Shown is the 200-pound black bear that wandered into the Rhea community this week. The bear had been tranquilized in order to be handled. (photo by Donna Schueler)

* * * * * had never seen nor heard about a bear being spotted in Farmer County.

Bears in the Texas Panhandle are a rare sight, but aren't unheard of, says Trent Anderson, district

Allen said he had lived in this area all of his life, and (Continued on Page 3)

New Farm Bill Info. In Muleshoe Tues.

Attention area cotton farmers. The National Cotton Council has scheduled a series of meetings to provide the industry with information on the provisions of the new law and identify issues that should be addressed as USDA begins implementation.

The nearest meeting to this area will be held Tuesday, May 21, at 7 p.m. in Muleshoe at the Bailey County Coliseum meeting room.

The event is co-sponsored by Plains Cotton Growers and Texas Cotton Ginners. For further information contact the Farmer County Extension Office at 806-481-3619.

Lions Club Broom & Mop Sale Thursday, May 23, City Park

The Friona Noon and Evening Lions Clubs will hold their annual broom and mop sale Thursday, May 23, at the City Park. The sale begins at 7:30 a.m.

Brooms, mops, brushes and many other items will be available. Quality cleaning aids for home, business or industry. Plan to come by and help our city and our clubs.

EVA AND DON KIMBROUGH handed us this clipping from a New Mexico newspaper. I think I heard it read by Paul Harvey at one time. It's pretty appropriate, especially in our area.



Star Lites by Bill Ellis

"Dirt Roads"

What's mainly wrong with society today is that too many Dirt Roads have been paved. There's not a problem in America today, crime, drugs, education, divorce, delinquency, that couldn't be remedied if we just had more Dirt Roads, because Dirt Roads give you character.

People that live at the end of Dirt Roads learn early on that life is a bumpy ride.

Also, that it can jar you right down to your teeth sometimes, but it's worth it, if at the end is home...a loving spouse, happy kids and a dog.

We wouldn't have near the trouble with our educational system if your kids got their exercise walking a Dirt Road with other kids, with whom they learn how to get along. There was less crime in our streets before they were paved.

Criminals didn't walk two dusty miles to rob or rape, if they knew they'd be welcomed by five barking dogs and a double-barrel shotgun. And there were no drive-by shootings. Our values were better when our roads were worse!

People did not worship their cars more than their kids, and motorists were more courteous; they didn't tailgate by riding the bumper or the guy in front wouldn't choke you with dust and bust your windshield with rocks.

Dirt Roads were environmentally friendly. You didn't hop in your car for a quart of milk, you just walked to the barn for your milk. For your mail, you walked to the mailbox.

What if it rained and the Dirt Road got washed out? That was the best part. Then you stayed home and had some family time, roasted marshmallows and popped popcorn and rode on Daddy's shoulders and learned how to make prettier quilts than anybody.

At the end of Dirt Roads, you soon learned that bad words tasted like soap.

Most paved roads lead to trouble. Dirt Roads more likely lead to a fishing creek, or a swimming hole. At the end of a Dirt Road, the only time we even locked our car was in August, because if we didn't, some neighbor would fill it with too much zucchini.

At the end of a Dirt Road, there was always extra springtime income, from when city dudes would get stuck, you'd have to hitch up a team and pull them out.

Usually you got a dollar or two...always you got a new friend...at the end of a Dirt Road.

FLOYD REEVE, one of our faithful readers, asked me the other day, "What is the difference between a draw and a creek?" I suppose he thought that since I have a connection with the National Weather Service, that I would know.

Sorry, Floyd. We'll have to do some research. Here in Parmer County we have Running Water Draw, Frio Draw and Catfish Draw. Neighboring Deaf Smith County has a couple of draws, but also has Tierra Blanca Creek. If you have any input, let us know!! We decided that perhaps a creek was more likely to have water in it than a draw??

Honor Graduates Announced For Friona's Class Of 2002

The honor students for the Friona High School's class of 2002 were announced at the annual high school awards assembly Tuesday evening at FHS.

Jacy Grimsley, Frank Dominguez and Katherine Thompson ranked 1-2-3 for the seniors, and will be featured at the graduation exercises on May 24.

Others in the top ten were: 4. Cara Evans, daughter of Brian and Linda Evans; 5. Roy Loya, son of Roy and Maria Loya; 6. Candace Ingram, daughter of Cris and Sylvia Ingram; 7. Felicia Lafuente, daughter of Joe and Anita Lafuente; 8. Clint Cox, daughter of Leroy and Terri Cox; 9. Trevor Fields, daughter of Roger Fields and Lou Keith and 10. Antonieta Arellano, daughter of Manuel and Elvira Arellano.

Jacy Grimsley is the daughter of Jayson and Jyl Grimsley, attended Friona Schools 12 years and will attend pharmacy school at Texas Tech University. She played basketball and tennis, was in Thespians, FCA, Foreign Language Club, Student Council FHA and contest play cast her freshman, sophomore and junior years; Science and Accounting Club as a junior; and NHS as a sophomore, junior and senior.

Jacy ran cross country two years; was a member of the regional basketball team and baseball manager as a junior; was a regional qualifier in tennis, placed fourth in UIL computer applications her junior and senior years; and was a candidate for Homecoming Queen this year.

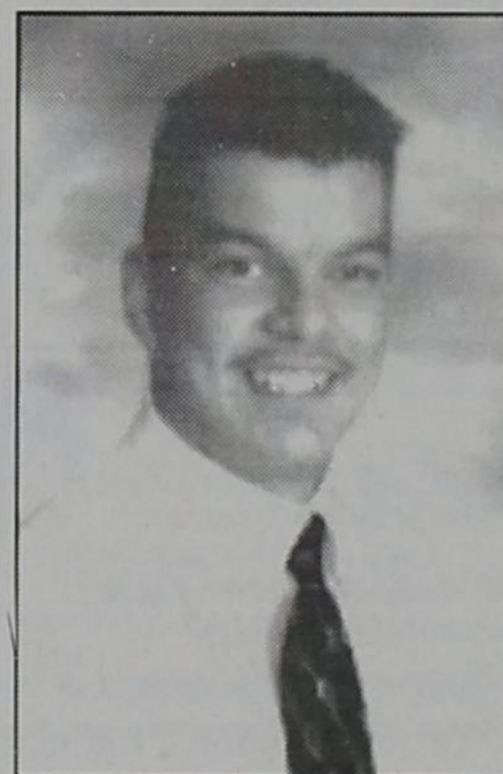
Honors she received included attending the U.S. Achievement Academy, nominated to attend the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C.; Basketball Queen, Best Sense of Humor, all-district defense in basketball this year.

Offices she held include freshman class secretary;



JACY GRIMSLEY

sophomore and junior class treasurer; Accounting Club v.p. her junior year; Thespians treasurer, NHS v.p. and Student Council president this year. Her hobbies are sharing time with her friends and family,



FRANK DOMINGUEZ

swimming, snow skiing, water skiing, fishing, babysitting and just having fun. She attends the 6th Street Church of Christ. Frank Dominguez III, son of Frank, Jr. and Fabiola Dominguez, attended Friona



KATHERINE THOMPSON

Schools 12 years and will attend the UT, Arlington. He played football and was in Foreign Language Club four years; basketball, baseball and track as a freshman; band as a freshman and

IN FATAL CRASH Manslaughter Charges Pending

According to Department of Public Safety Troopers, felony charges are pending against Francis Michael (Frank) Hollman, Jr. 45, of Friona for causing the accident that killed two people Saturday night, May 11.

Troopers will likely charge Hollman with intoxication manslaughter and intoxication assault in connection with the accident. Hollman was driving east in the west bound lane of Highway 60 when he collided head-on with a 2001 Mitsubishi Montero about six miles west of Hereford. The accident happened about 10 p.m.

Killed in the accident were Connie Ortiz, 39, of Friona and her daughter Amy Kilpatrick, 13, of Hereford. Mrs. Ortiz's husband, Kevin, the driver of the Mitsubishi, was seriously

injured and transported to Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Troopers say that Hollman's vehicle, a 1989 Mazda

van, had traveled the wrong way for about a mile when the accident occurred.

Toxicology results will not (Continued on Page 3)



TEXAS DEPARTMENT of Public Safety troopers at the scene of the Saturday night two-fatality accident. (photo courtesy of Hereford Brand)



MARY FRANCES CASS and BEN WEATHERLY
Jerry and Karene Cass of Clovis, New Mexico and Bill and Becky Weatherly of Lubbock announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Mary Frances and Ben. The bride-elect is a graduate of Friona High School, received a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Master of Business Administration from Texas Tech University. She is currently employed by Prentice Hall Publishing Company. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Hereford High School, received a Bachelor of Animal Science from West Texas A&M University and a Master of Meat Science from Texas A&M University. He is currently employed by Agvest, Inc. The couple plans a June 29 wedding and will make their home in Lubbock.

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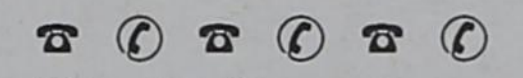
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Friona Flashbacks

...from the files of The Friona Star

70 Yrs Ago-May 20, 1932
 Dean Gordon of Texas Technological College gave the commencement address for the graduating class of Friona High School last Friday. Merle Harry was the class salutatorian, and Miss Frances Lacy gave the valedictory address. There were 21 graduating seniors in the class this year.

60 Yrs Ago-May 22, 1942
 End of the public school education for 24 Friona High School seniors will come tonight when commencement exercises are held at the Grade School Auditorium. Nancy Shackelford will give the salutatory address, and Bobby Blackwell will be valedictorian, according to Supt. W.L. Edelman.



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50 Yrs Ago-May 22, 1952
 Eighteen graduates will receive diplomas from the local schools this year. They are Doyce Barnett, Frankie Allen, Joy Baxter, Rex Blackburn, Jay Cobb, Nancy Clingan, Wedia Nell Day, Jackie Redfern, Frank Reed, Billie Nazworth, Joyce Miller, Ross Miller, Max Wells, Walter Haws, Johnnie Parker, Dale Hart and Betty Rhodes. Joyce Miller is the class valedictorian and Johnnie Parker is salutatorian.

45 Yrs Ago-May 16, 1957
 Citizens of Friona will vote "for" or "against" \$55,000 worth of "permanent improvements," on Tuesday, June 4, and upon the outcome, of that vote will hinge the success or failure of a local group pushing for a community swimming pool.

The formal opening of the all new Hill's Cafe on Highway 60 in Friona was held Saturday. Operators are Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hill, formerly of Amarillo. Hill's Cafe is Friona's newest business.

40 Yrs Ago-May 18, 1962
 Fifty-four seniors received their diplomas at graduation exercises at Friona High School last Friday night. James Perkins delivered the valedictory address and Brenda Collier gave the salutatory address.

35 Yrs Ago-May 18, 1967
 Larry Truitt, junior student at Friona High School, culminated his work in Interscholastic League English competition by winning the second place award in ready writing at the state literary meet recently.

Contractor R.L. Fleming began preliminary dirt work this week preparatory to construction of 10 apartment units on West Fifth Street in

Friona. Plains Publishers, Inc., which pioneered offset printing and the central printing plant idea in West Texas and the Southwest, has closed its Friona plant. W.H. Graham, president of the firm, announced this week that he would move the 12-page capacity Color King press to Lubbock.

30 Yrs Ago-May 18, 1972
 The top students in Friona eighth grade graduating class were announced this past week by Tom B. Jarboe, junior high school principal. Troy Messenger is the class valedictorian, with an average of 96.875. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Messengr. Lisa Edelman is class salutatorian, compiling an average of 95.750. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Von Edelman.

25 Yrs Ago-May 15, 1977
 Honor students for the 1977 eighth grade graduating class at Friona Junior High School were announced Friday by Junior High principal Cecil Maddox. Kipi Fleming, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray D. Fleming, was named as the class valedictorian, having an average of 97.37. Dana Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Smith, is the salutatorian, averaging 96.25.

City of Friona has applied to the State Department of

Health Resources for continued operation of the North landfill site as a Type V Brush and Demolition disposal site with a public hearing now imminent.

15 Yrs Ago-May 16, 1987
 FHS principal Hal Ratcliff announced honor graduates for the class of 1987: Kathy Boeckman is valedictorian with a four-year average of 97.24. Mika Maddox is salutatorian with an average of 96.23. Jeff Dickson is class historian with an average of 96.12.

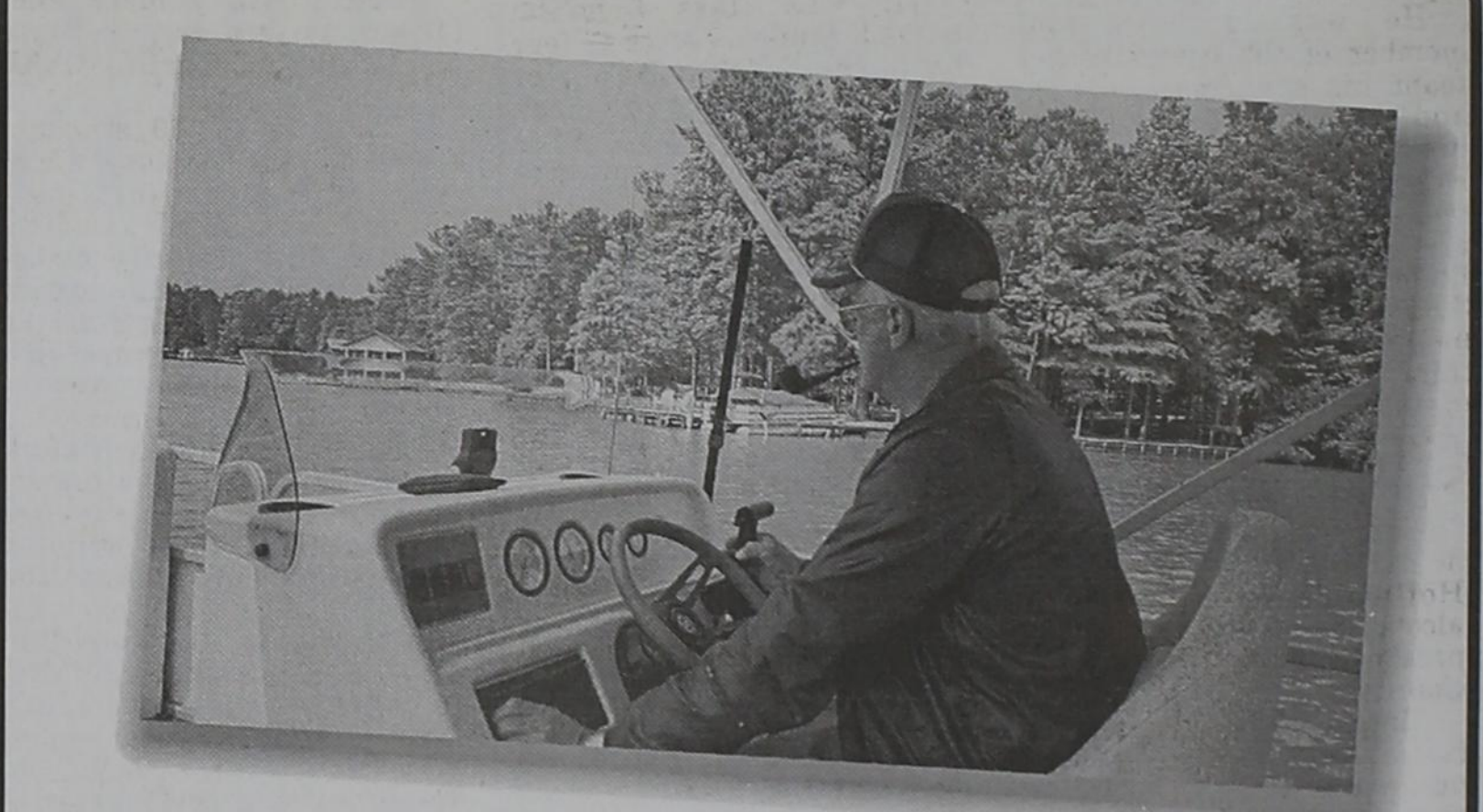
10 Yrs Ago-May 16, 1992
 Julie Goddard is the valedictorian of the eighth grade class with an average of 99.0. She is the 14-year-old daughter of David and Kathryn Goddard. Aimee Renner is the salutatorian of the eighth grade class, with an average of 96.2. She is the daughter of Gary and Karen Renner.

5 Yrs Ago-May 17, 1997
 The top three Friona High School graduating seniors were announced this week. They include Heather Martin, valedictorian; Greg Wellen, salutatorian; and Sheila Wiseman, historian.

According to City Manager Paula Wilson, the swimming pool in Friona will not open this year. The existing pool will instead be demolished and construction on the planned new pool will begin.

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WHAT AR (standing) a Amarillo, w discovering t one another Nashville, Te You You Once again have discover really a small Joyce Veazey members of the Bank Senior t recently made trip around states. (See ar the trip in the April 26 issu group spent nights of the t famous, yet Opryland Hot Tennessee. While havin of several rest in the Opry heard a voice table asking you?" It turn niece Robyn F husband Car who were in business trip Hon (Continued fro sophomore. He was in member of the team his soph and senior year his junior and Frank served team captain; the first team linebacker, M Succeed; distri national DE International D maintained a Charg (Continued fr be available fo Hollman's bl alcohol level. T presented to the County grand Intoxicatio is a 3rd de punishable by sentence of 2-2 fine of up to \$1 Kevin Ortia leave the hosp funeral service and stepdaugh day. He return where family m was operated morning on his which were br places. Chall An adult s enge, for men ages 13 up, is May 26 at Ca Church. The c invited to partic A brief sof service for the co be held at 6 Calvary fellow: softball game v 6:15 p.m. The co-ed cor feature slow-pit and men will ha Pastor Alvin Pe Meet F Friona T



WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? Joyce Veazey (standing) and her niece Robyn Herring (seated), of Amarillo, were asking each other this question upon discovering that they were seated at the next table from one another in a restaurant at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee recently. (See story).

You Never Know Who You Might Run Into!

Once again, Friona folks have discovered that this is really a small world after all. Joyce Veazey was one of the members of the Friona State Bank Senior tour group who recently made an eleven-day trip around the southern states. (See article regarding the trip in the Friona Star, April 26 issue.) The tour group spent the last two nights of the trip at the very famous, very elaborate Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee.

While having lunch at one of several restaurants located in the Opryland Hotel, Joyce heard a voice from the next table asking "Joyce, is that you?" It turned out to be her niece Robyn Herring with her husband Cary, of Amarillo, who were in Nashville on a business trip. Neither knew

that the other person was planning to be in Nashville, much less at that particular place, at that particular time.

There are thousands of people at the Opryland Hotel on any given day.

Robyn is the daughter of Eleanor (Dodson) Riddle of Amarillo. Eleanor is a former Friona girl, a 1961 FHS grad, the daughter of the late Smiley and Meryle Fulks, and sister of local resident Connie Dodson. Eleanor may be remembered as having played basketball at FHS under Friona's well-loved coach, Baker Duggins. This makes Robyn a niece of Connie Dodson, and actually the great-niece of Joyce Veazey.

This just proves that, in this day and time, you are never very far away from home.

Honor Grads Given

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sophomore. He was in NHS and member of the power lifting team his sophomore, junior and senior years and DECA his junior and senior years. Frank served as football team captain; was named to the first team all-district as linebacker; Most Likely to Succeed; district, state and national DECA finalist; International DECA qualifier; maintained a 90 or above

Charges

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be available for 4-6 weeks on Hollman's blood test for alcohol level. The case will be presented to the Deaf Smith County grand jury.

Intoxication manslaughter is a 3rd degree felony, punishable by a state jail sentence of 2-20 years and a fine of up to \$10,000.

Kevin Ortiz was able to leave the hospital to attend funeral services for his wife and stepdaughter Wednesday. He returned to Lubbock where family members say he was operated on Thursday morning on his foot and leg which were broken in five places.

Challenge On May 26

An adult softball challenge, for men and women ages 13 up, is scheduled for May 26 at Calvary Baptist Church. The community is invited to participate.

A brief softball vespers service for the community will be held at 6 p.m. at the Calvary fellowship hall. The softball game will begin at 6:15 p.m.

The co-ed competition will feature slow-pitch for women and men will have fast pitch. Pastor Alvin Petty says the

average.

He was class favorite; named Student of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce; served as sophomore class vice president; DECA secretary and class president his junior year; DECA and class president this year. Listening to music is his hobby. He attends St. Teresa's Catholic Church.

Katherine Thompson, daughter of James and Kristina Anthony, has attended Friona Schools five years and will attend West Texas A&M University this fall. She was in Thespians, contest play and NHS her sophomore, junior and senior years.

She was in Foreign Language Club her sophomore and junior years; FHA her freshman and senior years; was named a National Honor Thespian and maintained a 90 or above average. Katherine served as speech team secretary and Thespian treasurer. Her hobbies are cross stitching, reading, singing, listening to music and going to movies. She attends the Friona United Methodist Church.

game will be five innings, or just three innings if we get hungry. Children may serve as runners for the great hitters whose legs have played out.

Games also for children six and under and age 7-12 will be held about 7:30 p.m.

Calvary Baptist will furnish all the fish and chicken for the meal. You may bring a salad or a vegetable or a dessert if you wish to contribute to the community meal.

Bear Visits Rhea Area..

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supervisor of law enforcement for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Amarillo.

"We have been having some bears showing up in the Panhandle because of the drought in New Mexico. But this is the first one that went into a grain silo," Anderson stated.

Allen reminded this reporter about an elderly woman being killed by a bear in the town of Mora, N.M. last year, a place familiar to Texans going to the New Mexico mountains. The bear had entered the woman's house, apparently in search of food.

One of the Parks and Wildlife representatives who came for the bear on Monday told Allen that their department was very ill-equipped to deal with bears, and that they need to get proper equipment in case other bears wander into the Texas Panhandle. He had to make a couple of phone calls to his superiors while deciding what to do with the intruder.

The wildlife authorities used a tranquilizer gun to immobilize the bear. Three men lifted the bear out of the hole, and another three wrestled it into a stock trailer. The bear was determined to be a male with a cinnamon-colored face.

The bear was released on a large ranch in the western Panhandle, where another bear was spotted this year.

The authorities said that a bear was discovered late last year in Dalhart, and it had been killed.

"I imagine that if you surprised one of those things, he could become a big problem. It seemed like this one was looking for a place to rest. After he got into the tank, he seemed fairly docile," Allen said.

About a year ago, another Rhea resident, Floyd Schuler, spotted a mountain lion toward nightfall on his place, also a rare sight for the area.

Quilt, Computers In Class Projects

Friona 4th graders' end-of-year project was a Texas Quilt for Social Studies, which is Texas history.

Each of the 89 students drew for a subject they would research related to Texas. Their research was done through the use of encyclopedia, texts, a newspaper called "Texas Studies Weekly", the internet and library books.

The students then created a Texas quilt with each block representing a subject. Pictures of each subject were traced onto fabric squares with permanent marker. The designs were colored with fabric crayons and ironed to set the picture on the cloth.

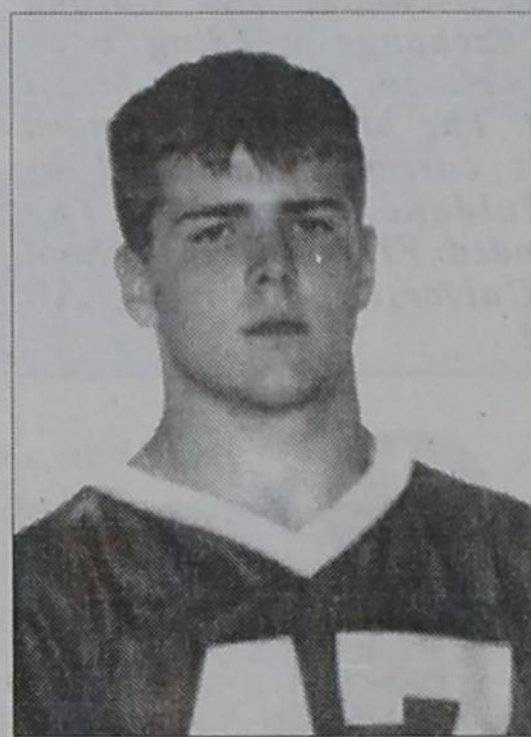
Linda Griffin helped 4th grade project teacher Carolyn Wiseman piece the quilt. Mrs. Wiseman's mother, Gertie Murphree, helped quilt it.



THE TWO VEHICLES collided head-on about six miles west of Hereford on Highway 60, killing Connie Ortiz, 39, of Friona, and her daughter Amy Kilpatrick, 13, of Hereford. photos by mauri montgomery/hereford brand

EYES NATIONAL

Andy Kendrick Wins LCS Pole Vault Title



ANDY KENDRICK

9', narrowly missing at 17'

One of Friona's finest high school athletes has continued his winning ways at Angelo State University.

Andy Kendrick, a 1997 FHS graduate, still holds football and track records here. He was a running back and defensive back on the 1996 Chieftain football team that advanced to the 3A state semi-finals.

His last game as a Chieftain was the state 3A semi-final loss to Tatum played at Texas Stadium under coach James Morton.

Kendrick, son of Danny and Pam Kendrick, has attended Angelo State University in San Angelo and is in his senior year. At ASU he kept up participation in pole vaulting, a high school event in which he also excelled.

He won the Lone Star Conference pole vaulting championship at a meet in Lubbock with a vault of 16'

1", although he has cleared 17' before. Andy also won the LCS vaulting title last year but lost at the National competition.

In Lubbock, he entered the event at a height of 16' 3" when there was only one other vaulter remaining. The other competitor went out at the 16' 3" height. Kendrick continued, winning at 16' 9".

Participating in the LSC meet in Lubbock in addition to Angelo State were Abilene Christian, A&M Commerce, Tarleton State, and A&M Kingsville.

Kendrick will vault for a national title at the National Finals which, to his advantage, will be held in San Angelo May 23-25. Good luck Andy.

Mother, Daughter Buried Wednesday

Connie Ortiz, 39 of Friona and Amy Kilpatrick, 13, of Hereford, mother and daughter, died Saturday, May 11, 2002 near Summerfield, after a traffic accident.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 15, 2002 at the First United Methodist Church in Hereford with Rev. Dorman Duggan and Corey Cambell officiating. Interment followed at West Park Cemetery in Hereford.

Mrs. Ortiz was born September 4, 1962, to Marvin and Bonnie Cole. She married Kevin Ortiz and was a secretary with West Way Feeds.

Miss Kilpatrick was born July 15, 1988 in Hereford to Paul Kilpatrick and Connie Ortiz. She was a student at Hereford Junior High School and was very active in the band and the tennis team.

Ortiz was preceded in death by her mother, Bonnie Cole.

Survivors include Ortiz's husband, Kevin of Friona, her father, Marvin Cole of Hereford; two sons, Paul Kilpatrick, Jr. of North Carolina and Kevin Ortiz, Jr. of Friona; three daughters, Stacey Kilpatrick of Hereford, Kathy Kilpatrick of North Carolina and Loretta Ortiz of Friona; two sisters, Sherri Tucker of Hereford and Crystal Howard of El Paso; and grandparents, George and Hazel Haines of Amarillo.

Kilpatrick's survivors include her parents, Paul and Ginger Kilpatrick of the home, grandparents, Bob and Joyce Duggan of Hereford; Geneva Kilpatrick and Marvin Cole, both of Hereford; a brother, Paul of North Carolina; four sisters, Kathy of North Carolina, and Stacey, Breanna and Kelsey, all of Hereford.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Gideons.

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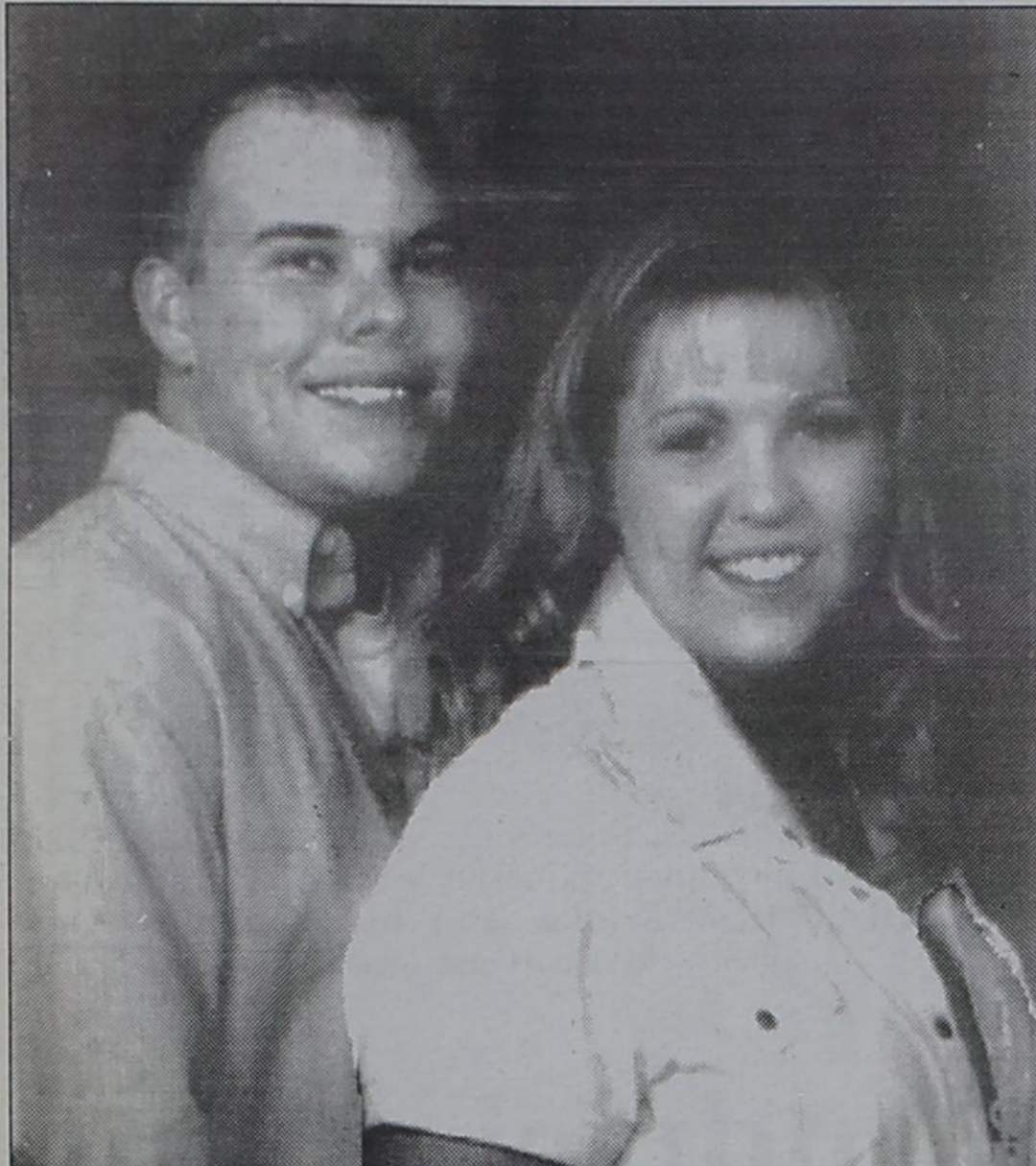
Her parents are Jose Morales and Saida Rodriguez. Grandparents are Isidro and Manuela Morales, and Juan P. and Elena Rodriguez.

She likes to jump on the trampoline, color, listen to music, ride bikes, and play with barbie dolls.

Her favorite food is enchiladas. Her favorite color is pink.



Friona Texas Federal Credit Union



BRANDY MICHELLE BARRETT and CORBEN WILLIAM BAXTER...Gary and Vicki Barrett of Derby, Kansas and John and Debra Baxter of Friona announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Brandy Michelle, and Corben William. The couple will exchange wedding vows Saturday, June 22 at 3 p.m. in the 10th Street Church of Christ in Friona. The bride-elect attended Derby High School and is currently employed by Leadford Gauge in Muldane, Kansas. The prospective bridegroom attended Friona High School and West Texas A&M University, Canyon. All friends are invited to attend.



MICHAEL RAMIREZ

Frionan Participates In Military Exercise

BY ANNE E. COSSITT

A group of warships from Mine Warfare Readiness Group Four (MIWRG-4) based in Ingleside, Texas, recently gathered off the Virginia coast to conduct a joint fleet exercise with ships of the USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67) Battle Group and the USS Wasp (LHD 1) Amphibious Ready Group.

Friona's Michael Ramirez, who is stationed aboard the mine-countermeasures ship USS Warrior (MCM 10), was among the 23,000 Sailors and Marines who participated in the operation, known as Joint Task Force Exercise 02-1 (JTFEX 02-1). The exercise enhanced the skills of Sailors and Marines in the complexities of large-scale, joint-service, assault operations and prepared U.S. forces for deployment through training scenarios.

"This exercise meant a great deal to the security of our nation as we prepare to deploy and train in various scenarios," said Navy Petty officer 2nd Class Ramirez, the 27-year-old son-in-law of Jose Mejia of Friona.

For the crews of mine warfare ships like Warrior, JTFEX provides a chance to integrate the three different elements of the mine-countermeasures triad (surface, air and explosive ordnance disposal) into training scenarios. During JTFEX 021, Ramirez's ship was one of five mine-countermeasures ships that took part. Crews on board these ships were tested in scenarios that challenged them to work with other military assets as a single, cohesive force.

Ramirez, who is married

to Mejia's daughter Rachel, is a four-year Navy veteran. He is an information systems technician onboard Warrior and is responsible for the ship's local area computer network and for set-up and maintenance of voice and data communications on both secure and unsecured channels.

Warrior is a 224-foot, 1,300-ton Avenger-class mine-countermeasures ship. It has a fiberglass-sheathed wooden hull and was designed to find, classify and destroy moored and bottom mines using a high-definition, variable-depth sonar and a remotely operated, robotic submarine. The ship is manned by a complement of 80 Sailors and naval officers and is armed with two .50 caliber machine guns.

Ships like Warrior are an important part of national defense, because they have the mobility to go where needed to get the job done. Thanks to the experience gained from operations such as JTFEX, Sailors on Warrior and other minehunters have the ability to become an integral part of any forward-deployed team.

Having completed JTFEX 02-1, Warrior's Sailors gained the experience and skills needed to do their part in keeping the ship ever-ready to respond to the call of duty. The training with other units in the operation will pay off when these ships are called on to support and work with a battle group whose mission takes them into harm's way. Teamwork between different Navy and Marine Corps assets during an exercise like JTFEX ensures the continued success of U.S. joint warfare operations.

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BY DARLA BRACKEN

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Neighbors, As many of you may know by now, I have recently moved from my neighborhood of 27 years on Cleveland to a new neighborhood in Friona, my home for over 50 years (since birth). As those of you who know me might imagine, this has been an adjustment for me. To all my 'old' neighbors: I bid you a fond farewell and want you to know that you'll always be my neighbors in my heart.

To my 'new' neighbors on Columbia who have made us welcome--thanks!

Earlier this week, I had to stop by the 'old' house to pick up some papers and who was there to greet me? Our faithful "Dog". Yes, we had already moved her to the "new" house but I guess leaving the old home was difficult for her also.

My daughter was just a one month old baby when we moved to the house on Cleveland Avenue, and my son was only four. I have many precious memories of my children growing up

Study Club Has May Meeting

Modern Study Club met May 7, 2002 for a program by the Friona Community Choir led by Allison Johnston.

Fifteen members of the choir sang medleys from "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," "Maybe," "The Music of MGM," "Much More," and "Medley From the Lion King."

The club members brought examples of their hobbies. These were displayed in the entry. Roll call for members and the guests was to name a favorite type of music or hobby.

Cookies and punch was served by hostess Iona Cook to club members and the following guests: Meghan Hendrickson, Justin Davis, McKenzie Davis, Jordan Jameson, Jamie Clark, Allison Jones, Hollis Gurley, Lauren Hughes, Alex Gurley, Pedro Ramos, Hannah Stovall, Kandace Frye, Blair Smiley, Deirdre Johnston, Morgan Anthony, Allison Johnston, Kim Frye, Becky Jones, Feller and Tena Hughes and Annette Frye.

there. We passed many milestones there--first steps, first dates, first days of school, neighborhood friends and games, pets, birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, marriages, grandchildren...I hope to be happy in my new home, but I will always treasure my happiness in my old one. Indeed, it takes a heap of living in a house to make it home.

New arrivals: *Sula* (Oprah selection), *Shelters of Stone* by Jean Auel, *Diary of Ellen Rimbauer*, *Hunting Season* by Nevada Barr, *Sin Killer* by Larry McMurtry, *Pursuit* by Joanna Lindsey, *Paradise Bay* by James Pratt, *Ghost Warrior* by Lucia St. Claire Robson. Non-fiction: *We Were Soldiers Once And Young* by Lt. Col. Harold Moore, *Every Breath You Take* by Ann Rule, *One Nation* by Time Life.

Memorials: Tommy Tatum to RAYMOND COOK, JESSIE MAE THOMAS, and HARRY LOOKINGBILL; FHS Class of 88 to KENT CHESHER; Paul Springs, Frank Springs of Albuquerque, Anne Spring to MARY BELLE WASHINGTON; Rex Brackens, John Baxters, Bill Stovells to LORNA SCHUELER; Rex Brackens, Anne Spring, Cass Perkins to CHARLES ALLEN; D. C. Herrings, Tom Jarboes, Bill Stovells, Benny Pryors, Kenny Fords, Rex Brackens to BERT NEELLEY and JANICE LAMASTER; Wessie Hand, Benny Pryors to DUB HAND; Royce Riggins, Fay Reeve to WANDA WHITE; Wessie Hand, Glenn Reeve to HAZEL STOWERS; Kenny Fords and Modern Study Club to FRANK BRITT; Chris Hunts to GRANT OPLIGER.

Donated Books: Linda Evans, Fern Edwards, Ron McWilliams, Clyde Fields, Bill Stovell, Olive Massie, Effie Hicks, Sandra Randall, Delia Mora, Sherry Ruiz, Lois and Bill Miller, Jerry Gossett, Pamela Pauling, Kathy Sandoval, Elton Wylly, Mike Martin, James Warren, Robert Neelley.

Library Staff: Library staff, workday volunteers and guests Billie Fairchild, and Marie Perkins were treated to a luncheon at the Depot courtesy of Mayor Clarence Monroe, Friends of the Library. The Library Staff were also on hand to serve refreshments at the Mayors Reception on May 2.



MELISSA ANN SEALE and DAVID WAYNE MURPHREE...Donnie and Connie Seale of Plainview announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Melissa Ann, to David Wayne Murphree, son of Danny and Linda Murphree of Plainview. Miss Seale, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donal Seale of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bradley of Lockney, is a 2000 graduate of Plainview High School and is a student majoring in nursing at West Texas A&M University. She is employed by the WTAMU Admissions Office and Northwest Texas Healthcare System. Murphree, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Allen of Plainview and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Murphree of Friona, is a 1996 graduate of Plainview High School and attended Texas Tech University and Wayland Baptist University. He is employed by Allen's Tri-State Mechanical in Amarillo. The couple will be married June 22 at First Baptist Church in Plainview.

R. Burleson Graduates Texas Tech

Rachel Burleson, daughter of Greg and Janet Burleson, graduated from Texas Tech University May 11, 2002. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Multi-disciplinary Studies summa cum laude and was in the top 20% of her class.

She was involved in the following organizations and honors while at Texas Tech: Golden Key International Honor Society, Texas Student Education Association, National Science Teachers Association, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society and Alpha Lambda Beta National Honor Society.

Rachel has accepted a



RACHEL BURLESON

position with the Lubbock Independent School District, teaching 4th grade science at Wolforth Elementary School.

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JULIE OWEN BENDER

Friona Native Was Happy Boy's Teacher

Readers of the Amarillo Globe-News probably read in its issue of May 7 about the teacher at Happy who rushed to Northwest Texas Hospital following the devastating tornado that struck the community, to check on Ricardo Castillo, whose parents, Eduardo and Emilio were killed in the storm.

Ricardo told Julie that he hit his head during the jostling, and couldn't remember what happened next. The youth had wounds to his legs, his right eye was swollen, and he endured some head trauma. But he had improved enough to be released by the day following the tornado.

The teacher, Julie Bender, is the former Julie Owen, Friona native. She is the daughter of Bob Owen and the late Glenda Owen.

Julie told the reporter that the Castillos' care for their son was evident. "He was always very clean, well-dressed, and had everything he needed in the way of school supplies," she said.

Owen was a longtime employee of the Friona Independent School District, as football coach and assistant principal. Owen is retired after serving as superintendent of schools at Bovina.

The boy's mother had served on a Happy Elementary School committee helping to determine the needs of students with limited English proficiency.

Julie arrived at the hospital before any of the family members, to be with her third-grade student. "He was alone. I was glad I could be there," Julie told a Globe-News writer.

It was learned that a sister of Emilio, who lives in Chihuahua, Mexico, wants to raise him. Another uncle, Emilio Joven, rounded up his wife and six children and found shelter. Their home was near that of the Castillos, and it was also demolished.

Julie said the youngster told her that he "heard something" while playing Nintendo. He got up and went to the other room. Then the trailer was picked up, and the family members fell to the floor. Then the roof blew off.

The Jovens made a trip to Mexico to bury their relatives, and told the reporter they might stay there, because of the bad memories of the late Sunday storm.



Out Here

by Ron Carr

"Doin' The TexasNextStep!"

Education. The most important thing in life, except for a new car.

In California, several high schools have told some of their graduating seniors not to bother to show up on graduation night.

Even though they passed and are otherwise qualified to graduate, their wise school leaders have declared that unless you going on to college or enlisting in the military, you can't participate in the graduation ceremony.

The sad thing is, the people who made the rule are supposed to be educated. I think I am beginning to understand why everybody says education is so important.

If you have a degree from a university, you can pass yourself off as an educated moron instead of just a garden variety idiot. America tends to look up to educated morons.

Isn't that about it. If you have completed your "higher education" it is then your

duty to punish lazy, uneducated rabble by denying as many rights as you can sneak by them.

The California ruling is an oppressive, communistic, socialist example of some educators having more education than they need.

The Texas Legislature will convene in 2003 for its biennial session. (For you folks in Bootleg, that means they meet every two years.)

Lawmakers seeking office around the state will campaign with education as the number one issue in Texas.

Comptroller grandma Carole Keeton Rylander has unleashed another of her crackerjack ideas to make the Texas workforce the smartest in America.

See, if we have smart people with fancy jobs, they pay a lot of taxes which the Comptroller can get her hands on to spend and make us all better.

Here is the first line of a fax we received from her

comptrollership this week: "When I was sworn in as Texas Comptroller in 1999, I set ten principles for Texas in the 21st Century."

Politicians like to use "I" as often as possible. It is pretty pompous, in my opinion, for any individual to say "I am setting the rules and you are going to follow them." This is America. If I want to be a bum, leave me alone.

So granny Rylander has invented TexasNextStep. Simply put, it is supposed to provide every Texas high school graduate with up to 60 semester credit hours (plus additional hours for remediation if needed) at any public community, technical or lower-division institution in Texas. Free. No cost.

(By the way, remediation means if you didn't learn reading, writing or arithmetic in high school, you'll have to learn it in college if you hope to get out of college. Unless you can play football.)

Mrs. Rylander says the money for this project will come from a "small portion" of lottery revenues. Wasn't lottery revenue supposed to provide mountains of cash to the public schools too?

Granny Rylander says the TexasNextStep program will only cost about \$150 million a year. As we speak, community college presidents are scheming to get their portion of the state's bounty.

So there you go. If you graduate from a high school in Texas, you can go to college for two years free, get a better job, earn more money, pay your child support and pay more taxes so we can build more schools and roads.

All the while, school districts around the state are making drastic cuts in their budgets. The National Con-

ference of State Legislatures reported that in the current fiscal year, 17 states faced reductions in their budgets for elementary and secondary schools and 29 faced cuts for colleges and universities.

The gap between this budget reality and the mantra about "leaving no child behind" is huge.

The Washington Post National Weekly edition reports the federal government is still falling short on a promise to pay 40 percent of the bills for special education students, "whose needs are a crippling cost for local school districts."

In Texas, the legislature will spend a lot of time in 2003 trying to figure out how to pay for public education other than with property taxes. Our own state senator Teel Bivins of Amarillo will be at the forefront of the argument.

So am I any smarter for having written this? No. Are you any smarter after reading it? Definitely not.

But I can tell you this. You can have all the money, teachers, buildings and scholarships in the world, but when parents send their kids to school unprepared, unmotivated, hungry and without much hope, even Granny Rylander's TexasNextStep won't help. (to rh---anytime!)

Potts Have Baby Boy

Ryan and Crystal Potts of Bovina are the parents of a boy born April 18, 2002 at 7:15 a.m. at Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis, New Mexico.

Brayden Lyle weighed seven pounds, two ounces and measured 19 inches in length. He is the couple's first child.

Grandparents are Jay and Krita Potts of Friona and Karen Ashley of Clovis.

Great-grandmothers are Virginia Steele of Bovina and Helen Potts of Friona.

TEACHER'S HUSBAND

Cancer Claims Ex Friona Police Chief

A memorial service for William Daniel "Bill" Thieman, Jr., 55, was held Saturday, May 11, 2002 at Steed-Todd Chapel in Clovis, New Mexico with pastor Brad Rigney and Constantine Xamis officiating. Cremation has taken place.

He passed away Tuesday, May 7, 2002 at his home in Clovis following a lengthy illness.

He was born August 3, 1946 in Butte, Montana to Bill and Beulah Altis Thieman, Sr. He and his family moved back to the family farm (Willgrace Farm) in Higginsville, Missouri in 1949. He was an Eagle Scout and a member of the Tribe of Mic-o-say (the Order of the Arrow in Scouting). He graduated from Higginsville High School in 1964.

He graduated from Central Missouri State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice in 1968. He married Judith Ann Kincaid June 1, 1968, who is currently teaching at Bovina High School.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army and was in the 2nd Infantry Division. He did a tour of duty in Korea. In May of 1970, he returned to the states and became Chief of security at Montgomery Ward in Kansas City. He also served on the police departments of Lexington and Odessa, Missouri.

In 1973 he received his Master's Degree in Criminal

Justice. He taught at Des Moines Area Community College from 1974 to 1979. In the fall of 1979 he moved to Clovis and taught at Eastern New Mexico University, Clovis campus. He later served as Chief of Police in Friona, Texas and Newcastle, Wyoming. He moved back to Clovis and sold real estate for Caldwell Banker.

Thieman served as Friona Chief of Police from May, 1983-August, 1984. He served between Bill Denney and Lloyd Niece.

In 1989 he went back to school to teach elementary education. He taught school for the Gallup McKinley County School District, in Ramah and at Chee Dodge in Gallup from 1992 to the fall of 2000. He participated in historical reenactments with the New Mexico Mountain Men Association. He was also a member of the New Mexico Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. He was also a volunteer fire fighter in Ramah and Gallup.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Craig Thieman Suplee.

Survivors include his wife, Judith of the home in Clovis; and two sons, Daniel Thieman of Higginsville, Missouri and Joe Thieman and his wife Sabrina of Las Cruces, New Mexico.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the American Cancer Society.

Sales Tax Received

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander sent sales tax rebates of \$383.4 million to Texas cities and counties in May. She said that year-to-date sales tax allocations are down 1.7 percent compared to 2001.

May sales tax rebates represent local sales taxes collected by monthly sales taxpayers in March and by quarterly sales taxpayers in January, February and March, and reported to the Comptroller in April.

Cities in Parmer County collected a total of \$34,366 in May, down about -7% from the previous year. May payments by city were: Bovina, \$3,910; Farwell, \$4,395; and Friona, 26,060.

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Services Held Tuesday For Lazbuddie Girl

Services for Nicole "Nikki" Lewandowski, 16, of Lazbuddie were held Tuesday, May 14, 2002 at Calvary Baptist Church in Muleshoe with the Rev. Jeff Coffman of Muleshoe officiating. Burial followed at Lazbuddie Cemetery.

She died Friday, May 10, 2002 following a one vehicle accident.

Nikki was born March 11, 1986 in Clovis, New Mexico.

She had lived in Lazbuddie for nine years after

moving from Muleshoe. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Muleshoe, where she was active with the youth group.

She attended Lazbuddie High School. She was recently inducted into the Spanish National Honor Society. She was on the National Honor Roll for the past two years. She was a member of the Technical Student Association. She was a member of the junior varsity basketball team and was a member of the varsity cross-country team.

Survivors include her father and his wife, John and Sheila Lewandowski III of Magnolia; her mother and her husband, Tammi and Dewitt Burton of Lazbuddie; grandparents, Liz Worm of Farwell, Bob Cleaveland of Roswell, New Mexico, Sue and Jim Hansen of Flagstaff, Arizona and John and Nancy Lewandowski Jr. of Pueblo, Colorado; five sisters, Amber and Amanda Burton and Kera Lewandowski, all of Lazbuddie, Angela Burton of Japan and Brianna Lewandowski of Magnolia; and two brothers, Arron Burton of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina and John Anthony Lewandowski IV of Magnolia.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

T. Talleys Have Baby Daughter

Troy and Nicole Talley of Lubbock are the parents of a girl born May 8, 2002 at 9:36 a.m. at Lubbock's Covenant Hospital.

Emma J'Nae weighed seven pounds and eleven ounces and measured twenty-one inches in length. Her older siblings are Tyler, 4 and Carly, 2.

Grandparents are Jay and Krita Potts and Leon and Nelda Talley, all of Friona.

Great-grandparents are Virginia Steele of Bovina, Helen Potts of Friona and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Talley of Carlsbad, New Mexico.



IN THE SENIORS division of the 4-H judging contest were, l-r, Wayne Terry, Keith Hunt, Steven Hunt and Suzanne Mason.

District 2 Livestock Judging Results Given

Results of District 2 4-H livestock judging competition held in Lubbock.

JUNIOR 1 DIVISION

- High Individual Beef
 - 2 Colton Christian
 - 10 Russell Schilling
 - 14 Drew Johnson
- High Individual Swine
 - 3 Michelle Wauson
 - 8 Drew Johnson
 - 12 Caleb Christian
 - 18 Kade Foster
- High Individual Sheep
 - 3 Colton Christian
 - 11 Michelle Wauson
 - 16 Kade Foster
 - 18 Russell Schilling
 - 21 Caleb Christian
- High Individual Overall
 - 5 Colton Christian
 - 9 Michelle Wauson
 - 10 Drew Johnson
 - 13 Russell Schilling
 - 17 Caleb Christian
- High Team-Parmer County
 - 2nd beef, 3rd swine; High Team overall, Parmer County 2nd.

- 13 Brittany Gonsler
- High Team-swine 7th; sheep 1st. High Team overall-Parmer 9th. High Individual Overall-Alisha Wauson 1st.

SENIOR DIVISION

- High Individual Beef Reasons
 - 9 Keith Hunt
 - 18 Suzanne Aragon
 - 20 Wayne Terry
- High Individual Swine Reasons
 - 7 Keith Hunt
 - 8 Suzanne Aragon
 - 16 Wayne Terry
- High Individual Sheep Reasons
 - 3 Keith Hunt
 - 11 Steven Hunt
 - 15 Suzanne Aragon
 - 16 Wayne Terry
- High Individual Overall
 - 12 Keith Hunt
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- High Individual Sheep Placing
 - 1 Keith Hunt
 - 3 Steven Hunt
 - 5 Wayne Terry
 - 6 Suzanne Aragon
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Around Town

Piano recital Sunday

Johnnie Walters will present her piano students in recital Sunday, May 19, at 2:20 p.m. in the Friona Methodist Church Chapel. Students performing will be Alex Gurley, Hollis Gurley, J. Gurley, Jacob Marin, Raquel Marin, Kimberley Jones, Stephenie Jones and Jessie London. Works of Bach, Beethoven and others will be presented. Everyone is invited.

Museum workday Sunday May 19

Directors and volunteers restoring the old Congregational Church as the Pioneer Heritage Museum are asking for help on Sunday, May 19 at 2 p.m. for a workday. The museum is located at Sixth & Euclid in Friona. Mary Johnston or Billie Tongate are coordinators. They need some "strong backs" to help clean out the lower floor of the building. The top floor has been renovated. If you can help out call Bruce Fleming at 265-3207 or be there May 19. Thanks.

Library closing days scheduled

The Friona public library will be closed on the following days: May 21, May 27, and May 29.

Hub cowboy fellowship May 21

You are invited to join the fellowship and worship at the Hub Community Center (1 1/2 miles south of Hub intersection) on Tuesday, May 21. Service will start at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited. This is a non-denominational service.

Community choir organizing May 28

A Friona community choir is being organized for a special July 4 "I Love America" presentation. The organizational meeting for the choir will be on May 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at the Methodist Church. Books will be available for choir members. There will be no cost to the singers. Come and celebrate America!

Methodist Bible school May 28-31

We're Looking For Explorers Like You! The Friona United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School is set for May 28-31, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, ages 3 thru 4th grade. There will be a closing program for VBS at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, May 31. Everyone is invited. Hot dogs will be served following the program.

Two Parmer Co. Students Get WTRT Scholarships

Scotty Johnson, a senior at Bovina High School, and Angela Billingsley, a senior at Farwell High School, are Parmer County students selected to receive \$1,000 scholarships from West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative.

Johnson, son of Bobby and Becky Johnson of Bovina, plan to attend KD Studio-Actor's Conservatory of the Southwest in Dallas to study acting.

Miss Billingsley, daughter of Sam and Jan Billingsley of Farwell, will attend Lubbock Christian University, where she will major in Spanish education.

Other winners include Brent Schoenenberger, son of Albert and Margaret Schoenenberger of Hereford, a senior at Adrian High School who will major in agricultural economics at West Texas

A&M University; Brittney Brown, daughter of Joe Bob and Tammy Brown of Hereford, a senior at Hereford High School, who will study dental hygiene or physical therapy at Amarillo College.

Also, Judy Short, daughter of Rea and Charlene Cox of Dawn and a nursing student at Amarillo College; Tasha Bradford Stefanatos of Dawn, a business marketing major at West Texas A&M University; and Kasey Torres of Dawn, an English secondary education major at West Texas A&M University.

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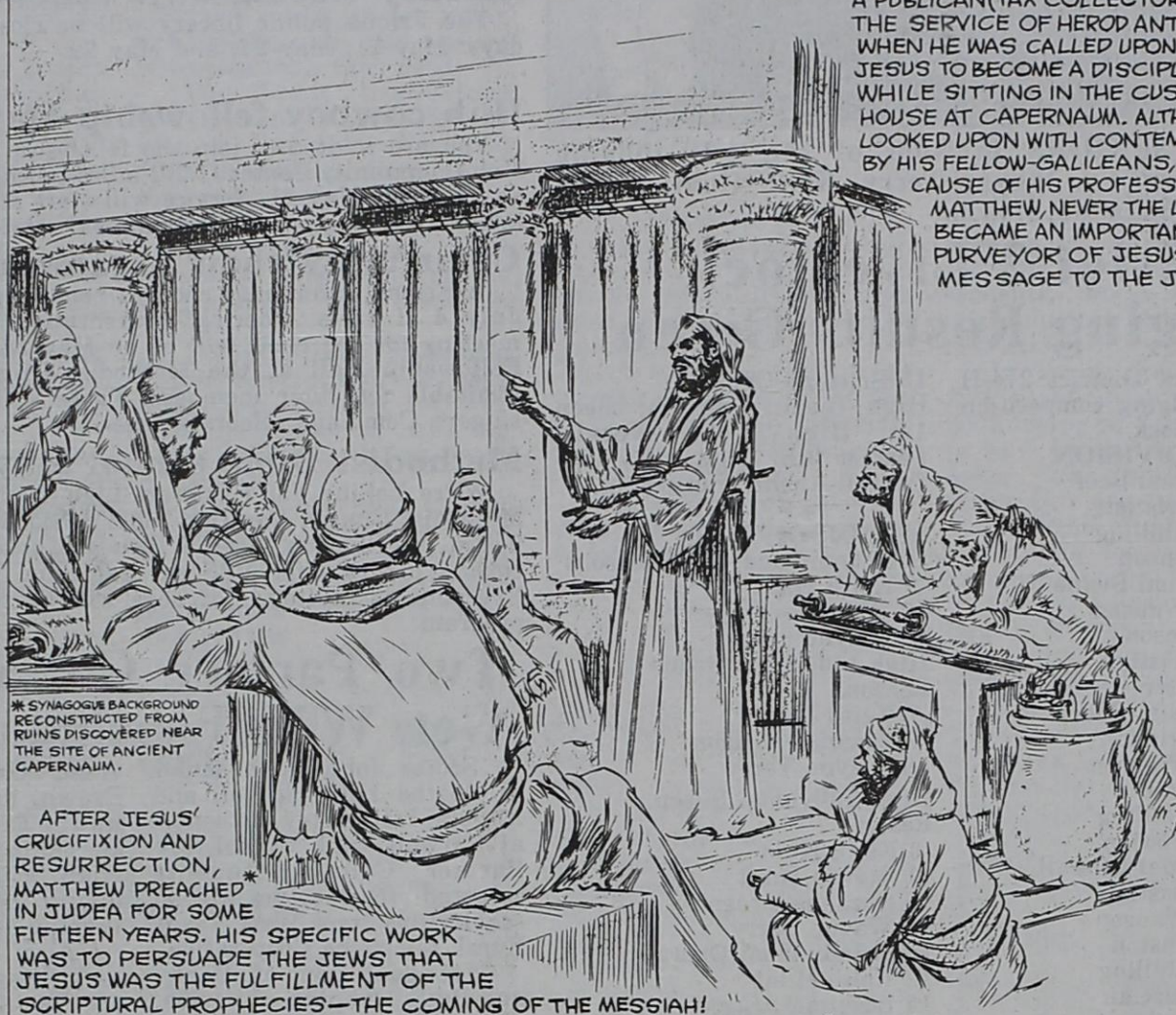
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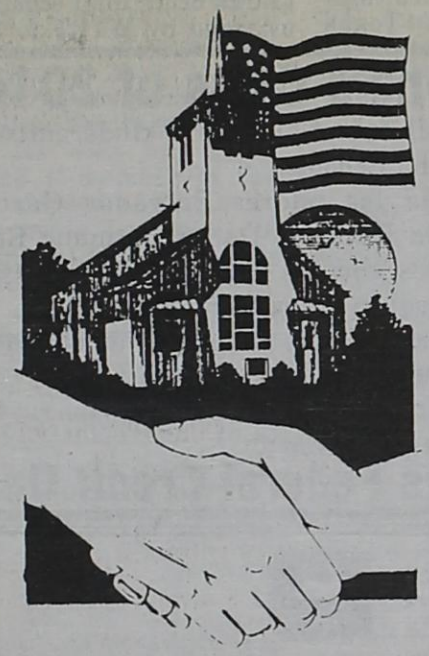
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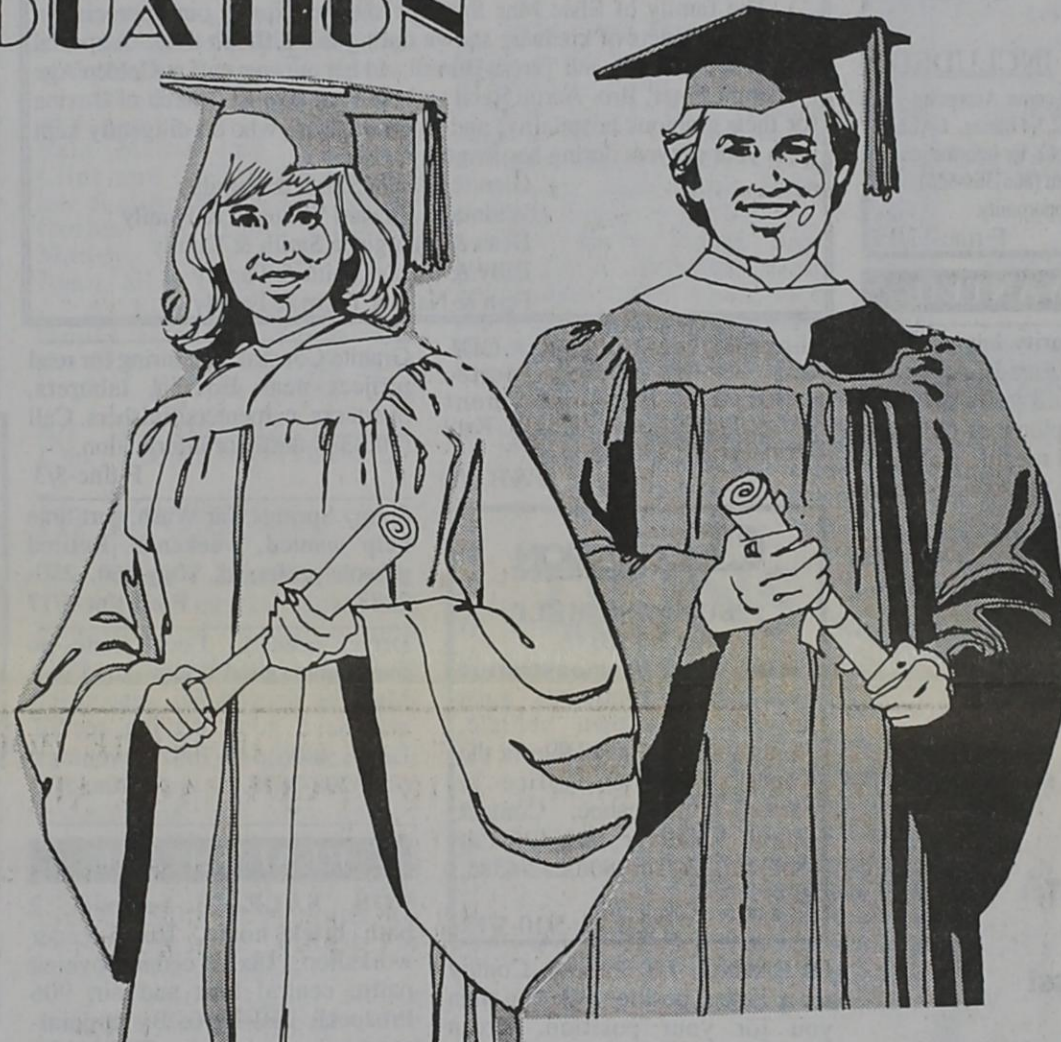
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 PRICE REDUCED-gorgeous-MUST SEE-Western Addn.....\$119,000
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 Move into a beautiful 3 bdr., 2 bath w/fireplace.....SOLD
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 The family of Max Steinbock would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone for your calls, cards, prayers, flowers and food during the illness and loss of our loved one. Your kindness has been a great source of comfort and it shall long be remembered. God Bless You.
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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of John L. Mitchell, Deceased, were issued on April 22, 2002, in Cause No. 2517, pending in the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to: Scott Mitchell.

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Lorna B. Schueler, Deceased, were issued on May 6, 2002, in Cause No. 2521, pending in the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to: Shirley A. Schueler and Dale R. Schueler.

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The residence of the Independent Co-Executors are Clovis, Curry County, New Mexico and Friona, Parmer county, Texas, respectively; the post office address is:
 c/o: JEFF W. ACTKINSON
 Attorney at Law
 402 Third Street/
 P.O. Box 286
 Farwell, Texas 79325

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
 DATED the 10th day of May, 2002.

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
 DATED the 9th day of May, 2002.

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of WANDA ILENE THOMPSON, Deceased, were issued on April 10, 2002, in Cause No. 2515, pending in the County Court of PARMER County, Texas, to: BLACKWELL FUNERAL HOME, INC.
 The address of the Administrator is:
 c/o: BYRON J. BOYD
 Attorney at Law
 715 Main Street
 Friona, Texas 79035

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
 DATED the 9th day of May, 2002.

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of WANDA ILENE THOMPSON, Deceased, were issued on April 10, 2002, in Cause No. 2515, pending in the County Court of PARMER County, Texas, to: BLACKWELL FUNERAL HOME, INC.
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 NEW LISTING.....3 BR, 1 bath, ready to sell, partially re-done.....\$33,000
 NEW LISTING.....3 BR, 1 bath, 2 carport, trees, lg. lot, Bovina.....\$37,900
 NEW LISTING.....3 BR, 2 bath, large lot, storage, 1 car, 2 C/P.....\$46,500
 NEW LISTING.....1999-80'x14' mobile home, ready to be moved.....\$34,000
 NEW LISTING.....3 BR, 1-3/4 baths, 2 car, BV.....SOLD.....\$58,000
 NEW LISTING.....3 BR, 1 bath, NEEDS HELP.....\$18,000
 NEW LISTING.....2 BR, 1 bath home plus mobile home lot.....\$25,000
 NEW LISTING.....mobile home, .974 ac., barn, SE Cor. Sec. 25.....\$34,500
 NEW LISTING.....2 BR/3 BR Basement, 1-3/4 bath, brick, 1 car garage, 2 car shop..... \$75,000
 NEW LISTING.....2 BR, 1 bath, carport, 2 BR/basement.SOLD..\$31,950
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 2 BR, 1 bath, fireplace, fenced, good st...Price Reduced.....\$25,000..\$27,900
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 2 BR, 1 bath, nice and clean, storage.....SOLD.....\$31,800
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Legal Notice

TEXAS NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION



NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR QUALITY STANDARD PERMIT REGISTRATION

PROPOSED AIR QUALITY PERMIT NO. 48480B

APPLICATION Mason Dairy Contractors, Inc., 1616 South Kentucky Street, Suite C305, Amarillo, Texas, 79102-2288, has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Permit No. 48480B, which would authorize construction of a Concrete Batch Plant located approximately one and a half miles south of the intersection of State Highways 1172 and 2397 on State Highway 1172, Friona, Parmer County, Texas. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, and road dust.

This application was submitted to the TNRCC on April 18, 2002. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TNRCC central office, the TNRCC Amarillo regional office, and the City of Bovina City Hall, 205 North Street, Parmer County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Amarillo regional office of the TNRCC.

The TNRCC executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TNRCC will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If any comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on

the mailing list for this application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. If no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. To request a hearing, a person must actually reside in a permanent residence within 440 yards of the proposed plant. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you, use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing, and the interests which the group or association seek to protect, must also be identified. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.

If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice will be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the TNRCC Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TNRCC can be found at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from Mason Dairy Contractors, Inc. at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Brad Wieck, P.E., Enviro-Ag Engineering at (806)353-6123.

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Friona News

By BECKY LONDON

Phone 238-1146 or 250-2211 With your News Items,...

e-mail: case@wrrt.net

Jack and Ona Patterson enjoyed having Mother's Day company Sunday. Visitors included their daughter Sandra Blackstein and her son and his family, Donnie and Kerri Shamblin and sons Clay and Cass, all of Amarillo.

The family attended church at Bovina's First Baptist Church and then had lunch at the Bovina cafeteria at the annual Lion's Club Mother's Day fried chicken dinner.

Roy and Eva Miller spent Mother's Day with their three daughters and their families Sunday. Out-of-town visitors were their daughter and son-in-law, Mary Lou and Dale Glass of McLean and their daughters and their families, Terri Luna and her three children Julian, Jena and Jordan of Clarendon and Sherry and Marvin Kramer of Skellytown and their daughters Sandy and Rachel.

Also, the Millers' daughter Linda Timms and her daughter and her family, Evelyn Hill and Aubrey Dawn and Alyssa, all of Sunray; and Linda's granddaughter, Selenda Hays of Amarillo.

Also, the Millers' daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Sam Mears and their son Clint and their daughter and her family, Sarah and Randy Gerles and their children Mandy, Amy, Andrea and Ryan, all of Friona.

A big portion of the family attended church with the Millers at Bovina's First Baptist Church, where Eva

plays the organ. Their great-granddaughter, Alyssa, sang a beautiful song during the morning service.

Following morning services, the Mears family of Friona hosted a lovely Mother's Day lunch for all the family members.

Jay and Krita Potts are all smiles these days. They have been enjoying the blessings of two new grandbabies. Brayden Lyle was born three weeks early on April 18 to Ryan and Crystal Potts of Bovina and Emma J'Nae was born May 8 to Troy and Nicole Talley of Lubbock.

Since Brayden just lives down the road, the Potts see him pretty often. Krita said they will be making plenty of trips to Lubbock to see little Emma. Following Emma's birth, the Potts brought her brother and sister, Tyler and Carly to Friona to stay a few days until Nicole and Emma were released from the hospital.

Congratulations to the Potts!

Nola Faye Vestal recently spent a week visiting friends downstate. She and former Frionan Mary Ann (Hanie) Jack of Paris visited former Frionan Patsy Talley, who lives at Signature Point Nursing Home in Dallas.

The three ladies have been great friends since September 1940 when local small schools consolidated and the students began attending Friona High School.

Nola Faye said Patsy

loves her Friona Star and keeping up with our hometown news. We miss you, Patsy and hope you are well!

Friends say Lottie Bails fell this week and broke her

hip. Surgery was set for Thursday at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. Lottie is a really sweet lady and we really enjoy her at *The Star*. Best wishes in your recovery, Lottie!

Holy Ghost Meeting REVIVAL SERVICES



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Dean Sasser Earns FIC Designation

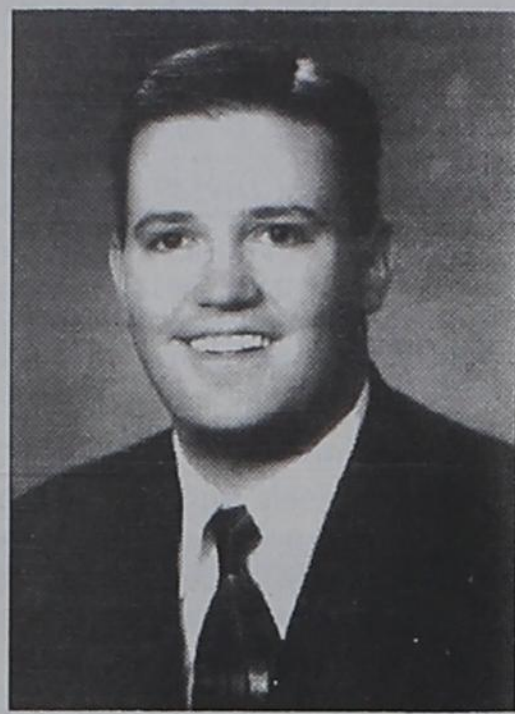
L. Dean Sasser of Friona, a Modern Woodmen of America representative, has attained the Fraternal Insurance Counsellor (TIC) designation.

The FIC title is an educational designation that can be earned by career life insurance representatives associated with fraternal insurance societies.

Representatives devote more than one year to meet the examination and career development criteria that has been set by the Fraternal Field Managers Association.

Modern Woodmen of America is a fraternal life insurance society that is headquartered in Rock Island, Illinois.

The organization offers life insurance and annuities for



DEAN SASSER

family financial security and fraternal service programs for communities.

Financial Focus

Pay Yourself First--and Build Your Savings

Are you investing as much as you should? If not, what can you do about it? Here's a suggestion: *Pay yourself first.*

That sounds simple, but it's not always so easy. Many people find it hard to invest because they spend all their money on the expenses of daily living. Even when they get salary increases, they find ways to spend this additional money.

Of course, as most of us know, life is pretty expensive. Yet, if you're going to achieve your vital financial goals--such as a comfortable retirement--you must save and invest. And the best way to do that is to pay yourself first. Every single month, put some money away in an investment--before you pay the mortgage, the utilities and the dentist.

How can you do this? Actually, it may not be as challenging as it sounds. In fact, you may already be paying yourself first, if you have a 401(k) plan where you work. Every time you get paid, your employer puts some of your salary into your 401(k). You never get a chance to spend this money, because it's out of your hands.

You can apply this same principle to building up your savings and investment portfolio. Your employer may have a "deduct and invest" plan, under which you can have money withheld from your paycheck and placed in an investment of your choice. Even if no such plan exists, however, you can create one on your own. By setting up what's known as a bank authorization, you can have money taken from your checking account and placed directly to an investment. Depending on your situation, you may choose to do this once or twice a month.

You might think that you can afford to put in only small amounts--so why bother? But over time, even relatively modest contributions can add up. For example, suppose you have \$50 withheld from your paycheck twice a month and placed into a tax-deferred investment--such as a traditional IRA--that earns, on average, 8 per cent a year. After 30 years, you will have accumulated more than \$140,000--an amount that can make a big difference in your retirement lifestyle.

(Keep in mind that this type of plan won't assure you a profit and can't protect you against loss in declining markets. Because you'll be continually investing in securities regardless of their fluctuating prices, you'll need to consider your financial ability to keep making purchases through periods of low price levels.)

You can accelerate your savings even further by putting part of your salary increases into your monthly investments. Again, you've never really had this money in your pocket, so you shouldn't really "miss" it.

Probably the hardest part of employing a "pay yourself first" strategy is just getting started. If you tell yourself that you'll begin paying yourself first after you get caught up on your bills, you may never get going--because there's always something you can spend money on. To make this investment strategy work, you simply have to sign that bank authorization and move on. With a little creativity, you should be able to find areas in your budget that you can adjust to compensate for the money now going into your investments.

So, start paying yourself soon--you're worth it.

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*Annual Percentage Yield (APY)--Interest cannot remain on deposit; periodic payout of interest is required. Early withdrawal may not be permitted. Names of current issuers are available on request. Effective 5-17-2002.



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Happy Birthday Friona Folks

Friona residents observing their birthdays next week include:

May 19--Ramey Beene, Lynn Nelson, Carol Ellis, Naruby Schlenker, Mary Lou Taylor, Ruby Hassenpflug, Tyler Hough, Blair Burney.

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

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

May 22--Scott Terry, Lilian Williams, Mark Osborn, Jerri Landrum, Lance Venhaus, Katelyn Roth.

May 23--Becky Mays,

Susan Renner, Dana Auburg, Dona Auburg Caballera, Ray A. Martinez, Chad Gayle.

May 24--Mickey Ready, David Warren, Jo Witten, Tara Cargile, Tommy Davis, Farron Young, Joe Santellano, David Sarpalius, JeDon Gallman.

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

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.

YOUR EYES

Strong Prescription Lenses Without Distortion

High-index glasses, which have thinner than normal lenses, are becoming very popular with individuals of all ages. On the shelves of eyecare specialists or in ads for glasses, you will find a variety of different makes and styles.

Eyeglasses correct vision by bending light as it passes through the lens. The degree that the light must bend to improve vision is determined by the doctor's prescription. The stronger the prescription or higher the number, the more light must be bent for correction. Traditionally, people with stronger prescriptions had thick lenses. High-index lenses allow light to pass more easily through the lens, so less glass or plastic is required.

Aspheric lenses are also thinner than regular ones. Their unique design reduces the distortion that normally occurs with stronger prescriptions at the outer edges of the lens. If you are nearsighted, your eyes will seem to shrink less. If you are farsighted, your eyes will appear less magnified. Aspheric lenses also provide better optics, because they correct more of the distortion that can occur when the eyes move from the center toward the periphery of a lens. Although high-index and aspheric glasses can cost more than traditional models, you may prefer their features. Discuss the pros and cons with your eyecare professional.

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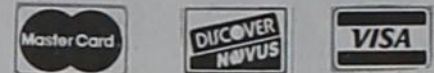
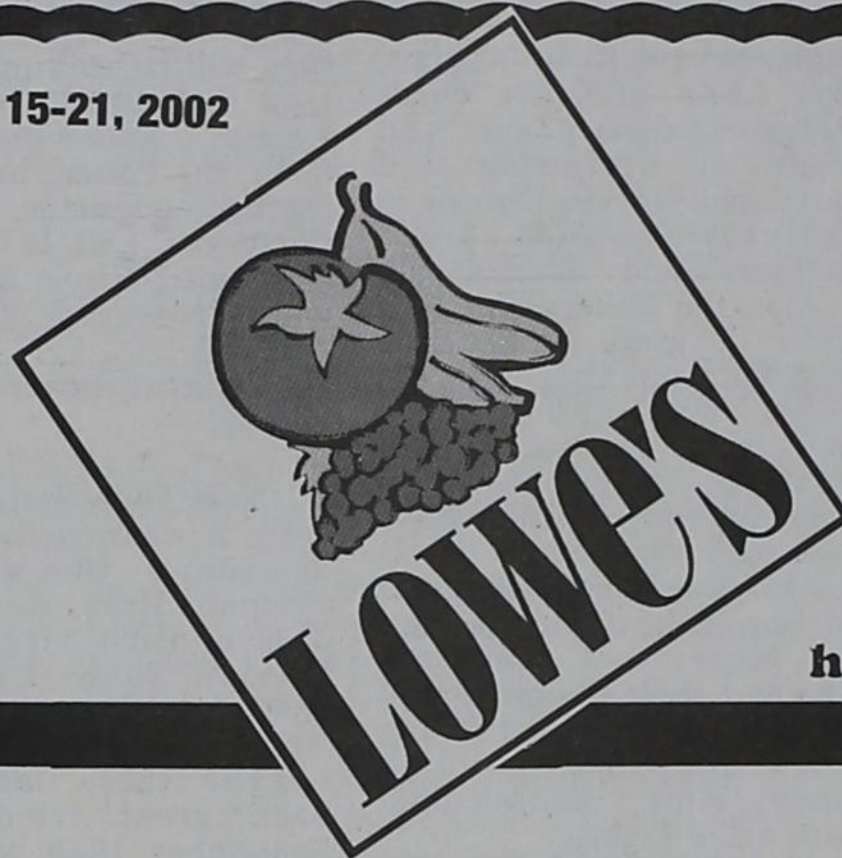


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