

**Temperatures:**

Date	Hi-Low
Friday, July 19	93-66
Saturday, July 20	93-67
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Monday, July 22	91-63
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## Friona ISD Dress Code Reminder

The Friona ISD Board of Trustees considered dress code issues at the July 11, 2002, regular monthly meeting.

Recommendations had been made to the Board that junior high students not be allowed to wear shorts. The Board declined the recommendation and instructed staff and administration to monitor the dress code situation as the new school year begins.

Dress code provisions may be found in student handbooks. Parents are encouraged to call their respective campus principal if there are any questions.

Students are reminded that any article of clothing that does not meet guidelines and that does not maintain the modesty of a student during an active day are prohibited.

Students in violation of the dress code will be required to change clothes. Parents will be called to the school.

## Eva & Clint To Perform For Seniors

The monthly social for the Friona Senior Citizens Assn. will be held Saturday, July 27 at 5 p.m. at the Senior Citizens' Friendship House.

Eva Miller and Clint Mears, her grandson, will perform a musical program.

Cake and ice cream will be served. All members are encouraged to attend.

IT WAS A LITTLE LATE this year. The yearly gas price hike usually happens right before we all get ready to travel here and there for summer vacations; often in late May or early June. But there's still plenty of family travel time left before school starts.

There is a neat story in Bill's "Ellis Family" book about a trip, when his grandfather's family, including the old great-granddad, plus several other relatives and neighbors all moved from Western Oklahoma to Bailey County, south of Muleshoe in 1931. The group traveled in several horse-drawn wagons, one car, and a couple of trucks, with one pulling a trailer.

The trucks were the rugged old Willis brand which was the forerunner of the Jeep. It's a good thing the vehicles, as well as the people, were rugged because there weren't any highways back then. In fact the roads were unpaved and in many places they were just a trail. They traveled across what is now Highway 70 and 86.

At times they were obliged to get out and open gates across someone's ranchland and then close it behind them. When stopping for the night, the men would look up the owner of the property to ask permission for the group to camp there for the night. Without fail, they were told to just let their animals graze in the fields, because there was plenty for all.

The children, from little ones to teenagers, thought the trip was great fun... seeing new sights, meeting new people, camping out, cooking over the camp fire.

We traveled the same route last weekend when we went to the annual Ellis family reunion in Oklahoma at Lake Murray near Ardmore. We made it in six hours (plus a few rest stops) at 70 miles per hour over mostly four-lane highways. Bill noted that the miles we traveled in one hour, would have taken three and one-half days for his family group making that same trip in 1931. Our "caravan" consisted of two cars, and one SUV pulling a trailer with two jet skis. We all stayed in communication with one another via three cell phones.

When our kids were younger there was a lot of whining from the three in the back seat. "Are we there yet?" "Mom, he's getting on my side of the car." The standard reply from the front was "You kids better straighten up or your Dad will stop this car right now." The threat was implied. No one ever actually knew what that meant. We sang songs and played a lot of word games, the alphabet game and license plate tag.

Then somebody came up with those small hand-held electronic games that emitted beeping sounds from the back seat to drive parents crazy. We breathed a sigh of relief when they came up with the Sony Walkman and the kids played their own brand of irritating music while wearing earphones.

Well, family road trips are still evolving. The family vehicle has now turned into an electronic cocoon, sheltering passengers from the world that is passing by outside the windows. Hyperactive kids are belted into their seats in the back, barely able to wiggle. The TV screen and VCR keep them entertained with movies and cartoons. There are dual headphone jacks for the kids, so no noise drifts up to the front while Mom and Dad chat, or listen to their own CDs. Everybody rides along in their own little private world, and the only whining we heard was once when we stopped; "We weren't through with our movie yet."

But there is more to come. Soon there will be computers complete with rolling Internet access in the new cars, plus electronic mapping systems for getting from one place to another without traffic jams or detours. And of course as the kids get older they'll be playing Gameboy and Nintendo on their backseat TV screen. Time marches on.

Except for the air conditioning, have we really improved the family summer trip, over that slow-moving two and one-half week journey our ancestors made across the farms and pastures of mid-America?

Bill says that his parents, grandparents and great-grands were just a tougher breed than we are. They worked exceptionally hard for what they had; weathered the Great Depression and the "Dirty 30s." And they felt they had had a good life in spite of all this. You know what...I think they did.



A NEW Dinamap patient monitor, manufactured by GE Medical Systems, has been purchased by Parmer County Hospital. The machine will be used in the emergency room to monitor patient vital signs, especially with trauma cases. GE representative Kirk Almond, right, trained hospital personnel on the unit this week, including nurse's aide Alberta Shepherd, and Barbara Houston, RN.

## Orozco Found Guilty In Rubio Shooting

A Parmer County jury this week found David Orozco, 19, guilty of aggravated assault in the March 18, 2002, shooting of Eric Rubio.

The two young men were among a group of youths at a teenage party in the country when the shooting occurred.

Orozco has been in Parmer County jail most of the time since the shooting. He was out on bond for a brief time, but was re-arrested by the Sheriff's office on a retaliation charge for attempting to intimidate witnesses in the trial.

His brother, Pedro Martin Orozco, 18, was also charged earlier with retaliation in the case. Martin Orozco received a 2-20 year sentence in the Texas Department of Corrections which was probated for 3 years. He also was required to pay \$303 in court costs, a \$1000 fine, \$350 attorney fees and 200 hours of community service.

David Orozco had reached a plea bargain on the retaliation charge prior to this week's trial.

The aggravated assault trial began Tuesday, July 23, in 287th District Court in Farwell. Judge Gordon Green presided.

A verdict of guilty was returned by the jury on Wednesday. The jury also assessed Orozco's punishment of two years confinement in a Texas Department of Corrections facility and a \$10,000 fine.

Orozco will get some credit on the two year sentence for the time he served in the Parmer County jail.

The victim, Eric Rubio, suffered brain damage from the incident. After a stay in the hospital in Amarillo, and a two-month stay at Baylor Rehab Center in Dallas, Rubio is now back at home in Friona.



## Byron Boyd To Serve On Council

Byron J. Boyd, a local attorney, recently attended the annual meeting of the State Bar of Texas.

He is a member of the Council of the General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Lawyers Section of the Bar. That section had their annual meeting in conjunction with the State Bar Annual Meeting.

Boyd will serve as a member of the Council for one year. The General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section is one of the largest sections of the State Bar.

More than sixty per cent of the lawyers in Texas practice either as solo practitioners or in small firms.

Locally, Boyd serves as legal council for WIRT and was recently named as one of 3,900 members of the College of the State Bar of Texas.

## DIRK DAVIS RESIGNS

# Gary Brown Named President Of F.S.B.

Dirk Davis, who has served as president of Friona State Bank since the sale of the bank a year ago, resigned his position effective August 1, 2002.

At the same time, the bank directors announced that Gary Brown, executive vice president and a staff member for 39 years, was being elevated to the post of President and C.E.O. of Friona State Bank.

"I'm very confident that Friona State Bank will continue to be a vital asset to this community. The bank has a first-class staff and will continue to serve the financial needs of Friona and the surrounding area," Davis said.

"I'd like to thank the people of the community for being such nice people and receiving me and my family during our time in Friona," Davis added.

"Gary has served the community as a banker, businessman and friend for a long time. He brings a great deal of experience and leadership to the FSB team," Davis added.

Brown came to Friona in June of 1963, as FSB's agricultural representative for farm loans. He advanced to a position of assistant vice president in January, 1964, vice president in 1967; was elevated to senior vice president in 1972, and executive VP in 1996. He graduated from South-



GARY BROWN  
NEW FSB PRESIDENT



DIRK DAVIS  
...Has Resigned

western School of Banking at SMU in Dallas, 1968.

He served as president of the Friona Chamber of Commerce in 1965, and served two terms on the Friona City Council with Mayor R.L. Fleming and City Manager Jake Outland.

Brown also is past-president of the Friona Evening Lions Club, has been active in the Parmer County Jr. Livestock Show organization; and was chairman of the Friona United Fund drive.

Gary and his wife Barbara are members of First United Methodist Church.

Their children are: Jeff, an economist for American Power and Light Co. in Tulsa; and daughter Julie Pigg. Julie is a Registered Nurse, and works as a home-health nurse out of Tulsa, living in Quitaque. Julie and husband Jon have a two-month-old daughter, Jaden Breann.

"All of our employees will remain with the bank. Jerry Hinkle will continue as Executive Vice President and loan officer, and Larry Knowles continue as Executive Vice President in charge of operations.

Vice president Mac Langford, Elaine Cain and Carolyn Dement will also have more responsibilities in the bank's lending department. Loan secretaries include Casey Sharrow, Susie Teague and Myra Rangel.

V. P. Marca Lynn Herring will continue as head of the bank's marketing department with her ties to the bank's "senior club," and Shirley Ferguson is in charge of new accounts and CDs. Cathy Spencer is head teller.

The remainder of the teller line includes Cheryl Pruitt, Mary Rodriguez, Cecilia Dominguez, Ginger Quinn and Monica Davis.

The wire transfer department and bookkeeping department will include April Reyes, Belen Trevino and Misti Cooper.

Enrique Rodriguez and Maria Rodriguez remain in charge of building maintenance.

Davis said that he has accepted a position with First State Bank of North Texas, out of Dallas. He and his family will be relocating to Prosper, which is between Denton and McKinney.

"I love the people of Friona and will especially miss the cool nights and mornings. Friona is a very nice town with genuine people," he added.

## Drowning Victim Had Friona Ties

Funeral services for Gary Bentley, 49, will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, July 29, 2002, at Central Baptist Church in Amarillo, with Bro. Gerald Chadwick, pastor, officiating.

Graveside services will be held at 4 p.m. at Llano Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors. Burial will be at West Park Cemetery in Hereford.

Bentley was the drowning victim this past Monday afternoon, July 22, during the flash flood that flooded Amarillo's downtown. The Bentley vehicle was caught when water filled an underpass in the 800 block of East 10th Street for the second time this summer.

Other passengers in the van in which Bentley was riding managed to escape from the vehicle. It is thought that Bentley had gotten on top of the van while waiting for help, but was swept away by the flood. A family member said that Bentley

was a diabetic.

It took emergency workers quite some time to find the body, due to its swiftness, and the murky water at the bottom.

Bentley was a past member of Hereford Lions Club. He taught the Bible Classes at the Country Club Manor Nursing Home. He was very active in the Central Baptist Church, often greeting members of the church at their vehicles prior to services.

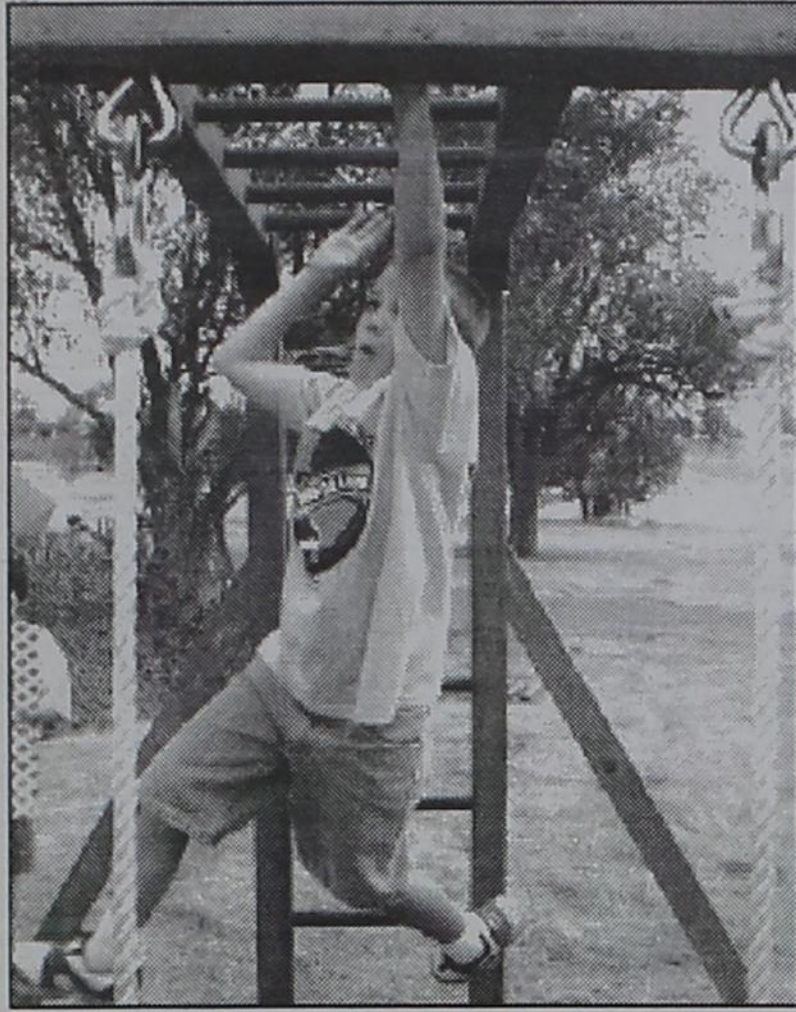
"He never met a stranger. He loved being with his family and will be greatly missed by all whom he touched during his life," a family spokesman said.

Survivors include three sisters, Evelyn Williams of Ocala, Florida; Bertha Sears and Barbara Southern, both of Amarillo, and a brother, James Bentley of Oklahoma City.

Also surviving are four cousins from the Friona area: Dub, Dale, Dave and Buck Bentley.



RECOGNIZED by H&R Block for 35 years of service to taxpayers in Parmer County, Laura and Dale Hart, left, were presented a grandfather clock and a crystal plaque from H&R Block Franchise District Manager Bobbie Moore. The Hart's have operated the tax preparation franchise for 35 years and have customers that have been with them for the entire time.



THE LONGHORN REGION of Cub Scouts participated in a nationally accredited day camp at the Hereford Boy Scouts campground. Top left, Trey Crozier tries the monkey bars. Top right, Cody Compolla jumps the hurdles.



CUB SCOUTS from Friona, Vega and Adrian spent three days learning physical fitness, gun safety, archery, crafts and many other activities. More than 40 Cub Scouts and 24 sponsors attended the day camp. Mark and Belinda Anthony of Friona, top center, served as the 2002 program and camp directors.

## Notes From An Exchange Newspaper

Stephen Henry had this little morsel in his column, "Just Rambling" in the *Lamb County Leader-News* (Littlefield) recently. It went like this:

A man went to visit his 90-year-old grandfather and while eating the breakfast of eggs and bacon prepared for him, he noticed a film-like substance on his plate. So he asked, "Grandpa, are these plates clean?"

His grandfather replied, "Those plates are as clean as cold water can get them, so go ahead and finish your meal."

That afternoon, while eating the hamburgers his grandfather made for lunch, he noticed a number of little specks around the edge of his plate, so again he asked, "Grandpa, are you sure these plates are clean?"

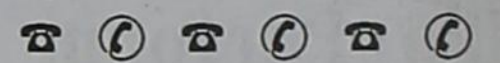
Without looking up from his burger, the grandfather said, "I told you those dishes are as clean as cold water can get them, now don't ask me about it anymore."

Well, later that day, they were on the way out to dinner.

As he was leaving the house, the grandfather's dog was lying on the floor in front of the door. He started to growl, bared his teeth and wouldn't let them pass.

"Grandpa, your dog won't let me out."

The grandfather shouted, "Coldwater, get out of the way!"



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# Friona Flashbacks

...from the files of The Friona Star

#### 70 Yrs Ago-July 29, 1932

Returns from last week's Democratic Primary in Parmer County showed that Ferguson received 698 votes for governor, Sterling 420 and Hunter 207. Aldridge led the voting for county judge with 716 votes, Goodwine received 651, and Ray 268. Hall was elected Sheriff with 1002 votes, to 515 for Hawkins and 131 for Hawks. Rushing received the nomination for County and District Clerk with 980 votes, to 666 for McCuan. Witherspoon led the ballot for District Attorney, with 1005 votes, to 520 for Richards.

#### 60 Yrs Ago-July 24, 1942

The June 30 registration of 18, 19 and 20 year-old youths in Parmer County showed a total of 128 men, according to the order number list released this week by the County Selective Service Board. Names are arranged according to age. Only men who have reached their 20th birthday are now liable for military service. Others become eligible as they reach their 20th birthday.

O.B. Ginn, superintendent of Friona Schools, has been elected president of the Graduate Club of WTSU, Canyon.

#### 50 Yrs Ago-July 24, 1952

Formal opening of Strickland's Shamrock Service Station in Friona has been announced for this Saturday and Sunday. This is the first Shamrock station in Friona, and it will be operated by Paul Strickland. Lee Campbell will assist Mr. Strickland in keeping the station open 24 hours per day.

#### 45 Yrs Ago-July 25, 1957

Repair and patchup work on the well that failed about two weeks ago started in Friona last Thursday as a well service rig pulled up to the pump house and hoisted the pump and housing from the hole. This was done after the city commission decided last week to start looking for more water.

A 1957 Ford, stolen from in front of a cafe in Clovis Saturday night, was overturned northeast of Bovina Sunday morning. The driver, Louis Williams, was arrested Sunday afternoon and was charged with speeding. He was fined \$10 and court costs in J.R. Thornton's justice of the peace court Monday morning, before being turned over to Clovis authorities.

#### 40 Yrs Ago-July 26, 1962

Two indictments of four counts each against Emmett Tabor, former mayor of Bovina, were returned by Parmer County Grand Jury

following a Monday session. A shortage of \$13,055.21 was found in City of Bovina funds following Tabor's resignation as mayor in February. Restitution of the entire amount was made.

#### 35 Yrs Ago-July 27, 1967

Work is progressing at Missouri Beef Packers, with construction approaching the height of activity, according to Rufus Davis, plant engineer. At the present time, 24 men are working full time on various stages of construction. Within 30 days, Davis said he expects to have 70 men working in a daytime shift and 70 working a night shift, when things really reach "high gear."

Mike Wooley, co-captain of the 1966 Friona Chieftains football team, has been selected to play in the 1967 Greenbelt Bowl at Childress August 12. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Wooley, Jr. Kathy Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cook, has been nominated by Wooley as Friona's entrant in the Greenbelt Bowl Queen's Contest.

#### 30 Yrs Ago-July 27, 1972

The greatest gathering in the history of Parmer County for the cause of Christ is the goal of Encounter '72 this Sunday evening at 8:30, which will conclude the weeklong Crusade at Friona's Chieftain Field. Through the first three services, attendance had averaged over 1,250 per evening. The first service last Sunday drew the largest crowd to date, when around 1,600 people turned out. Excellent weather blessed the first three services.

#### 25 Yrs Ago-July 24, 1977

The Parmer County Sheriff's Office recovered almost \$30,000 worth of farm machinery Wednesday, and may have broken one of the biggest theft rings the county has seen in years. Machinery from all over Parmer County was found at a second-hand farm implement house in Clovis, New Mexico. A suspect is under surveillance, and Parmer County Sheriff Charles Lovelace is planning to file charges in the case, although an investigation is still being conducted.

Last week, the door of the Friona Boy Scout hut was shot three times with a small caliber gun, and now the Boy Scouts are raising money to replace it.

#### 20 Yrs Ago-July 25, 1982

A new retail store is scheduled to open in Friona on Saturday, July 31. "The Winner's Choice" will specialize in customized T-shirts, and a complete line of trophies, plaques and awards. The Friona area received

another good rain this past Tuesday afternoon, with close to three inches reported in some places. Luckily for Friona residents, the bad hail from the storm was confined to a small area in the northern part of town.

A 20-year-old Japanese girl arrived in Friona this week, as part of the Youth Exchange Program, sponsored locally by the Friona Noon Lions Club. Reiko Sadaoka, who is a sophomore student at Reitaku University near Tokyo, is an English major in college. She will be staying with Mr. and Mrs. John Blackwell and family while in Friona.

#### 15 Yrs Ago-July 25, 1987

A Texas Tech graduate class in Foods and Nutrition toured the Friona area on Wednesday. The special class, which has been studying "Issues in Food Science," toured Friona's Excel beef packing plant, and then stopped at George Frye's farm in the Black community, particularly interested in Frye's beet crop.

The Friona Public Library recently received a computer, and City Librarian Darla Bracken has been busy cataloguing the 16,600 books which occupy the library.

#### 10 Yrs Ago-July 25, 1992

Kidney transplant recipients, Marvin Mimms of Friona and Eucebio Salazar of Bovina, will be honored at the second annual "Renal Transplant Birthday Party" at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock on July 25.

Work was progressing this week on extending 14th Street to where it intersects with the Cemetery Road just northeast of the Friona City limits. Opening the road will allow funeral processions from Friona churches located north of Highway 60 to never have to use the highway.

#### 5 Yrs Ago-July 25, 1997

During an outing on Saturday, July 19, over a series of dirt trails and gravel roads, Ronnie McLellan collided with a pickup on a blind curve. He was reported to have been wearing a helmet, which friends say no doubt saved his life. He had made slight improvement by the end of the week however, he is still critical and intensive care.

The City of Friona issued \$500,000 in tax notes during a special meeting of the Friona City Council Thursday, July 17. The notes were purchased by Friona State Bank, and must be paid back within seven years. The money will be used mainly to build a new swimming pool and to expand the present city hall.

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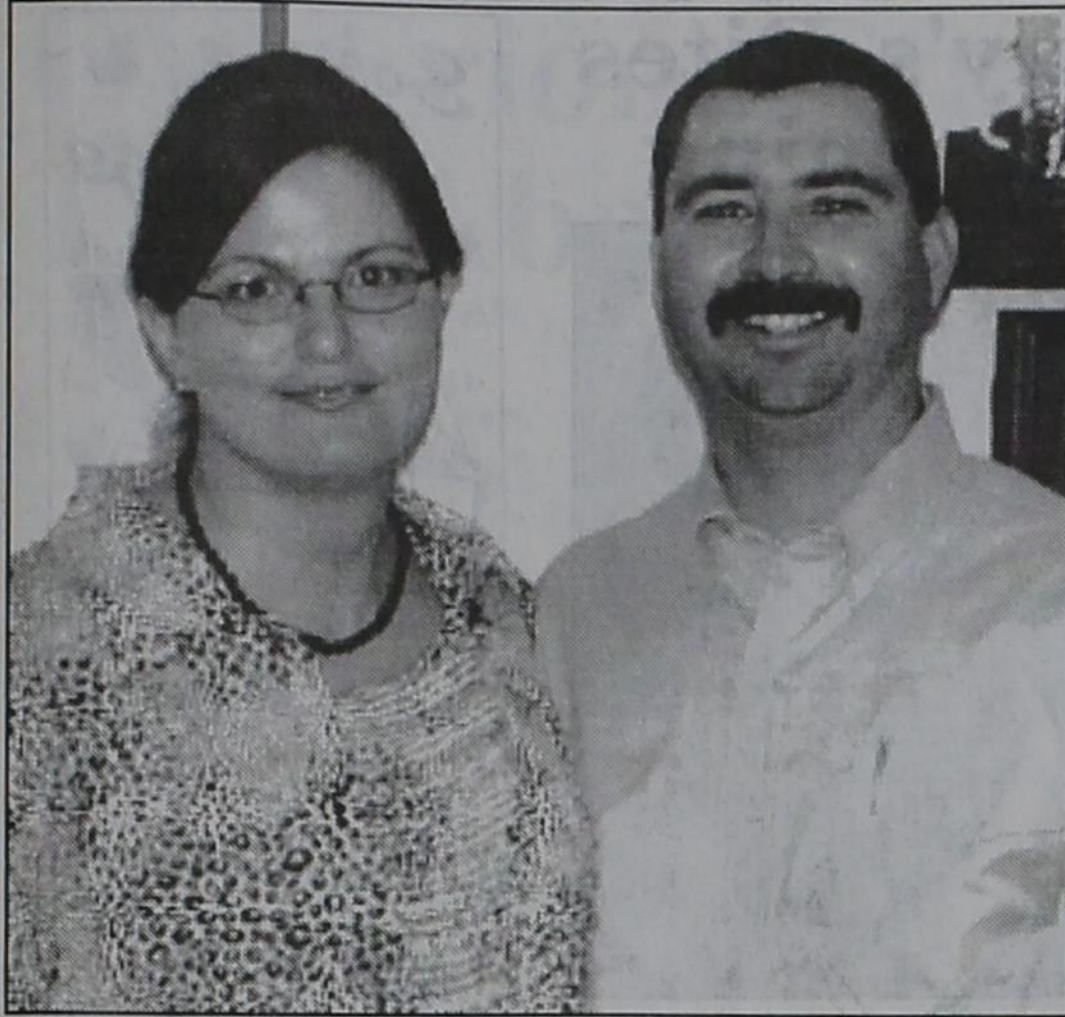
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**NEW PUBLISHERS....**Monica and Jeff Procter have recently purchased the Sudan Beacon-News and are publishing the weekly newspaper every Thursday.

**MONICA, JEFF PROCTER**

**FHS Grad/Wife New Sudan Publishers**

Jeff Procter, who was born and raised in Friona, along with his wife Monica, recently purchased the Sudan Beacon-News and have begun publishing the weekly Lamb County newspaper.

Procter graduated from Friona High School in 1988. He later earned his B.S. degree in business, and his MA degree in Biblical studies and ministry, from Lubbock Christian University (LCU).

He is the son of Ron and Libby Procter, and the grandson of James and Sue Procter, all of Friona. The couple has no children.

Procter also is serving as minister for the Sudan Church of Christ. Monica, who will act as editor of the newspaper, was raised in Lamar, Colorado. She graduated Lamar High School in 1991. She later graduated from LCU in 1995 with a B.S. in agriculture, with an emphasis in plant and soil science.

Monica was employed by former Beacon-News publisher LeRoy Wilson in August, 2001. When he related his need to reduce his activity with the newspaper and decided to sell it, the Procters jumped at the chance to keep the community newspaper going.

"We are thankful for this opportunity," Monica said. "It's a great package: to own and operate a business I enjoy, while providing a service to the community."

"It has been a pleasure working for the Wilsons," Monica stated. "LeRoy has taught me a great deal in the last several months. There's not much of the process that I haven't been exposed to."

The Procters are operating the newspaper at their home, which is located at 410 Main Street. They have office hours of 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Wednesday. Their office is closed on Thursdays, which is press day, for printing and mailing.

"We are thankful that LeRoy is staying on in a consulting role. We'll certainly tap into his knowledge along the way," the Procters added.

**Girls Go To WBU BB Camp**

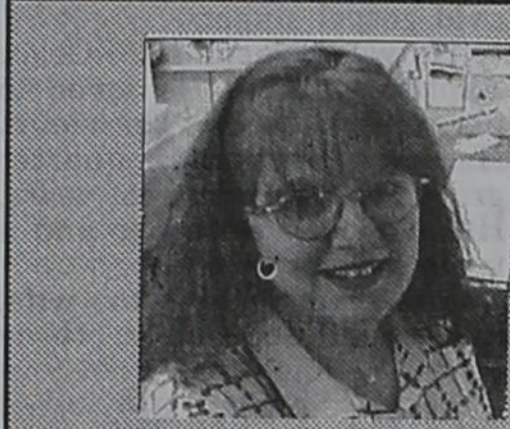
Seven Friona girls attended the Flying Queens Basketball Camp at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, June 9-13.

The future Squaws are junior high students and participate in AAU. The girls and the honors they earned include: Blair Smiley, All-Star team and Best Team Player award; Miranda Frye, All-Star Team and Best Jump Shot award; Kambree Davila, Queen of Hustle, All-Star Team and Most Improved Rebounder awards; and Kyla Hurst, All-Star Team, 3 on 3 Championship.

Also, Paige Herbert, All Star Team, Most Enthusiastic, Hustle Award and Most Improved Passer; Lisann Davila, Most Improved Jump Shot award; and Lacy Lookingbill, Most Improved Forward award.



**FAMILY VISITS....**Pat (Roberts) and Richard Shirley and their family attended Monday's senior meal at Friendship House. They were visiting their two sets of family members. Standing, left to right, are Jean Roberts, Matthew, James and Pat Shirley. Seated are Ralph, Stella and Richard Shirley. (carol ellis photo)



**Friona News**

By BECKY LONDON

Phone 238-1146 or 250-2211 With your News Items....  
e-mail: case@wrtt.net

Longtime Friona resident and businessman "Pudge" Kendrick, was airlifted to Amarillo's Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital on Monday.

Local doctors were suspecting an abdominal aneurysm, but it was determined at the Amarillo hospital that Kendrick had pneumonia.

According to his son Danny, it was felt that the B/SA staff had his father stabilized.

Mr. K. is one of the Friona Star's favorite people, so hurry back home, Pudge!

Eighty-eight family members and friends helped Helen Potts celebrate her 90th birthday on Saturday, July 20 at Friona's Union Congregational Church.

All three of Helen's children and their families attended the party. They are Larry and Judy Potts of Friona and their three children, Tonya Potts of Lubbock; Tammy Burney of Las Vegas, New Mexico and her daughter, Paige; and Ty Potts of Friona.

Also, Jay and Krita Potts of Friona and their three children, Troy and Nicole Talley of Lubbock and their three kids, Tyler, Carlie and Emma; Ryan and Crystal

Potts of Farwell and their son Braden; and Kyle Potts of Clovis, New Mexico.

Also, Marilyn and Kieth Moore of Clovis and their two children, Rusty Ridley of Clovis; and Jo and Roderick Drummond of Carrolton and their two children Darion and Darby.

Visitors in the home of Cheryl Langlains this week are her son and daughter-in-law, Nathan and Jana Spence and their daughter Leann of Ramona, California.

While in town they are also visiting Nathan's sister and nephew, Cheraye and Aaron Spence.

The Baxter family had a reunion in Amarillo Saturday, July 20. The reunion was for the descendants of the late J.W. and Emma Baxter, longtime Friona residents.

Those present included Larry and Pat Martin and their son and his family, Loren and Jackie Martin and children Jamie and Michelle, all of Friona.

Also, Clarence and Wynona Martin and their two sons, Greg and Karen Martin and Larry Martin. Also, Larry's son and daughter, Landon Martin of Lubbock and Amber and Wes Drake of Friona and their children Cason and Carley.

Also, Billy and Lilly Baxter and their son and daughter-in-law, Blaine and Glenda Baxter and son Brian.

Also, Opal Baxter and her son and daughter-in-law, John and Debra Baxter.

The family members enjoyed the reunion, which began Friday evening and continued through Sunday at the Clarion Inn off I-40 East. On Saturday the group enjoyed a barbecue brisket meal and lots of visiting throughout the three days.

The Baxter descendants usually have their reunion in

Colorado, but due to this summer's forest fires up there, it was decided to meet in Amarillo.

Jean Roberts' and Ralph and Stella Shirley's kids and grandkids were here this week visiting friends and family.

They are Pat and Richard Shirley of Katy and sons James, 17 and Matthew, 14.

During this past school year, Matthew, along with four other students was involved in the "Destination

Imagination" competition through his school, Katy Junior School.

They competed with their region and won and then went to state. The group then competed in the global competition in Tennessee, with eleven other countries.

Matthew's group was given 30 minutes to prepare a six minute skit and then they did ahead-ons project.

His group placed third in their category and the team members were each awarded medals and a trophy.

**Sherley-Anderson Sale Is Pending**

AGP Grain Cooperative has announced plans to purchase grain elevators from Sherley-Anderson Grain Company.

AGP, headquartered in Omaha, Nebraska, will purchase facilities in ten Sherley-Anderson locations near Clovis, Farwell and Bovina. Terms of the sale were not disclosed.

"The Board of Directors approved this purchase to expand destination markets for our local cooperative members and their farmer owners," said Marty Reagan, Chief Executive Officer (CEO). "By linking these facilities and the customers they serve in the Texas Panhandle with AGP members, we have enhanced our ability to add value to Midwestern grain production."

The grain elevators represented in the purchase have a combined storage capacity of approximately 24 million bushels. They are served by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad and are located on major highways.

"Growth in this area's livestock feeding and dairy production has created a

strong market for Midwest grain and grain products," said Mike Knobbe, Group Vice President, Grain. "The Texas Panhandle is a key domestic destination market and fits our strategic growth plan to serve our members."

"Sherley-Anderson Grain Company has successfully served area farmers in Parmer and Curry counties since 1947," Knobbe said. "And we look forward to continuing this long held tradition of providing quality products and services to our area producers."

AGP Grain Cooperative markets a variety of grain and grain products both domestically and internationally. It is closely affiliated with Ag Processing, Inc. (AGP), a cooperative which operates nine soybean processing plants and one corn processing plant in the Midwest.

AGP (www.agp.com) the largest farmer-owned soybean processor in the world, is owned by 243 local cooperatives and eight regional cooperatives representing nearly 250,000 farmers from 16 states throughout the U.S. and Canada.



**SISTER ACT...**These two little sisters, Lindy and Julie Wiseman, were both blue ribbon winners in the Library's annual bookmark contest this summer.

**Services Held For Ex-Frionan**

Stacy Eileen Coleman, 38, a resident of Edgewood, NM, died Friday, July 19, 2002, after a lengthy illness.

She is survived by her daughter, Natasha Rutherford of Edgewood, NM; son, Bryan Coleman of Edgewood, NM; mother and stepfather, Donna and Gary Bowman of Denton, TX; stepfather, Bob Scoggins of Garland, TX.; brothers, James Gee and wife, Ann and Everett Gee and wife, Mayme, all of Friona, TX, Roger Gee of Friona, TX. Sean Briggs of Albuquerque, and Donnie Briggs of Lubbock, TX; sisters, Brenda White and husband, Randy of Keller, TX, Ronda Poe of Buchanan Dam TX, and Toni Scoggins of Garland, TX.

She was preceded in death by her father, Eldon Briggs and by the late Harrison and Irene Gee of Friona.

Stacy was born in Lubbock, TX and spent most of her youth in Friona. She moved to New Mexico in the 1980s.

Stacy started and operated Stacy's Speedy Service until her illness prevented her from working.

Services were held Monday, July 22, 2002, 2:00 p.m., at Restoration Church East, 30 Church St. in Edgewood, NM. A service was also held Wednesday, July 24, 2002, 1:00 p.m., at Sixth Street Church of Christ in Friona, TX. Interment took place at Bovina Cemetery.

A trust fund for her two children, Natasha and Bryan is set up at Wells Fargo Bank in Edgewood.



**ATTENDING** the Flying Queens basketball camp were, back, l-r, Blair Smiley, Miranda Frye, Kambree Davila, Kyla Hurst. Front. l-r, Paige Herbert, Lisann Davila. Not pictured, Lacy Lookingbill. See story above.

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# Around Town

## Seniors social to feature Eva & Clint

Friona's senior citizens monthly social will be Saturday, Jul 27 at 5 p.m. at Friendship House. Eva Miller and her grandson Clint Mears will present a musical program. Cake and ice cream will be served. All seniors are invited.

## Chieftain band & flag practice to begin

The Chieftain Band will begin the new school year with practices August 12, 13, & 15 at 7 p.m. at the high school band hall. Bring your instrument and be ready to play. If you use a school instrument, come at 6:30 so you can check it out. Flag practice will begin August 6 at 9:30 a.m. at the high school band hall.

## Library closed dates

The Friona Public Library will be closed August 5, 6, & 7 for circulation training and in-house workday. The library staff thanks you for your patience.

## Museum needs historical items

The Pioneer Heritage Museum in Friona is accepting donated items for the museum display. If you or someone you know has a little piece of history to donate, contact Mary Johnston, 250-2588; Wendy Carthel, 250-3491; or Darla Bracken, 250-3200. The museum will open once enough items are collected for display.

## St. Ann's jamaica Jul 28

The annual area jamaica festivals are being planned. The St. Ann's in Bovina jamaica will be Sunday, Jul 28 from 12:30 p.m. until ??? Authentic Mexican food, live music, Bingo, games and prizes. Free to the public. Free drawings throughout the day. St. Ann's is at 404 3rd St. in Bovina.

## St. Teresa's jamaica Aug 4

The St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona jamaica is set for Sunday, Aug 4. St. Teresa's will sell raffle tickets for a \$3 donation. First prize will be \$300, 2nd prize \$100 and 3rd prize is \$50. There will be a total of 11 prizes and you need not be present to win. Activities start at noon and feature live music, authentic Mexican food, games, and prizes. Free to the public. Everyone is invited.

## Greg Black memorial 10K run

The Greg Black Memorial 10K run, 2-mile run and 2-mile walk will be held in Hereford at the YMCA Saturday, August 3 at 8 a.m. Entry fee \$12 in advance, \$15 on race day. For more info call the YMCA at 806-364-6990.

## Curry County Fair salsa contest

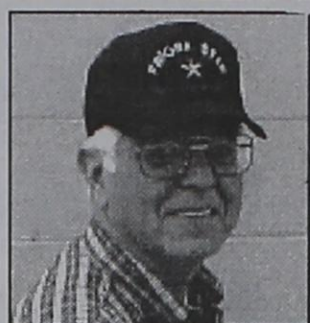
Clovis-Hot Peppers and juicy tomatoes will be on the table for the first Curry County Fair Salsa Contest to be held Thursday August 15. All salsa must be ready for judging at 6 p.m. at the fair grounds. Two categories, professional and amateur will be available. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes will be awarded. Info and entry forms can be obtained from Peggy Burns at 505-769-1995 or 762-8827.

## FHS class of '77 sets reunion

The Friona High School Class of 1977 will be having a 25th reunion on Saturday, August 31 at the K-Bob's Annex in Hereford at 6:30 p.m. They need addresses, phone numbers or e-mail addresses from class members. Please send information, call or e-mail to: Melodi Dixon Woosley, 5413 Leo Lane, Amarillo, TX 79110, 806-359-8987 or e-mail to melodi.woosley@amaisd.org.

## Meet the Chiefs & Squaws Aug 26

Meet the 2002-03 Chieftains and Squaws, cheerleaders, mascot, 7-8-9 grades, JV, varsity football and cross country athletes on Aug 26, 7 p.m. at the high school football field. Come support the Booster Club and Coach Bob Ferguson in his new role as head coach and athletic director. Go Big Red!



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## 4-H's Enter Recordbook Competition

4-H recordbooks and journals were turned in recently. July 10, interviews were held and the books were sent for district competition.

Parmer County placings were as follows:

Junior I--Matthew Billingsley, goat, fifth; Drew Johnson, swine, third; and Michelle Wauson, clothing and textiles, second.

Junior II--Emily Allen, food and nutrition, fourth; Sarah Herington, photography, third; Dan Patterson, swine, sixth; and Alisha Wauson, entomology, first.

Senior--Suzanne Aragon, horse, sixth; and Keith Hunt, veterinary science, third.

## Beware Of Unfamiliar Situations

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# Herbert Day's Rites Saturday Morning

Funeral services for Herbert L. Day, 73, will be held Saturday, July 27, 2002, at 10:30 a.m. at Calvary Baptist Church.

Officiating will be Rev. David Williams of Hereford; Rev. Alvin Petty, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, and Rev. Don Kimbrough, pastor of Grace Baptist Church.

Burial will be in Friona Cemetery, under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home.

Day passed away Wednesday, July 24, 2002, at Baptist/St. Anthony's West, in Amarillo.

He had been hospitalized in Amarillo for a number of weeks, after breaking a bone in a fall at his residence.

He was born October 19, 1928, in Parmer County. He married Gladys Laceywell June 11, 1949, in Friona.

Day attended school at Bovina and Friona. He was a member of the Friona Senior Citizens Assn., and was an avid gospel singer.

He was a member of Grace Baptist Church. He loved to play the piano and the violin. He sang in men's quartet groups for a number of years. He had been a farmer and a truck driver.

Survivors include his wife, Gladys of the home; three



**HERBERT DAY**  
daughters, Myra Oden of Edgewood, New Mexico; Dian Gerber of Canyon, and Tena Waggoner of Midland.  
He is also survived by seven grandchildren.

## Dist. Horse Show Results

The 2002 District II 4-H Horse Show was held recently.

Results are as follows:

Western riding--4. Triston Thorn; competitor, Ashley Hartzog. Poles--8. Jodie Coker; 15. Ashley Hartzog.

Novice western pleasure--3. Justin Ware; 5. Rajon Thorn. Novice western horsemanship--5. Justin Ware.

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# Old Friona Star Article Tells About Prairie Fire

By GEORGE McLEAN  
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The Great Plains were just being settled, and a young married couple decided to move out upon them and establish a home for themselves.

They started from their eastern home in a covered wagon, camping over night wherever night overtook them. But before they started, someone had told the young lady, that if they slept on a cornhusk bed on the ground, the rattle snakes would not bother her, as rattle snakes would not go near a cornhusk bed. The lady complied with the rules as to rattle snakes, but, as there were fleas on the prairies, she got fleas in her mattress at every place they camped.

## A FIRE STARTS

They finally arrived at a point north of Fort Sumner, N.M., and camped for the night, still using their husk mattress for a bed but by this time it was so filled with fleas, that they were kept awake most of the night fighting them.

The next morning her husband thought he would pull a little joke on her by asking her a riddle.—"What is the difference between a snake and a flea?" he asked her. She could not answer it, so he told her—"A snake crawls on its own belly, but a flea crawls on some person's belly."

That made the woman mad, and she said she would surely get rid of those fleas, so she set fire to that husk mattress, and from that the fire spread for more than a hundred miles.

That was in 1906, and I lived on the Frio Draw, a few miles north from Texico. It had been an unusually wet season, and the prairie grass had grown so thick and high, that hay could be cut on low places all over the plains. There was not much farming done there in those days, but I had cut and stacked about fifty tons of this wild hay.

On account of this unusual high grass, we homesteaders were worried not a little about prairie fires, and several of the ranchers had plowed strips of land around our places and had burned the grass between that and the fire guards. We then connected our ranches with these fire guards, with the Capitol Freehold Land and Investment Company, commonly known as "The Syndicate," on the east and Joe Rhea, on the west.

We had just got these guards burned and connected, and all of mine was burned but about a mile, when I was compelled to stop on account of the wind; but the next morning I was there early to finish burning out the guard, and I had just finished it, when I looked off toward the west and saw smoke along the horizon. I knew that that meant, for in Montana, I have seen a large part of that territory burned off by a prairie fire.

## Ranch Is Prepared

I immediately began preparing for safety from the rapidly approaching fire by getting everybody in shape to fight it. I had sheep, and as sheep and fires do not mix profitably, I brought them in from the open range and placed them on a field of wheat, which was up and growing nicely. I knew that the fire would not sweep over that green wheat field. (If you were looking for an early wheat field in Curry County, I had one in 1906.)

Everything being in good shape at the ranch, my crew and several neighbors, started out to help fight the fire. When we came to it, we found that the burning front was eighty or ninety miles long, so we had to hunt for an end. We started west, and at a point about where Ruth, New Mexico, is located we found the John DeOlivera and Joe Rhea outfits working along the south wing of the fire, putting it out, as they went.

Joe Rhea had a complete prairie-fire fighting outfit, consisting of a large solid tin drag with chains dragging behind it, which was being dragged over the fire by means of two saddle horses, one on each side of the fire line, by a rope, one end of

each was tied to the drag, and the other end to the saddle horns. The idea of the large flat drag was to smother out the fire, and the chains dragging behind were to loosen up the cow chips that were burning, and right behind the chains were men walking with sacks or brooms, with which they put out the small fires that had escaped the drag.

## Steer Used as Drag

By the time I got to the fire, there were ten men in the crew, and by noon there were a hundred men in the fighting crew, headed by Joe Rhea. John DeOlivera drove the water wagon, which contained barrels of water. The men took turns at fighting the fire, and the horses that were drawing the drag, were changed often. South of Hollene the drag broke down, and to get another drag, we killed a large steer and skinned him, using the hide, head and legs for another drag.

About sundown we were joined by the Capitol Syndicate Cattle Ranch crew, headed by John Armstrong, the district manager for the Syndicate people. Armstrong had a good outfit, and as Mr. DeOlivera was worried about his ranch on the Frio, he turned back; but I went on east with the firefighters and took my turn at fighting all night.

As we were fighting a side fire and not the lead fire, we saw many wild animals, just keeping ahead of the fire. There were coyotes, rabbits, swifts, antelope, cattle, horses, and a few deer. They did not seem to know that they could make a dash across the fire line, and thus escape without being burned. Coyotes, that had run until they were exhausted, would lie down just ahead of the fire, and lie there until most of the hair was singed off them, before they would move again, they

being almost completely worn out. We knocked several coyotes in the head, that were completely exhausted from running before the fire.

## Wind Changes

The lead fire had passed along the breaks on the north side of Curry County, and as we had fought the side fire to a point several miles north of Friona, Texas, or, where it is now located, we were working hard to connect our fire-fighting crews again. Then the wind changed to the northeast and the lead fire changed with it and headed southwest, right through the Frio Draw territory. We were right in front of it and my ranch was directly in its path, as it now traveled west and southwest.

I gathered my crew together and started for my ranch, as I knew that all that would save it would be a back-fire at the State Line, where the Syndicate had burned a wide fire guard. We were on good horses and it was about twenty miles to the State Line fire guards, and we had to ride hard to keep ahead of the fire line. I tied an oiled rope to my saddle and started it ablaze and started a backfire all along those guards that had been burned just a few days before; and that was all that saved my ranch property. It was hard work.

That which causes a prairie fire to travel so rapidly, is, that cow chips scattered over the plains, will catch fire and continue burning after the grass has been burned around them. Then the wind will blow the caps off these chips while still ablaze, and carry them far ahead, where they will fall into the grass and start fresh fires in widely scattered spots. Thousands of these fire carriers, blowing ahead of the fire, soon scatter the fire over a large strip of country. (Continued next week!)

# Cattle Feeders Are Taking Their Hits

(Thanks to the Amarillo Globe-News)

Market losses continue to hit cattle feeders hard.

Industry analysts estimate Texas cattle feeders alone have lost nearly \$550 million in equity in the last 18 months, according to Texas Cattle Feeders Association officials.

Speaking at a press conference at the Amarillo Livestock Auction on Tuesday, Richard McDonald, TCFA president and chief executive officer, said that nationwide, \$2.5 billion in equity has been drained from the industry since 1999.

"These losses are significant, and we've been searching for realistic, constructive solutions to the beef industry's marketing problems," McDonald said. Cattle have been selling at below break-even prices for more than a year, he said, although prices may have stabilized somewhat in the past week.

There are several reasons that the live cattle market is hurting, McDonald said, citing record supplies of beef, chicken and pork; reduced business travel after Sept. 11; and reduced exports.

In an effort to stimulate beef demand and move heavy beef supplies, the beef checkoff launched a summer grilling promotion, he said. So far, 34 state beef councils have joined in to augment the \$2.8 million national program conducted by the beef checkoff, McDonald said.

Nationwide, about 6,000 grocery stores are participating in the program that tells consumers that steak and ground beef make a terrific summertime grilling option.

Retail prices are down slightly but remain relatively flat regardless of the producer's price, said Jim Gill, TCFA marketing director. But, he said, a lot of beef is moving through the market, so there must be some good featuring going on in some metropolitan areas.

Gill said higher feed prices could prompt cattle to be sent to market earlier, which will help tighten supplies. He said

it could take a couple of months to put some leverage back into the market for beef producers.

"I don't know if we'll be making money, but we'll be doing better than we are now," Gill said.

McDonald said with a market situation like cattlemen face today, "there's no one single solution. TCFA and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association are working in several different directions to address the depressed prices on a long-term basis.

"I'm glad to say that some concrete and proactive plans are in place to help cattlemen deal with the market situation they find themselves in," he said.

McDonald said TCFA and NCBA have asked for increased surveillance of the futures market.

"Last Saturday during the Cattle Industry Summer Conference, the NCBA Board of Directors took some bold steps by asking for a Congressional investigation in several areas."

The investigation will cover impacts on producers from packer and retailer con-




Varsity Chieftains Chris Wiseman, punting the ball, and Corbin Neill, assisted coaches with the football camp. August 5 is the start date of two-a-day workouts for the Chieftains.

Boys from grades 5-8 attended the Friona Football camp this week. Above, FHS head coach Bob Ferguson instructs Clayton Smiley in running techniques while, top, Coach Rex Cumpston supervises the running drills.



The fine art of place-kicking was a part of the routine during the Friona Football Camp this week. Above, Chieftain head coach Bob Ferguson goes over the finer points with Aaron Hand and Alex Ferguson.



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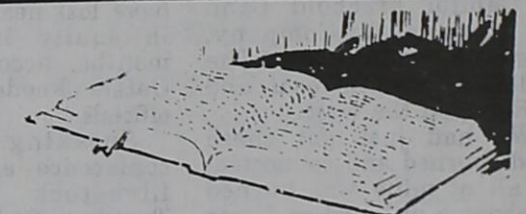


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**JESSICA LEANNE CAWTHON and COLBY DUKE PATTERSON...**Karl Cawthon of Dallas and Kent and Brenda Patterson of Friona announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Jessica LeAnne and Colby Duke. The couple will exchange wedding vows at 2 p.m. Saturday, September 21 at the E.B. Black House, 508 East Third, Hereford. The bride-elect is a graduate of Bryan Adams High School and West Texas A&M University, Canyon, and is currently employed by the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Friona High School and attended West Texas A&M University and is employed by McCoy Myers and Associates, Inc.

## Reeve Family Gathers For Its 2002 Reunion

The Reeve Family reunion was held at the Congregational Church July 13th and 14th. Saturday was spent visiting and eating. The group also toured the old Congregational Church.

On Sunday family members began gathering at noon for a catered meal by

K-Bobs in Hereford. The afternoon was spent visiting and enjoying reading old letters, diaries, and newspaper clippings and sharing photographs, stories, and memories of our ancestors.

Those attending the two day reunion included Jeff and David Weavil of Germantown, North Carolina, Florence and Billy Sifford of Bella Vista, Arkansas, Don and LaVon Reeve, Bob and Carol Perry, Randy, Glenda and Melissa Richards all of Lubbock,

Janna and Wendell Jones of Clovis, New Mexico, and Don and Gladys Spring of Bovina.

The following family members attending were from Friona and included Sarah Dean, Pam, Danny, and Jennifer Kendrick, Floyd, Betty, and Becky Reeve, Teddy and Sharon Reeve, Fay Reeve, Allo Reeve, Glenn and Caroline Reeve, Bill, Jeri Lynn, Hadley, and Adaline White. Velma Schlenker, Floyd Schlenker, John, Karen, Austin, and Ashley Schlenker.

## City Gets .50 Inches

The Friona area received at least a little rain this past week. The total in Friona's official gauge was .5 inch for the two-day event.

A total of .27 inch was measured Monday afternoon, and the next day's shower amounted to .23 inch.

Only other moisture for the month was .15 inch back on July 5. The total for the year is now only 5.23 inches, less than half the average.

## Lazbuddie Vol. EMS To Receive New Ambulance

The Meadows Foundation awarded a grant in the amount of \$44,100 to Parmer County for the benefit of Lazbuddie Volunteer EMS to assist in the purchase of a replacement ambulance.

The Meadows Foundation is a private philanthropic institution established in 1948 by Algor H. and Virginia Meadows to benefit the people of Texas. The Foundation's mission is to assist the people and institutions of Texas improve the quality and circumstances of life for themselves and future generations.

Algor Meadows built General American Oil Company of Texas into one of the nation's most successful independent oil and gas production companies. Believing that his own life was greatly enriched by giving, Meadows generously shared his wealth with many charitable causes benefiting the people of the state that had been so kind to him. Wishing to share the joy of giving with their extended family, both living and yet unborn, Algor and Virginia Meadows established The Meadows Foundation so that their philanthropy would continue in perpetuity, under the guidance and direction of family members and trusted advisors.

Since its inception, the Foundation's assets have grown to a current value in excess of \$800 million, and it has dispersed over \$430 million in grants and direct

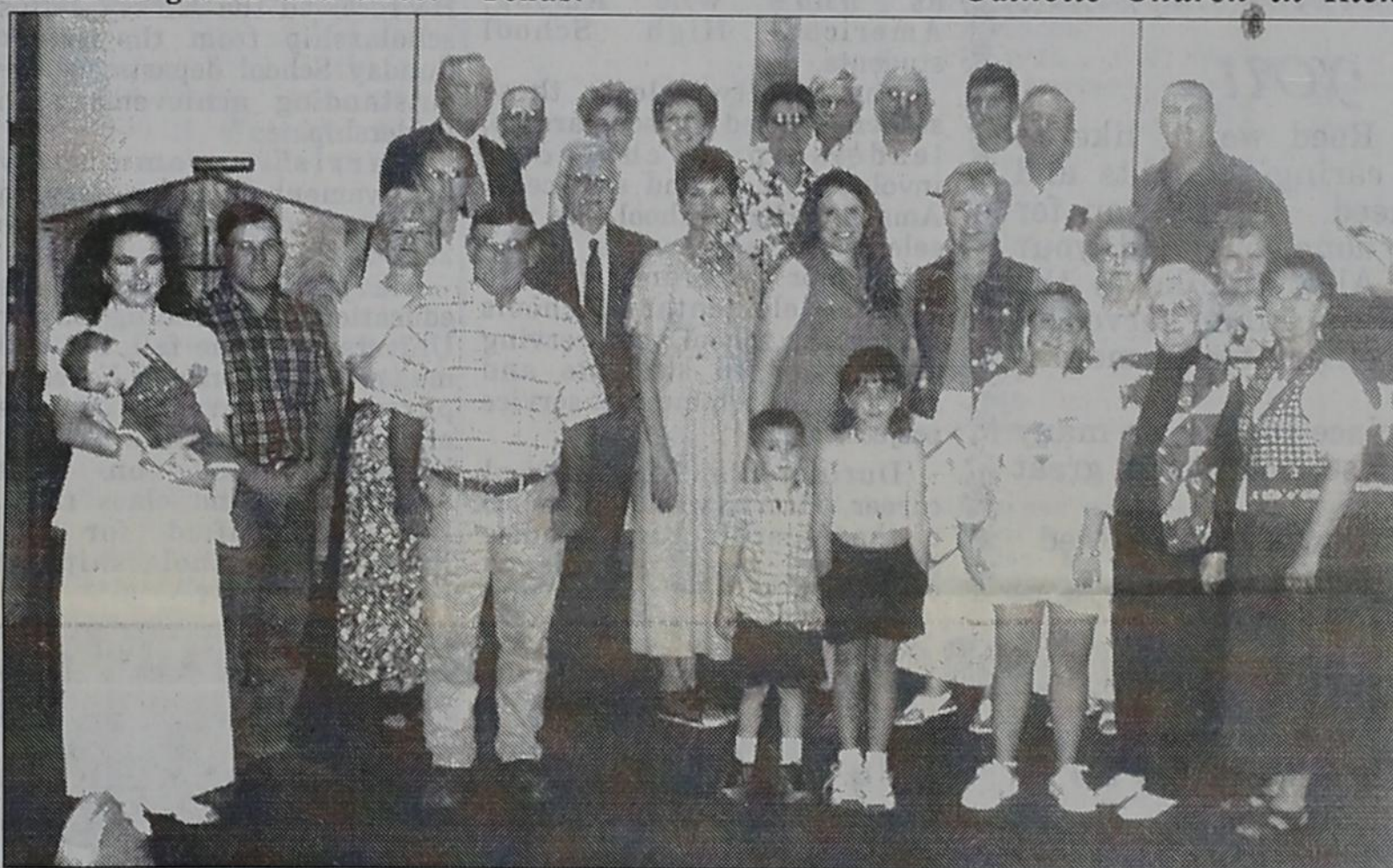
charitable expenditures to over 2,000 Texas institutions and agencies. Foundation grants support work in the fields of arts and culture, civic and public affairs, education, health, and human services. The foundation also has a particular philanthropic interest in three areas: public education (particularly in the areas of early child development, enhanced reading skills and teacher preparation), mental health and the environment. It also seeks to develop a philanthropic spirit among high school and middle school students and has awarded in excess of \$2 million to over 200 schools in North Texas whose students planned and carried out community service programs.

The Foundation looks for programs and services that employ imaginative, innovative ways to solve community problems through projects leading to organizational self-sufficiency and in capital plans that enable agencies to flourish. It seeks to support projects that can alleviate pain, enhance social skills and promote better human relations.

The Meadows Foundation is among the most recognized private philanthropies in the country. It has received numerous awards for both its philanthropy and its management. It was the first recipient of the Texas medal of the Arts for sustained support of arts and culture in Texas.



**ANDREA MARIE FLORES and CHARLIE O. MILNER...**Edward and Margaret Flores of Garland, Texas announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Andrea Marie, to Charlie O. Milner. He is the son of Dale and Teto Milner of Friona. He is the grandson of Virginia Jennings and Frances Milner, both of Friona. Her grandparents are Santos and Josephine Garcia of Lubbock and Ancil, Jr. and Sally Flores of Knox City, Texas. The couple will exchange wedding vows September 7 at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Richardson, Texas.



THE REEVE FAMILY REUNION was held July 13-14 in Friona at the Union Congregational Church.

## Hanes Makes President's List At H-SU

Hardin-Simmons University announces that Friona residents Perry and Christian Hanes made the HSU honors lists for the spring 2002 semester.

Perry Hanes made the President's List while Christian Hanes made the Dean's List.

The HSU President's List honors students who completed at least 12 semester hours with a 4.0 grade point average. The HSU Dean's List honors students who have completed at least 12 semester hours with a 3.75-3.99 grade point average.

Perry and Christian are the children of Mike and Claudia Hanes.



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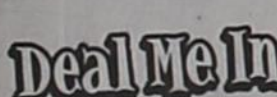
Cash Explosion

Game #209 (\$1)  
\*Overall Odds are 1 in 4.42



Treasure Hunt

Game #270 (\$2)  
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Deal Me In

Game #272 (\$5)  
\*Overall Odds are 1 in 3.86



Bingo

Game #208 (\$2)

Bonus Bingo

\*Overall Odds are 1 in 3.96



Find the 9's

Game #257 (\$1)

Find the 9's

\*Overall Odds are 1 in 4.85



Prairie Dog Dollars

Game #271 (\$1)  
\*Overall Odds are 1 in 4.87



Deluxe 7-11-21

Game #274 (\$2)  
\*Overall Odds are 1 in 3.95

These games will close on August 30, 2002. You have until February 26, 2003 to redeem any winning tickets for these games.

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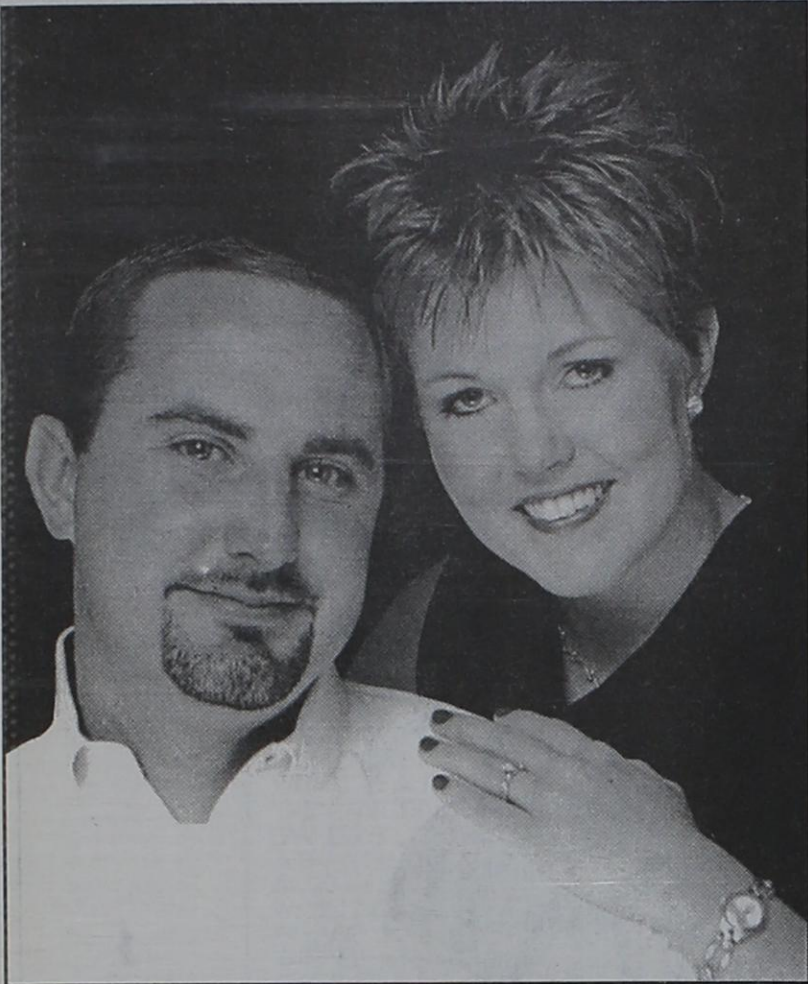
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**FRIONAN'S GRANDSON**

**City Native's Son  
Is AHS Honor Grad**



Harris Bechtol, son of Dr. Richard and Susan (Vestal) Bechtol of Amarillo, was an honor graduate at the 2002 graduation ceremony for Amarillo High School in May.

Bechtol is the grandson of Nola Vestal and the late C.L. Vestal. He graduated advanced with honors and ranked 13th in his class of 495 students. Harris was nominated by the AHS faculty to receive the Danforth Award. This award is presented to the overall outstanding senior student.

He also received the Academic Hall of Honor Award of Excellence in math. Other academic accomplishments include a two year academic letter for maintaining a cumulative average of 90 or above.

He also had a four year Superintendent Scholar for maintaining a minimum grade of 95 in a regular course or 90 in an advanced placement course. He also earned the Silver President's Education Award and was a member of the National Honor Society.

The PTSA Student/Business Recognition for high academic achievements and leadership also honored Harris. Community businesses honor these students by displaying their picture in their establishment. Harris was nominated for Who's Who at Amarillo High School as well as Who's Who Among American High School students.

The faculty selects these students based on scholarship, leadership, character involvement in and service to Amarillo High School. He was selected to serve as a "PAL" his senior year and went to various elementary schools during the school year serving as a tutor to students and assisting in community service projects.

During his high school career, Harris was a member of the Amarillo High Sandies basketball team. He played varsity ball his junior and



**HARRIS BECHTOL**

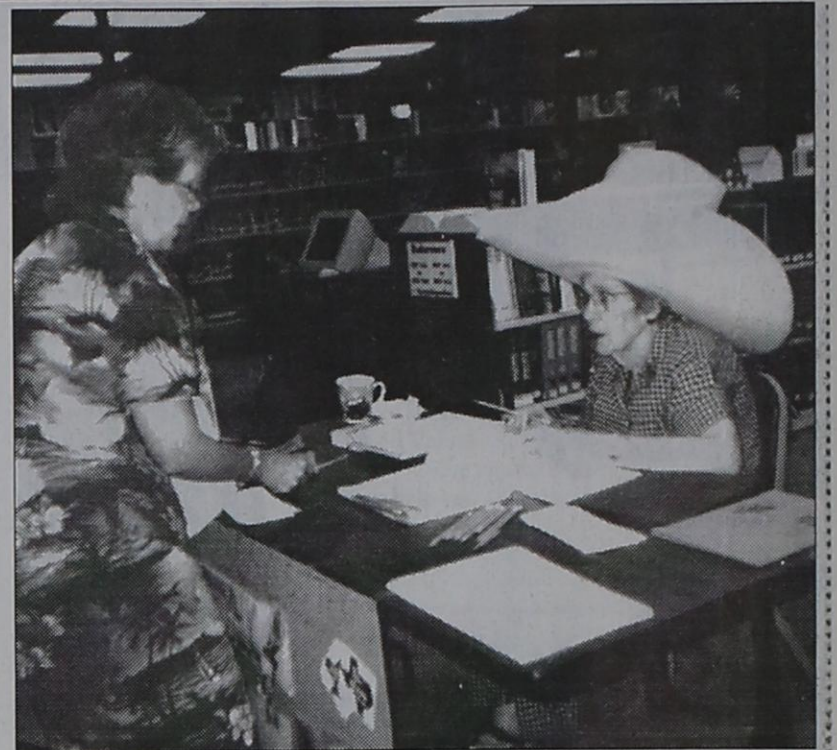
senior year and served as captain the last part of the season his as a senior.

The Sandies were district and area champions and regional quarterfinalists during the 2001-2002 season. He was nominated by his teammates to receive the Sandie Spirit Award for 2001-2002.

Harris has been very active in the youth department at First Baptist Church, Amarillo. He plays guitar in the youth worship band and has participated in spring break mission trips to Mexico for four years. He received the Kirksy Jeffus scholarship from the senior Sunday School department for outstanding achievement in leadership.

Harris' community involvement includes serving as Symphony Beau for the 2001-2002 symphony season.

He plans to continue his education by attending Baylor University in the fall. He will major in religion and hopes to pursue a career in the ministry, serving as a worship leader. Based on test performance and class rank, Harris qualified for the President's Scholarship at Baylor University.



**ANTIQUÉ LIBRARIAN....**Retired Librarian Billie Fairchild donned a fetching chapeau and filled in at Friona Public Library when she was needed this summer. Here she is lending a helping hand to summer school teacher Terry Hunt.



**WINNERS....**First, second and third place winners have been named in Friona Public Library's bookmark contest. The winners are pictured here with the exception of Kylie Boyd who could not be present.

**DEIDRA RENEE DOWNEY and ROBERT NATHANIEL STENCE....**Alvin and Glenda Downey of Friona announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Deidra Renee, to Robert Nathaniel Stence of Idalou, Texas. He is the son of Bill and Carla Stence of Idalou. The wedding ceremony will be held September 7 at 3 p.m. in the Candlelight Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, Nevada. Ms. Downey is a graduate of Friona High School, attended Texas Tech University and is employed by Cardinal's Sport Center. He is a graduate of Idalou High School, attended Texas Tech University and is employed by the Texas Boll Weevil Foundation.

**THANK YOU**

The family of Duane Reed would like to thank everyone for your caring thoughts and prayers in our time of need. Thank you for the food, flowers, cards, donations and your many acts of kindness. Also, thanks to the Calvary Baptist ladies for the lunch served to the family and the many others too numerous to mention.

Friona is a wonderful place to live, so many caring friends to share our sorrow in our great loss.

Families of Duane Reed

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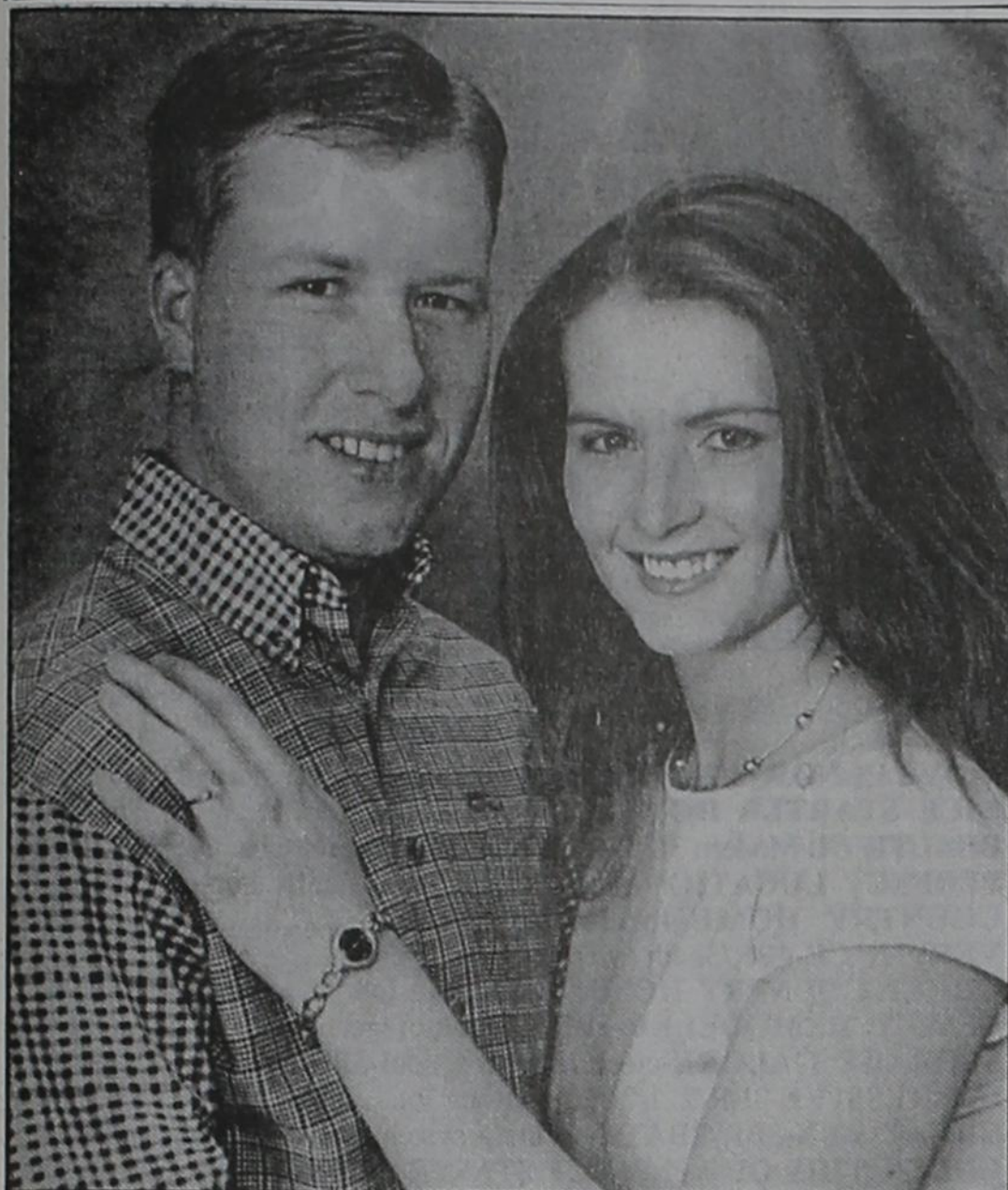
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**CANDICE FAY HUCKINS and WADE EVERT SCHUELER....** Aaron and Sherri Huckins of Amarillo and Dale and Donna Schueler of Rhea announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Candice and Wade. The couple will exchange wedding vows on Saturday, September 28 at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Friona. The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Hereford High School and is attending Amarillo College. He is a 1996 graduate of Friona High School and a 2001 graduate of West Texas A&M University. The couple will reside in the Friona area. All friends and family members are invited to attend the wedding.

## Sales Tax Remitted

Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander disbursed sales tax rebates for July. The sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in May and reported to the Comptroller in June. The state's share of sales tax collected during this period was \$1.1 billion, up one percent compared to a year ago.

July payment to Parmer County totaled \$23,046, up about two percent over a year ago. Bovina received \$1,749; Farwell, \$3,489; and Friona, \$17,808.

However, for the year, sales tax revenues for Parmer County are down about 10.5 percent over last year. The county has received \$175,123 this year compared to \$195,750 for the same period last year.

## On Your Payroll

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Parmer County Hospital District will use the following rules to comply with its responsibility under the Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act.

Application can be requested at 1307 Cleveland, Friona, Texas 79035. Assistance in completing the application will be provided if needed. Contact Peggy Cabrera for assistance.

Parmer County Hospital District will use rules and procedures found in the County Indigent Health Care Program Handbook published by the Texas Department of Health. In summary, these rules are:

1. Application form(s) must be completely filled out, signed and dated.
2. Verification of income is required. Verification of residence, household composition, and resources is required, if questionable.
3. Maximum monthly countable income cannot exceed:

Family Size	MINIMUM INCOME STANDARDS	MAXIMUM INCOME STANDARDS	
	21% FPIL	25% FPIL	50% FPIL
1	\$ 155	\$ 185	\$ 370
2	209	249	498
3	263	313	626
4	317	377	755
5	371	441	883
6	425	506	1,011
7	479	570	1,140
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4. Total countable resources and assets cannot exceed \$ 2,000 or \$3,000 if the household contains a relative who is aged or disabled. The value of a car greater than \$4,650 is counted against the \$2,000 limit. Personal possession and homestead are exempt assets.
5. Eligible person(s) must be a resident of Parmer County Hospital District.
6. Applicants must provide all information and documentation which is requested.
7. Applicants must apply for any other program for which they are potentially eligible. The Hospital District program is payor of last resort.
8. Applicants have the right to appeal denials.

Posted: July 15, 2002

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6. LOS SOLICITANTES DEBEN PROPORCIONAR QUE TODOS PIDIERON LA INFORMACION.
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## Cancer Screening Set Aug. 21, 22 In Friona

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

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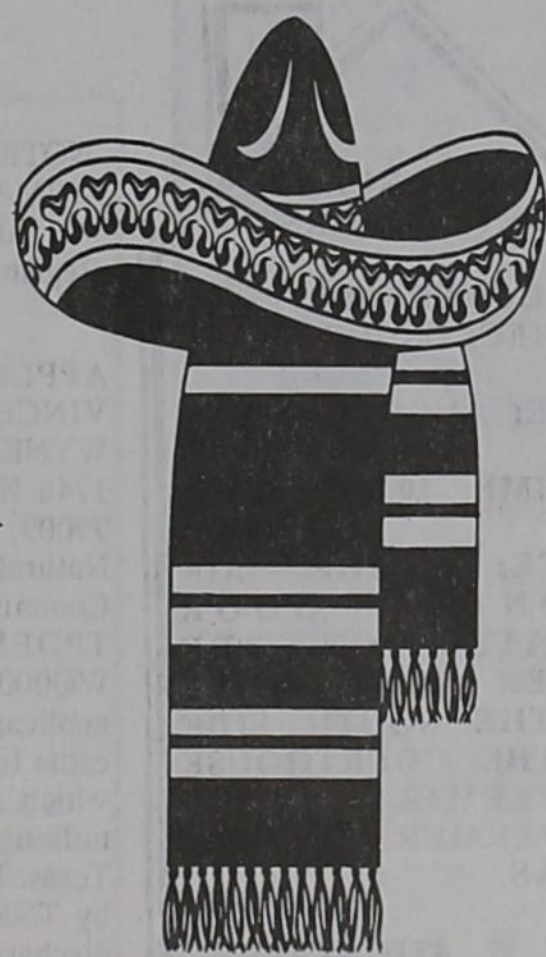
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### CARDS OF THANKS

**THANK YOU**  
 We would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to all who sent flowers, food, cards, donations and phone calls during the loss of our loved one, Luis U. Serna. Special thanks to Father Juan Carlos Barragan, Blackwell Funeral Home in Friona, the Guadalupanas Society of Saint Ann's Catholic Church, the Bovina Ambulance Service (EMTs), the Fort Hood Honor Guard, the PRMC ER Staff, Dr. Cayenne, and Arnold Schwertner.

With all our sincere love and prayers,  
 The Family of Luis Serna, Sr.

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**BOAT FOR SALE.....De 1 Majic 15-1/2 ft. boat with 400 Mercruiser inboard-outboard engine. Call 250-3070. F-2tc-7/26-8/2**

**MANAGER NEEDED**  
**KAR SERVICES at Friona**  
 Management experience necessary. Must have verifiable reference and pass drug tests. Responsible for up to 25 people.  
 (806)295-3003, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 (800)421-5315, X104 anytime  
 F-tfnc-6-7

**SUMMER RENTAL SPECIAL**  
 Rent for 3 months/\$10 off first month  
**Soapy Springs Rentals**  
 call Monday-Friday, (806)250-2090

**FOR SALE.....1994 Fleetwood mobile home. Double wide, 3 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths. Must be moved. \$32,500.00, OBO. 265-3550 or (806)683-6827. F-2tc-7/26-8/2**

**COWBOYS WANTED....Apply in person, Farwell Feed Yard. F&B-tfnc-7/5**

### HELP WANTED

**HELP WANTED.....Retired person, preferred bilingual. Mostly keeping place clean and taking care of customers. 24-30 hours per week. See Ray at Soapy Springs Car Wash, 612 West 11th or call (505)749-5830. F-tfnc-7/26**

**OPENING IN Parmer County**  
 for a Title 5 position. We can train you for your position. Green Thumb organization pays the wages. Must be 55 years old or older, and have limited income. Call Fay Martin at 505 763-6603. F&B-tfnc

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**NOW HIRING: RN's and LVN's**  
 full time and part time, 8 or 12 hour shifts available. Flexible schedules also available. Excellent benefits and competitive salaries. Call Jo Blackwell or Deb Hendley for appointment or information at (806)250-3922 or apply in person Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Prairie Acres, 201 E. 15th, Friona, Tx. 79035. F-2tc-7/26-8/2

Dimmitt Feed Yard looking for a cattle doctor. Will need to talk to Scott Edwards at (806)647-2106. F-2tc-7/19-7/26

**DAY COOK NEEDED.....Pick up application at Olga's Place. tfnc**

Silverhawk Security has positions open for security guards. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, have a high school diploma or GED and have no criminal record. Call 295-8357 or come by the security office at Excel. F&B-tfnc-7/12

RN and LVN openings nursing department, Parmer County Community Hospital, Friona. Competitive wages, weekday/week-end differentials. Sign on bonus. Contact Lynn Nelson, RN/DON, (806)250-2754. F-4tc-7/12-7/19-7/26-8/2

**HELP NEEDED.....CDL driver**  
 part-time, 1-2 days a week, short runs, 295-3003. F&B-tfnc-7/5

**WANTED.....Part-time sitter**  
 needed for elderly lady in Bovina. MUST have experience and good references. Extra pay for occasional light housekeeping. Call 806-251-1229. F&B-3tc-7/19-7/26-8/2

**Positions Available-Friona**  
 ISD an equal opportunity employer

Aide 2 position-Head Start Health Assistant  
 Must have a vehicle and proof of insurance. All mileage expenses reimbursed, training expenses reimbursed. Bilingual ability a must. Involves classroom involvement and extensive paperwork and record keeping as well as contact with and providing services to Head Start parents. Prior to August 1st, call 250-2747. After August 1st, contact Sharon White, 250-3935.

Migrant instructional aide for three-year old center in Friona. CDL license required--must pass bus driver physical as well as complete school bus driver training. Subject to DOT random drug testing. Contact Sue Wells, 250-3315/Pat Turner, 250-2747. F-tfnc-7/26

The Friona Public Library is accepting applications for a Library Circulation Clerk now through August 2. Position is for 35 hpw, 2 wks. pd. vacation with sick leave. Applicant must be able to work well with public, keep patrons' privacy as protected by law, spell well, type well and know MS Word and WordPerfect, lift fairly heavy boxes, keep all areas organized, assist with children's programming and operate office machines. Special attention will be given to applicants able to speak, read and write Spanish. F-2tc-7/19-7/26

King's Manor Methodist Home in Hereford has openings for LVN charge nurses and CNAs, all shifts. Sign on bonuses and other benefits available. Call or come by and talk to Kay Guggell at (806)364-0661. F-tfnc-5/3

**HELP WANTED.....Assistant**  
 store manager, dairy and frozen food manager, stockers. Apply in person, Lowe's-Friona. F-tfnc-7/19

### SERVICES

I do handyman work of all kinds. Residential or farm. Allen Humberg, (806)295-6737 leave message. Have references. F&B-tfnc-12/7


**TRENCHING**  
**Water & Electric Lines**  
 Call 344-6092  
 After 6 p.m., 364-9192  
 F-tfnc-6/14

### REAL ESTATE

**FOR SALE.....3 BR home,**  
 oversized garage, separate apartment, 1301 Columbia in Friona. Call (806)359-1657. F-tfnc-5/25

**FOR SALE.....640 acres**  
 at Lazbuddie. Full allotments, good established yields, good water, four sprinklers and four wells. Good improvements. (806) 965-2895; mobile (806)946-9413. F-tfnc-7/12

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT**  
**GOVERNMENT FORECLOSURE SALE**  
**DATE: AUGUST 6, 2002**  
**TIME: 10:00 A.M.**  
**PLACE: AT THE MAIN FRONT DOOR LOCATED ON THE LOWER FLOOR LEVEL OF THE COURTHOUSE IN FARWELL, TEXAS IN PARMER COUNTY, TEXAS.**  
**1111 W. 4TH STREET FRIONA, TX. 3 BEDROOMS, 1 BATH 1,060 SQ. FEET**  
**MINIMUM BID; \$17,860.00**  
**TOTAL BID IN CASH DUE AT THE SALE**  
**PLEASE PHONE (806)468-8600 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

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 REALTORS  
 HOLLY CAMPBELL Broker/owner Res: 806-250-2584  
 CAROL BOYD Sales Associate Res: 806-250-3280  
 Dale Hart-Broker

**NEW LISTINGS**  
 MOVE IN NOW-3/2/1-pretty yards-fireplace-lots of storage.....\$71,900  
 NICE STARTER HOME-3/2/2 beautiful yard.....\$56,500  
 BEAUTIFUL Modern 3/2/2 cellar-storage bldg pretty backyard.....\$92,000  
 PERFECT LOCATION-nice, 2 living areas-family home.....\$69,500  
 COUNTRY HOME-4br/2bath-3 acres.....\$116,000  
 VERY NICE-4BR/3bath w/fireplace-corner lot.....SOLD  
 GREAT COUNTRY HOME w/barn and lots of room.....\$139,900  
 NEWLY REMODELED-3BR 2bath-storage.....SOLD  
 STORAGE GALORE-close to high school-3BR 2bath.....\$63,900  
 IMPRESSIVE-3BR/2 1/2 bath-corner lot.....\$80,000  
 GREAT BUY-3BR 2BATH-security system.....contract pending  
 CHECK THIS OUT-PERFECT STARTER 3br-1bath brick.....\$48,000  
 2-STORY HOME with lots of room-fireplace.....\$44,500  
 ROOMY & RELAXING-3/2/2/2 walk to school.....contract pending  
 NICE & CLEAN-3BR/1bath/garage.....\$38,000  
 COZY COUNTRY HOME-3br 1bath separate dbl garage.....\$57,500  
 PRICED TO SELL-3br 1 bath.....\$29,000  
 GREAT BUY-3/1/2 on lg corner lot w/5 lots.....\$41,500  
 MUST SELL-1 br/1 living/1 bath.....\$30,000

**RESIDENTIAL**  
 PRICE REDUCED-Gorgeous must see Western Addition.....SOLD  
 REDUCED-must see 2 extra large br 1bath single garage-clean.....\$43,000  
 RESIDENTIAL LOTS, in Western Addition.....\$6,000  
 REDUCED Family Home in Western Addition 3BR 2bath.....\$89,500  
 PRICE REDUCED 3 br 2-1/2 bath, fireplace corner lot.....SOLD  
 GREAT REDUCTION-3Br 2bath brick central heat&air.....\$55,000  
 DRASTICALLY REDUCED-3br 2bath fireplace.....\$50,000  
 GREAT INVESTMENT-House w/2 apt's-perfect rentals.....\$45,000

**BOVINA LISTINGS**  
 NEW LISTING-3/1 1/2-2-good location-storage-remodeled.....\$75,000  
 GREAT LOCATION & BUY 3or4 BR/3bath/2 living.....SOLD  
 GREATLY REDUCED-3/2-2-fireplace-sprinkler system.....\$58,500  
 NEWLY REMODELED 2br 1bath nice.....\$42,500  
 GOOD LOCATION 2br 1bath.....\$25,000  
 COMMERCIAL-10 unit motel-cafe buy both or separate.call for price  
 COMMERCIAL-10 apartments-GREAT INVESTMENT.....\$45,000

**COMMERCIAL**  
 NEW LISTING-3 offices, kitchen, reception area, NICE.....\$25,000  
 GOOD SHOP for farmer or mechanic-roomy-60X90 barn.....\$25,000  
 GREAT BUSINESS-GREAT LOCATION spacious.....\$155,000  
 START A BUSINESS TODAY-newly remodeled bldg.....\$17,000  
 BUILDING w/2 service bays, offices, huge parking lot.....\$97,500

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**MARS REAL ESTATE & INSURANCE**  
 611 West 11th, Friona OFFICE: CALL 250-2090  
 New Listing..320 acres, 2 sprinklers, in contract..\$675/acre  
 New Listing..Small ranch, 38 acres, 3 BR, 1 bath..\$45,000  
 New Listing.....140 acres on highway.....call for price  
 New Listing...4 BR, 2 bath, large carport.....\$62,000  
 New Listing...3 BR, 2 bath, carport, MUST SEE..\$61,900  
 New Listing...3 BR, 2 bath, near school, clean...\$79,000  
 3 BR, 2 Baths, 2 car, metal fence, nice.....\$64,900  
 3 BR, 2 Baths, L-R, large carport..contract pending...\$65,000  
 Commercial property, building with 8 lots.....\$40,000  
**JOHN MARS TROY W. WHITE**  
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 Home: 250-3123

## Legal Notice

**Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission**  
 The application is available for inspection by the public during normal business hours at the Friona Public Library, 109 West 7th Street, Friona, Texas 79035.

The Executive Director of the TNRCC has prepared a draft registration which, if approved, would establish the parameters and limitations within which the facility must operate.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.** Written public comments may be submitted to the office of Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. The Executive Director will consider all relevant information pertaining to whether the applicant meets the requirements for the registration and will issue a written determination as to any final action on the application for registration and a response to all comments.

**INFORMATION.** Written public comments should be submitted to the office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For additional information, about the application or the procedure for public participation in the registration process, individual members of the general public may contact the office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TNRCC can be found at our web site at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us.

Issued: July 17, 2002  
 LaDonna Castanuela, Chief Clerk  
 Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission

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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  
 NEW LISTING.....2 BR/3 BR Basement, 1-3/4 bath, brick, 1 car garage, 2 car shop..... \$75,000  
 NEW LISTING.....3 BR, 1-3/4 baths, 1 car detached garage.....\$34,900  
 NEW LISTING.....mobile home, .974 ac., barn, SE Cor. Sec. 25..\$34,500  
 NEW LISTING.....3 BR, 1 bath, 1 car, new FAU.....\$30,500  
 NEW LISTING.....3 BR, 1 bath, utility room, basement.....\$25,500  
 NEW LISTING.....3 BR, 2 bath, 2 car, BV, Western Add..SOLD..\$87,000  
 NEW LISTING.....3 BR, 1-3/4+1/2 BA, corner lot, new AC.....\$68,500  
 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 or 4 BR, 3 baths, 2 car garage.....\$63,900  
 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  
 NEW LISTING.....3 BR, 1 bath, ready to sell, partially re-done.....\$33,000  
 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...\$46,500  
 2 BR, 1-3/4 baths, 2 car garage, refrigerated A/C.....\$60,000  
 Upstairs & downstairs apartment complex...SOLD...\$23,900...\$21,900  
 3 BR, 2 bath, brick, basement, metal shop.....\$85,000  
 residence only.....\$65,000  
 3 BR, 1 bath, 2 carport, trees, large lot.....Bovina.....\$37,900  
 3 BR, 2 bath, large lot, storage, 1 car, 2 C/P.....SOLD.....\$46,500  
 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

# Nina Constancio, Michael Bozell United In Church Ceremony



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bozell

Nina Bermea Constancio and Michael Ray Bozell, both Austin residents, exchanged wedding vows Saturday, June 29 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Austin, Texas.

Clyburn Duder, M. Dir. PhD., pastor, officiated at the wedding ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Rebecca Constancio of Friona and Fred Constancio of Plainview, Texas.

Parents of the groom are Delores Arredondo of Austin and Ray Bozell of Sedro Woolley, Washington.

Each side of the altar was decorated with candelabras holding seven candles placed alongside a mixed flower arrangement, consisting of white, pink and purple flowers. The stained glass windows were decorated with white and lavender tapers. White bows marked the pews.

Kathy Achtenburg presented musical selections including "Canon D," "Trumpet Voluntary" and "Fan Fare."

As the bride was presented in marriage by her father, she was attired in a formal length white satin gown adorned with sequins, beads and appliques in a

flower and vine motif. The gown featured a strapless bodice, full skirted bottom and semi-cathedral train.

Her headpiece was a rhinestone and pearl tiara with a two layer fingertip length veil. Following bridal tradition, for something old, she wore her mother's wedding ring. She carried a large bouquet of light pink roses and white calla lilies.

Alicia Alvarez Garcia of Austin was the matron of honor. Linda Chavez of Hereford and Dora Pence of Amarillo, served their sister as honorary matrons of honor. Bridesmaids were Prudence Rodriguez of Austin and Cindy Leeder of Round Rock, Texas.

Joe Meiron of Smithville, Texas was the best man. Groomsmen were Jeremy Scott Constancio of Austin, son of the bride, Blakely Wallace of Austin, Raymon Chavez of Hereford, brother-in-law of the bride, and Robin Pence of Amarillo, brother-in-law of the bride.

Marissa Bozell of Austin, daughter of the groom, was the flower girl. Debbie Mitchell and Blakely Wallace lit the candles.

Chelsea Lynn Chavez of Hereford, niece of the bride, and Heather Lunsford of New Braunfels, Texas, niece of the groom, were the program and guest book attendants.

The feminine attendants wore victorian lavender v-neck blouses with bead trim along the bottom hemlines with matching a-line skirts. Bouquets consisted of lisanthium, calla lilies, pink roses and greenery.

The reception was held at the Radisson Hotel in Austin. The table was covered with white linen cloth. A white candle taper inside a hurricane glass globe centered the table setting. A mixture of colored rose petals were sprinkled around with bubbles and miniature candy bars were engraved with the couple's names and wedding date.

A white four tiered Italian Cream Cake with a scroll design was decorated with raspberry filling. The

cake was topped with a musical figurine consisting of two white doves atop a Bible with the I Corinthians verse. Lavender and pink flowers decorated the layers.

The couple left the church in a horse drawn carriage.

Out-of-town guests included the Sullivan Family, Hochmiller Family and Mr. and Mrs. Elezar Bermea, all of Colorado.

Following a two week honeymoon to Australia, the couple will be making their home at 8408 Kearsarge Drive, Austin, Texas.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Friona High School, graduated from South Plains College's Associates in Law Enforcement in 1991 and is currently employed by Texas Workforce Commission in Austin, Texas.

The bridegroom attended Crockett High School in Austin and is currently employed by Travis County as a senior deputy sheriff.

## Happy Birthday Friona Folks

**Week of July 28-August 3**  
Friona residents observing birthdays next week include:

**July 28--Dianne Tatum, Sarah Coronado, Teresa Ready, Jennifer Carson, Kirk Cummings, Katy Nelson, Kyle Steen.**

**July 29--Ashley Nicole Reeve, Melba Widner, Twyla Corbell, Rosa Garza, Rex Cumpton, Lindy Wiseman.**

**July 30--Fern Sanders, Dr. Bill Osborn, Brandon Dickson, LaTawn White, Cris Ingram, Rex Williams, Gilbert Paiz, Cheyenne Dutton, Johnny Rodriguez, Evelyn Yerger, Darian Drummond, Boyce Glover.**

**July 31--Minda Gonzales, Dustee Gee, Ashlee Gee, Ruben Lopez Jr., Lewis Gore, Monica Santellana, Kristopher Rios, Dr. William Osborn, Kaye Funk, Aaron Torres, Blase Bermea, Marie Redwine.**

**August 1--Hanna Beth Stephens, Lloyd Cheshier, Larry Rector, Barrett Dickson, Delaney Barnett.**

**August 2--Billy Sifford, Dusty Ryedell Rosario, Pepper Weatherly, Vuthill Loanman, Brenda Jackson.**

**August 3--Ray Gonzales, Connie Johnson, Valerie Brockman Greene, Petty Stowers, Retta Schueler, Norbert Schueler, Jason Wells, Wendy Harris.**

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.

## Cheerleader Camps Set

The Friona High School Cheerleaders will hold their annual Cheerleading Camps beginning Monday, August 5 thru Wednesday, August 7.

Camp for ages 4-year-old to 5th graders will be in the mornings from 9-11 a.m. Junior high girls will meet from 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$15.

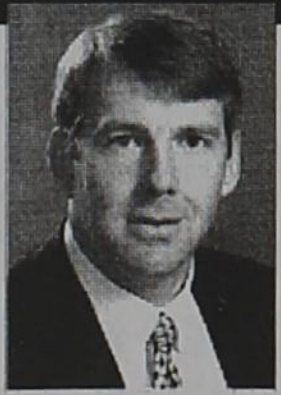
On Wednesday, August 7, a mini pep rally will be held at 11 a.m. Pictures will be taken Wednesday. Picture cost is \$9. Pictures need to be paid for when registering on Monday.

Both camps will be held at the high school. Plan to come early on Monday to register the younger girls. Contact Monda Daniel at 250-3230 if you have any questions.

## Continuing Our Tradition of Service



Tom Edwards



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For 18 years, individual investors in Friona have relied on Edward Jones for high-quality investments and personal service. During that time, the trust and support of our valued clients has allowed our business to grow, and for that, I would like to thank each of you.

As we continue to grow, my first priority is to make sure that Edward Jones always provides exceptional service to every investor in Friona who chooses to do business with us. To that end, I'm pleased to announce that Kevin Knight has joined our team. He is anxious to continue the Edward Jones tradition of service and to put his knowledge and expertise, as well as the full resources of our firm to work for you.

I'm pleased to be working with Kevin and feel sure you will be as impressed with his professionalism and integrity as I am. Should he contact you, I know you will extend the same warm welcome you have always given me. If we can be of service at anytime, please call or stop by the office.

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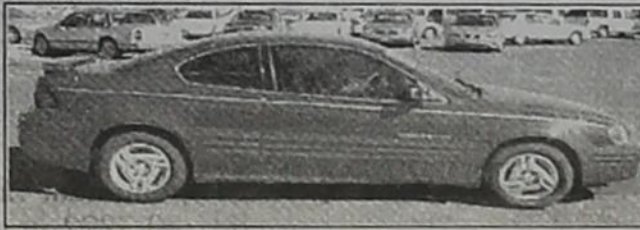
**1999 GMC Sonoma** \$199  
#593-GM-GM Certified, 0 down, 60 mos., 5.9% A.P.R., \$9,495 W.A.C. per mo.



**1999 Chevy S10 Ext.** \$250  
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**2001 Chevy Malibu** \$250  
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**2001 Pontiac Grand Am** \$242  
2 dr., red, #607-GM-GM Certified, 0 down, 60 mos., 5.9% A.P.R., \$12,495 W.A.C. per mo.



**1999 Pontiac Grand Am** \$215  
4 dr., black, #630-GM-GM Certified, 0 down, 60 mos., 5.9% A.P.R., \$10,995 W.A.C. per mo.



**1999 Pontiac Grand Am** \$215  
2 dr., silver, #629-GM-GM Certified, 0 down, 60 mos., 5.9% A.P.R., \$10,995 W.A.C. per mo.



**2001 Olds Alero** \$15,495  
Red, #582-GM GM Certified, 28K miles.



**2001 Olds Intrigue** \$15,495  
GX white, #584GM, GM Certified, 22K miles.



**2001 Buick LeSabre** \$18,495  
white, #608GM, GM Certified, 23K miles.



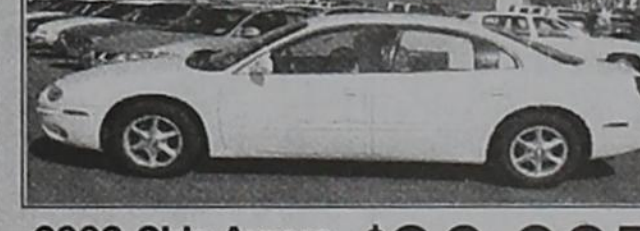
**1999 Pontiac Grand Prix GT** \$13,495  
Silver, #1GA, GM Certified, 42K miles.



**2001 Chevy Cavalier** \$10,495  
Red, #646GM, GM Certified, 21K miles.



**2001 Chevy Camaro Convertible** \$18,995  
Pewter, #628GM, GM Certified, 30K miles.



**2002 Olds Aurora** \$26,995  
White, #637GM, GM Certified, 4K miles.



**2000 GMC Crew Cab SLE 4x4** \$23,995  
#9457GA, GM Certified, 53K miles.



**2000 GMC Crew Cab SLE 4x4** \$24,995  
#9595GA, GM Certified, 34K miles.



**1999 Chevy Tahoe** \$21,995  
LS 4x4 white, #620GM, GM Certified, 44K miles.



**1999 Chevy Tahoe** \$19,495  
LS maroon, #851A, GM Certified, 37K miles.



**2002 Chevy Trail Blazer LS** \$23,495  
Pewter, #647GM, GM Certified, 23K miles.



**2000 Chevy Suburban LS 4x4** \$26,995  
#1581A, GM Certified, 52K miles.



**2000 Olds Silhouette** \$19,495  
#220A, GM Certified, 31K miles.

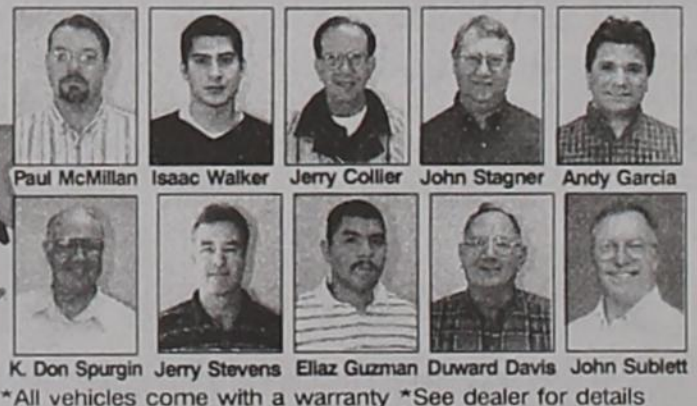
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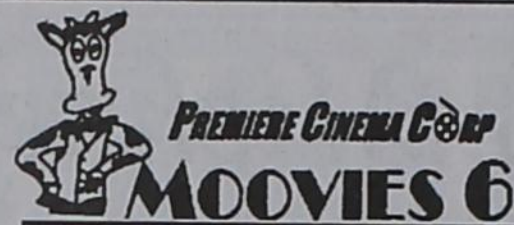
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90TH BIRTHDAY HONOREE....Helen Potts' grandchildren hosted the reception for her 90th birthday at the Congregational Church last Saturday. Her grandchildren are (left to right) Tammy Burney, Tonya Potts, Rusty Ridley, Jo Drummond, Kyle Potts, Helen Potts (the honoree) and Nicole Talley.



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**JULY 26 - AUG. 1**

**AUSTIN POWERS GOLDMEMBER** PG-13  
1:45 - 4:00 - 7:00 - 9:05

**COUNTRY BEAR** G  
1:40 - 4:10 - 7:10 - 9:15

**EIGHT LEGGED FREAKS** PG-13  
1:30 - 4:00 - 7:00 - 9:00

**MEN IN BLACK 2** PG-13  
1:40 - 4:00 - 7:05 - 9:10

**K-19** PG-13  
1:15 - 4:00 - 8:00

**STUART LITTLE 2** PG  
1:40 - 4:15 - 7:15 - 9:00

**WEEKEND & HOLIDAY**  
Matinees: \$3  
Adults: \$5 Kids & Seniors \$3

# YOUR EYES

## Sporty Sunwear Accessories

Individuals heavily involved with sports who also wear prescription or sunglasses are purchasing a number of different accessories from their vision care specialists. Many of these athletes keep from losing an expensive pair of specs by wearing a chain around their neck that is attached to the temples or arms of the glasses. Sporting enthusiasts also wear leashes that are fastened to their glasses with drawstrings and adjustable beads and can be pulled tight so sun wear stay snugly on the head.



Hard and soft cases protect the glasses from getting damaged or scratched when not in use. Some soft cases can stay comfortably in a person's back pocket and other cases have hooks that attach directly to a belt loop. Cloths and spray cleaners allow sports-minded individuals to cleanse their vision wear after contact with air pollutants, dirt and salt water. The cleaning also extends the life of the glasses.

Many athletes also purchase a special cream, which they apply to the lenses with a soft cloth to prevent fogging.

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## Financial Focus

### Know What To Expect From Your Company Retirement Plan

All retirement plans are not created equal. In fact, they can be quite different. So it's important to understand which type of plan your employer is offering, and what you can expect from it - now, and when you retire.

To begin with, retirement plans come in two main varieties: defined benefit plans and defined contribution plans. If you're particularly lucky, you may be able to participate in both types of plans, but it's more likely that your employer offers one or the other. Let's see what you can expect from each of them.

If you have a 401(k) plan - or a 403(b) plan if you're a teacher or a 457 plan if you're a state or municipal employee - you're contributing to a defined contribution plan. In this arrangement, you choose to defer some of your salary, which you then spread among the available investment options. Your money grows on a tax-deferred basis until you start making withdrawals, usually at retirement.

To some extent, your defined contribution plan lets you control your own destiny. You pick the investments that match your goals and tolerance for risk. If you do a good job, you'll accumulate a substantial amount of money to help pay for your retirement. But this freedom to invest also can work against you. If you make poor choices, or if you don't properly diversify your retirement plan portfolio, you may be disappointed when it's time to start taking money out.

The situation is considerably different in a defined benefit plan, such as a pension plan. If you participate in this type of plan, you'll receive, upon retirement, a specific amount of money based on your salary history and years of service. In many defined benefit plans, should you leave before retirement age, you will not receive any benefit, or you will receive a reduced amount that you can't touch until retirement age. Many of these plans don't allow lump sum distributions, so you will receive a set monthly amount in your retirement.

With a defined benefit plan, you have to depend on your employer to make the right moves on your behalf. But that may not be as unsettling as it sounds, because companies that fund pension plans have traditionally based their contributions on a fairly conservative formula that has been pegged to the yield on U.S. Treasury bonds. A watchdog agency, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC), also ensures that pensions are adequately funded.

However, in the past couple of years, as yields on Treasuries have plunged, plan sponsors have been required to set aside much more of their own money to meet their pension obligations. This predicament could eventually lead to cost-cutting measures, including benefit reductions, freezes or plan terminations. To ward off this problem, business lobbyists have asked Congress to liberalize the rules governing pension contributions.

As you can see, there are no "sure things" in either a defined contribution plan or a defined benefit plan. That's why you need to make well-informed decisions. Also, don't count on any one plan - defined contribution or defined benefit - to fund your retirement entirely. Instead, build up your other savings and investments. The more you put in today, the better off you're likely to be tomorrow.

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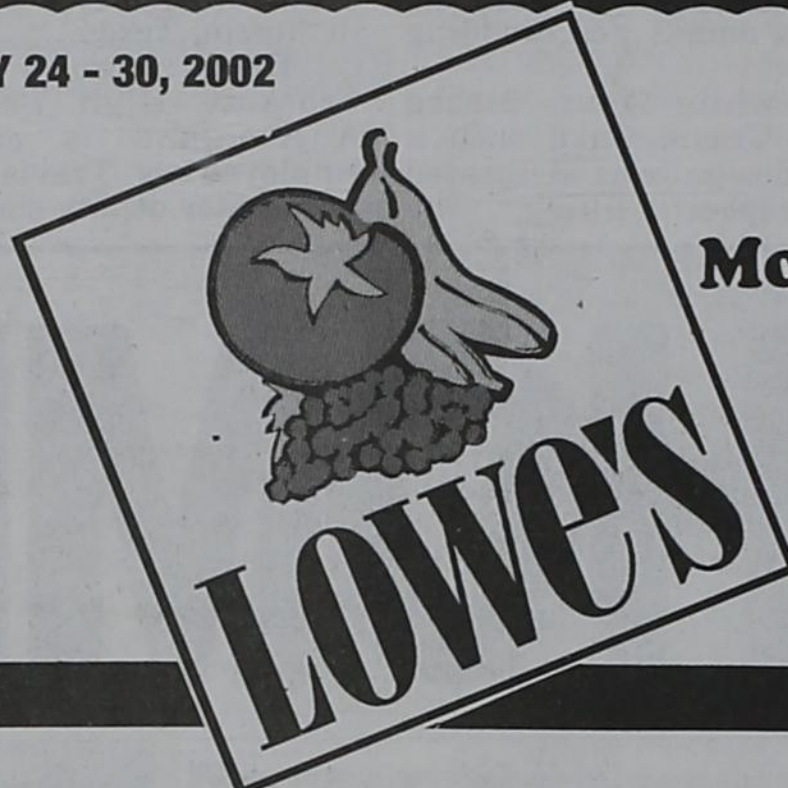
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