



THE 2001-02 CHEERLEADERS are shown in one of their routines at a recent basketball game. Senior Felicia Lafuente, at left above, went to Hawaii to perform at the Hula Bowl. Story below. ron carr photo



FELICIA HAD FUN ON MAUI---Felicia Lafuente shares memories of her Maui trip in her story at right. Top, Felicia and University of Texas quarterback Major Applewhite. Below, she joins with some of the other Hula Bowl staff during the practices for the game.

Mrs. Smith's Services Are Set For Saturday

Funeral services for Frances Smith, 83, are set for Saturday, February 23, 2002 at Friona United Methodist Church with Rev. Don Boren, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow at Blackwell Funeral Home.

She passed away Wednesday, February 20, 2002 at Parmer County Community Hospital.

Frances was born February 23, 1918 in Floydada. She married Lewis L. Smith November 24, 1937 in Clovis, New Mexico. He preceded her in death March 25, 1985.

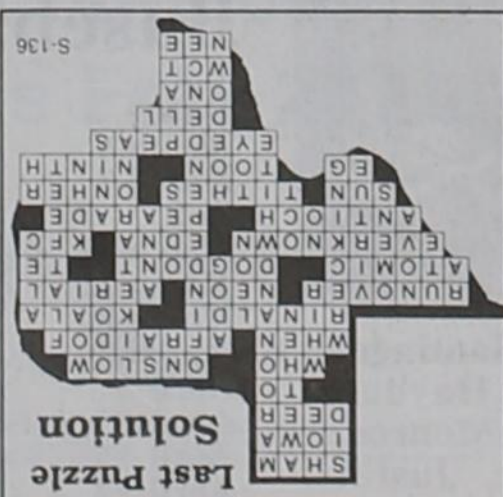
Mrs. Smith has lived in Friona since 1937, moving here from Canyon. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, in Friona, and a member of the Friona Senior Citizens.

She was preceded in death by a son, Dale, December 14, 1982.

Survivors include a son, David Smith of Albuquerque, New Mexico; two brothers, Cecil Bolding of Duncan, Oklahoma and Marvin Bolding of Luling, Louisiana; a sister, Margaret Snyder of Blackwell, Oklahoma; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



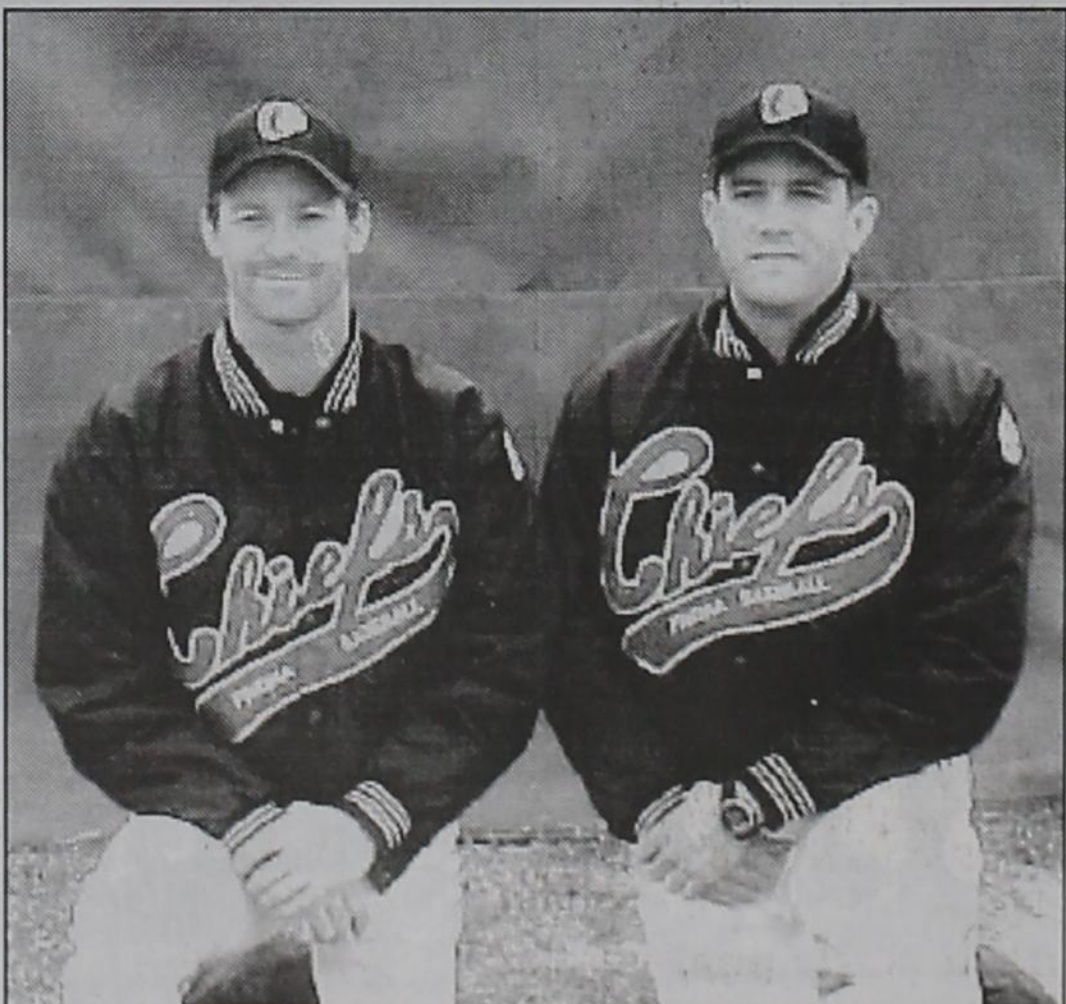
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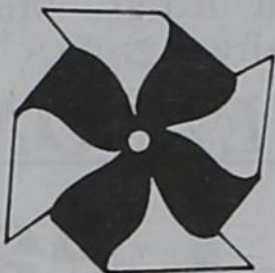
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BATTER UP! It is baseball time again at FHS. The Chiefs scrimmaged Dimmitt last Saturday. Here, Chris Urieste makes contact. ron carr photo



LEADING THE CHIEFS again this year in baseball are head coach Mike Fair, left, and assistant coach Jess Isom. Coach Fair is optimistic about this year's team. The Chiefs host Littlefield today at 5 p.m. and travel to Denver City tomorrow for a double-header.



FHS Senior Cheerleader Performs At Hula Bowl

BY FELICIA LAFUENTE
(Editor's note: Felicia Lafuente recently traveled to Maui, Hawaii, where she was one of the cheerleaders at the Hula Bowl football game. This is her account of the experience.)

Aloha! The experience to Maui and the opportunity to perform in the Hula Bowl will be a memory that I will cherish for a lifetime.

It was an eight hour plane ride. My uncle Trent and aunt Veronica accompanied me. Upon arrival, we were greeted with Hawaiian leis, kisses, and camera men. They had us escorted to our van, where we took a 45-minute ride to our hotel, the Westin Maui.

The hotel had 4 pools and was right by the ocean. After orientation, where I met the NCA/NDA staff and just

some of the 200 girls that were there, I met my room mates. The girls there were from all over the U.S.

My roommates were from Washington, Pennsylvania, and Oklahoma. I learned that I do have a Texan accent, which most of the girls recognized. I met girls from New York, Mississippi, and even Alaska!

The second morning and day, it rained. The locals said it was the worst rainstorm they had seen in over ten years! But the rain did not stop the practices.

The practices were usually 4-6 hours and indoors for two days and outside the rest of the time. It was long and hard, but a lot fun.

The afternoons were full of nonstop adventure. We took a helicopter ride of the

whole island and saw the most beautiful waterfalls, rainbows, and even where the rich and famous live.

Another day, we took a whale watching excursion and saw many whales and dolphins.

At the dress rehearsal, I got to meet and take pictures with Otis Day and Pam Tillis. They were both really nice and down-to-earth. Otis was walking around that night in Lahaina (a village close by) and Pam casually walked around the pool at the hotel.

By far, one of the most exciting events was the Luau. It was great to meet all the football players, including Major Applewhite, Eric Crouch and Daryl Jones, just to name a few. I got them all to sign my Hula Bowl backpack, since we had to take that with us everywhere. I also got pictures and was picked to go on stage!

Every night, my uncle and aunt took me to an outstanding restaurant. By

far, the pineapples and seafood was amazing! I really miss the fresh fruit and seafood. We ate at Bubba Gumps (my favorite), Hard Rock Cafe, and B.J.'s Chicago Pizzeria, where we received live entertainment.

The Hula Bowl itself was a memorable event. I loved performing on the field in front of the crowd. After our performance, we even had kids who wanted our autographs! Leaving Maui and my new friends on Sunday was quite depressing, but I did miss my family and friends back home. This was an opportunity and chance of a lifetime that I will never take for granted.

I appreciate all the support from Friona and am honored to represent this town. Thank you for your support and caring. Aloha!

(Felicia is a senior at FHS and plans to attend the University of Texas at Arlington. She is the daughter of Joe and Anita Lafuente and big sister of Natsha Lafuente.)

ACROSS

- Dallas' "Woolly Bully" singer Sam the _____
- west of Wichita Falls on 287: _____ Park
- east of Houston on 225: _____ Park
- TXism: "fixin' do it" _____
- TXism: "dance with brung ya" _____
- TXism: "his motor runs _____" (lazy)
- "Texas _____ I die"
- TXism: "_____ his own shadow" (coward)
- famous Italian artist who was held at WWII POW camp in Castro Co.
- San Antonio Zoo is one of few in U.S. that has this Australian bear
- TXism: "feel like I've been _____ by a 18-wheeler"
- TXism: "_____ light idea" (good idea)
- El Paso has Ranger Peak _____ tramway
- _____ bomb
- TXism: "a shy _____ get no biscuits"
- Novacek's position
- Comanches: "finest light cavalry the world has _____"
- in Victoria Co. on 59
- TX PepsiCo owns this chicken outfit
- six TX communities have this Bible name
- pea procession at Athen's Black-Eyed Pea Jamboree

DOWN

- Fort Worth millionaire Bass
- TXism: "a tough row to _____"
- TXism: "mad as _____"
- A&M's colors
- Los Colinas kids show: "_____ligig"
- Texans signed declaration _____ in 1836
- Astros & Rangers mound legend (init.)
- "Father of TX" (init.)
- TXism: "sticks _____ road"
- boot aroma
- San Antonio AM
- TX Farah film: "_____burn"
- church offerings
- TXism: "no flies _____" (pretty)
- Oilers Ernest (init.)
- TX saloon fixture: spit _____
- David Korosh was a _____grade dropout
- TX food: black _____
- this TX Charlie is Nub on "Evening Shade"
- TXism: "plain as the ears _____ mule"
- de Zavala saved Alamo from a _____ crew in '03
- TXism: "if he's _____ he'll bark"
- policemen (slang)
- Cowboys DT Lett
- this Kessler was a Rockets 1st round pick
- Mavericks fired this Aduabato in '93 (init.)
- Canadian flows from TX Lake Meredith to this NM reservoir
- NASA's Columbia hoped to see super _____ in '90 trip
- portents
- Dimmitt AM radio
- rare birds at Bentsen State Park
- Astro Hall of Famer Wynn nickname: "The _____ Cannon"
- TXism for a dance
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Out Here

by Ron Carr

"Getting Curled In Salt Lake City"

Hallelujah, it's almost over! The Winter Olympics will be history after the closing ceremonies Sunday night.

As soon as the closing ceremonies are over, hundreds of Olympic hopefuls will immediately begin training for the next winter games. After all, to the luge and archery teams, four years is not very long to really get in shape.

The best part is the next Olympics will be held somewhere besides America. With our economy on the slide, we don't really have the necessary bribe money in our budget to hold the games in America for awhile.

They say Olympic security alone will cost \$360 million this year. (Just like in Iraq, the government established no-fly zones over Utah). That is a lot of money to see who can ski down hill the fastest or speed skate to victory on an icy oval track.

Don't forget that several Olympic Committee officials

and Salt Lake organizers were also convicted of fraud and bribery before the games ever began.

The athletes and their coaches and sponsors and all the visitors to Salt Lake spend a bunch of cash on food, lodging and souvenirs. But I'm gonna venture a guess that when all is said and done, it will be a money-losing proposition for Salt Lake and Utah and America.

Some say there is a lot of prestige in hosting the games. As a miserly accountant told me years ago, "Son, you can't put prestige in the bank."

The young athletes that do win gold medals, especially in the premier events like figure-skating and skiing, will become zillionaires from product endorsements and personal appearances. The rest of them can pack it in for now. See you in four years.

If I cared more about it, I would look up the history of some of the events of the winter games. Who ever thought up the luge? I reckon

a disgruntled bobsledder got tired of riding with three other people and decided to go it alone.

How about the event where they ski around and around a course and stop a couple of times for some target practice with a gun that's strapped to their backs. What is the history of that?

I do admit that, like you, I watch some of the events in case they fall down the mountain or skid across the ice rink and crash into the wall. Nothing like a good spill to liven up a dull night on TV.

My favorite event now though is curling. If you have ever played shuffleboard in a restaurant (or a bar), you have to love curling.

Curling is like shuffleboard except you get to stand on the board. You don't have to invest a lot of money in equipment either. Their uniforms consist of wind pants, golf shirts, slick-soled shoes and a long-handled broom. That's it.

And it is obvious you don't have to be in tip-top shape to be on an Olympic curling team. The guys on the U.S. men's team looked like rejects from a Budweiser commercial.

And the U.S. women's curling team? Let's just say those babes could be models for a full-figure catalog.

So you take this 42-pound "rock" with a handle on it. You get a sliding start and release the rock. Your teammates slide along with the rock, sweeping in front of it to control the speed. You don't get points for form or speed in this event.

The object is to stop the rock in the middle of a big bull's eye circle called "the house." That scores a point. Unless your opponent slides their rock into yours, knocking you to kingdom come and sticking their own rock in the house. Then they get the point.

Each team has four members: the shooter, two sweepers and one aimer. Each team gets five rocks per turn. When both teams have "slud" their five rocks, it is called an "inn." They play 10 inns and whoever has the most points wins.

If you have a rock in the house and put another one in front of it to block your opponent it is called "putting the britches on it."

The team with the last rock in an inn is said to have "the hammer." Having the hammer is an advantage, so it's best it's not squandered.

With the hammer, you can hurl your rock into the house and therefore scatter the enemy rocks without fear of retaliation, all the while hoping your own friendly rock will stick in the middle of the house garnering points for your team before preceeding to the next inn.

The main thing I love about curling is that you can quit. You can cede the match if you are so far behind you don't think you can catch up by the end of the 10 inns.



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St. Teresa's Mexican dinner Mar 3

St. Teresa's Catholic Church Ladies Society will host their Mexican dinner on Sunday, Mar 3, at the church hall in Friona. Menu will be enchiladas, tacos, beans, rice, chips & salsa, coffee, tea and dessert. Serving hours will be 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations are \$6 adult, \$3 children under 10 years. Take out orders will be available at no extra cost.

Bovina town hall meeting Mar 7

The mayor and city council of Bovina invites everyone to a town hall meeting at the Bovina school cafeteria at 7 p.m. Mar 7 to discuss the proposed city sales tax issues that will be on the May 4, 2002, ballot: a 1/4 cent property tax reduction, a 1/2 cent economic development tax, and a 1/4 cent street maintenance tax.

Modern Study Club luncheon Mar 9

Friona's Modern Study Club will hold a luncheon and game day at the Depot in City Park on Mar 9. Tickets are available from any member of MSC or call Donna Mears at 250-3456.

Handweavers Guild meeting

The Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild monthly meeting is on February 28 at 7:30 p.m. in Amarillo. Anyone interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts is welcome. For meeting location or information call Becky Martin at 358-2765.

"Earth Dome" at Friona Jr. High Mar 5

A static display entitled "The Earth Dome" will be presented to the students and staff at Friona junior high on Tuesday, Mar 5. The 22' X 17' high exact replication of the Earth is built to scale and allows students to put themselves into perspective of continents, oceans, mountains and rivers. The exhibit is provided by Mobile Ed Productions of Redford, Michigan. It will be set up in the junior high gymnasium.

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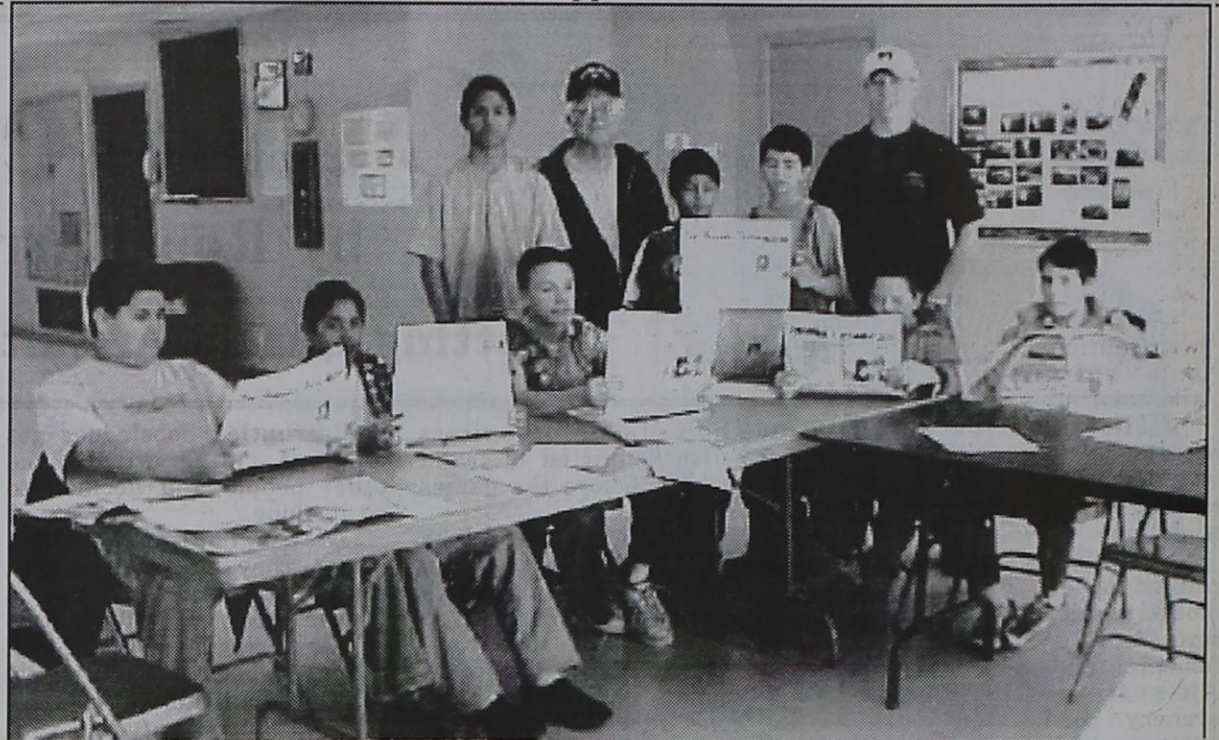
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FRIONA STAR managing editor Ron Carr, center, spoke to Friona and Bovina Boy Scouts on the subject of journalism. The youngsters learned about different sections of the newspaper and journalism as a career.

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VALENTINE ROYALTY at Prairie Acres. Crowned as Valentine King and Queen during Prairie Acres' Valentine party were residents David Woodruff and Mattie Rushing.

Local 4-H'ers Compete At San Antonio Show

Parmer County was well represented during the San Antonio Junior Livestock Show held February 10-16. In the swine barn, over 4,000 head of barrows were exhibited by young people from across the State of Texas. Only 330 barrows were selected for the premium sale, which was held on February 16.

Local exhibitors making the premium sale and their placings are as follows: Dan Patterson, second place Cross; D'Anna DeLeon, third place Cross; Drew Johnson, fifth place Hampshire; Jennifer DeLeon, first place Cross; and Josh Curtis, first place cross.

Other 4-H'ers representing Parmer County were Kari Schilling, Leesa Patterson, Luke Schwertner, Ryan Mason, Logan Mason, Suzanne Aragon, Ty Gosner, Brittany Gosner, Colton Christian, Drake King, Kade Foster and Khallie Foster.



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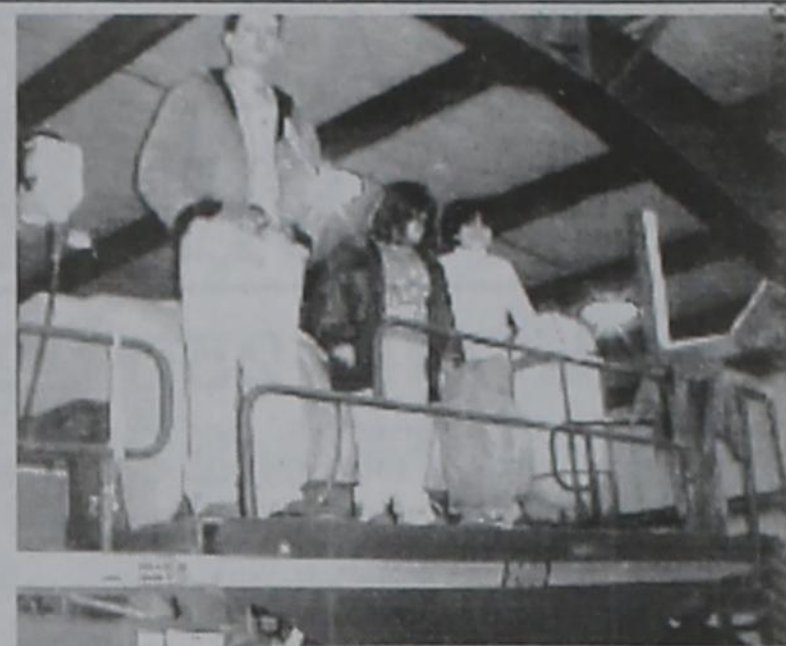
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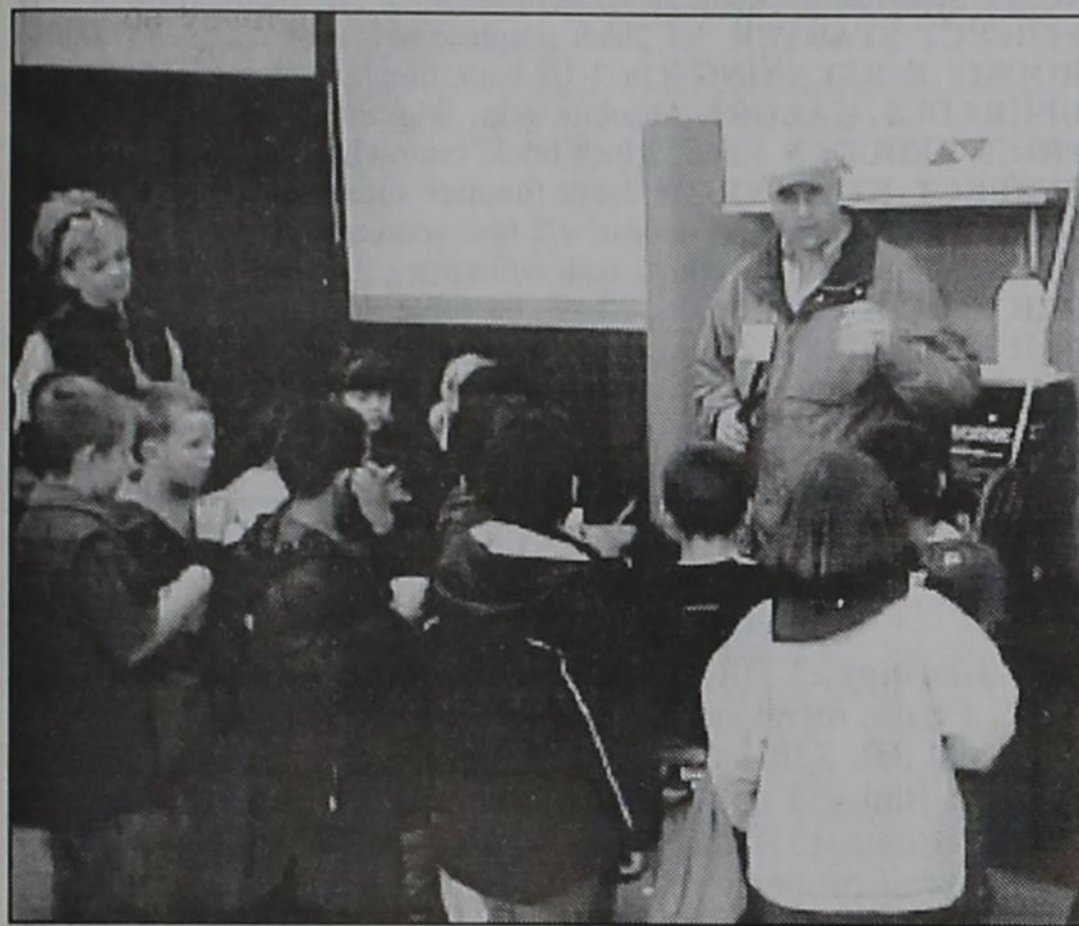
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EXCEL FRIONA TAUGHT KIDS ABOUT SAFETY ON AG DAY



SCENES from Friona's Ag Day at the Community Center. Elementary students saw agriculture first hand through a series of displays from local businesses, like the "pig", "cow" and equipment above. Ag Day is sponsored by the Friona Chamber of Commerce. ron carr photos



ELEMENTARY TEACHER Jennifer Harris, left, looks on as her students listen to a presentation at the Hi-Pro booth on Ag Day.

V. White On Dean's List at WT

Vanette L. White of Canyon was included on the Dean's List at West Texas A&M University for the fall 2001 semester. Students included on the list must complete at least 12 hours with at least a 3.5 grade point average. Vanette is a senior elementary education major. She is the daughter of Troy and Veda White of Friona.

Texas Tech University Recognizes Students

In the summer of 2001, Texas Tech University graduated 1,016 students, awarding 754 bachelors degrees, 211 masters degrees, 43 doctorates and 8 law. In the fall semester of 2001, students 1,890 students made the Honors List. Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of class work. Students who carried 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List. Fall 2001 commencement took place on December 11, 2001. Texas Tech University graduated 1,624 students. Degrees were awarded as follows: 1,317 bachelors

degrees, 231 masters degrees, 44 doctorates and 32 law. Students making the President's List included: Zubin Bhakta, junior, pre-medicine; Joshua Burleson, freshman, COBA; Rachel Burleson, senior, multidisciplinary studies; and Audra King, sophomore, early childhood. Dean's List honorees were: Kendra Gallman, freshman, interior design; Sherri Jubay, senior, biology; Matthew White, sophomore, COBA; and Amber Wyly, sophomore, pre-physical therapy. Boone Hand received his master of business administration degree in general business and Sherri Jubay graduated cum laude and received her bachelor of science degree in biology.



Republican Candidate for Justice of the Peace

SHARA LOOKINGBILL

"I would appreciate your vote"
Absentee voting begins Monday, February 25. Polls open March 12 for the election.



JUMPING FOR HEALTH...Friona elementary instructor Jackie Martin joins in to jump rope with Matthew Stanberry during the recent American Heart Association jump-a-thon. Students collected over \$3,500 for the AHA. ron carr photo



The Friona Star, 916 Main St., Friona, Texas, 79035
Bill Ellis, Editor and Publisher; Dear Bill:
May I tell you about my friend Virgil? I've known him for a long time. We went to high school together. We were in Mr. Gee's FFA Farm Demonstration team that went to the state meet in Huntsville in about 1953. We won third place trophy for demonstrating the hog cholera vaccination. We were staying at a hotel, and were trying to catch the elevator to our room. The elevator was filled with ladies and gentlemen going to a dance on the top floor. The elevator operator took one look at us and said "Next elevator, please!" and slammed the door. She evidently thought we were escaped convicts! Another time, Mr. Gee told several of us to go out to the Crow place, about 15 miles east of town, and pick up a tractor. We drove the front wheels up in the back of the pickup and pulled it to town. Upon arriving, we found the tractor was smoking. We had forgotten to take off its brakes. Sincerely, Jim Dixon. (Pd. pol. adv. on behalf of Virgil Phipps)

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GRANDDAUGHTERS OF GERI TAYLOR—A late valentine is being sent by Geri Taylor to Katharyn, Caroline and Sarah Zagorin, daughters of Mark and Lisa Taylor Zagorin of Austin, Texas.



CCC Hosts Exploration Fair Tues.

Clovis Community College invites all career-seeking area students to attend the Exploration Fair Tuesday, February 26, in the Commons.

The fair, which runs from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m., offers opportunities to meet representatives from a large variety of local businesses and career fields.

For more information call 769-4087.



SCENES ABOVE are from the senior citizen social last Saturday. Top left, Ted Tucker, Joe Mann, Ruben & Ollie Taylor and Glenn Reeve show off the new cooker at Friendship House; a crowd of 91 folks turned out to enjoy the food and fun; lower left, Nola Faye Vestal prepares a table and 7th grader Briana Wright entertains the crowd.



STUDENTS-OF-THE-MONTH for January at Friona Junior High were, front, l-r, Daniel Aguilar (8th), Staci Murphree (7th) and Lindsey Neill (8th). Back, l-r, JoAnn Mendoza (6th) and Alonzo Rojas (6th). Not pictured, Juan Reyes (7th).

Bovinan's Father Died Sunday, February 17

Walter M. Johnson, 73, of Sundown, better known as "Papa" or Walt, died Sunday, February 17, 2002.

In celebration of his life, a plaque will be presented in his memory on Memorial Day at Resthaven Cemetery in Lubbock.

His body was donated to the Texas Tech Health Science Center.

Johnson was born April 2, 1928, in Tolbert. He married Betty Sue Carter on July 30, 1949, in Sundown.

He worked as an irrigation



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W.M. JOHNSON

engineer for WaterMaster of Lubbock. He resided in Sundown, after being a longtime resident of Brownfield.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Grace Johnson of Sundown.

Survivors include his wife Betty; a son, Gene Johnson of Plains; two daughters, Monica Priest of Sundown and Tiffany Rhodes, wife of Chad Rhodes, of Bovina.

Also, a sister, Nelda Grace Stogsdill of Littlefield, nine grandchildren, including Rowdee and Mykelti Rhodes of Bovina, and eight great-grandchildren.



BOOK AUTHORS Dave and Pat Sargent are shown during an elementary school assembly this week. The pair were in town to sell their many books.

Friona News
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Dale Widner celebrated his birthday recently in the home of Geri Taylor with friends and neighbors. Those present were Don and Kay Huckabee, Iona Renner, Judy Cummings, Bob Naylor, John Baca and Peggy Cabrera. They enjoyed Cowboy stew, cornbread, a relish plate, ice tea, coffee, ice cream and birthday cake. They took pictures and

had lots of fun. Anita Lafuente went to Nashville, Tennessee at the end of January with ten of her co-workers from Cannon Air Force Base for their annual environmental training. Anita, who is a Civil Servant at Cannon, has worked there for eleven years and said Nashville was a

great place to go for the training. They stayed at the Opyland Hotel and attended classes each day. At night they enjoyed the sights and all that Nashville has to offer. One night they went to the Grand Ole Opry and saw Diamond Rio perform. A surprise guest that night was Clint Black. Anita said they had a wonderful time and really enjoyed all the entertainment.

Meet Friona's Class of 2014
Issac R. Summerlin is a kindergartner at Friona Schools. His parents are Kelvin and Leola Summerlin. His brother is Francisco. His grandparents are Reynaldo and Frances Gonzales and Geraldine Summerlin. He likes to ride his bike, jeep and scooter, play baseball with his friends and his brother. His favorite foods are chicken nuggets and burritos. His favorite color is red.

Ruthie Hardin reported this week that Bill had a pretty bad spill last week at their place when he was out riding his horse. They really don't know exactly what happened in the accident but Bill ended up with a broken, impacted wrist and a large bump on his head. The bump was not serious but the wrist will take some time to heal. Ruthie said it will be a while before Bill goes out riding again.

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Republican Candidate for Justice of the Peace JP1
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Thursday was "The Campbells' Day" on our favorite radio station, KNNK. Friona folks Danny, Holly and Stephen, were honored for their kindness to neighbors and friends. The Campbells have enjoyed having company recently. Cate Spain of New Braunfels, came to Friona in January and again last weekend. Cate was the Campbells' daughter, Sarah's roommate when she lived in San Marcos. When Cate came to Friona in February, she brought a friend, Renee Marbach of San Antonio, who was also a friend of Sarah's. The girls, both students in San Antonio, visited friends in both Lubbock and in Friona for several days. The Campbells really enjoy keeping in touch with the girls and look forward to their visits.

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DECEMBER STUDENTS OF MONTH.... These six students were recognized as "Students of the Month" at Friona Junior High School for the month of December. Pictured are: (front row) Alex Gurley, sixth grade; (middle row) Krista Graham and Lupe Gonzales, seventh grade; and Hannah Stovall and Jimmy Centeno, eighth graders. Miranda Frye, a sixth grade honoree, was not present for the photograph.

Financial Focus

Good Reasons To See An Investment Professional

During the long bull market of the 1990s, it wasn't all that hard to be a successful investor. But when the dot-com bubble burst and technology stocks went into an extended slump, it suddenly became a lot harder to navigate the investment world alone. In fact, if you're going to make the right decisions in all types of markets, you'll need the help of an investment professional—but that's not the *only* reason to work with one.

Actually, professional investment help is a plus for many reasons. Here are a few of the most common ones, courtesy of the Forum for Investor Advice:

Maintaining proper portfolio diversification--Over the years, you may have bought some stocks here, some bonds there and some money market accounts somewhere else. But have you ever analyzed your portfolio to make sure it was properly diversified? An investment professional can help you keep your assets allocated in a way that is appropriate for your individual goals, tolerance for risk and time horizon.

Dealing with an inheritance--If you inherited a substantial sum of money, what would you do with it? Would you know the best way to invest it to help you meet your objectives? Would you know how to avoid taking a big tax hit? An investment professional, along with your tax adviser, can help you with these issues.

Planning for retirement--You've probably already thought a bit about your retirement, but have you really envisioned what it might look like? Will you spend your time traveling and pursuing hobbies, or will you do some part-time work or consulting? An investment professional can help you put a price tag on your goals and suggest investment strategies for achieving them. By showing you how much you need to save, and what type of return you need to earn, your investment professional can help guide you along a well-planned path toward retirement security.

Transferring 401(k) money--When you leave your job, you'll have to decide what to do with your 401(k). You could just take the cash, but you'd have to pay income taxes, along with a possible 10 per cent penalty. You could leave the money in your employer's plan, if allowed. Or you could roll over your 401(k) to an IRA or your new employer's plan. An investment professional can help you decide which move will be in your best interests.

For all these reasons, and many others, you'll want to work with a qualified investment professional. But don't just pick the first name you see. Ask your friends and relatives whom they use. You may want to interview several people until you find one with whom you'd be comfortable working. Look for someone who has experience working with people like you.

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February 25--Lyn Eldon Randolph, Alex Gurley, Hollis Gurley, Tommy Villalobos, David Stephens.

February 26--Amy Beth Terry, Jerry London, Lesta Lee Neill, Trasa Randolph, Deuce Faires, Christopher Cappa, Kevin Taylor.

February 27--Raye Jean London, Pat Randolph, Jesse Saiz.

February 28--Kathrine Smith, Cindy Alexander, Corbin Neill, Todd Drake,

Meryle Massie, Baker Duggins, M'Lissa Hurst.

February 29--Lonnie Ellis, Doreen Duran.

March 1--Clydie Black, Joe Osborn, Jean Terry, Lance Outland, Jesse Mendoza Jr., Jeff Curtis.

March 2--John Burns, Baylee Duke, Beth Alexander, Billy Wayne Sisson, Rhonda Wilson Rebber.

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.

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.

YOUR EYES

Which Lenses Are Best For You?

When people buy a pair of glasses they are usually more concerned with the style, color and material of the frames than the lenses. However, the composition of these lenses should also be considered when making the purchase. Eyeglass lenses are normally made from glass, hard resin (plastic) or polycarbonate. Most people wear plastic lenses; glass lenses are the least favorite.



For years, glass was the only lens material available. Despite its superior optics and high scratch-resistance it can be very heavy--generally twice the weight of plastic. Hard resin lenses will not shatter, but are more easily scratched than glass. A protective coating is recommended for plastic lenses. Polycarbonate lenses are the most scratch-resistant and are normally used for children's glasses. Polycarbonate lenses are growing in popularity because they are the thinnest and lightest in weight.

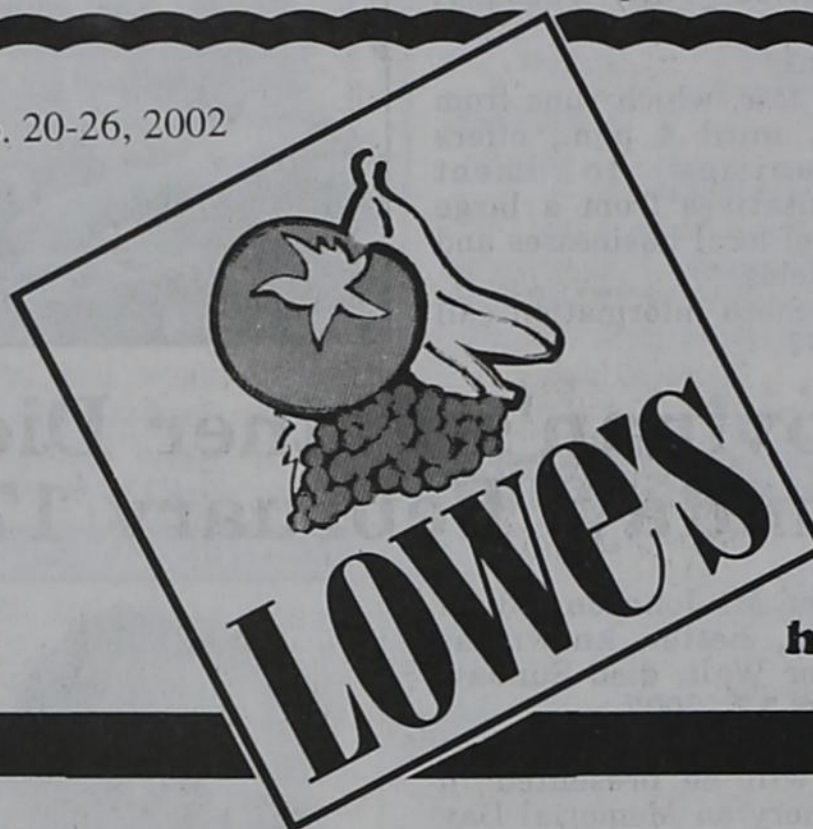
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