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## Combest Feels Tax Bill Will Be Good For USA

Even before the U.S. Congress passed its tax bill this week, Representative Larry Combest predicted that it would pass, and that it should be good for American taxpayers.

Combest discussed the tax proposal, along with the Republican congressional conclave this past week with some of his district's newspaper publishers, including publisher Bill Ellis.

"While the tax package may not suit everyone, I think it's should be a good one for the taxpayer," Combest told the publishers.

The tax bill has been touted as the country's first "balanced budget bill" in generations.

The congressman said the bill should amount to a tax

reduction to most taxpayers, and calls for reduced spending by the government.

"We (congress) are pretty upbeat, and we hope to see some good things happen," Combest said. He said that the Republican party's majority in both the Senate and House of Representatives would have allowed that party to steer the bill to passage.

"But we had to pass a package that the president would sign," Combest said.

(Editor's note-True to form, President Clinton was taking credit for the bill which the House passed this week).

Concerning the closed-to-media Republican meeting the previous week, Combest said it might be the best

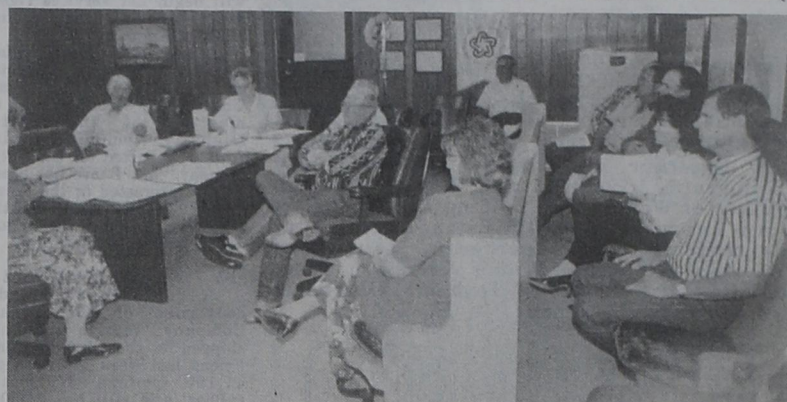
thing that's happened lately on Capitol Hill.

The Republicans discussed the "in-fighting" that was hampering the party. A congressman was quoted as saying that in 27 years as a congressman, this was the best meeting he had ever attended.

"Everyone got some things off their chest—even members who felt Speaker Newt Gingrich had not been an effective leader. Even though there had been some disagreements within the party, this never was as bad as the media made it out to be," Combest told the editors.

Concerning the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s recent rulings considering bad air quality from the dust blowing on the South Plains, Combest said "I don't think the agency can fine God for this situation. Some of these rulings have a long way to go to even be in the 'ridiculous' category."

Combest said that even many in congress felt frustrated due to the lack of leadership by the administration, that still the congress had managed to achieve some things it wanted to, in spite of a president whose views are completely at odds with the majority in congress.



PROMOTING PARMER COUNTY.....Bill McCoy and Laurie Clayton, right, appeared before the commissioners court last Monday to discuss authorization for a tax abatement criteria to attract business to the county. See story for details. (Ron Carr Photo)

## Commissioners Take Step Toward Tax Abatements

BY RON CARR

"Parmer County at this time is not competitive with other counties in industrial attraction because it does not have in place the tools to consider and grant tax abatements to interested businesses", spokesman Bill McCoy told the Parmer County Commissioners last Monday, July 28.

McCoy appeared on behalf of the Friona Economic Development Corporation, the Friona Chamber of Commerce, the Friona City Council, and other interested citizens of Parmer County.

While Parmer County has much to offer potential businesses for relocation or expansion, such as productive land, two major highways, major rail lines, and people with a good work ethic, the lack of a tax abatement procedure hampers efforts to lure new business to the county, McCoy said.

The commissioners were provided with copies of other counties' tax abatement guidelines. Deaf Smith, Ochiltree, and Hall were examples of counties with tax abatement procedures already in place.

Tax abatements, for example waiving a corporations' property tax payments for a specified period of time, are commonly used at all government levels to lure businesses and grow local economies.

Other criteria such as requiring a business to

develop a certain number of jobs and/or reach a certain annual payroll level, are also a proviso to the granting of many tax abatements.

The net result, according to McCoy, is a bargaining tool which can be utilized to attract new industry to Parmer County, ultimately creating much-needed local and county revenue.

Also appearing with McCoy was Laurie Clayton, senior accountant with Excel-Friona. She told commissioners that since 1990, Excel's property taxes have increased over 100%. She said that in the 1996-97 fiscal year, Excel paid over \$700,000 in property taxes.

Clayton told the commissioners that in the next several years, Excel will spend \$40 million on capital improvements and expansion.

She reported that Excel's payroll and related benefits have increased by \$23 million since 1990 to a total current payroll and related benefits of \$75 million in 1997. Excel has over 1,900 employees and during the 1996-97 fiscal

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SUNFLOWER MAJESTY.....This giant sized sunflower, measuring at least 10 inches across, was in full bloom under Friona's white and blue sky. The huge flowers, are in Raymond Delgado's garden at Summit and Fifth Streets. (Ron Carr Photo)

## Light Turnout Predicted In Aug 9 Exemption Vote

BY RON CARR

Remember to vote on Saturday, August 9. What's that? You were not aware that there is a state constitutional amendment to vote on? Don't worry, you are not alone.

It is a simple ballot. Put an "X" in the square for or against this proposition:

"The constitutional amendment providing school property tax relief by increasing the residence homestead exemption by \$10,000 and providing for the transfer of the tax limitation to another qualified homestead for persons over 65 and a reduction in taxes on homesteads subject to the limitation."

Current property tax exemption for a residence homestead is \$5,000. Passage of this amendment would increase that exemption to \$15,000.

Early voting on the proposal began July 21 and continues through August 5 at the county clerk's office in Farwell.

What is not on the ballot, but hinges on its passage, is a promised increase in the state's minimum salary schedule for teachers.

If the amendment fails, the state-set minimum salaries for teachers will be frozen for the next two years.

According to the Texas State Teachers Association, the total pay package for teachers would increase 6.5% over the next two years and move beginning teachers pay from the \$19,950 minimum to

\$21,050 next year. A 20-year teaching veteran would see his pay increase from \$35,510 to \$37,460.

Teachers in Parmer County will average approximately \$1,000-\$2,000 depending on length of service. The TSTA says Texas ranks 36 in the U. S. in teacher pay.

Passage of the amendment will cause school districts to have a deficit in their local funding because of the increase in the homestead exemption. To prevent districts from suffering a loss, lawmakers allocated a \$1.05 billion surplus that will go to the Foundation School Program after the amendment passes.

If the amendment does not pass there will be no increase in state aid per student even though lawmakers provided additional funding for the schools.

Since school districts have finalized their budgets and school-year calendars for the 1997-98 school year, if the amendment does not pass they will be forced to juggle the calendar and budget to compensate for fewer days and less money. This could be a problem since the election is August 9 and school starts a week later.

In Friona, Precinct 101 will vote at Calvary Baptist Church, 202 at the Community Center, and 402 at the Fire Department.

In Bovina, Precinct 201 will vote at the EMS Building.

## A ROLL OF TOILET PAPER

isn't what it used to be. Remember awhile back I mentioned that the hole in your roll of LifeSaver candies has gotten bigger? Now paper manufacturers have gotten in on the act. The little cardboard tube in the middle of your toilet paper roll has gotten bigger, too. In this case, bigger is not better because you get less of the actual product.

A regular size roll of toilet paper with the larger size cardboard innertube will only last about a day and half if you have kids at home. So next time you'll buy the double roll, but it's so big that it hardly fits on the holder and doesn't turn at all when you attempt to pull the paper off. With the two-ply double roll, you're getting little more than the amount of paper that used to be on a regular roll. The best buy for your money happens to be the single-ply, double roll which, believe it or not, has the old standard size cardboard tube in the center, so you actually get quite a bit more paper there. Of course this complicates your life because you have to take time to read the small print on every roll in the store, to be certain of getting the best buy.

What was wrong with leaving the roll of toilet paper the way it had always been? If it ain't broke, don't fix it! Nothing on the store shelves comes in sizes small, medium or large anymore. Everything is either medium, large, or jumbo. How gullible do they think we are, anyway? A pound size can of coffee now only holds 11 or 12 ounces of coffee. A bag of potato chips is filled half full of nothing but air. Boxes of cereal are about two-thirds full. Candy bars don't even fill up the paper they're wrapped in.

Sugar-free and fat-free products cost more. One size fits all doesn't. New and improved isn't. Pre-shrunk clothing isn't either. Wash and wear stuff has to be ironed. Permanents aren't. If they say it's "on the cutting edge, top of the line, ahead of the field," etc., you can bet it's not worth the price they're asking for it.

If you wear clothes, you are clothed. If you wear no clothes, you are unclothed. So why do we have "shelled peanuts" with no shells? Shouldn't peanuts that have no shells be called "unshelled?"

On the subject of clothes, are you tired of looking at people wearing clothing with stuff written all over it? Cute sayings, designer names, team logos, words of wisdom, sexy innuendos, trademarks, pictures of ugly rock stars, travel advertisements, and the ultimate...."My parents went to (fill in name of tourist attraction) and all I got was this blankety-blank old t-shirt." They've turned us all into walking billboards.

I realize that TV commercials are the price we must pay for free programming, but do they have to make them so loud and irritating? My Good Old Boy and I own dueling remotes. (Yes, girls, you too can have a remote control of your very own...didn't know that, didja?) Anyway, when that awful pick-up truck commercial comes on between every segment of the evening news, we have a contest to see who can punch the mute button the quickest.

"If I had money, tell ya what I'd do." I'd go downtown and hire a hit-man to find that cowboy and stuff that guitar down his throat so he couldn't sing anymore of those obnoxious truck commercials. At least, when you place an advertisement in your local paper you can be assured that it won't give your potential customers a headache.

## MY TURN

By Carol Ellis



CHEWING UP THE PAVEMENT.....TX/DOT contractors chewed up the asphalt on the west side of Main Street last week in preparation for repaving. Rain halted the construction for a couple of days, but the progress seems to be moving along at a good pace. (Ron Carr Photo)



READY TEDDIES.....Paramedic Dana Hendrix and city manager Paula Wilson are all smiles at the bicycle safety seminar. EMS volunteers gave away 103 bike helmets, gave away a bike and served hamburgers to all present. The Ready Teddy EMS mascot is paramedic Rick Clayton. (Ron Carr Photo)

## Miss Friona Plans Now Underway

Plans are now being made for the 1997 Miss Friona Pageant, scheduled for Saturday, September 13.

Any girl who will be a sophomore, junior or senior at Friona High during the 1997-98 school year is eligible to participate in the contest.

The deadline to sign up is August 15. If you are interested in participating, please call the Chamber office at 247-3491.



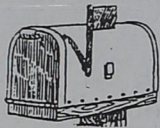
# Friona Flashbacks

...from the files of The Friona Star



**FIVE GENERATIONS...** These five generations got together recently for this family photograph. Pictured are: Brandi Landrum Walker of Weatherford holding Landrum Ray, born February 1, 1997; Brian Landrum of Weatherford and Jeannette Maurer of Amarillo, all former Friona residents. Emet and Dortha Callaway of Texhoma, Oklahoma are Jeannette's parents.

## Letters To The Editor



Dear Carol & Bill:

First of all, let me say that we (Mary & I) owe you two a big apology!

For all of the years that we lived in Friona, we didn't realize what a great job you do with the Friona Star, and never called to thank you. We hope everyone else there isn't like we were.

Since we have retired and moved, let me tell you that we look forward "with baited breath" to the arrival of the Star every week. I'll read through the columns (and let me tell you that you're on the right track politically!). Then, I read through the entire paper, and may even read the columns again!

We are thoroughly enjoying our retirement. The hardest work we do is when we're jet-skiing out on the lake!

We miss all of our friends in Friona, but thanks to you folks at the Star, and your weekly "letter from home," we're able to keep up with the news.

We hope you and Carol will come down and spend a long weekend, or a week with us. We'd do our best to show you a good time.

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Hello to all of our friends and former neighbors!

John and Mary Bingham  
45 La Costa Drive  
Montgomery, TX.

**(Editor's note:** We miss you two also and especially miss you, John, as our longtime landlord at the Star. Whenever something goes wrong here, I generally have the first three digits of your phone number dialed, before realizing that the guy holding the receiver on this end is who we needed to talk to!)

Dear Bill:

Thanks for your support of the Summer Drama Workshop program. This summer there were 62 youngsters involved in the casts and another twelve students who helped with the technical aspects.

This program could not happen without the support of folks like you.

Thanks,  
Joy Morton

### 10th Street Church Sets Revival Series

Friona's 10th Street Church of Christ is hosting a revival meeting from Sunday, August 3 to Sunday, August 10.

Truman Teel of Dill City, Oklahoma, will be the preacher for the series of services.

Weeknight services start at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, August 3, services are at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. On August 10, services will be at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

### 65 Yrs Ago-Aug. 5, 1932

Parmer County is to have a County Home Demonstration Agent. At a recent meeting of the commissioners court, they voted to secure an agent for six months. She will begin her services right away--probably the second week in August.

Mayor F.W. Reeve, who was appointed as a delegate to represent the local Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of the State Highway Commission in Austin, departed for that city Monday. Mr. Reeve has been deeply interested in the West Texas North and South Highway, and has taken an active part in promoting it.

### 55 Yrs Ago-July 31, 1942

Bert Shackelford, consignee of the Texas Company, reports that he shipped for the company from Friona last week a carload of 41,190 pounds of scrap rubber, and still has 11,000 pounds for shipment. The Texas Co. purchased the large pile of scrap rubber taken in by Friona Consumers.

Parmer County's share of the 1943 wheat acreage allotment of 55 million bushels has been set at 108,265.2 acres, according to Olan N. Schluster, chairman of the local AAA committee. The Texas allotment is 3,727,966 acres.

### 45 Yrs Ago-July 31, 1952

Derailment of 14 cars of an east-bound freight train near Summerfield Sunday halted traffic on the local Sante Fe line for some hours. Though the track was a shambles for several hundred feet, and 11 of the cars were overturned and stacked in some instances, no one was injured. The cars were loaded with potash from Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Now awaiting Washington acceptance of their low bid for construction of rural telephone lines for West Texas Rural Telephone Co-op to serve this area, the Thompson, Haight & Keister Construction Co. of Oklahoma City will proceed with actual construction as soon as materials become available.

### 40 Yrs Ago-Aug. 1, 1957

Construction of a new building to house the Friona office of Pioneer Natural Gas Co. got underway this week. The concrete foundation is now poured. Site of the building is 701 Euclid Street, on the corner opposite the Friona Post Office. Builder is R.L. Rule of Friona. Rule and C.I. Wall, president of Pioneer, have a five-year contract with option on leasing the building. Estimated cost of the building is \$7,500.

After plunging 75 feet down an elevator man-lift shaft in a free-wheeling elevator car Tuesday morning, a pair of repairmen are still alive to tell the story. Effie Grammer of Hutcheson, Kansas, and Harry Ericson of Mt. Hope, Kansas, members of a construction crew making repairs at Friona Wheat Growers were involved in the incident.

### 35 Yrs Ago-Aug. 2, 1962

The Friona Jaycees, under the management of Walter Haws, will conduct its second annual Quarter Horse Show Saturday, August 4, at the Jaycee Arena. Last year's show was the first of its kind in Parmer County.

Irrigation farmers and landowners in the area are urged to attend a meeting Friday, August 3 at the Hub Community Center. Farmers are to hear a report from a committee which met July 24 with reps of the High Plains Undergrnd Water Conservation District. T.I. Burleson, chairman, said they will tell farmers what to expect in regard to controlling their "tailwater."

### 30 Yrs Ago-Aug. 3, 1967

Parmer County citizens moved this week to block an attempt by two Hereford men to establish a private club on the outskirts of Friona. The two, Charles Joseph Lance and Adolph Eugene Vasek, applied for a permit through the Texas Liquor Control Board.

A group made awards in 17 cases heard in Farwell last week regarding right-of-way damages for a gas pipeline which will cross the county. Some 33 landowners in Parmer County are affected by the line, which crosses the southeast corner of the county.

Mel Williams, coach of the Friona High School Squaws the past three years, has accepted a position as high school girls basketball coach and elementary principal at New Home.

### 25 Yrs Ago-Aug. 3, 1972

Officials of Encounter '72 estimated that more than 10,000 persons attended the series of countywide evangelistic services last week at Chieftain Field. Largest crowd was Sunday evening, when around 1,750 people crowded into the stadium.

September 1 has been set as deadline for entering girls

in the 1972 Maize Queen pageant, according to Dale Cary, Chamber president.

### 20 Yrs Ago-July 31, 1977

The Law Enforcement Center has a new teletype which will give them information from Austin on drivers license vehicle registration, within seconds after it is requested.

Heavy machinery at the Lazbuddie dam site has been active since June to construct a dam on Running Water Draw near Lazbuddie. The dam is being built for flood control and will cost an estimated \$1.33 million. It will take 1-1/2 years to complete.

### 10 Yrs Ago-Aug. 1, 1987

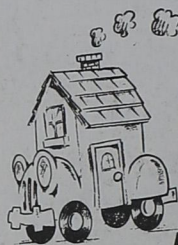
According to a spokesman for the TDHPT, the project of widening U.S. Highway 60

through Parmer County from two lanes to a four-lane highway is making progress. Purchasing right of way has been underway for some time. The spokesman said that the Texas Highway Commission took a major step toward realization of the project in May, when it authorized the TDHPT to begin making designs for the project, which involves 37.9 miles from the Deaf Smith County line to Farwell.

### 5 Yrs Ago-Aug. 1, 1992

The Friona High School Cheerleaders have returned from Cheerleading Camp at ENMU, where they won the "Spirit Stick," the camp's highest award. 1992-93 cheerleaders are Renee Martin, Tammi Potts, Teresa Taylor, Mendi Milner, Keri Reeb and Gena Willard.

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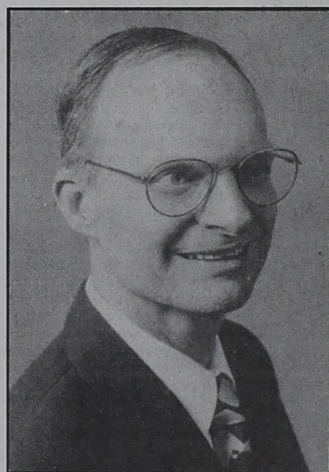
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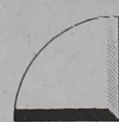
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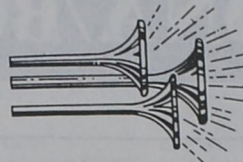
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# Out Here

By RON CARR



Last Sunday, the Amarillo Globe News' travel section featured Mexico City. Maybe you remember the headline, "The Dual Worlds of Mexico City."

It is potentially the most beautiful city in the world and among the most historical. But the beauty and history are marred by severe pollution, overpopulation, crime, corruption, and poverty.

Over the years, during my airline and travel agent career, I took many trips to Mexico City, as well as frequent visits to the other popular Mexico destinations.

But it is Mexico City, rich in history, that is also etched into my personal history. Sometimes a chance meeting here or a twist of fate there can alter your life.

If you will indulge my best Paul Harvey imitation, I'll explain.

It was 1973. I operated one of the biggest and best known travel agencies in Dallas. Airlines, hotel chains, tour operators, and cruise lines beat a path to my door to solicit my business.

My first marriage had ended that year also. As luck would have it, I met an adorable little redhead named Sharon, whom I began pursuing relentlessly and without shame.

A tour operator in Mexico City wanted my business so much that he invited me to Mexico City for a weekend to show me around. His name was Alberto Berestein.

I accepted his invitation, invited Sharon, and we flew to Mexico City. My brother Rick was a junior in Friona High School at the time. I was 33, Sharon was 26.

Alberto met us at the airport with a car and driver, took us to a nice hotel, and picked us up later for a night on the town.

He told us that he had another couple in town as guests and thought we would enjoy meeting them since we were both in the travel industry.

He said the guy, Jerry, was district manager for American Airlines in San Antonio. Jerry and his friend Sherry, were spending the night in Cuernavaca, a couple of hours by car from Mexico City.

The next day, Alberto, with his car and driver, whisked Sharon and I to a beautiful resort villa, Hacienda Cocoyoc, in Cuernavaca where we met Jerry and Sherry.

From that very first time the four of us met it was an automatic friendship. We spent most of our first day together, sitting around the

lobby piano bar, singing Mexican tunes we didn't know the words to, with friendly Mexican folks we couldn't talk to.

We found we had more in common than just the travel industry.

Jerry and I were the same age, our birthdays six months apart. Sharon and Sherry were 26 and 25. They each had a son named Aaron.

All four of us had been married before. We were destined to marry again soon.

We spent the rest of the weekend enjoying Mexico City's sights and sounds. And tequila. Alberto took us to a bullfight. The girls felt sorry for the bulls. We left.

We had dinner at Hacienda de las Morales, an elegant old Mexico restaurant noted for their ceasar salad prepared at your table. Turned out that Jerry loved to cook too. He promised to fix ceasar salad when we came to visit in San Antonio.

As we left Mexico City we promised to keep in touch. It was a promise that has lasted for more than 20 years.

A few weeks later, Sharon and I did go to San Antonio to spend the weekend with our new friends. As promised, Jerry cooked gourmet meals and made Irish coffee from scratch.

Sharon and I got married on Valentine's Day in 1974. Jerry and Sherry married that year too.

Six months after we married, Sharon's son Aaron died of leukemia. He was a few weeks short of his fifth birthday.

Sharon needed to get away so I called Jerry and asked them to meet us in San Francisco for a few days. Like true friends often do, they dropped what they were doing and came with us.

We prowled Fisherman's

Wharf, had long leisurely seafood lunches, dodged cable cars, laughed, and ate and drank too much. Good friends and grief go together.

In 1975, Sharon gave birth to our daughter, Kirsten, and Sherry had a son, Jason. Kirsten and Jason turned 22 this year.

While Sharon and I ran our travel agency in Dallas, Jerry's airline job took them from San Antonio to New York and eventually back to Dallas.

We kept in touch, visiting when we could, and by phone when we just needed to talk.

Jerry and Sherry transferred to Dallas when American Airlines moved their headquarters from New York.

They bought a house in Arlington. We were all delighted to be so close together at last. We visited weekly, had weekend cookouts, and our kids played together.

But life goes on. Jerry lost his job at American. They decided to go back to California, Jerry's home state.

In late 1983, Sharon and I ended up with a divorce. Still, periodically, I kept up with Jerry and Sherry, who by now lived in Laguna Nigel, California.

I managed to visit them in California a couple of times over the next few years. Things weren't going well for them either.

Jerry had been diagnosed with lung cancer and had one lung removed. The recovery was a long one. He lost his job again.

After another period of unemployment, Jerry signed a 15-month contract with a major travel agency in Durham, North Carolina. He and Sherry sold their house in southern California and headed east.

I had moved to Tulsa by then. Once on a business trip to Raleigh-Durham, I spent a couple of nights with Jerry and Sherry. He was unemployed again. The agency did not renew his contract after the 15 months.

My visit was like old times. Although I had a lot of friends over the years, Jerry Allison was my longest and best. Still is, I think, even though we don't get to talk often enough.

After I moved out here in 1995, I called Jerry and Sherry to say hello and tell them about my new residence in Farmer County. To my surprise, Jerry said they were divorced.

In fact I was very surprised. They had been married more than 20 years. The marriage had survived all the hardships of moving around, unemployment, and the uncertainties we all face.

Jerry gave me Sherry's phone number in Durham and told me they were still friends, just not good enough friends to stay married.

I called Sherry. On her own for the first time in over 20 years, she was the same cheerful, upbeat, fun person I had come to love since 1973 in Mexico City.

We talked often the next few weeks, cheering each other up since I had recently been divorced too. "Why I even jokingly said, 'why don't you move out here to Farmer County. No reason for you to stay in North Carolina.'"

I love Jerry and Sherry Allison. They have been an important part of my life over the years. A good and unselfish friendship.

Twenty-four years after we met in Mexico City, Jerry is again employed, managing the travel department for a big corporation in Durham.

Sharon still operates the travel agency we had in Dallas. She has done well. I am proud of her. Yes, she is still a gorgeous redhead in spite of turning 50 last year.

Me? Well, you know where I am every week.

What about my friend Sherry, one of my three favorite females in the world? I'm happy to say she is doing well too. In fact we are closer than we have ever been.

Thanks to me, she has a new job, new home, new

husband. These days I talk to her almost every day.

Her new job is at Hi-Pro Feeds and Animal Health in Friona. Her new husband is my brother Rick.

How did she end up as my sister-in-law? As Paul Harvey would say, that is "the rest of the story."

Right Sherry Ann? Viva, Mexico City!!

# Western NOW DOWN



1997 F150 Pickup Graphics, Stepside \$322 mo.



1994 Ranger XLT, Topper, Nice! \$182 mo.



1997 Mountaineer 4x4, V-8, Tow Package, CD Player, 15K Miles \$499 mo.



1995 "Eddie Bauer" F150 29K Miles, Loaded "Warranty" \$310 mo.



1992 Ford F150 XLT Auto, Cruise, PL, PW \$210 mo.



1997 Mercury Tracer 27K Miles, PW, PL, Cruise, Tilt \$242 mo.



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1994 Mercury Villager Local Owner, 7 Passenger, V-6, A/C \$249 mo.



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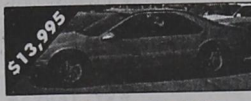
1993 Ford Ranger SC, V-6, automatic \$232 mo.



1997 Mustang Coupe 2 dr., -6 Auto 12,000 miles, PL, PW, Cruise \$322 mo.



1992 Ranger V-6, automatic, shell \$221 mo.



1996 Thunderbird LX Red, PL, PW, CL, Tilt, power seat, V-8 \$281 mo.



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# Muleshoe Sets Annual Production

Muleshoe Production Company is pleased to announce the third annual production of "Keepers of the Legend." An outdoor musical, "Keepers of the Legend" will be performed August 8-11 at the scenic and historical Muleshoe Heritage Center.

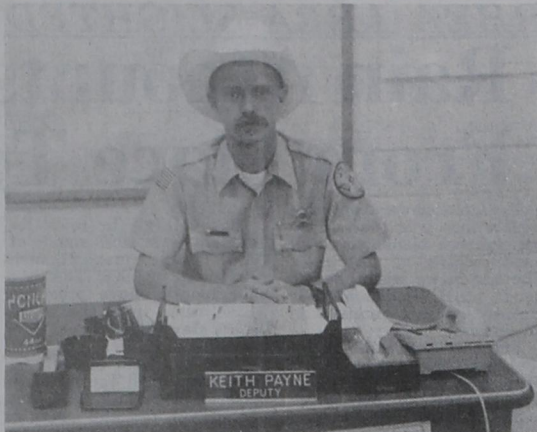
"Keepers of the Legend" is a fictional account based on early Twentieth Century Bailey County and its settlers through song, dance and dramatic performances by local and area actors and musicians.

Cowboys, Indians, live animals and a moving locomotive provide entertainment and laughter for everyone, old and young alike.

Performances will begin each evening at approximately 8:30 p.m. The Muleshoe Heritage Center is located just north of Highway 84 on the west edge of Muleshoe. Parking is provided next door at the Bailey County Coliseum.

Tickets to "Keepers of the Legend" are \$10 for adults at the gate, \$8 in advance. Children 12 and under are \$5. Lap children are free. A season pass may be purchased for \$25.

Groups may call for special discounts and accommodations. Those wishing to purchase tickets in advance, or to obtain more information about "Keepers of the Legend," may call 806-272-4405, 272-5612, 272-5476 or 272-3770.



**NEW DEPUTY....Keith Payne has been a Parmer County Deputy Sheriff for four months. He earned his law enforcement certification at South Plains College and was a guard at the prison in Spur prior to becoming a deputy. Payne and his wife Jenny live in Bovina where he is also a fire department volunteer.**

(Ron Carr Photo)

## Businesses Eligible For Disaster Loans

Businesses depending on farmers and ranchers in some Texas counties can now apply for low interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

These loans are available to help businesses meet

normal operating expenses that cannot be met due to the effects of a disaster. Snow storms, ice, freezing temperatures, high winds and driving rain which occurred April 24 and 25, 1997, caused many farmers and ranchers to experience reduced incomes which may have had an adverse economic effect on businesses depending upon these producers. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for this loan program but may be eligible for disaster through other Federal agencies.

Businesses in the following counties affected by a snowstorm which occurred April 25, 1997 also have until March 2, 1998 to apply: Bailey, Castro, Deaf Smith and Parmer.

To obtain an application or receive information, interested business owners may call the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

Due to the weather, many producers experienced crop losses and were not able to purchase goods and services at normal levels. Businesses that are dependent upon these producers may have experienced decreased sales, reduced gross profit margins, increased accounts receivable or difficulty in moving inventories at normal levels. To the extent these problems have caused the business difficulty in meeting its normal obligations, these loans may be of assistance.

The loan can help a business meet installments on long-term debt, accounts payable and overhead expenses that would have been met had the disaster not occurred. Refinancing of long-term debt, however, is not eligible under this program.

The loan is designed for those businesses with substantial disaster-related needs and is intended to supplement monies the business owner can provide from other sources.

Loans may be approved for up to \$1,500,000 for actual disaster-related financial needs of the business. Interest rates are four percent (4%) and terms may extend to thirty (30) years, depending upon the repayment ability of the individual applicant. To qualify, businesses must be small by SBA's size standard. Businesses which can meet their financial needs through other sources are not eligible.

## Courthouse Notes

Instrument Report Ending July 3, 1997, Parmer County, Texas, Bonnie Warren, County Clerk  
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# Bovina Junior Rodeo Association Has Raffle/Plans One More Playday

The Bovina Junior Rodeo Association held the raffle drawing for the \$500 Gift Certificate from Aucutt's General Store last Saturday, July 26 during their playday. The winner was Jake Ware.

One more playday is scheduled for this Saturday, August 2. The awards banquet will be held Sunday, August 3 at the Bovina EMS Building.

Results from Saturday's playday are:

**5 AND UNDER**  
**BARRELS:** Holly Bufkin 31.69; Danielle Bentley 49.31; Aaron Albertson 53.22; Kinsley Duffield 54.69; Gabby Edwards 57.58; Jake Ware 1:14; Brennon Albertson 1:17; Mykelti Rhodes 1:22; Rowdee Rhodes 1:23; Kelbi Harris 1:37; and Morgan Harris participated.

**FLAGS:** Holly Bufkin 16.50; Danielle Bentley 18.19; Aaron Albertson 33.38; Brennon Albertson 37.28; Rowdee Rhodes 48.57; Kelbi Harris 48.75; Gabby Edwards 52.75; Mykelti Rhodes 55.72; Jake Ware 57.40; Kinsley Duffield 1:08; and Morgan Harris participated.

**POLES:** Holly Bufkin 33.88; Danielle Bentley 50.39; Aaron Albertson 57.06; Kinsley Duffield 58.12; Gabby Edwards 1:01; Morgan Harris 1:04; Brennon Albertson 1:16; Jake Ware 1:17; Mykelti Rhodes 1:27; Rowdee Rhodes 1:31; and Kelbi Harris 1:48.

**STAKES:** Holly Bufkin 13.00; Danielle Bentley 20.34; Kinsley Duffield 22.63; Jake Ware 22.66; Kelbi Harris 37.65; and Morgan Harris 48.81.

**GOAT RIBBON RACE:** Danielle Bentley 5.10; Jake Ware 5.40; Morgan Harris 5.47; Holly Bufkin 5.50; Sarah Sanchez 7.37;

Kinsley Duffield 7.56; Gabby Edwards 11.06; Caitlyn Sharp 15.40; Kelbi Harris 17.28.

**6-7 YEAR OLDS**  
**BARRELS:** Johnathan Edwards 35.07 and Jessica Copeland 52.38.  
**FLAGS:** Johnathan Edwards 18.00 and Jessica Copeland 35.60.

**POLES:** Johnathan Edwards 46.15 and Jessica Copeland 1:30.  
**STAKES:** Johnathan Edwards 14.66 and Jessica Copeland 27.25.

**GOAT RIBBON RACE:** Johnathan Edwards 5.15.

**8-9 YEAR OLDS**  
**BARRELS:** Salida Edwards 20.53; Justin Ware 20.59; Bobby Bentley 26.44; Justin Lide 29.57; Colton Sudderth 35.82; Elisa Smith 39.31; and Amber Bandy 1:24.  
**FLAGS:** Justin Lide 14.31; Salida Edwards 14.46; Bobby Bentley 18.41; Colton Sudderth 20.10; Amber Bandy 37.81; and Elisa Smith and Justin Ware participated.

**POLES:** Justin Ware 22.50; Salida Edwards 24.44; Bobby Bentley 32.78; Justin Lide 33.37; Elisa Smith 40.47; Colton Sudderth 47.85; and Amber Bandy 1:13.

**STAKES:** Salida Edwards 9.16; Justin Lide 14.53; Justin Lide 14.60; Colton Sudderth 17.10; Bobby Bentley 17.75 and Amber Bandy 22.16.

**Goat Throw:** Justin Ware 15.62; Salida Edwards 20.84; Bobby Bentley 22.75; Justin Lide 25.47; and Colton Sudderth 30.53.

**10-13 YEAR OLDS**  
**BARRELS:** Tyson Linderman 21.03; Amber Lide 21.11; Trent McDonald 21.63; Chad Bentley 22.38; Ashley Hartzog 22.66; Kim Lide 23.25; Gaylen Sudderth 23.47; Jorge Castillo 23.92; Jason Sudderth 24.10; Matthew Edwards 24.29; Curt

Brooks 24.85; Shey Ford 26.28; Motty Edwards 36.97; and Bernice Lopez 39.56.

**FLAGS:** Amber Lide 10.90; Chad Bentley 11.29; Curt Brooks 11.58; Trent McDonald 11.65; Kim Lide 11.81; Jason Sudderth 11.87; Jorge Castillo 12.09; Shey Ford 12.22; Gaylen Sudderth 12.31; Tyson Linderman 17.88; Bernice Lopez 22.87; Ashley Hartzog 32.91; Motty Edwards 1:08; and Matthew Edwards participated.

**POLES:** Chad Bentley 24.87; Tyson Linderman 26.12; Amber Lide 26.28; Ashley Hartzog 27.25; Trent McDonald 27.32; Kim Lide 30.78; Gaylen Sudderth 33.87; Motty Edwards 37.22; Shey Ford 43.10; Bernice Lopez 46.07; and Jason Sudderth, Matthew Edwards and Curt Brooks participated.

**STAKES:** Kim Lide 10.28; Chad Bentley 10.69; Jorge Castillo 10.90; Tyson Linderman 11.16; Gaylen Sudderth 11.19; Amber Lide and Jason Sudderth TIED 11.34; Shey Ford 12.32; Curt Brooks 12.53; Motty Edwards 13.75; Bernice Lopez 17.06; Matthew Edwards and Trent McDonald participated.

**GOAT TIE:** Gaylen Sudderth 19.28; Tyson Linderman 20.35; Shey Ford 29.25; Ashley Hartzog 33.68; Kim Lide 36.07; Amber Lide 37.31; Chad Bentley 38.63; Matthew Edwards 41.41; Jason Sudderth 1:16; and Trent McDonald participated.

**14-18 YEAR OLDS**  
**BARRELS:** Lashawna Brooks 21.55 and Kristen Ford 26.63.

**FLAGS:** Lashawna Brooks 11.15 and Kristen Ford 13.60.

**POLES:** Lashawna Brooks 25.78 and Kristen Ford 27.78.

**STAKES:** Kristen Ford 10.75 and Lashawna Brooks 12.29.

**GOAT TIE:** Lashawna Brooks 16.41 and Kristen Ford 20.41.

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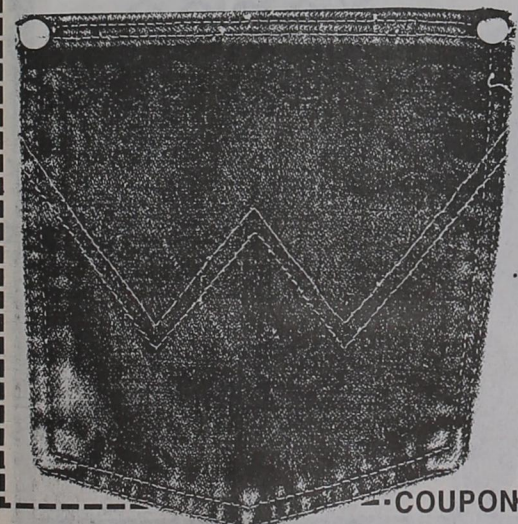
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## Friona Man Is Buried In Clovis

Services for Curtis Paul Barber, 65, of Friona were held Saturday, July 19 at First Baptist Church in Clovis. The Rev. Jimmy Dawson officiated. Burial was at Mission Garden of Memories in Clovis.

Barber died Wednesday, July 16, 1997, at Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona. He was born June 1, 1932, in Daingerfield, Texas.

He was in the U.S. Air Force from October 1955 through October 1959 and was stationed at what was then called Clovis Air Force Base. He lived in Clovis until September 1996, when he moved to Friona.

Barber married Myrtle M. Pollard in 1965. She preceded him in death in 1975.

He married Esther Mendoza on December 15, 1989, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Barber was an active member of the American Legion Joe Garcia Post No. 117, Clovis, where he had served as finance officer, service officer, executive committee member and a citizen's adjutant.

He received a degree in English from Texas A&M University. He retired from Excel Corp. as a slaughter superintendent in 1994.

He was a Baptist.

Barber is survived by his wife; four daughters, Paulette Barber of San Marcos, Texas and Jeannie Mendoza and twins Stephanie and Sabrina Barber, all of Friona; three sons, Curtis Barber Jr. and Kenneth Barber, both of San Marcos, and Bernard Pollard of Los Angeles.

Also surviving is his brother, Billy Barber of Germany; sister, Patricia Traylor of Houston; and four brothers-in-law, A.J. Johnson, Bruce Pollard, Joe Pollard and Pascol L. Pollard.

Barber is preceded in death by a sister, Sue Johnson.

Pallbearers were Randy Highsmith, Jack Jeter, Earl Quintana, Floyd A. Canaday, Dick Omdahl, Bruce Pollard, Riley Ewers, Fuji Ortiz and Arlan Davis.

Honorary pallbearers were all his co-workers from Excel.

## Commissioners Approve Tax Resolution

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year, paid \$848 million to feed yards and growers for live cattle.

McCoy acknowledged that there are strict State of Texas guidelines on granting tax abatements. His presentation summarized six steps that must be taken prior to consideration of any abatement. One of those steps is "each taxing unit must adopt a resolution of its intent to participate in tax abatement".

This step, which confirms the commissioners' intentions to consider tax abatement, passed unanimously.

As a second step, now the county must establish and adopt its own tax abatement guidelines and criteria, which could be accomplished by the late September meeting, according to County Judge Bonnie Clayton.

Although the county will have guidelines and criteria to grant tax abatements, the abatements are not "automatic" to any business that seeks them, and the commissioners were assured each project considered for tax abatement could be granted or denied on its own merit.

## Hospital List

The Friona Star will be publishing a weekly hospital report. Our information will come from area churches. If you know of someone, please call 247-2211.

Ronnie McLellan Albuquerque; Ann Kelley-Methodist Hospital; Laura Bennett (Pam Messer's sister) Austin; Ron Cain-Corpus Christi; Frances Goodwin-Dimmitt Hospital; Dorothy Jackson-Baptist St. Anthony's; Jim Robason (Patsy Talley's brother)-Houston; Robert Saiz-V.A. Hospital; and Waneta Taylor-DeSoto.

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**YOUTH LEADER.....**The First Baptist Church conducted a Student Revival last week, providing recreation, food, and inspiration for area students. Featured speaker was Reverend Bubba Thurman from Mesquite, Texas. Thurman is a pastor at Lake Pointe Baptist Church in Rockwall. (Ron Carr Photo)

## HAL BLACKBURN

# Friona Native's Photos Featured In N.M. Gallery

(Editor's note: Hal Blackburn is a graduate of Friona High School, and served as the Friona Star's photographer while in school. He is the son of Anna Jo Blackburn and the late Dean Blackburn of Friona) From the Las Cruces, N.M., Sun-News

Hal D. Blackburn is a big fan of the work of his Creator, and wants to share as much of it as possible with the world.

Since he first picked up a camera in 1975, Blackburn has traveled the world, capturing landscapes and occasionally people and animals on film.

He has grouped his formidable body of work into 17 collections he calls "Meanings."

In "Meanings I," a book of black and white photos published in 1986, he states that his goal is "to honor God's magnificent creative power by portraying the beauty, intricacy and passion of landscape and life."

It's still his primary motivation a decade later. "To portray God's creation is a privilege," he said. "I feel honored to see what He has done and I want to share it with others."

He has, in fact, combined his love of nature, art and photography with his ministry.

After earning a bachelor of arts degree in Biblical studies from Lubbock Christian University, the Texas native went on to get a degree in campus ministry from Sunset International Bible Institute and also studied photography at Texas Tech University, University of California-Los Angeles and Brooks Institute of Photo-graphic Arts, Science and Business in Santa Barbara, California.

He has worked in campus and youth ministries through-out California and in Carlsbad and is currently campus minister at New Mexico State University.

His photos and articles have appeared in several magazines and he has also written a book, "Photography As A Ministry."

He has produced 20 multimedia slide shows and his work has been exhibited in 12 one-man shows in galleries and educational institutions throughout the United

States.

His latest exhibition opened this week at Diamantina Gallery.

"Wherever I've traveled on vacations and for church retreats and conferences, I always try to take time to do some photography," he said.

He estimates he has taken more than 12,000 photographs in travels throughout the United States, Europe, Canada, Mexico, New Zealand and the South Pacific.

He has done some color work and created hand-colored montages based on his photos, but he prefers black and white photography," he said. "I think there's more of a mystique, the effects are stronger."

His photographic heroes include masters like Timothy O'Sullivan, William Bell, Edward Steichen, Alfred Stieglitz, Minor White and Ansel Adams.

While he was arranging to print posters of his work, he enjoyed an inspirational encounter with a pressman.

"He told me, 'I was one of the pressmen who worked on Ansel Adams' autobiography and I tell you honestly, kid--your stuff looks like his.' That was enough inspiration to last a lifetime."

He also finds the local landscapes inspiring in Las Cruces, where he shares a home with his wife, Marvina, and daughter, Jennifer Renae who, he notes poetically, "was born April 29 and is currently making her first trip around the sun."

But it's Jennifer's mom who is taking most of the traditional baby snapshots. Dad has a long term artistic photographic goal in mind.

"Each year, I'm going to take pictures of whatever she enjoys the most. I want to try to capture those moments and give them to her when she's older."

For his cosmic tribute portfolios, he has six sites he particularly wants to visit.

"I want to go to the Holy Lands and I'd also like to photograph parts of Alaska, the Andes, the Yucatan, the Himalayas and Great Britain, particularly Scotland, where I'd like to investigate the Blackburn heritage," he said, noting that he also has

## RHEA AREA SLIGHTED

# Rain Amounts Vary From Place To Place

The good news about this week's rain was that if you got under a cloud, you may have received a good rain. The bad news was that the good stuff from Mother Nature was not received in all areas.

Friona's official gauge received 1.85 inches. Three different showers--two on Tuesday and one Wednesday night, measured right at a half inch each time.

Then after midnight Tuesday another .35 inch fell, accompanied by a big electrical storm. That brought Friona's rainfall for July to

2.71 inches.

The rainfall in town for calendar year 1997 stands at 15.57 inches, just .21 inch behind all of 1996. The past four months have produced 13.97 inches in Friona: April 6.16; May 2.53; June 2.57 and July 2.71.

July had been dry for the most part until the last few days of the month. The first 19 days of the month accounted for only .41 inches, received on three dates.

The area to the south and east of Friona received some pretty good rain. According to Greg O'Brian at Friona Fertilizer, Danny Hand received 2.9 inches in the Lakeview community. Terry Jesko, who lives just north of Friona's Corner got over two inches, but others who lived nearby got less than that.

Nick Collier, closer to town, had 2.5 inches, and Chris Ingram 1.5 inches.

The Hub area received about an inch on Tuesday, but only a quarter-inch or so Wednesday.

But Joe Allen of Shirley Grain's Rhea elevator, said he

had measured only a quarter of an inch through Wednesday. "The dryland wheat badly needs a rain, and the sooner the better. There was a strip about five miles east of us that got some good rain, but here at Rhea, it just didn't happen" Allen said.

July was a hot month, with 24 days 90 or above. Seventeen days in a row topped 90 degrees, with only a smattering of rain in that spell.

## EMS Has Busy July

Paramedic Dana Hendrix reports that the EMS volunteers answered 30 calls in July. Recent calls answered include:

7-23-8:38 a.m. Larry Martin and Bryan Hanes operated transfer from Baptist St. Anthony-Amarillo to Prairie Acres.

7-23-8 p.m. Rick Clayton, Bryan Hanes, and Lynn Clark responded to a diabetic emergency.

7-24-9:55 a.m. Dana Hendrix, Donice Jones, and Larry Martin responded to a cardiac arrest.

7-24-11:44 a.m. Dana Hendrix and Donice Jones transferred a medical emergency from Parmer County Hospital to Hereford.

7-24-2:16 p.m. Dana Hendrix and Donice Jones responded to a medical emergency at Prairie Acres and transported to Parmer County Hospital.

7-26-8:30 p.m. Lynn Clark, Shane Clark, and Sheila Clark responded to medical emergency at Prairie Acres.

7-27-9:43 p.m. Rick Clayton, Randy Geries, Ray Ortiz responded to a medical emergency and transported to Parmer County Hospital.

7-27-11:25 p.m. Rick Clayton and Ray Ortiz transported a patient from an earlier call to Baptist St. Anthony's for post-operative complications.

some Native American roots.

He is currently writing a work he calls "Musings for a new Millennium" which he said was inspired by reading the books of C.S. Lewis.

## Howard Rhodes Is New Dimmitt Pastor

Dimmitt's First Baptist Church has a new pastor, Howard Rhodes, who began his duties last month. He formerly pastored the Klondike Baptist Church south of Lamesa.

His wife, Belinda, already has been hired as an English teacher at Dimmitt Middle School for the coming school year.

The couple has three children, a daughter Amber Peacock, who lives in Virginia, and two sons, Jeff, who is an assistant registrar at Wayland Baptist University, and Greg, who is a sophomore at Texas A&M University. They also have two grandsons.

Howard was born in Plainview and his wife was born in Friona so they both are familiar with the area and have family members still living in the area. Both graduated from Friona High School, Howard in 1966 and Belinda 1968.

Howard obtained a bachelor's degree in business administration from West Texas State University and went into farming in the Friona area. He said he was led to the ministry through the Lord's calling and the encouragement of the First Baptist Church in Friona. He received his master of divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

Belinda just completed her master's in education from Wayland in June. She taught at Tahoka for the last two years.

Howard is the son of Maybrian Rhodes of Friona and the late O.C. Rhodes. Belinda is the daughter of

Maurine Mabry of Marble Falls and the late Walt Mabry.

The couple served churches in Sanford and Farwell before being called to foreign missions. They served 11 1/2 years in East Africa in the countries of Malawi, Ethiopia and Kenya. They plan to give a presentation sometime in the future on the work that is still going on there.

Howard said this is the largest church he has pastored.

"We are excited about being here in Dimmitt," Howard said. "It's kind of nice to get back to where things are a little more green. People have been really good to us, very welcoming."

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## Local Youngsters Win In Tae Kwan Do Competition

A group of youngsters represented Friona in the Texas Amateur Athletics Federation Games of Texas, July 24-27. Six members of the Friona Black Dragons competed in the Tae Kwon Do competition on Saturday, July 26 at the Lubbock Christian University fieldhouse.

Bernie Martinez, an instructor from Hereford, has been teaching Tae Kwon Do in Friona for the past three months. The students competed in two events-sparring (one-on-one fighting), and poomse, a solo competition of prescribed movements and form. The six students brought home twelve medals.

Students participating and their awards were:

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Week of August 3-9  
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August 6--Mary Lou Castaneda, Paul Mohr, Charlotte Paiz.

August 7--Sarah Widner, Wayne Case, Jared Beard, Dusty Fleming, Jud Sims, Vickey Pipes.

August 8--Jason Vaughn, Oscar Eastep, Richard Ellis, Julia Warren, Jenny Hamilton, Judy Cummings.

August 9--Ricky Jon Roden, Cheryl Weatherly, Rickey Rector, Cole Pena, Patsy Ruth Talley.

Leslie Avalos, daughter of Oney and Rachel Avalos; bronze medal-sparring and gold medal-poomse.

Jared Boyd, son of Byron and Carol Boyd; gold medal-sparring and gold medal-poomse.

Rick Coronado, son of Hilda and Eddie Coronado; gold medal-sparring and silver medal-poomse.

Alex Gurley, son of John and Kathryn Gurley; gold medal-sparring and bronze medal-poomse.

Eric Rubio, son of Christina Vega; silver-sparring and silver-poomse.

Tolby Wilcox, son of Terry and Varla Wilcox; silver-sparring and silver-poomse.

Anyone interested in joining the Friona Black Dragons should contact Bernie Martinez at 364-8310.



**MEDAL WINNERS....**These youngsters won a total of twelve medals in a recent competition in Lubbock (See story). From left, Rick Coronado, Tolby Wilcox, Jared Boyd, Alex Gurley, Leslee Avalos, and instructor Bernie Martinez.

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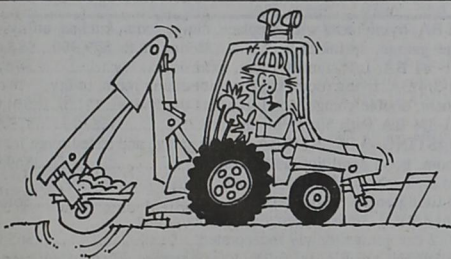
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- WD, Kim D. Rundell, R-2 Farms, Inc., part of Sec. 36 Syd. B
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- WD, Maxine Hart, Kim D. Rundell, Tr. of Land of S1/2 S36 Syd. B
- WD, Tim Roberts, Pedro Carrasco, N/pt. L17 B5 Lakeview Add., Friona
- WD, Margie Herring, Javier Soto, Lot 8 Blk. 11 Friona
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# Town Talk

By JUNE FLOYD  
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We're getting some new neighbors down at 1309 Columbia, the former home of Joy, Matt and Ben Osborn. Robbie and Stephanie Barrett and their children, Zach, who will be a freshman in high school and Robbie Jan, a sixth grader, are moving from Muleshoe.

Robbie is employed at Farmer County Implement Company and Stephanie will be teaching math in Friona High School when school begins next month.

The entire staff of the Friona Star joins me in welcoming the Barretts to our town.

Weekend house guests in the home of Joy, Matt and Ben Osborn were William and Caroline Osborn and children, Mason and Cameron of Austin.

William is the son of Joe Osborn, an Austin attorney and former co-owner of Plains Publishers and the Friona Star.

The Austin Osborns also visited their other local kith and kin.

Out-of town visitors in the home of Lillie Taylor last week were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schneider of Midland.

The Schneiders were enroute to Denver and points northwest for a visit with a son and some sight-seeing. He is Mrs. Taylor's brother.

Mike, Lynn, Chance and Chase Hutson, who have been vacationing in the Gunnison, Colorado area, returned home Monday.

Howard and Belinda Mabry Rhodes recently moved to Dimmitt from Lamesa. Howard, who has been pastoring the Klondike Baptist Church, began his duties as pastor of First Baptist Church in the the Castro County capital city early this month.

Belinda recently received a master's degree from Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, and will be teaching English in Dimmitt High School the coming school year.

Last weekend their daughter, son-in-law and grandson, Amber, Phil and Seth Peacock of Logtrac, Virginia arrived for a visit.

On Sunday Howard and Belinda hosted a "mini" family reunion for members of his family. They were assisted with hospitalities by their sons, Jeff Rhodes, Plainview; and Greg Rhodes, a student at Texas A&M University, College Station.

Others present were Maybian Rhodes; Betty and David Smith; Larry, Sharon and Janet Rector; and Barbara Grimsley, all of Friona; Gaylon and Shelby Rhodes of Bovina and Scott and Mendy Warlick, Amherst, Texas.

Also Margaret Coker and Shayla and Ross Armstrong and children, Brandon and Maggie, Amarillo; Pam and Justin Henrich, Slaton; Cleatus Rhodes, Tatum, New Mexico and Cobie and Ramona Rhodes and children, Lindsey, Justin and Lacey, Cheyenne, Oklahoma.

Charles and Karen O'Brian Carter of Dimmitt hosted a family get together in their home Saturday evening.

Those attending were descendants and special friends of the late Mr. and Mrs. T.A. O'Brian Sr. Following an outdoor supper there was an informal visitation session.

First generation O'Brians present were Russel O'Brian, Julia Fairchild, and Tom and Barbara O'Brian. Incidentally, Tim is making satisfactory progress following a recent stroke but is still in therapy.

Others attending were Donnie, Cindy and Devenie Adams; Greg Read; Brit and Sheryl Eustace and children; Ashley and Shawn and Kim Slater, Amarillo; Leta Pipkin, Seminole, Texas and Larry and Paula Fairchild, Adrian.

Also the following Frionans: Loretta, Danny,

Jiselle, Jamille and Aaron Hand; Tawnya Morrison; Roy and Paula O'Brian; Greg and Kay O'Brian and sons, John, Mike and Danny; Wesley and Vernell Cunningham and Barbara and Tom Mason.

Also, Kennen, Jennifer, Jim, Sue and Moss Howell, who live in Dimmitt attended.

Weekend guests in the home of Rex and Chuck Blackburn were Brian and Kerry Blackburn and sons, Hank, Colton and Clayton of Edmond, Oklahoma.

Saturday evening Mike, Johnna, Shane and Tiffany Blackburn hosted a family get-together in their home.

Other family members attending included Jo and Keith Lynn Blackburn, Friona and David, Laura, Mitchell, Daniel and Traci, Amarillo.

Sunday afternoon the Oklahoma Blackburns accompanied Chuck and Rex to Logan, New Mexico for an overnight stay in their lake home.

Shirley and Sue Smith returned home from a Colorado vacation one day last week. They had spent several days in the Durango-Gunnison area with Sue's sister and brother-in-law, Donna and Bill Moreland, who live at Skellytown, Texas.

One evening this four-some went to the "Bar D" which is north of Durango for supper and a session of country and western music. During the performance Donna met Dean Baxter, a former Friona resident and 1945 graduate of Friona High School.

One of his sons, Jerry Baxter, is the lead singer and one of the musicians on the

## Rena Mason Is Named To Dean's List

Rena Mason of Friona has been named to the dean's list at Lubbock Christian University for the spring semester of 1997.

In order to be considered a part of the dean's list, a student must be taking a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better for the entire semester. Mason earned a perfect record of 4.0.

During the fall semester, 27 percent of LCU's students were named to the dean's list. This percentage has increased dramatically from years past due to a new emphasis on campus toward academics.

program. Dean and his wife, Yvonne, are related to several Frionans including Baxters, Martins and possibly some others.

Soon after their return to Friona, the Smiths drove to Childress and met their son, Monte, and his wife, Shay, and children, Katrina, Cason and Keetan, who live at Comanche, Oklahoma.

The children came home with their grandparents and are still here. They also visit their great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Zorns.

Out-of-town visitors in the home of Wayne and Judy Rhodes are Devera Alverson and sons, Brennon, Evan and Aaron of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Devera is the couple's daughter. Her husband, Richard, a recent graduate of Texas Tech Medical School, is interning at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa.

Randall, Daniel and Mitchell Knox of Muleshoe spent last week with their maternal grandparents, Tom and Barbara Mason.

They are the sons of John and Jan Mason Knox, who were on vacation.

I can learn to do it...If you'll let me see it done...I can see your hands in action...But your tongue too



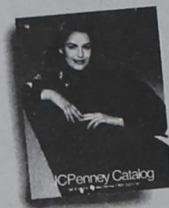
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Eric and Linda Rushing

## Eric Rushings Honored On 25th Anniversary

The country home of George and Leslie Rushing was the scene of a silver wedding anniversary reception honoring Eric and Linda Grabbe Rushing, Friday evening.

Festivities began with a fajita supper on the patio. This was followed by a slide presentation and a sibling report on happenings during the time the honored guests were growing up.

Those taking part in this were Eric's brother, George; and sister, Janet Phipps of Clovis; and Linda's brother, Don Grabbe of Wildorado, Texas and sisters, Rita Woodfield of Carlsbad, New Mexico and Dorothy Hunt of Austin, Texas.

Other relatives attending were Linda's parents, Oliver and Minnie Grabbe of Canyon; a brother-in-law, Dorill Woodfield; and three

nephews, D.J. Woodfield of Carlsbad, Oliver Grabbe of Canyon and Steven Hunt of Austin; and cousins, Creston and Selina of Clovis, New Mexico.

Also, Eric's brother-in-law, Lynn Phipps and niece, Carole Phipps McAlister of San Jon, New Mexico and her children, Colton and Shalie; an uncle and aunt, Melvin and Esther Sachs of Farwell and cousins, Dale and Tonya Gober of Bovina.

Hosts for the reception were the honored couple's children, Marion, Rebecca and Michael Rushing. They were assisted by George, Leslie and Robin Rushing.

About fifty friends and neighbors from Friona and Hereford signed the guest register.

The finale was serving of cake, punch, nuts and mints.

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Some of you remember me when I was new, the pride and joy of the Friona Star. I once held both their business office and printing presses.

As time passed, I became home for many others, such as an assembly plant, a UPS office and a beauty shop.

By 1989 I was just a storage building. That is when a group of veterans decided to make me the home for American Legion Post 206. I was very happy because I was once again useful to the community.

My friends, the veterans, were soon growing. When the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1413 was formed, I was their home too.

Before long I hosted steak suppers for the Legion and family bingo. The VFW started their popular Sunday chicken dinners at my place. It was great to be so useful.

Well, last spring I got more snow on my poor old roof than I could hold. It fell in on my floor and I thought I was done for. But the veterans have some ideas to save me.

VFW Post 1413, with help from VFW Post 1798 in Tulia, is taking orders for delicious mesquite smoked briskets to be delivered on August 16. The Tulia VFW Post has been selling briskets for years and have volunteered their experience and equipment to help save me too.

If you are interested in buying one of the smoked briskets, please call Deanna Duke at 247-3390, or Dale Mann at 247-3869. They will cost \$25 each. Because the briskets are limited, they must be presold before cooking.

When I am fixed, they plan to start bingo again in September and soon after that, with any luck, the Sunday chicken dinners will be back too.

They tell me that after I get repaired and looking good, my name will be changed to Veterans Hall, to serve more local veterans and their families.

I hope you will help. I want to be around for a long time. Thanks.

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