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Chamber banquet salutes citizens of the year

BY RON CARR

Friona Chamber of Commerce officials estimated 275 people attended the 49th annual Chamber banquet Thursday March 10.

The evening was preceded by a dessert cookoff that featured dessert creations by 11 contestants. Judges for the sweet competition were Friona Police Chief Tino Salinaz, FHS principal Denver Crum and assistant principal David Newhouse. Judged best of the dessert show was a Texas cheesecake entry by Martha Barker. Second place went to a dessert team from the First National Bank Friona Banking Center. They created a chocolate fudge pudding cake with ice cream on top. Third place was won by the City Hall Gals with a cowgirl cheesecake.

The prime rib meal was catered by the Chamber board. Board member Charlie Pope, assisted by Lance Gatlin, Brad Churchill, and David Stitt cooked and sliced the prime rib cuts which were provided by Cargill Meat Solutions. The meat, baked potatoes, salad, and beans were served by students from the Friona high school FCCLA classes under the direction of Patsy Allen. The students did an excellent job of serving on the buffet line and patrolling the tables with more tea and rolls.

Local artists Bobby Wied, Jim Bob Swafford, and Don Spring, partners in the Gallery of the Frio Draw, judged an elementary school art contest themed "What I like about Friona." Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Jim Bob Jones. A drawing was held, with names drawn by Friona Little Miss Katy McLennan. Winners of \$50 in Friona Bucks were Matt McLennan, Marca Herbert, Annette Frye, and Gilbert Davila.

Miss Friona Kristin Butman entertained with a song and motivational humorist Lyndy Phillips of Amarillo presented a lively sleight of hand session with some audience participation from Danny Campbell, Bill Stovell, Gilbert Davila, and Patsy Allen.

The highlight of the evening was the local recognition awards.

Girl student-of-the-year is Maegan Ingram. She has lived in Friona all her life. She has maintained a 90 or above grade point average throughout high school, is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Art Club, and FCCLA, with over 400 service learning hours. She has participated in basketball, track, cross-country, and has been a varsity cheerleader for three years.

She is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Future Farmers of America with involvement in stock shows for 4 years. After the 9/11 attack she was one of the students to run with the flag that traveled across America. Maegan is active in the Friona United Methodist Church, has helped in the Relay for Life Cancer Walk and donated 12 inches of her hair to Locks of Love. She represented Friona at the 2004 Bluebonnet Girl's State. Her parents are John and Beverly Ingram.

Boy student-of-the-Year is Pedro Ramos. Pedro excels in both academics and extra-curricular activities. He has maintained a 90 or above average in high school, is a member of the National Honor Society, and is active in athletics, speech, drama, FCCLA, student council, choir, Spanish Club, and



MASTER OF CEREMONIES Jim Bob Jones presides over the 49th annual Chamber of Commerce banquet before a big audience and a new banner. The banquet was held Thursday March 10 at the Friona Community Center. More banquet pictures on page 8.

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early childhood professions.

He is a state qualifier in FCCLA and choir, competed in area one-act play, and was best actor for District 5-2A last year. He was selected 1st team all-district in football on offense and defense. Pedro has been active in story hour at the public library and spent many hours in the high school service learning programs. His parents are Pedro and Rosa Ramos.

The Teacher-of-the-Year is Patsy Allen. Mrs. Allen has been a teacher in Friona for 9 years. She is a graduate of Oklahoma State University, taught at Amarillo College and worked for Texas Tech as a consultant and presenter. She started the service learning program in the Friona schools by securing a grant to fund the projects and enlisted teachers to help implement the project. She has taken

three different teams to FCCLA national competition.

Her classes have been involved in many projects to clean up Friona. They have made quilts for an orphanage in Juarez and she took her students to Juarez to deliver the quilts and meet the children. In addition to school teaching, Mrs. Allen has been a 4-H leader and an active member of the First Baptist Church. She and her husband Delwin are the parents of Jessie, Alice, and Emily.

The Most Courteous Employee is Cathy Spencer. Mrs. Spencer is friendly and courteous to everyone whether she is at work or involved in her many extra-curricular activities. She is an active member of the Calvary Baptist Church and works with Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Kid's Inc. She is also active in the Friona Chieftain and

Squaw Boosters.

Mrs. Spencer has been employed at Friona State Bank for over 25 years. She and her husband Raymond are parents of Tammy and Logan.

The Citizen-of-the-Year is Donna Mullins. Mrs. Mullins has donated countless hours working with special people in the community, including many fund raisers. She is a teacher's aide for junior high life skills classes and has been especially instrumental in organizing the Special Olympics program in this area.

Mrs. Mullins supervises the basketball game concession stands, trains and transports students around the Panhandle to compete in bowling, basketball, track, and other contests. She spends countless unpaid hours with this program.

Mrs. Mullins used her own

van to take special education kids to meet without regard to the Saturdays, miles, or gas needed. The school administration was so impressed they now allow her to use a school van.

Through her own ingenuity and persistence she scraped together enough volunteers, money, and transportation to start taking the kids to track meets. These young people are getting experiences they would never have gotten without her. She and her husband Daniel are parents of Jodi and Daniel.

The Woman-of-the-Year is Allison Johnston. She graduated from West Texas State University in 1982 with a Bachelor of Music Education degree. She taught band at Estacado High School in Lubbock, Robert E. Lee High School in Tyler and now is assistant band director and choir director in Friona. Mrs. Johnston also taught choir at All Saints Episcopal School in Tyler, at Muleshoe High and junior high.

She started and directed the Friona Community Youth Choir and directed the Friona Living

Christmas Tree in 2003. She has directed children's choir and has taught junior high Sunday school at Friona United Methodist Church where she is a member of the chancel choir. Mrs. Johnston has directed the children's production at Friona Summer Drama Workshop and has played the piano for other summer drama workshop productions for almost 20 years. She presently serves as junior class sponsor at FHS.

She loves music and loves to teach music and inspire her students to excellence. She can take an impossible combination of voices, instruments, talents, and personalities and turn them into almost professional performers. She and her husband Bryan are parents of Katherine, Michael, Deirdre, Holly, and Brooklyne.

The Man-of-the-Year is Danny Campbell. Danny is a native of Friona and has lived here all his life. He has served as a volunteer fireman and an EMT. He served on the credit committee of the Friona Texas Federal Credit Union and on the board of the Friona Chamber of Commerce. He has owned his own business in Friona, Campbell Electric, for many years.

Among his hours of community service he has installed Christmas decorations on Main Street, been a Little League baseball coach and also coaches the all-star teams. He is always ready to help and counsel young people of the community and after they go away to college they come back to see him and ask for his advice.

He is a member of the Friona Booster Club and is an avid fan of all school sports. He has served as an interim youth leader for First Baptist Church and has taken many Friona young people on fishing and skiing trips. He is also involved in prison ministry and has shared his testimony many times in prisons. He is on the maintenance committee at First Baptist and has spent countless hours repairing, remodeling, and contributing materials at the church and at the parsonage after it was destroyed. He and his wife Holly are parents of Sarah, Dustin, and Stephen.

Congratulations to all of the 2005 Chamber of Commerce honorees and a thanks to everyone that helped make the 2005 banquet a success.

Ft. Worth stock show files suit over top steer

BY RON CARR

A front page story in the Sunday March 13 Ft. Worth Star-Telegram stated that Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show officials have filed a lawsuit against the Berend family of Friona that owned this year's grand champion steer.

According to the newspaper report the lawsuit was filed last Thursday in Tarrant County state district court.

Stock show officials stated that "issues have arisen over application of rules and regulations" but the suit included no specific rules and regulations involved.

The grand champion steer named Rupert was shown by Brittany Berend at the Ft. Worth show and sold for a show record \$151,000 to a father-daughter duo from XTO Energy and the Gunsmoke Grill.

The Berends were at the Houston Livestock Show last week and learned of the actual suit filing over the weekend. On Monday, March 14, a Star-Telegram reporter and photographer were in Friona and spoke briefly with Roddy Berend at his residence. Questioned about why he was sent all the way to Friona for this story, the reporter, Bill Hanna, told the

Friona Star that in Ft. Worth the livestock show is "a really big, important event" to the newspaper and the local citizens.

Roddy Berend told the Star-Telegram and the Friona Star that he was aware of the stock show's intention to file the suit and predicted the allegations

will be resolved amicably. He said he did not know when a resolution of the problem would occur and declined to give suit details or whether he has hired an attorney.

"This is between my family and the stock show and we are going to keep it that way," Berend told the Star-Telegram.



AN ALMOST spring snowfall blanketed the county Tuesday into Wednesday but it is expected to warm up by Thursday and melt away by the weekend. The 9th green at Friona Country Club is shown still proudly flying the Texas flag.

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Snow blankets area Tuesday

By BILL ELLIS

A mid-March snowfall Tuesday deposited seven to ten inches of snow in the

Friona-Bovina area, and the .78-inch moisture it yielded was the most since January 5 - two and one-half months ago.

The .78 inches of moisture were the most in Friona's official gauge since 1.19 was measured on January 5, 2005.

In 2004, the area received 12.5 inches of snow in February, and the moisture total as of March 15 a year ago was 2.05 inches, with the January-March total at 5.04 inches, as the extremely wet year was unfolding.

Wednesday's low temperature of 22 degrees was the lowest reading of the month, and lowest since a temp of 20 degrees on January 5.

High and low temps for the past week, starting with Thursday, March 10 were: Thursday: 68-34; Friday: 66-41; Saturday: 81-32; Sunday: 65-36; Monday: 51-32; Tuesday: 39-28; Wednesday: 32-22.



OUT HERE

by Ron Carr

Capturing moments

It is a sign of the times. A notice on the front door of Bi-Wize Drugstore says "effective March 31 we will no longer accept film for processing." For many years folks here could drop their rolls of film at the drugstore and pick up the prints a couple of days later. The rolls were picked up and delivered by a photo-finishing lab in Amarillo.

That was before we became a drive-thru, instant satisfaction, global satellite society. That was



Megan in Chillicothe

before Wal-Mart and Walgreen's in Clovis offered one-hour photo printing. And well before the age of digital cameras, flash cards, and memory sticks.

I spoke to Bi-Wize pharmacist-owner Mike Hanes about it. The reason for his decision is pretty simple: not enough film is being left at the drugstore for developing to justify the lab in Amarillo to pick up and deliver it anymore.

Mike said the number of rolls of film being brought in has been steadily declining. Coupled with the cost of gasoline today it is easy to see that it is no longer a profitable operation.

Mike says the last day to drop off film will be Thursday March 31. He also noted that they have photos there that need to be picked up. In some cases people forget about their pictures. He said a few customers have waited for up to a year before they come in to pick up their prints.

I enjoy taking photos, looking for a different angle, different pose and capturing those unexpected moments when people are at their most natural. I have gone from using a no-pixel Sony digital camera to a 6.2 megapixel Nikon that uses a variety of interchangeable lenses. For fun I carry around a 3.2 megapixel Sony Cybershot camera that will fit in my pocket.

Last weekend I drove to Wichita Falls to pick up my teenagers, Zac and Megan, for spring break. We stopped at a neat gift shop in Chillicothe called Valley Pecans. It is on Highway 287 and offers fresh pecans that the owners grow themselves. The lady said they started out selling just pecans and the place grew into the gift store with crafts, coffees, silk flowers, candies, and even a coffee bar and soda fountain in one corner.

Their signs along the highway advertise "cold drinks, trail mix, dang good candy, and cute Texas stuff." I recommend it as a nice break if you are ever down that way. I took a couple of fun pictures of the kids there.

On up the road we stopped at the big Sonic operation in

Memphis. It is a regular Sonic but with inside dining. Each booth and table has the red Sonic telephone to place your order and a Sonic server brings the food to your table instead of your car. I took a surprise picture of Zac in the Sonic booth when he was laughing about something we had said. He wasn't expecting it. It is a great everyday picture.

Back home I printed four pictures I took along the way and deleted the rest. I have a Hewlett-Packard color printer that cost about \$129. They make fancier ones. At the newspaper office we have another Hewlett-Packard color printer that will make prints from 4X6 up to 11X17. They are kind of slow but the quality is good. The more pixels your camera has the better the quality your printed pictures will have.

If you do not have a color printer, digital cameras allow you to take your memory card to Wal-Mart or Walgreen's and select only the pictures you want to print for about 29 cents a copy. They will also burn them onto a CD for you.

I put these latest pictures of Zac and Megan where else: on my icebox (remember that term?). The beauty of digital is I ended up with four pictures I like and did not have to pay to process 20 more prints that I didn't like.

During the basketball season that just ended we easily took more than 1,000 action pictures and burned all the regular season and the two playoff

games on three CDs. In the film days we put all our pictures in shoeboxes.

Today the same number of pictures take up about six inches of space. It is cheaper to put 100 pictures of a basketball game on one CD than it is to buy and develop a roll of 24-film.

I have a good film camera too, a Nikon F80. The lenses for it also fit my Nikon digital. I



Zac at the Memphis Sonic

still take film pictures but I use only black and white film (yes they still make it). Black and white changes the mood and feel of a picture. Try it.

Mike Hanes is considering installing a computer printer kiosk that will allow you to stop by the drugstore and print copies of your digital pictures. He thinks it might be a bigger investment than the local market will justify and I tend to agree.

Remember, cameras don't take pictures, people take pictures.

However you take your pictures, you just won't be able to take them to Bi-Wize much longer. It's a sign of the times.



CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR

KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



Women have helped make Texas great

Women's History Month is a perfect time to reflect on those strong women who contributed so much to Texas, starting with the Lone Star Republic's early days.

Mary Austin Holley was Stephen F. Austin's first cousin. She noted that early Texas women were a breed apart. She once observed, "It is uncommon for ladies to mount their mustangs and hunt with their husbands, to ride long distances on horseback to attend a ball with their silk dresses in their saddlebags. Hardy vigorous constitutions, free spirits and spontaneous gaiety are thus induced and continue a rich legacy to their children who, it is to be hoped, will sufficiently value the blessing not squander it away in the eager search for the luxury and refinement of polite life."

Thomas Rusk, the first senator to hold my seat, and a close friend of fellow senator Sam Houston, wrote about the women and their contribution during the War for Independence. His wife, Mary, had helped oversee the calm evacuation of Nacogdoches by the women and children left behind after the men had gone off to war. They feared the Mexican Army and their Indian allies might be on the way, so the women took their children eastward in an exodus, remembered as the "Run-away Scrape."

Rusk wrote: "The men of Texas deserved much credit, but more was due to women. Armed men facing a foe could not but be brave, but the women with their little children around them without means of defense or power to resist, faced danger and death with unflinching courage."

My great-great-grandmother, Anna Maria Taylor, and four of her children, made that arduous escape through harsh weather. Their children perished from illness during the ordeal, but after the Taylors returned to Nacogdoches, they raised nine more. Since those days, Texan women have continued to display the grit and strength of character those pioneers passed on to their children.

Oveta Culp Hobby, mother of long-serving former Lieutenant Governor Bill Hobby, came up with the plan during World War II to recruit and train women to fill jobs in our military so that men would be freed up for combat.

General George C. Marshall backed the formation of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, known popularly as the WACs. At first, the list of jobs women were expected to fill was only 54. By war's end, that list had expanded to 239. Oveta did not want to head the WACs, but was prevailed upon to do her duty. At first, she found herself a one-woman recruiting drive for the organization, traveling from city to city giving speeches urging women to join.

Because she became the first American woman to become a commissioned officer, she had to design her own uniform. She carried an iron with her to press it each night when she made her pitch in various towns and cities throughout the country. She later became the first woman to receive the Distinguished Service Medal, out nation's highest non-combat award. Her leadership continued after the war. She insisted that Armed Forces Day celebrations in Houston would be open to everyone, regardless of race.

Later, her leadership skills were tapped by President Eisenhower, who named her to head the new Department of Health, Education and Welfare as a cabinet secretary. When she passed away in 1995, she left a media empire, a loving family and a legacy built on hard work.

One of those legacies is me. After I graduated from the University of Texas Law School, I could not find a law firm willing to hire me. I decided to try journalism instead, and applied for a television reporter job with KPRC TV in Houston. There were no women television reporters in Houston at that time, but the news director and station manager went to Mrs. Hobby, who said it would be a great idea to have a woman with a law degree as one of her reporters. That was my start. I owe her a great deal.

Today, Texas women serve in Congress, in the state legislature, as scientists, teachers, business leaders and artists. Even more important, many Texas women have embraced motherhood and have taken on the difficult job of raising the next generation. My only hope is that all of us who are raising children will succeed in instilling the Texas virtues of independence, strength of character and love of our state that we received from our parents.



ACROSS

- TXism: "feeling his _____"
- Hilton's 1st TX hotel was "a cross between a gold mine and a _____ house"
- Cowboy Irvin was denied Hall of _____ on 1st ballot
- TX Vikki Carr's "It Must _____ Him"
- TXism: "it would jerk the tears out of a glass eye"
- TXism: "exciting as a _____ the IRS office"
- Robin's adverb? sinners' fate in "hellfire" sermon
- Hereford has country's largest _____ rodeo
- old cowboys can _____ cigarette
- TX Gen. Zaragoza of Cinco de Mayo shape of TX Motor Speedway
- "my heart _____ for you"
- starlike object
- young man who delivers papers
- "Ah" sidekick?
- TX JoBeth '80 film
- TXism: "it's hard to _____ with eagles when you work with turkeys"
- net provider (abbr.)

The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

Answer on p. 13
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DOWN

- TXism: "call _____ the dogs"
- pie _____ mode
- Harris Co.'s most northern town
- character in Six Flags "Gold River Adventure" ride
- TX Wiley Post was 1st to fly _____ around the world
- Austin's "McKinney _____"
- oil rich country: Saudi
- what NAFTA eliminated
- TXism: "couldn't find hide _____ hair of him"
- Peruvian critters raised in TX
- Pacific & Atlantic one cold city: Sault _____ Marie
- fix a film
- make a mistake
- TX live-stock auction site (2 wds.)
- TX film "Giant"
- TXism: "smidgen"
- fictitious sister of TX Ima Hogg
- Lake Lewisville activity
- TX B.J. Thomas' "_____ So Lonesome I Could Cry"
- TLC provider
- TXism: "dew chaser" (2 wds.)
- water temperature tester? (2 wds.)
- floor covering
- Farouk is Houston _____ co.
- TX John Wesley Hardin had a quick _____
- TX Dan Blocker in later life? (2 wds.)
- singing through the nose
- tapered tuber
- papa pig
- snakes & scarves
- _____ Hubbard became gov. in 1876 when Gov. Coke went to US Senate
- TXism: "took sick"
- TXism: "_____ piece"
- flowerless plant
- OK town
- Biblical port city visited by the apostle Paul
- SE TX Indian tribe
- TX cooler (abbr.)

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Around Town

Cowboy Church planned for March 22

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a time of worship and fellowship Tuesday, March 22 at 7 p.m. at the Hub Community Center, two miles south of Junction 214 and Highway 86. Steve Friskup will be the guest speaker. Come and have a good time!

Citywide Easter egg hunt set for March 26

A citywide Easter egg hunt sponsored by the Calvary Baptist Church is planned for Saturday, March 26 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Friona City Park. There will be divisions for toddlers, preschool, kindergarten, 3rd grade & 4th grade and 6th grade. All children are invited to attend and have a good time.

CCC offers motivating workshop for women

Clovis Community College is excited to offer a one day educational women's workshop; Women: Inspiring Hope and Creating Change. The conference will be held at CCC on Friday, April 1 from 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the gymnasium area of CCC. A \$10 fee is required, which includes lunch, provided by Leal's Mexican Restaurants. Call 505-769-4929 to learn more about registering for this powerful workshop.

"The Dynamics of Faith" classes at CCC

"The Dynamics of Faith" by Paul Tillich will be taught by Rev. Alvin Petty at Clovis Community College on Mondays, April 4, 11 and 18 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. mountain time. To register and for more information call 505-769-4760. This class is about faith in relation to science, religion and philosophy. It will define faith. Faith is your relationship to God it is not believing in something as true. This definition rightly understood helps solve all kinds of spiritual, scientific, psychological, historical, and philosophical problems for people of faith. This is a non-credit class.

Lazbuddie shootout April 22 & 23

The Lazbuddie 2005 Senior Parents proudly present The Lazbuddie Shootout, a 3 on 3 festival, April 22 & 23 at the Lazbuddie High School Gymnasium. Entry fee is \$50 per four-member team in the following divisions: Elementary, Jr. High, High school, Adult, Coed (2 men, 2 women), and over 40. The deadline for sign up is April 15. For additional information contact the Lazbuddie High School, P.O. Box 9, Lazbuddie, Texas 79053, 806-965-2152 or call Debbie Weir at 806-965-2302, Sarah Black at 806-265-3861 or any high school senior. Call today to enter.

Incumbent directors named as WTRT board nominees

(Reprinted from the March 2005 Co-Op Connection WTRT Newsletter.)

A trio of incumbent directors is unopposed on the ballot for the 51st annual meeting of the membership of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, March 29, at the Hereford Bull Barn.

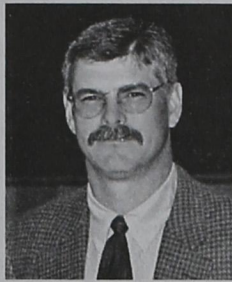
This year's meeting kicks off at 6 p.m. with a dinner of brisket, sausage and trimmings catered by Rafter G of Umbarger. Following the meal, the business session will begin at 7 p.m. Drawing for door prizes will also be held.

The names of incumbent directors Charles Christian of the Oklahoma Lane exchange, Charles Ray of the Summerfield exchange and Pat Robbins of the Frio exchange, will appear on the ballot at that time.

No other candidates were named by members of the nominating committee for the trio of board seats at the committee's annual meeting in early February.

Nominations from the floor will be accepted during the election portion of the business meeting.

Christian was appointed to the Cooperative board in 1995 to serve out the unexpired term of the late Billy Mayfield. He was elected to his first full board term in



CHARLES CHRISTIAN



CHARLES RAY



PAT ROBBINS

1996. Raised at Oklahoma Lane, he is a 1976 graduate of Farwell High School. He received a bachelor's degree in agriculture economics from Texas Tech University in 1981. After college graduation he worked in the lending department of First National Bank of Lubbock. He returned to the farm at Oklahoma Lane in 1984 to work in partnership with his father.

In the past he has served as a member of the Farwell school board, the Parmer County Stock Shoe board, and the Parmer County Appraisal board. Charles and

his wife, Sheryl, have three sons.

Ray, 61, was originally appointed to the board in 2003 to serve the remaining two years of the unexpired term of long-time Summerfield director J.B. Noland, who retired in March of 2003 after 28 years of service on the board. This marks his first time to run for election to a full term.

Ray grew up west of Friona and is a graduate of Friona High School. He attended West Texas State University where he studied agriculture. He has been a resi-

dent of the Summerfield area for 33 years. He and his wife, Rose Ann, are the parents of a son who lives in Idaho and two daughters who live in the Dallas area. They have a grandson and a granddaughter and are expecting a third grandchild. Charles and Rose Ann are active members of Calvary Baptist Church in Friona.

Robbins, 63, has served as the Frio exchange director since 1987.

The owner of R&P Feed Yard on the Frio exchange, he works as an economics teacher and assistant tennis coach at Hereford High School. His wife, Susan, is principal at Stanton Learning Center in Hereford. Pat and Susan are the parents of four grown children and they have two grandsons and two granddaughters.

Community service project

(Submitted by ETHAN WALES, Troop Scribe.)

February 26 - 27, after six hours of Atomic Energy Merit Badge Class, which included two tests and working with Geiger Counters, six Troop 56 Boy Scouts traveled to Camp M.K. Brown, closer to Wheeler, to work on benches in the mess hall. Doing this project earned them community service hours, which each scout needs to advance in rank.

Assistant Scoutmaster Tara Wales thought it would take at least two weekends to finish this project, but it only took two hours, thanks to the scouts' hard work and determination to finish in one weekend.

Thanks also to two dads, Kurt Wales and Tommy Hefner, who went along to guide the boys in using the power tools to repair the benches. The boys had to cook all their meals, and did a very good job, thanks to Ethan Wales, who is a master in all things culinary.

Because they finished the work on Saturday night, the boys were able to relax on Sunday morning. This was a welcome reprise from usual campouts, when everyone is usually busiest on Sunday.



MASTER BRIDGE builders, l-r, Kyle Jamerson, Tyler Jameson & Matt Gammon.

courtesy photo

FHS Physics class breaks record

The Friona High School Physics Class broke the efficiency record at their annual bridge-breaking competition, this year, when a 23 gram bridge held a little over 75 pounds, before it broke. All of the bridges in the competition met the specifications.

Jennifer Cardenas, Jimmy Salinas, and Yvonne Ramos' bridge had an efficiency of 248. Will Hughs, David Mendez, and Antonio Monreal's bridge had an efficiency of 124, while Laura

Rosas, Chad Hutson, and Jacob Hoon's bridge had an efficiency of 618.

The team comprised of Tyler Jameson, Matt Gammon, and Kyle Jamerson constructed the record-breaking bridge with an efficiency of 1491.

Each year, the students learn how to meet deadlines, meet the specifications, and keep their strategy from other groups. Most of all they learn while having fun.



FROM 80 degree weather last Saturday to 22 degrees and 12 inches of snow Tuesday, the stuff started melting as temperatures rose and the sun came out Wednesday. That's Panhandle weather... ron carr photo

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Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from March 2, 2005 to March 09, 2005.

Elton R. Venable and Marie Venable - Radford Venable and Kay Venable, L1 B25 BOVINA.

Elton R. Venable and Marie Venable - Margaret Moore and Owen Moore, B109 BOVINA; L5-8 L21-24 B3 GARDEN SUB; 5.38AC W2S/PT S9 BLK E.

Laqueta Joyce Garner - Tommy Hefner and Jill Hefner, S388 AC S18 BLK C.

The Bank of New York - Javier Solano and Sulema Solano, 2.032AC OF NE/4 S84 BLK H THOMAS KELLY.

HUD - Antonio Rivera and Maria L. Rivera, L7-8 B2 BAXTER FRIONA.

Jesus Leyva and Marisa Leyva - Jose Cruz Chihuahua, L10 S/2 L11 B44 FRIONA.

Justin Welch - Aztx Cattle Co., NW 90 AC L4 S7 T16S R1E.

Elzada Gulley Estate - John David Gulley and James Malcolm Gulley, SE/4 S17 BLK X FW JOHNSON.

Rhodes Exchange LLC - Alan Rhodes and Lynn Tate, S28 T5S R4E.

Doyle L. Johnson and Susan Johnson - George D. Hutchinson and Margaret Hutchinson, L1 B5 RIDGECREST.

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HI-PRO SALES STAFF pictured with new Sales Manager Clifton Morgan, second from right, (l-r), Fred Church, Gene Schueler, Oscar Elmendorf, Jerry Shields, Judson Williamson, Morgan, and Jerry Wooton, (not pictured Virginia Hasenack).
courtesy photo

Clifton Morgan named Hi-Pro sales manager

Hi-Pro Manager of Business Development, Dr. Randy Robbins, has announced that Clifton Morgan has become Sales Manager for Hi-Pro Feeds of Friona.

Formerly sales manager for an Oklahoma-based feed company, Morgan has a rich agricultural background that complements his Texas Tech University Animal Science degree. His management of a family ranching operation with over 300 head of registered and commercial cows gives him an insider

perspective on the challenges faced by the contemporary livestock industry.

Robbins welcomed Morgan to the new position. "Clifton brings a wealth of experience in managing and growing ranch and dealer accounts in the Texas Panhandle. We are excited to have him as part of our sales management team and are anticipating new ideas and programs that will provide Hi Pro's dealers with new sales opportunities."

Morgan sees the move to

Hi-Pro as a tremendous opportunity. "Hi-Pro's history and reputation for quality and service make it a business that people respect. At this time in its history, there is a chance to expand into the equine market - a new direction for Hi-Pro in an area they have not really addressed before. Plus, we're also adopting a new, more visible presence in the deer and wildlife feeds. It's an exciting time to be a part of Hi-Pro," he said.

Morgan noted that another direction for Hi-Pro is its move

to more dealer lines. "The Hi-Pro sales staff will work to service dealers with seminars, special promotions and new Point of Purchase materials."

Morgan leads a team of seven sales professionals that include Fred Church, Oscar Elmendorf, Virginia Hasenack, Gene Schueler, Jerry Shields, Judson Williamson, and Jerry Wooton.

Morgan and his wife, Stacey, have two children, seven-year-old twins, Drayton and Destry and live in Shamrock, Texas.

Sheriff's Report

March 9, Benjamin Santiago, 17, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police and charged with assault, pending County Court.

March 9, Andrew Chico, 18, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police and charged with assault, pending County Court.

March 9, Jorge Rivera, 42, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police and charged with DWI and duty on striking unattended vehicle, pending County Court.

March 9, Michael Hernandez, 23, of Friona, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with theft by check, pending County Court.

March 10, Valentín Cervantes, 24, of Bovina, was arrested by the Bovina Police and charged with assault and criminal trespass, pending County Court.

March 11, Jesus Mendoza, 45, of Hereford, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with driving with license suspended-Deaf Smith County, posted bond and released.

March 11, Joseph Bautista, 22, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police and charged with driving with license suspended, pending County Court.

March 11, Marcus Alonzo, 22, of Lubbock, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with failure to ID, pending County Court; three Lubbock County warrants - violation of probation on DWI, driving with license suspended, and capias pro fine on DWI, pending transport.

March 11, David Zavala, 38, of Amarillo, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol for revocation of probation on possession of marijuana-Navarro County, pending transport.

March 12, Gabriel Martinez, 24, of Clovis, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with possession of marijuana, pending County Court.

March 12, Daniel Gonzalez, 21, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police and charged with aggravated robbery, pending Grand Jury.

March 12, Kassie Kotara, 21, of Amarillo, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with possession of a controlled substance, pending Grand Jury.

Andrew Son slated for deployment to Afghanistan

Army Spec. Andrew T. Son is one of approximately 350 soldiers assigned to the 173rd Airborne Brigade based at Caserma Ederle, Vicenza, Italy, who will deploy to Afghanistan to serve as a member of Combined Joint Task Force-76 (CJTF-76).

CJTF-76 is a combined and joint rotation unit supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. The soldier will join other units that comprise CJTF-76 to help the Afghan people continue on their progress to a free society.

Mission objectives of the combined-joint task force include establishing security, defeating Al-Qaida and Taliban forces, and deterring the re-emergence of terrorism. The soldiers are committed to staying the course in Afghanistan and standing firm with the Afghan people against forces actively

working to prevent the establishment of a secure environment.

Son is a cannon crewmember

with three years of military service.

He is the son of Dorothy Prudhomme of Friona, Texas,

and Rick Son of Tyler, Texas, and the grandson of Mary and Jim Johnston of Friona.

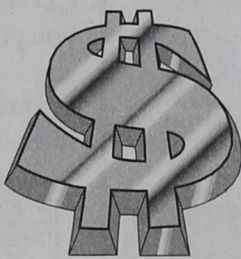


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HARD to believe that graduation is about two months away. The Cans for Seniors trailer is on Main St. next to Kendrick's and the police station. Bring your aluminum cans to help toward the cost of the annual all-night drug free graduation party.

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Jazmine Uribe

Meet the Class of 2017

Jazmine is a kindergarten student at Friona Schools. Her Parents are Maria and Rafael Uribe. She has one brother, Rafael.

Jazmine likes to play and write. Her favorite foods are pizza and nachos. Her favorite color is blue.

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YOUR EYES

Floater

You're at the park on a Sunday afternoon. The weather is warm and the sky blue. When you look up, though, you notice a few small gray specks in your vision. They move in the same direction your eyes move. What are they?

Most likely, they're just floaters. These are just small particles which "float" around in the liquid center of the eyeball or "vitreous." You can see their shadow when you look against a bright background, like the sky or a lightly colored wall. Although seen more commonly in older people, they can occur at any age. Because floaters can't be gotten rid of, it's best to ignore them. With the passage of time, most people with floaters find they become much less noticeable at first.

Be wary, though, if you see a sudden increase in floaters or light flashes and sparkles. These symptoms could spell trouble and justify an immediate visit to the eye doctor. Take care of your eyes and they'll take care of you.

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THINK ABOUT THIS

The risks of love

By T. LEON TALLEY, Sixth Street Church of Christ

Sacrificial, unconditional love is so hard to attain because it demands discipline and there are several risks involved. We all know that a garden becomes a weedy mess unless we work it. It will take a lot of hard work and we need to consider the risks.

To love is to risk, to be vulnerable. It means that we sometimes give without receiving. But true love, loves regardless of risk.

What are some of the risks?

1) **There's the risk of loss.** This is one of the great fears we have when we have a child. The fear of losing someone you love. We're afraid of losing our parents, our mate, our children.

2) **There is also the risk of independence.** Many people talk about liberty but this is really often not what they want. They too often want license. Liberty comes with awesome responsibility. When we make a commitment to love someone, we are also making a commitment to be responsible to and for that person, at least to a degree. Genuine love sacrifices independence and selfishness.

3) **There is also the risk of commitment.** Commitment is perhaps the greatest factor in forming a relationship. So many are too casual about their commitments. Love is the will to extend oneself for growth, and loving people, by nature, are growing people.

Certainly, there are many risks involved in loving others. But the risks are worth it. Think about it.



THE Tuesday snowfall coated Parmer County with over 12 inches of wet snow. tyler jameson photo

*A Big Thank You to the
Bovina Volunteer Fire Department
for their assistance and courage in putting
out the fire at the home of
Julia Salinas.
A special thanks to Lori Saenz &
Maria Elena Noreiga.
We really appreciate all your help.*

Bunnies and Easter don't always mix

As Easter approaches, Petfinder.com, the largest database of homeless pets on the Web, urges parents to think twice about giving rabbits to their children as Easter gifts.

"Certainly there are many rabbits in need of homes, but they are not the right pet for everyone," said Kim Saunders, Petfinder.com Director of Public Relations.

"We encourage people to do some research about the special needs of bunnies before adopting.

Rabbits are fragile, and young children can inadvertently injure them in the simple act of cuddling.

Many people don't realize that bunnies should be indoor pets and not relegated to a backyard cage. They need special diets and daily

exercise to stay healthy." Saunders added that rabbits make excellent house pets and can be litter-box trained.

Before you adopt one, read more about bunnies and their needs in the Petfinder.com library.

Petfinder.com represents more than 8,000 animal welfare organizations and spotlights over 160,000 homeless pets, including approximately 4,000 rabbits at any one time.



Thank You
We would like to express our appreciation for your prayers, visits, food, flowers, and many cards after the loss of our Beloved Mom, Grandma, Great-grandma, and Nana. A very special thank you to Father Juan Carlos Barragon, Father David Contreras, Blackwell Funeral Home, The Staff of PRMC Medical Floor, Dr. Mahdi, Parmer County Home Health, The Guadalupeana's Society, St. Ann's Society, Bovina Ambulance Service, Bovina Police Department, Michael Tafuya, May God Bless each of you! The Family of Felicitas Serna

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EASTER PRALINES Laura Bartlett

2 c. sugar	2 1/4 c. pecan halves
1/2 c. light corn syrup	1/4 c. butter
1/2 c. water	2 tsp. vanilla

Heat the sugar, syrup, water and pecans in a heavy saucepan until sugar is dissolved. Bring mixture to a boil, stirring occasionally until it reaches soft ball stage. Remove the saucepan from the heat and add butter and vanilla, allow candy to cool. Whip until the mixture gradually changes to an opaque color and becomes creamy. Drop by tablespoons onto a buttered cookie sheet and allow to harden. Makes two dozen.

Thank You
We would like to thank everyone for all the kind expressions of sympathy. We appreciated those who took time out from busy schedules to attend the service, those who sent lovely flowers and those who visited at the funeral home. We would like to thank the ladies of the Methodist Church for the delicious meal they provided. Also, a special thank you to Reverend Steve Patterson for such a wonderful service. We appreciate all the prayers and acts of kindness. Friona is truly a wonderful place to live. Harold & Joyce Wells, Max & Jo Wells, Jim & Cherry Wells & Family, Albert & Jan Chesher & Family, Rex & Sue Wells

Facts About The **BIBLE** *BY JOHN LEHTI*

THE TRAVELER, OR STRANGER IN THEIR MIDST!

AMONG THE ISRAELITES, HOSPITALITY TO STRANGERS WAS NOT ONLY A TRADITIONAL ETIQUETTE BUT IT WAS WRITTEN INTO MOSAIC LAW (EX. 22:21 23:9) (DEUT. 10:19). NO DEVOUT PERSON WOULD DELIBERATELY AVOID THE CHANCE TO HELP A STRANGER. IN A LAND THAT WAS EXTREMELY HOT AND WATER SCARCE, JUST A COOLING DRINK WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE STRANGER PASSING THROUGH. IT WAS ALSO THE ETIQUETTE OF THOSE TIMES FOR NO MAN TO DRINK FROM A WELL THAT WASN'T HIS--UNTIL HE WAS ASKED, OR OFFERED THE WATER, BY THE WELL'S OWNER. DRAWING WATER FROM THE WELL OF A TOWN WAS THE DUTY OF THE YOUNG MAIDS AND SO IT CAME TO THEM, QUITE OFTEN, TO COME TO THE AID OF A THIRSTY STRANGER. THIS LITTLE ACT OF "COMFORT TO THE TRAVELER" WAS SO INGRAINED IN THE PEOPLE THAT WHEN JESUS CHARGED HIS DISCIPLES TO PREACH, AND TO HEAL, AND TO DO GOOD TO THE MULTITUDES, HE REFERRED TO IT AS GIVING "A CUP OF WATER IN MY NAME!" (MARK 9:41)

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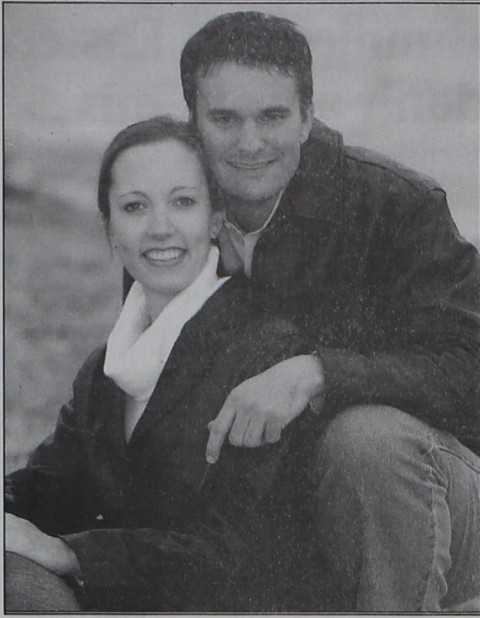
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SARAH BECHTOL & DR. JOHN GRIFFIN IV

Bechtol & Griffin to wed in May

Dr. and Mrs. Richard Bechtol, of Amarillo, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Christine, to Dr. John Franklin Griffin IV. She is the granddaughter of Nola Vestal and the late C.L. Vestal of Friona.

Sarah graduated cum laude from Baylor University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and is currently a second year student at Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Griffin graduated magna cum laude from Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine in May 2004, and is currently completing an internship at the University of Tennessee School of Veterinary Medicine.

The couple plans to wed at 11:00 a.m., May 21, 2005, at First Baptist Church in Amarillo.

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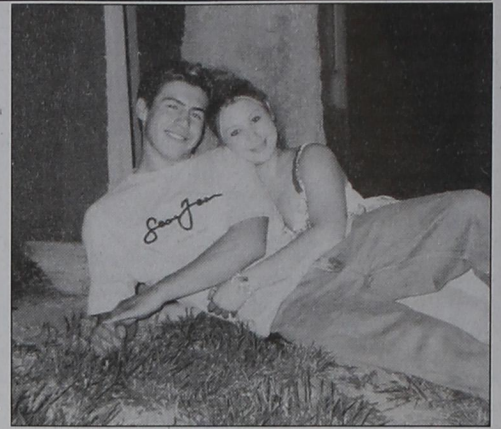
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RANDY BACA & SANDRA DEE LUCERO

Lucero & Baca to marry in April

Ernie F. Lucero, Sr. and Maria Lucero, of Channing, Texas, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sandra Dee Lucero, to Randy Baca.

Randy is the son of Octavio and Maria Chavez, of Friona, Texas.

The bride-elect graduated from Channing I.S.D. and Amarillo College. She is currently employed by Allsup's and is also a Certified Nursing Assistant.

The prospective groom graduated from high school in Amarillo and is planning to attend college to study Diesel Mechanics. He is currently self-employed.

The couple plans to marry at 3:00 p.m., April 2, 2005, at the Wedding Chapel in Wellington Square, at I-40 and Georgia, in Amarillo.

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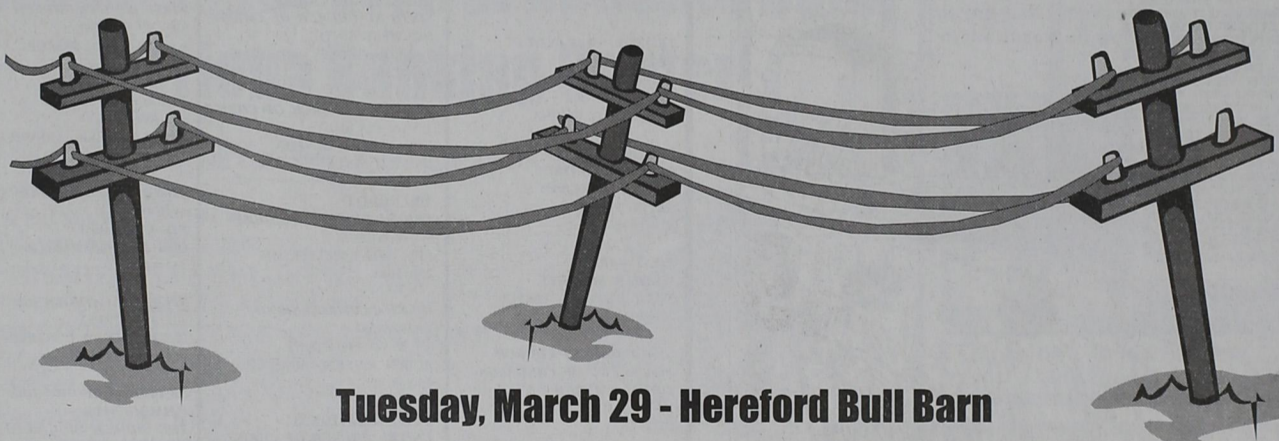
Clean Up Friona Week

April 16-23 has been designated as Clean Up Friona Week by the Chamber of Commerce. Plans are underway to make rolloff boxes available around the city for trash deposits. The Friona High School FCCLA students will be available during the week to help with cleanup projects. Civic organizations are asked to pick a cleanup project. For more information watch future issues of the Friona Star or call the Chamber at 250-3491.

City Wide Garage Sale

May 7 is the tentative date for a Friona City Wide Garage Sale. Chamber executive vice president Chris Alexander hopes to pattern the Friona city wide sale after the successful ones in Dimmitt and Hereford and promote the day throughout the area. If you were thinking of a spring garage sale mark your calendar for May 7.

Plan now to attend the West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Annual Meeting



Tuesday, March 29 - Hereford Bull Barn

There will be an election of three directors from the following nominees:

- Oklahoma Lane: Charles Christian (Unopposed)
- Summerfield: Charles Ray (Unopposed)
- Frio: Pat Robbins (Unopposed)

A meal catered by Rafter G of Umbarger will be served for all present and numerous door prizes will be given away. Registration and dinner will begin promptly at 6:00pm and the business session gets underway at 7:00pm

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Hi-Pro Feeds introduces OptiBran

Hi-Pro Feeds has announced the creation of a new line of equine feed, slated for release in mid-April.

OptiBran gets its name from one of its key ingredients, stabilized rice bran. A highly digestible, high-fat pelleted feed, OptiBran also contains vegetable oil, yeast culture, oligosaccharides, and yucca extract to meet the requirements of horses in all stages of life.

Hi-Pro Manager of Business Development, Dr. Randy Robbins, is enthusiastic about the new product. "Hi-Pro is committed to providing our equine customers with research based products that are safe, economical, and convenient to feed.

OptiBran pellets meet all these objectives. OptiBran is heavily fortified with protein and amino acids, energy, vitamins, minerals and other digestive enhancers that provide a complete package in a pelleted form. We hope our customers are as excited as we are about this new product line!"

Cutting-edge research suggests that low starch, high-fat diets give horses more available energy without the negative of high grain diets. Rice bran and vegetable oil are highly hypoallergenic protein, fat, and dietary fiber and it is the only major cereal that contains all the necessary amino acids (building blocks of protein) needed in the body. Added vegetable oil also increases fat levels.

Rounding out the OptiBran formula is yeast culture, oligosaccharides, and yucca to increase

overall gastrointestinal health while increasing nutrient digestibility and boosting immune function. These supplements may also reduce the abnormal fluctuations in cecal pH, increase the availability of minerals, and help prevent colic and laminitis.

Besides being unique on the inside, each bag of OptiBran has a new look on the outside, featuring a contemporary look and logo.

According to Hi-Pro Director of Equine Services, Dr. Matt McMillan, beginning on May 1, each bag of OptiBran will have an attached tear-off tag that buyers can fill out and return to their dealers or to Hi-Pro. Each time they do so, they receive another entry in the Hi-Pro Trailer Give Away and one lucky winner will win a Platinum Coach Aluminum 3-Horse Trailer on January 31, 2006. For details, see a local Hi-Pro dealer or visit the website.

Hi-Pro Feeds, a division of Friona Industries, L.P., has been a mainstay in the Southwest, filling the needs of livestock owners for quality feed, and it was one of the first companies in the High Plains to provide customers with a complete nutritional advisory staff. Quality, value, and service have been the hallmarks of the company for over 35 years, and its state-of-the-art equipment and strict adherence to milling quality ensure consistency in every pound of Hi-Pro Feed.

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PCG annual meeting to focus on critical issues

By SHAWN WADE

Final arrangements are being made for the 48th Plains Cotton Growers Annual Meeting and the program is shaping up to once again meet the information needs of growers and industry leaders.

PCG's Annual Meeting is being held in conjunction with the Texas Cotton Ginners' Convention & Trade Show, April 7-8 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. The meeting will be held in the Civic Center Banquet Hall with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. and the program starting at 9:00 a.m., April 7.

Those who depend on Plains Cotton Growers for high quality information are sure to be pleased with this year's program, which is designed to bring them up to date on the latest issues and trends in the cotton industry.

Headlining the 2005 meeting are Dr. Mark Lange, President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Cotton Council in Memphis, Tennessee, and Jim Wiesemeyer, a Washington, D.C.-based agriculture policy analyst with Informa Economics.

Wiesemeyer is a nationally respected agricultural journalist and policy analyst with over 20 years of experience covering agriculture in Washington. Wiesemeyer has been asked to deliver his view of the agriculture policy landscape.

Lange has been asked to address a broad range of topics during his presentation to the PCG membership. Lange's address will include a 2005 Supply/Demand forecast, an update on Washington legislative issues, including the development of the FY 2006 federal budget, and an overview of trade issues including the recent World Trade Organization appellate body ruling on the Brazil cotton case.

Also on the PCG agenda is an update from Texas Farm Service Agency State Executive Director John Fuston and a report on the Plains Cotton Improvement Program from Plains Cotton Improvement Committee Chairman Dale Swinburn. Rounding the program will be reports from PCG President Rickey Bearden and Executive Vice President Steve Verett.

FSA financing available to beginners & disadvantaged

The Farm Service Agency is authorized to assist beginning farmers/ranchers and/or members of socially disadvantaged groups to finance agriculture enterprises. Under these programs, FSA can provide financing to eligible applicants through direct or guaranteed loans. A beginning farmer is one who:

- Has operated a farm or ranch for not more than 10 years.
- Will materially and substantially participate in the operation.
- Agrees to participate in a loan assessment, borrower training, financial management program sponsored by FSA.
- And must not own an operation in excess of 25% of the county's average size.

Each member of the entity must meet the eligibility requirements. Socially disadvantaged groups include Hispanics, Native Americans, African Americans, Asians, Pacific Islanders, and Women.

2005 seed cost calculator ready for download

By SHAWN WADE

An updated and greatly expanded version of the popular Plains Cotton Growers Seed Cost Calculator is now available for the 2005-growing season. The new version includes over 100 conventional, Roundup Ready, LibertyLink, Bollgard and Bollgard II, and stacked gene technologies.

Producers interested in using the new calculator can download a copy from the PCG website (www.plainscotton.org). The PCG calculator is an interactive Microsoft Excel spreadsheet that allows producers to calculate an estimated cost per acre for both seed and technology, based on published suggested retail prices.

The new calculator will allow a grower to select up to nine varieties from the list of over 100 that are available, and compare them side by side.

The calculator gives growers the ability to see how various seed and technology combinations compare on a per-acre cost basis using their own target seeding rate expressed in plants per acre or calculated as a function of row width and number of seed planted per foot of row.

The PCG spreadsheet will also show how much of a grower's per-acre cost is attributable to the cost of seed and technology, respectively, and the amount of change that occurred from 2004 levels.

Additionally, the calculator includes separate worksheets that group varieties by type with all conventional seed, herbicide resistant and insect resistant Bollgard and stacked varieties on individual sheets. Should information on additional varieties become available, an update to the spreadsheet will be developed.

Cotton option seminar Apr 12

By ROGER HALDENBY

A one-day seminar "Grower Hedging With Cotton Options" will be held in Lubbock on April 12, 2005. Sponsorship is by Cotton Incorporated and the New York Board of Trade.

The seminar is designed to help cotton growers increase their understanding of 'Options on Cotton Futures Contracts'. The focus will be on what these contracts are and how they can help growers increase their returns from cotton.

Sessions will cover the basics of cotton futures and options, specific hedging strategies involving the use of cotton options contracts, and a market outlook.

Primary instructors for the seminar, which will be at the

Holiday Inn Civic Center, are Judy Ganes and Eric Matsen, with additional speakers also planned.

Registration is free, and includes all presentation materials as well as all meals during the seminar.

To learn more about this event, or to register, please contact Dr. Jeanne Reeves, Cotton Incorporated at (919) 678-2370 or email jreeves@cottoninc.com, or Mr. Tim Barry, New York Board of Trade at (212) 748-4096 or email tbarry@nybot.com.



Meet the Class of 2017

Adrian is a kindergarten student at Friona Schools. His parents are Rufugio and Ida Vazquez. He has one Sister, Loretta, and three brothers, Mario, Jose, and Kevin.

Adrian likes to play basketball. His favorite foods are donuts, hotdogs, pizza, and hamburgers.

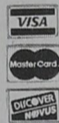
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2005 Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture

banquet photos by dana d. jameson & ron carr



Cathy Spencer, (l), Most Courteous Employee & Patsy Allen Teacher of the Year.



Allison Johnston & Danny Campbell Woman & Man of the Year



Maegan Ingram & Pedro Ramos Students of the Year



Lyndy Phillips & Patsy Allen



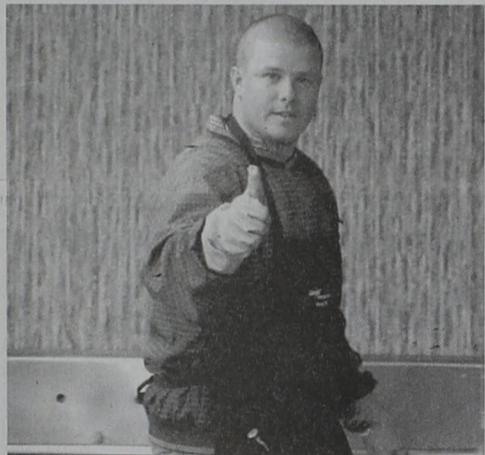
Donna Mullins Citizen of the Year



Danny Campbell was a good sport.



Student server volunteers of FCCLA



Charlie Pope cooked the prime rib. Good job Charlie and crew.



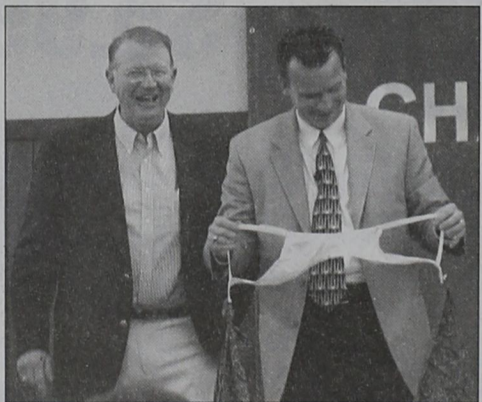
Miss Friona Kristin Butman sang.



Martha Barker & her 1st place Texas cheesecake.



Friona's Little Miss Katy McLennan with parents Matt and Kayla.



Bill Stovell enjoys the joke.



Friona Banking Center dessert team, l-r, Ab Hendley, Lisa Guevara, Patsy Vasquez, & Britny Pope.



Lyndy Phillips performs magic.



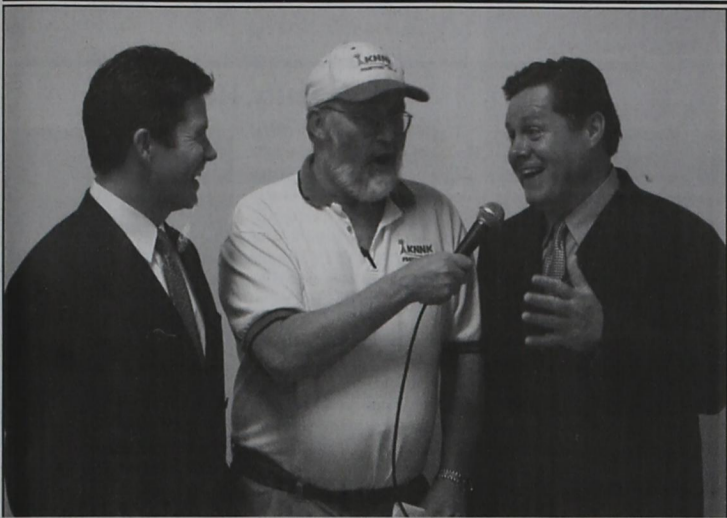
FRIONA BANKING CI
Gilbert Davila cuts the trick cards.



City Hall Gals, l-r, Terri Johnson, Patricia Phipps, Kimberlee Jones, Donice Jones, & Eddie Mays.

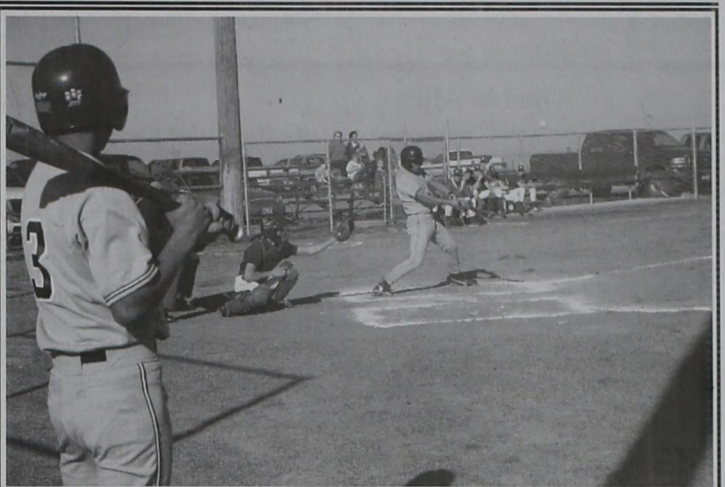


Dessert judges, l-r, Denver Crum, David Newhouse, Tino Salinaz.



AT THE BOVINA Chamber banquet Jerry Brock, center, of KNNK Radio in Hereford, was on hand to interview the entertainment, Butch and Ben McCain. Butch, left, lives in Colorado and Ben resides in Los Angeles. Both are Bovina High School graduates.

ron carr photo



THE Bovina Mustangs are trying to get their baseball season started. Snow knocked out games this week. Last week the Mustangs lost to Nazareth 22-7. Above, Javier Guevara (3) waits on deck with Josh Guevara at bat. Right, catcher Frank Martinez (15) has a talk with pitcher Mike Ortiz.

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Members to receive capital credits at DSEC annual meeting

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative members will receive capital credit refunds from 1991 and a portion of 1992 totaling \$1,500,000 at the Cooperative's annual meeting and dinner Tuesday, March 22. The meeting begins at 5:00 p.m. in the Hereford Bull Barn.

A fish, chicken, and beef dinner will be served. LaDonna Gatlin will provide the entertainment following the meal. A short business meeting to elect two directors will follow LaDonna's first performance. Position One Candidates are incumbent Tony Acker and nominee Hubert Backus. Position Two Candidates are incumbent Nick Yosten and

nominee Randy Fellers.

Another highlight of the evening's activities will be drawings for attendance prizes totaling more than fifteen hundred dollars.

LaDonna Gatlin will be making her first appearance at Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's annual meeting. She has enjoyed tremendous success for many years.

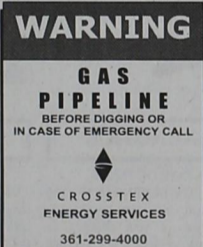
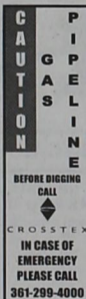
LaDonna literally grew up on stage singing with her brothers, the famous Gatlin Brothers. She has appeared with music legends such as Tammy Wynette and Johnny Cash.



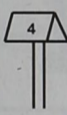
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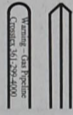
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This notice was prepared so that you can identify our pipeline and know how to recognize and respond to a pipeline emergency.

HOW DO YOU KNOW WHERE A PIPELINE IS LOCATED?

Since pipelines are buried underground, line markers are used to show their approximate location at numerous points along their routes. These markers list the commodity transported, the name of the operator, and a telephone number where the operator's representative can be reached.

Although helpful, markers are limited in the information which they provide. They are placed near the pipeline, but not necessarily on top of them, and a pipeline may not follow a straight route between two markers. Also, markers do not provide information about the depth of the pipeline. Therefore, it is very important that you place a phone call to the number on the marker before digging in the area of the pipeline.

If you are planning to dig near our pipeline, please notify us in advance by calling collect at 361-299-4000 or 1-866-394-9839. A company representative will meet with you and provide detailed markings to show the pipeline location, route and depth. You should also provide advance notice of any planned digging to the Texas Excavation Safety System at (800) 545-6005. They will notify all pipeline operators in the area who have registered their pipelines with their service.

HOW CAN YOU RECOGNIZE A PIPELINE LEAK?

Signs of a leak include:

1. A hissing or roaring sound;
2. Any strange or unusual odor in the area of the pipeline;
3. A dense white cloud or fog;
4. Frost or ice on the ground;
5. A spot of dead or discolored vegetation in an otherwise green area;
6. Flames occurring if the leak has ignited.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU SUSPECT A LEAK?

If you know or suspect that a pipeline is leaking or damaged, leave the area immediately. Your personal safety should be your first concern. Also:

1. Avoid driving into vapor clouds;
2. Avoid creating sparks or sources of heat which might ignite the escaping gas;
3. Immediately notify the pipeline operator giving your name and a description of the leak and its location. If the pipeline operator is not known, call your local fire or police department. Advise them of the location and nature of the emergency.



Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative

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67th Annual Membership Meeting

Tuesday - March 22, 2005 - 5 p.m. - Bull Barn - Hereford, Texas

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Plus... Entertainment by LaDonna Gatlin
Plus... Door prizes valued at more than \$1,500 will be awarded!



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OBITUARIES

Oneida Allen

Funeral services for Oneida Allen, 69, of Friona, were held at 3:00 p.m. Friday, March 11, 2005, at the Sixth Street Church of Christ in Friona with Leon Talley, minister, officiating. Burial followed in the Lazbuddie Cemetery with arrangements by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mrs. Allen died Wednesday, March 9, 2005 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She was born June 29, 1935 in Parmer County to William Joseph and Arma Eunice (Plant) Coffman.

She moved from Lazbuddie to Friona in 1950 and married Frankie Allen on August 1, 1953 in Friona. Oneida retired from the Friona ISD as a secretary.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, E.R. "Weedie" Coffman, T.E. Coffman, W.J. Coffman, Jr., Harold William Coffman, and Horace Coffman; and three stepisters, Marie Hinds, Esther McKillip, and Cordelia Cochran. Survivors include her husband,



ONEIDA ALLEN

Frankie of Friona; two sons, Rodney Allen of Hereford and Eddie Allen of Amarillo; two sisters, Anna Jo Blackburn of Friona and Minnie Glascock of Albuquerque, New Mexico; one brother, Clifton Coffman of Dardanel, Arkansas; and five grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to High Plains Children's Home in Amarillo.

Jewell Wells

Graveside services for Jewell Wells, 91, of Friona, were held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 12, 2005, in the Friona Cemetery with Reverend Steve Patterson, minister of the Friona United Methodist Church officiating. Arrangements were by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mrs. Wells died Thursday morning, March 10, 2005, in Hereford Regional Medical Center. She was born July 23, 1913 in Nocona, Texas to Ervin and Mae (Kilgore) Johnson.

She moved from Nocona, to Friona, in December of 1926. Jewell married H.C. Wells on August 27, 1931 in Clovis, New Mexico. She was a homemaker and a member of the Friona United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death



JEWELL WELLS

by her husband, on September 14, 1967 and one grandson, Kent Chesher.

Survivors include four sons, Harold Joe Wells, Max Wells, Jim Roy Wells, and Rex Wells, all of Friona; one daughter, Jan Chesher of Hereford; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Betty Heath

Graveside services for Betty Heath, 85, of Friona, were held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 16, 2005, at the Friona Cemetery with Reverend Rick Beard, pastor of the Victory Family Worship Center, officiating. Burial followed with arrangements by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mrs. Heath died Monday morning at Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona. She was born January 9, 1920, to Jesse James and Rachael (Andrews) Lewis in Purcell, Oklahoma.

Betty married Jess W. "Red" Upton in June of 1936 in Brownfield, Texas. "Red" died on January 17, 1982. She was employed as a "house mother" at the State School in Mexia, Texas and moved from Coolidge, Texas, to Friona, in 1982.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Pearl Shepherd on February 28, 1997, and a daughter, Rita



BETTY HEATH

Isham on August 31, 2000. Survivors include one son, James Upton of Friona; one daughter, Yvonne Jones of Friona; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandson.

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Raymond Ramirez, GREETING:
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Juan M. Vazquez, GREETING:
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Jesse Constancia % JC Construction, GREETING:
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Loraine Constancio % Pablo Cael, GREETING:
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Luis Arrieta % Maria Lopez, GREETING:
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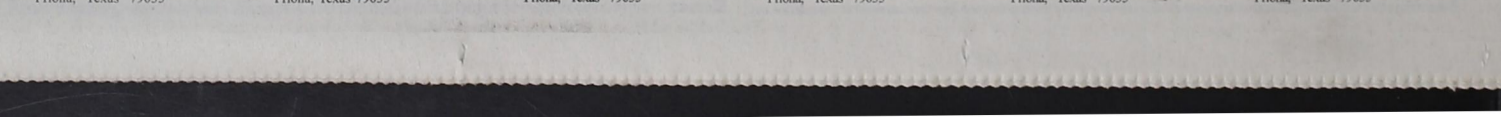
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Jessica Avila, GREETING:
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 c/o: Kathryn H. Gurley
 Attorney at Law
 701 Main Street
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 Friona, Texas 79035
DATED the 29th day of February, 2005.
 Kathryn H. Gurley
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ORDINANCE NO. 04-05
 An ordinance of the city of Friona, Texas, prohibiting dangerous buildings and providing for standards for repair, vacation or demolition; setting forth what constitutes a nuisance as well as defining the responsibilities and duties of the Municipal Building Official, the City Council, the Police Department, the Fire Department, Appropriate Magistrates and the City Attorney, including indemnity for such persons named herein along with the penalties for disregarding notices or orders.
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 The City of Friona along with the Friona Economic Development Corporation will receive Proposals for the designation of a Depository Institution for the period beginning May 1, 2005, and ending April 30, 2010. Such Proposals, addressed to the office of the City Manager, City Hall, 623 Main Street, Friona, TX 79035, shall be received until 10:00 AM, Monday, April 4, 2005, at which time the same shall be publicly opened and examined. Such Proposals may be presented to the Mayor and City Council at the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:30 PM., April 11, 2005, for consideration and awarded to the successful bidder.
 The City/FEDC reserves the right to reject any and/or all Proposals, waive formalities and accept the bid deemed most advantageous to the City/FEDC.
 Proposals shall be made in accordance with the Special Conditions and Proposals available at City Hall and any deviations there from shall be clearly identified.
 Terri Johnson, City Manager
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THE UMPIRE gets a good look over the shoulder of Friona catcher Trent Hudson during the victory over Sanford Fritch.
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HAYDEN PATTON, right, executes a nice slide into third base.
dana d jameson photo



GLOVES UP in a demonstration of team spirit as the Chiefs take the field.
dana d jameson photo

Chiefs down Sanford Fritch

By **DANA D. JAMESON**

The Chiefs hosted Sanford Fritch on Friday, March 11 at Chieftain Field.

Tied at the bottom of the first 2-2, Sanford Fritch came back with five runs in the second inning to pull ahead of the Chiefs 7-3.

Then the Chiefs came back in the third and fourth innings with seven runs to tie the game 10-10.

By the end of six innings

they had increased their lead to 16-11 to sweep the win.

Jacob Hoon, Jon Nava and Hayden Patton pitched for the Chiefs. Hoon was back in fine form after two weeks rest after suffering from a concussion. He had six strikeouts.

Patton pitched the final inning with three up and three down.

Ramon Salcido, Trent Hudson, Sean Lookingbill and Jon Nava had big hits and one RBI each.

The Chiefs will be traveling to the Muleshoe Tournament March 17-19.



THIRD baseman Sean Lookingbill tags out a Sanford Fritch runner.
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Tahoka	26,672
Tulia	39,652
<i>Total square yards</i>	580,454

The Owners shall be those cities and counties herein identified and for which the construction services and work is being performed. Oller Engineering, Inc., shall be the agent for the Owner(s) and shall collect, analyze and recommend a Contractor based on their bid submitted and previous experience.

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JV boys Springlake-Earth track results

Friona JV track and field athletes competed at the Springlake-Earth track meet March 11 & 12.

"A good effort by the athletes," said Coach Rex Cumpton. "Some were gone for different reasons. Everyone competed well."

Here are the results of the JV boys:

HIGH JUMP: Ryan Schwab finished second with a jump of 5'6" and Eric North placed third with a 5'2" jump.

LONG JUMP: Gerald Padilla placed second with a jump of 17'6" and Phillip Saiz sixth with a 16'3" jump.

100 METER DASH: Gerald Padilla placed fourth with a time of 12.17 and Daniel Vasquez sixth with a 12.24.

400 METER RELAY:

The team of Daniel Vasquez, Jesus Tafoya, Ryan Schwab and Gerald Padilla placed first with a time of 49.66.

1600 METER RELAY: The team of Daniel Vasquez, Eric North, Ryan Schwab and Gerald Padilla placed second with a time of 4:00.14.

200 METER DASH: Ryan Schwab place sixth with a time of 25.98.

110 METER HURDLES: Phillip Saiz placed first with a time of 18.81 and Chris Haile placed third with a time of 19.61.

800 METER DASH: Eric North placed first with a time of 2:21.24.

300 METER HURDLES: Phillip Saiz placed first with a time of 46.60 and Chris Haile placed third with a time of 50.60.

DISCUS: Chris Haile placed third with 96 ft. and Dillon Welch posted a sixth place finish with 94 ft.

The JV boy's team placed second overall with 114 points.



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Water IQ: know your water

(Reprinted from High Plains Underground Water Conservation District I Newsletter, The Cross Section.)

The more Texans know about their water, the more likely they are to conserve it.

With this in mind, the Texas Water Development Board unveiled a campaign name for future public education efforts at a January 25 press conference at the Texas Capitol. The slogan, "Water IQ: Know Your Water", or Water IQ: Conozca a Tu Agua", was developed to challenge Texans to increase their knowledge of statewide water resources and heighten awareness of the need to be more efficient in daily water use.

"One of the recommendations from the Texas Water Conservation Implementation Task Force created by Senate Bill 1094, was establishment of a statewide public education campaign to promote water awareness and efficiency," said TWDB Executive Administrator Kevin Ward of Austin.

"The program would have a goal of reducing total statewide per capita water demand through an average annual reduction of one percent per year. This savings, in itself, would provide enough water for more than 780,000 Texans' indoor water use," Ward said.

"Knowledge is power," said Senator Robert Duncan of Lubbock, who sponsored the SB 1094 legislation. "It is important to know how and why to conserve water in Texas. Without conservation, water will become a budget issue, a public health issue, and an economic issue for Texas. This program is an investment

in our future," he said.

If Texans do not conserve water, then TWDB officials say billions of dollars will be needed to develop new water sources to meet demand—which will result in higher taxes. The TWDB also says if Texas does not ensure that it has an adequate water supply, model projections predict 1.9 million fewer jobs in 2010. This also impacts the more than \$3 million spent each year on water recreation in the state.

Enhanced public education about water issues was one of the recommendations by the Task Force in its final report submitted to Governor Rick Perry in November 2004.

TWDB officials are requesting \$15 million from the state legislature to fund the program.

If approved, the "Water IQ: Know Your Water" campaign would utilize radio, television, billboards, posters, bus posters, media relations, feature stories, corporate and non-governmental partners, and grassroots outreach with local and regional conservation groups to pass along water and water conservation awareness messages to a target audience.

As planned, the campaign would run from September 2005 to August 2006, with emphasis on the summer months when Texans use the most water.

One key message is to make all Texans aware that their natural water resources are limited and not immune to the consequences of their individual behaviors.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

March 20, 2005-March 26, 2005

- Mar. 20-Doris Barnett, Claudia Hanes, Kenda Dunnam, Joyce Wells, Tammy Spencer, Mildred Agee, Jesse Estrada, Jeanne Kerby
- Mar. 21-Jeffery Sunderlin, Joe Murphree, Lou Keith, Amelia Wright, James M. McFarland, Rojelio Reyes Jr., Adriana Garza, Kathy Graves, Tracy Jamerson
- Mar. 22-Teresa Kendrick, Derek Dunn, Jack Wilson, Alisa Perkins Trimmell, Amber Hart, Andrew Diaz, Kenny Austin, Anita Guest, Willie Cooper, Cecil Cooper
- Mar. 23-Judy Potts, Roma Wilson, Chase Alexander, Julie Reeve Banfield, Frances Pena, Jim Dixon, Donice Jones, Tammi Kelley LaFuenta, Diane Glover, Christine Norega, Roman Wilson, Becky Herrera, Sara Flores
- Mar. 24-Matt Osborn, Dennis Field, Jessica Estrada, Ella Jo Stormes, Phillip Hand
- Mar. 25-Halie Herring, Tye Phillips, Nikki Love McDowell, David Brown, Elton Wylly, Tony Castaneda, Tony Williams, J. Ryan Seright, Sydney Grace Frye, Mark Englant
- Mar. 26-Ken Stowers, Tara Shae Rector, Delia Roth, Morgan Barnett, Bryan Blake Stover, Joni Lyn Johnson, Joan Grimsley, E.G Steelman, Gene Hutto, Ken Jamerson

FLASHBACKS

55 Yrs. Ago

March 17, 1950

Ground-breaking ceremonies for Friona's newest building were held Sunday. Mrs. J.N. Messenger, charter member of the First Baptist Church, turned the first shovel full of dirt to mark the beginning of the construction of the \$70,000 auditorium of the church.

45 Yrs. Ago

March 16, 1960

For the second year in a row, Lee Terry, son of Mrs. Fleta Terry, was overall winner of the Science Fair, Friday at Bovina Schools. He won over 67 other entries with his tesla coil. Lee is in the fifth grade.

30 Yrs. Ago

March 16, 1975

The Friona City Council dis-

cussed two projects with representatives of the Chamber of Commerce Monday night. One was paving at the Community Center, and another was requested by the steering committee of the nursing home, asking the city's participation in helping with the financing method

25 Yrs. Ago

March 19, 1980

The annual Bovina Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Banquet is scheduled for Thursday evening, March 20 and a guest speaker will be Mike Ditka, coach of special teams and receivers for the Dallas Cowboys.

20 Yrs. Ago

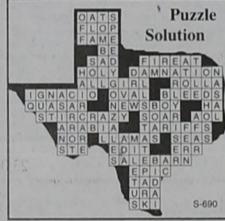
March 17, 1985

A crowd of between 380-400 people attended the 29th annual Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Banquet Thursday night. Winners of the Chamber's outstanding citizens awards are: Anne Osborn, Woman of the Year; Ron Davenport, Man of the Year; Faye Smith, Teacher of the Year; Darla Bracken and Billie Fairchild, Employees of the Year; and Julie Wilshire and Brent Hinkle, Outstanding Young People.



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ABOVE, l-r, Friona United Way president Cecil Maddox accepts a \$1,000 donation from Rick White as UW board members Marca Herring and Larry Knowles look on. Right, Cargill plant manager Steve Thompson and Cargill human resources manager Margaret Renteria present White with a \$1,000 Cargill Cares check and plaque. courtesy photos



Cargill's Rick White receives volunteer award

Rick White, training manager at Cargill Meat Solutions, was selected to receive a Cargill Cares Volunteer Award for his outstanding community service. In recognition of his service to the community White received an award certificate signed by Cargill Meat Solutions CEO Warren Staley, a Cargill Cares clock, and a check for \$1,000 to be presented to the Friona United

Way which White serves as a volunteer. Cargill values the time and skills employees devote to nonprofit organizations. Each fiscal year Cargill presents up to 100 employees, retirees, and employee teams with Cargill Cares volunteer awards. Winners receive company-wide recognition and \$1,000 to donate to the nonprofit organizations of their choice.



V'LAURA WILCOX

Wilcox leads LCU to NAIA tourney

Friona high school graduate V'Laura Wilcox is in her senior year at Lubbock Christian University. She is attending on a basketball scholarship and for the second year the LCU Lady Chaps will participate in the NAIA National Tournament at Oman Arena in Jackson, Tennessee. The tournament started Wednesday March 16. She is the daughter of Terry and Varla Wilcox of Friona.

LCU women's basketball coach Steve Gomez said that one of his main points of emphasis this year was developing an aggressive defensive mindset among his players. "Success with that type of defense must start with the point guard position," Gomez said, "and V'Laura has been vital to our improvement."

Gomez continued, "Her defensive determination, when not putting her in foul trouble, has disrupted many opponents and allowed our team to pick up many points in transition after turnovers." Gomez also complimented Wilcox on her ability to run the offense. She led the team with 74 assists and had only 59 turnovers in 29 games.

"The intangibles she brings to our team go beyond any statistical measurement and it is fitting that her final two years here at LCU have resulted in the best success in the history of our women's basketball program," Gomez stated.



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