



THE PANHANDLE COMMUNITY SERVICES representative met a long line of Parmer County residents last Monday in Friona seeking help with their sky-rocketing gas and heating bills. PCS will help qualified applicants with one-half of their monthly bill. ron carr photo

Nominations For Outstanding Friona Volunteer Being Sought

The Amarillo Globe-News is asking each community in the four-state Panhandle area to choose volunteer(s) to be recognized during National Volunteer Week, April 22-28. The number of volunteers recognized from each community has been determined by population figures. Communities with population under 6,000 are to select one volunteer to be recognized. Special recognition for these volunteers will include a special section in the Sunday Globe-News on April 22 and a banquet on April 27. The information from the Globe-News states, "This award could be posthumous or the winner could be alive and perhaps still very

active...We just want to recognize those unsung heroes who have given unselfishly of them-selves to others. Many of these volunteers labor tirelessly with a low profile. Others take on the high-profile tasks of chairing projects that demand inordinate amounts of time and determination, without regard for themselves. The Friona Chamber of Commerce has been asked to coordinate the selection process and will be accepting nominations for the Outstanding Volunteer of Friona. Deadline for submitting names will be March 1. Applications with criteria will be available at the Chamber office Monday, February 12.

AN OLD CHINESE proverb says "There is only one pretty child in the world and every mother has it."

But honestly, most kids are pretty cute, babies are cute, puppies are cute. Nature does this to us on purpose so that we will want to take care of our young. . .makes them cute. Tricked us. Then gradually they get older and older, until one day your mother sits you down and says "You know, I think you're ugly enough now to get your own apartment."

If you want to see how cute Friona kids (or their grandparents' kids) are, just check out the "Grandparents Valentine Brag Pages" in this issue on pages 8, 9 and 10.

On Valentine's Day a bunch of grade school children were asked various questions concerning love and romance. Here are some of their true responses:

QUESTION: How do people in love typically behave?

"When a person gets kissed for the first time, they fall down and they don't get up for at least an hour. That's falling in love." Wendy, age 8.

"All of a sudden, the people get movie fever so they can go sit together in the dark." Shem, age 8.

QUESTION: Why does love happen between two particular people?

"One of the people has freckles and so he finds somebody else who has freckles too." Andrew, age 6

"I think you're supposed to get shot with an arrow or something, but the rest of it isn't supposed to be painful." Manuel, age 8.

QUESTION: What is it like to fall in love?

"Like an avalanche where you have to run for your life." John, age 9.

"If falling in love is anything like learning to spell, I don't want to do it. It takes too long." Glenn, age 7.

"Love will find you, even if you hide from it. I have been trying to hide from it since I was five, but the girls keep finding me." Dave, age 8.

QUESTION: What does beauty and handsomeness have to do with love?

"If you want to be loved by somebody who isn't already in your family, it doesn't hurt to be beautiful." Anita, age 8.

"It isn't always just how you look. Look at me. I'm handsome as anything and I haven't got anybody to marry me yet." Brian, age 7.

"Beauty is skin deep, but how rich you are can last a lifetime." Christine, age 9.

QUESTION: Why do lovers often hold hands?

"They want to make sure their rings don't fall off because they paid good money for them." Gavin, age 8.

"They are just practicing for when they might have to walk down the aisle someday and do the holy matrimony thing." John, age 9.

QUESTION: What is a surefire way to make a person fall in love with you?

"Tell them that you own a whole bunch of candy stores." Del, age 6.

"Don't do things like have smelly, green sneakers. And remember to take a bath once in awhile." Alonzo, age 9.

"One way is to take the girl out to eat. Make sure it's something she likes. French fries usually works for me." Bart, age 9.

QUESTION: When is it okay to kiss someone?

"It's never okay to kiss a boy. They always slobber all over you. That's why I stopped doing it." Tammy, age 7.

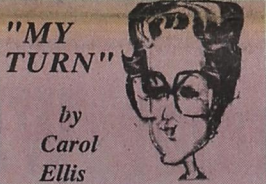
"If it's your mother, you can kiss her anytime. But if it's a new person, you have to ask permission." Roger, age 8.

QUESTION: How do you make love endure?

"Spend most of your time loving instead of going to work." Emily, age 8.

"Don't forget your wife's name . . . that will mess up the love." Erin, age 8.

"Be a good kisser. It might make your wife forget that you never take out the trash." Dave, age 8.



"MY TURN"
by Carol Ellis

Squaws Ready For Basketball Playoffs

Friona High School's Squaws will meet the Hale Center Owlettes Friday night at Floydada to determine the first and second "seeds" from District 2-5A for the 2001 state playoffs.

Friona and Hale Center will share the district title, after finishing with identical 8-3 district records. Floydada will represent the district as third-place team.

Winner of Friday night's game will be the first seed, and will receive a "bye" for the first round (bi-district).

The loser of Friday's game will play Panhandle, who placed third in District 6-2A. Clarendon and Canadian are the other teams advancing from District 6. Those three teams waged quite a battle for their district title, with all three winning over 20 games.

Canadian will play Floydada in the first round. The winner of Friday's Friona-Hale Center game will play the winner of Electra-Haskell.

BSA Offers Great Rewards For Adult Volunteers

(Editor's note: Since February is Boy Scout month, we asked Barnett Ellis of St. Louis, Missouri to write a piece for us about his more than four decades of volunteer work with Boy Scouts. ce)

By Barnett Ellis
When my oldest son became a Cub Scout, I became a volunteer. I can't say it was with great enthusiasm that I became that volunteer. However, soon after, I learned it was the parents who made the program work for the youth.

There are many opportunities for adults associated with a Cub pack, Scout troop, or Explorer post to have a positive influence with youth. Whether this is as a committee chairman, or Scoutmaster or simply a parent who is available at meetings, the influence on decisions that the youth must make, can have a very positive effect on that youngster.

It is necessary to have an active program that includes all phases of the Scouting program for the youth to remain interested. The Scouting program offers the opportunity for youth to not only be engaged in activities with a parent, but also to have contact with other adults, both men and women. It is this contact with others that helps them learn to make good decisions.

The Boy Scouting program is the only program I know that involves both the youth and the parent. If no parent is available, the program has other adults who can be a positive influence for the youth.

In one troop that I assisted, there was a boy whose father was deceased. His mother wanted to know if we would take her son without a father being available. Of course we readily accepted him into the troop and saw to it that he made all the camp outs and summer camp experiences. Before he finished requirements for his Eagle rank, the

Skyrocketing Gas Bills Are Calling For Action

Texas Railroad Commissioner Tony Garza joined in supporting the commission's efforts to move forward on a Railroad Commission study of skyrocketing natural gas prices and its impact on Texas consumers. The proposal was adopted by a 3-0 vote during the recent Commission Conference.

Since taking office in January 1999, Garza has consistently focused on natural gas issues. From his involvement in the National Petroleum Council's report, "Meeting the Challenges of the Nation's Growing Natural Gas Demand," to his most recent efforts to introduce an emergency rule which pre-

vents low-income natural gas customers from losing gas service when temperatures fall below a designated level, Garza remains committed to not only to studying the topic but also--most importantly--taking action on the issue.

In September 2000, Garza wrote to state legislators after attending the Natural Gas Summit in Columbus, Ohio, warning that consumers could see higher than usual natural gas bills this winter. In his letter, Garza discussed issues surrounding the gas cost increase and suggested actions that consumers can take to help mitigate these costs. The full text of Garza's letter--including a natural gas fact sheet--can be found online at <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/commissioners/garza/supplies.html>.

"With consumers facing some of the highest natural gas bills in recent memory, there's an urgent need to offer answers and solutions that deal with the problem over both the short and long term," Garza said.

Garza stressed that the

initial proposal--as discussed during today's meeting--"might be too broad and should be focused on areas where the Railroad Commission could take action and best offer realistic solutions."

"We simply can't get bogged down just talking about natural gas issues, the Commission needs to propose real solutions that lead to real results," Garza added.

The Commission--through the office of Chairman Michael L. Williams--will release details regarding the Railroad Commission-sponsored natural gas conference and the related study shortly.

Garza is Texas' 41st Railroad Commissioner and currently serves as vice chairman of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission.

Prior to his election, he was a partner in the Austin office of Bracewell & Patterson, L.L.P. Garza also served as Texas' 99th Secretary of State and was a senior advisor to former Texas governor, President Bush.

Co. Sheriff's Vehicles Have Surprise Cargo

Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geries took delivery of two new department vehicles and four illegal Mexican immigrants on Tuesday, January 30.

The two new Ford Expeditions were purchased from the state of California who had bought too many vehicles and were selling the excess vehicles below cost.

The Expeditions arrived on a transport hauler at the

Sheriff's Department the afternoon of January 30. The two vehicles were on the top ramp, one behind the other.

Before unloading, Sheriff Geries and a deputy came out and discussed where to unload them then went back inside. The driver unloaded the rear vehicle. During that process he noted four men leaving the area, then saw that the doors were open on the other Expedition still on the top ramp of his truck.

Apparently the four had realized they were at a jail facility and fled the scene.

He alerted the sheriff who along with deputies Wayne Gruben and Jason Whitlow, caught the four men after a 30-minute chase and search of the area.

The four were determined to be illegal immigrants who had hidden inside the vehicle. The sheriff was unable to determine where the four got in the vehicle, which had been shipped from Sacramento, California.

In any event, they had been in the new Expedition long enough without a bathroom break that nature took its course inside the vehicle. The four had "soiled" the interior, even using pages from the Owners Manual.

Geries said the four were given buckets and Pine Sol and made to clean the vinyl interior. They were turned over to immigration officials for deportation.

Before being sent back to Mexico, one of the men told sheriff's deputies that if they had known the Expedition was a sheriff's car they wouldn't have hid in it.

family moved. But about a year and a half later, I received an invitation to his Eagle Scout recognition ceremony and was privileged to attend. During the ceremony, both the youngster and his mother gave a very warm



Charley Saiz Awarded Rank Of Eagle Scout

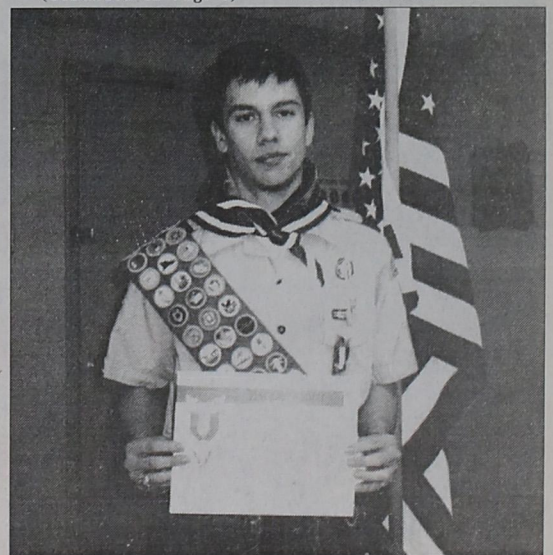
Charley Saiz has been awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest honor attainable by a Boy Scout. He is the son of Robert and Marie Saiz of Friona.

Charley received the award at a Court of Honor conducted by Troop 56 on Saturday, January 27. The Court of Honor ceremony and medal presentation were preceded by a dinner at the Boy Scout Hut.

Presiding over the event were Scoutmaster Mercedes Williams, Assistant Scoutmasters Gary Williams, Delwin Allen, Ramiro Alaniz, and Tony Williams, and troop committee members Joe Bob and Dale Mann.

Charley began scouting as a First Year Webelos in 1990 in Friona. He earned the highest Cub rank, the Arrow of Light, in 1992. To qualify for the Eagle rank, the 18-year-old senior earned 58 merit badges and completed a service project incorporating leadership and management skills.

His service project included stripping, sanding, and painting the bleachers at the Kids Inc. baseball field. He planned and organized the project, enlisting eight other members and families of Troop 56.



CHARLEY SAIZ



UNDEFEATED MAIDENS....These 8th grade basketball girls have a lot to smile about. They completed an undefeated season this week. Back, l-r, Misty Adams, Trisha Winebrinner, Jennifer Cardenas, Coach Lisa Reed, Kristin Butman, Yvonne Ramos, Andrea Gerries. Front, l-r, Brenda Murphree, Maegan Ingram, Katy Welch, and Chance Barrett.

Around Town

Squaws playoff tonight in Floydada

The Friona Squaws vs. Hale Center Owlettes will playoff for the district title tonight (Feb 9), at 8 p.m. in Floydada. JV boys will play at 5 p.m. and varsity boys at 6:30 p.m.

School board meeting date

The Friona ISD Board of Trustees meeting has been set for Monday, February 19, at 7 p.m.

St. Teresa's Mexican dinner Mar 4

The ladies organization at St. Teresa's Catholic Church will host their annual Mexican dinner on Sunday, Mar 4, at the church's parish hall. Donations are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 10.

Oklahoma Lane Methodist anniversary

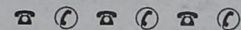
The Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church will celebrate its 75th anniversary on Sun, Mar 4, 2001. There will be a 10 a.m. worship service. The noon meal will be catered, donations accepted. Guest speakers and special music 1:30-4 p.m. RSVP the number attending by Feb 15 to Alma Pierson, Rt 1 Box 26A, Farwell 79325, 806-225-6822, or Doris Sides, Rt 1 Box 96, Farwell, 79325, 806-825-3500.

Amarillo Arts & Crafts this weekend

The Amarillo Arts & Crafts Festival will be held Feb 10-11 in the Amarillo Civic Center. Hours for the show are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. There is no admission charge.

COLD WEATHER TIPS FOR PETS:

- When at all possible keep pets in the house or a heated area during winter storms.
- Be sure the pets water is not frozen and provide heated water to those outside.
- Be sure pets have plenty of clean, not frozen food, to help create strength and warmth in their bodies.
- Be sure dog houses have clean, dry straw and are placed on the south side of the house and not facing the wind.



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Six Area Students Are Named On Tech Lists

More than 4,000 Texas Tech University students qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the fall semester.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 (A) grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of class work. Students who earned 12 or

more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List. Friona area students making the honor rolls included:

President's List--Latisha Gay Brown, sophomore, pre-occupational therapy; and Zubin Bhakta, freshman, pre-medicine.

Dean's List--Deon Gallman, junior, animal science; Rachel Burleson, junior, multi-disciplinary studies; Sherri Jubay, senior, biology; and Landon Martin, freshman, petroleum engineering.



Happy 1st Birthday
Mariah Jasmine Romero
February 10, 2000
Parents: D.J. Romero & Magali Gomez
Grandparents: David & Elizabeth Romero and Mario & Nelly Gomez
Great-grandparents: Joe & Esther Mendoza, Guadalupe Nieto, all of Friona and Mary Romero of Clovis, N.M.

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

...from the files of The Friona Star

65 Yrs Ago--Feb. 7, 1936

The Friona Chiefs romped to a 19-16 victory over the Amarillo Sandies on Thursday evening in the local gym. This is the second game they have taken from Amarillo. The Friona second team beat the Clovis second team, 16-14.

60 Yrs Ago--Feb. 7, 1941

The next annual meeting of the Parmer County Singing Convention will be held in Friona on February 16, according to Arlie Green, president. Good singers from all parts of the county are expected to be present.

45 Yrs Ago--Feb. 10, 1956

The "fires come in threes" philosophy was proved again in Friona the past week, when within three days, one man burned to death, a locker plant was destroyed, and a truck at Hub caught fire. Robert H. Pierce, 52, was burned to death in the old building in which he was living. The building had served as Parmer County's original courthouse at Parmerton.

40 Yrs Ago--Feb. 9, 1961

Friona Country Club needs only 19 additional members before actual construction on the nine-hole and spacious club house

begins.

The Tulia girls basketball team wrote a heart-breaking finish to the Friona Squaws domination of District 1-AA in a 53-52 win Tuesday night that had all the thrills and disappointments that will make it stick out in the memory of basketball fans for many seasons to come.

35 Yrs Ago--Feb. 10, 1966

A teen center has opened in Friona during the past week, run by an organization with eight high school students and an adult sponsor, Mr. D.F. Milloy, owner of the building. Currently the center has two coin-operated pool tables, two ping-pong tables, a pin-ball machine, a juke box, a television set and a snack bar with tables and chairs.

30 Yrs Ago--Feb. 11, 1971

The annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet was highlighted by the presentation of the Chamber's annual outstanding citizen awards. G.B. (Pete) Buske was named "Man of the Year". Mrs. Ethel Bengner was named "Woman of the Year". The "Teacher of the Year" award was presented to Mrs. Baker (Margaret) Duggins. The "Most Courteous Employee" award went to Mrs. Frances Davis, who has been the manager of the Friona School Cafeteria for the past several years.

25 Yrs Ago--Feb. 8, 1976

Sherri Thorn and David Blackburn were named Basketball Queen and King for Friona High School for the 1975-76 season between games Tuesday. Both are seniors at Friona High School. The weather in the Friona area took on a wintry look the latter part of the week, with two days of fog and freezing drizzle. An early morning rain Thursday morning left .12 inch of moisture at the Friona weather station, the only measurable moisture received this far in 1976.

20 Yrs Ago--Feb. 8, 1981

Parmer County Sheriff Charles Lovelace was honored with a reception in Farwell February 1. Lovelace was recognized for having served as Parmer County Sheriff for 32 years.

Paving operations were begun on Thursday for the final portion of the Highway 60 resurfacing project, which has been underway in Friona since early last year. Workmen, aided by dry weather, maybe able to complete the resurfacing job, and give residents and those passing through town, the four-lane once again.

15 Yrs Ago--Feb. 9, 1986

The second snowfall in a three-day period greeted Friona residents when they arose on Friday. As of 7 a.m. Friday, the official snow measurement was four inches, and the moisture content at .52 inches. On Wednesday, the city had received two inches of snow, amounting to .32 inches of moisture.

Charles E. Allen, longtime banker and civic leader in Friona and Parmer County, has announced his retirement after forty years service to Friona State Bank.

10 Yrs Ago--Feb. 9, 1991

F.G. Crofford served as head coach of the Friona Squaws from 1967-1975. He coached his twin daughters, Sharon and Karron. He won 721 games in 32 years of coaching and was inducted into the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame.

SMU sophomore Dan Echols of Friona ranked sixth among the Mustangs' top receivers with 23 catches for 282 yards in 1990. SMU finished the 1990 season 1-10 overall, beating Vanderbilt in its season opener.

5 Yrs Ago--Feb. 10, 1996

The Squaws close out their regular season by hosting Muleshoe on Friday. Friona (23-6, 8-1) have clinched the district title in their last year in District 2-3A.

Remember When?? The State Runnerup 1964-65 FHS Squaws



ANOTHER 'STATE' TEAM....In the school year 1964-65, the Friona High School Squaws went to the state tournament with a 27-7 record. It was FHS' fourth time in five years, and the previous team had won Friona's first state championship. The team downed Rockdale in the semi-finals, but dropped the title game, 60-57. Team members were (back row) Mrs. Pug Collier (sponsor), Janet Stevick, Linda Jo Davis, Coach Mel Williams, Cindy Ingram, Sharon Dean and Janet Bishop. Second row: Teto Jennings, Lynda Chandler, Janet Rushing, Shirley Phipps, Glenda McClellan and Frieda Floyd. Front row: Lanore Jackson, Sheryl Long, Willie Grace Grubbs, Lorene Jackson, Merylene Massie and Carol Struve.



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One-Point Loss Makes Squaws Share Title

After having led the district standings by themselves for the past month, the Squaws suffered a stinging, one-point loss at Abernathy Tuesday, to throw the team into a tie with Hale Center as district co-champions. The final score was 47-46.

Meanwhile, Hale Center won their last two games, as both the Owlettes and Squaws finished 9-3 in district.

"Abernathy played a good game. We didn't play well in the first half (Friona trailed, 25-18 at the half). We gave up several offensive rebounds and made some turnovers," said Coach Richard North.

In addition, playmakers Audra King and V'Laura Wilcox got in foul trouble early, both being whistled for three fouls before the half and having to see some bench time.

But the Squaws came back to dominate the second half, 28-22, gaining the lead, but not quite holding onto it. The team again had some untimely turnovers, and missed a couple of last-quarter free throws which could have made the difference.

Actually, Friona hit 14 of 18 free throws in the game, a torrid 78 per cent, to Abernathy's 12 of 18 (67 per cent).

The Squaws had a good first quarter. Kayla Smiley popped a pair of baskets, Amy Murphree added one, and Mandy Daniel and Kristie Jack were each two for two at the line, as Friona took a 10-9 lead.

But the Squaws' scoring was derailed somewhat in the second quarter, Friona scoring just eight points. Abernathy's Meredith Tullis scored six and Jennifer Brock scored five, and the Lady Lopes went to intermission with a 25-18 lead.

Miss Smiley got back on her scoring game in the third quarter, sinking four baskets. Miss Jack added one, and Miss Murphree was two for

two at the line, as Friona got back into the game at 33-30.

The Squaws had a good fourth quarter. Miss Jack scored ten points, with four baskets and two for two at the line. Friona held the lead several times, and were up by three points at one juncture.

But a three-point basket by Abernathy's Brock, plus a timely basket by Tullis regained the lead for Abernathy, and the

Charley Saiz Gets Eagle Scout Rank....

(Continued from Page 1) and first aid; Hunter Monk, Tenderfoot rank, Quality Unit patch and merit badges in scholarship, pottery, first aid and space exploration; First Class Scout Trevor Rathbun, Quality Unit patch and merit badges in cooking, plumbing, scholarship, community and metal work.

Also, First Class scout Dustin Brown, Quality Unit patch and merit badges in family life, scholarship, emergency preparedness, communication and space exploration; First Class Scout Phillip Saiz, Quality Unit patch and merit badges in Citizenship of the Community, American Culture, pottery, scholarship and space exploration; First Class Scout Alan Huckins, Quality Unit patch and merit badges in scholarship, pottery, space exploration, metal work, weather and electronics.

Also, First Class Scout Sergio Saenz, Quality Unit patch and scholarship merit badge; Star Rank Ramey Alaniz, merit badges in scholarship and pottery; Life Scout Michael Stanberry, Quality Unit patch and scholarship merit badge; Life Scout Anthony Nunley, merit badges in scholarship, pottery and Quality Unit patch; Life Scout Chris Ureste, Quality Unit patch.

Antelopes cashed in on three of seven shots from the foul line—just enough for the win.

The Squaws had been on the winning side of several close games during their seven-game winning streak in district play, and had to endure being on the short side in this one.

"Maybe this will help us as we go into the playoffs," Coach North offered.

Both teams relied on their scoring aces. Kayla Smiley and Kristie Jack evenly divided 32 points, while Brock and Tullis combined for 34 points.

Aber. 47, SQUAWS 46
Jacy Grimsley 0-1-1; Audra King 0-1-1; Kahlie Ingram 0-0-0; V'Laura Wilcox 1-2-4; Amy Murphree 1-2-4; Kayla Smiley 8-0-16; Holley Hand 0-2-2; Mandy Daniel 0-2-2; Kristie Jack 6-4-16.

Girls' District B.B. Standings

(Through Games of 2-6-01)

Team	All	Dist
Friona	21-8	9-3
H. Center	18-10	9-3
Floydada	19-9	7-5
Abernathy	15-13	7-5
Olton	11-14	5-7
Lockney	18-12	5-7
Morton	5-9	0-12

Boys' District B.B. Standings

(Through Games of 2-6-01)

Team	All	Dist
Hale Center	23-6	9-1
Lockney	16-11	8-2
Abernathy	16-9	8-3
Floydada	14-13	4-6
Friona	8-16	3-7
Morton	8-18	2-8
Olton	5-16	2-8



SQUAWS JV 23, Abernathy 20

Betsy Clark 0-0-0; Crystal Vega 1-0-2; Mandy Gerles 2-1-1-8; Lindsey North 0-0-0; Veronica Torres 0-0-0; V'Lessa Wilcox 1-2-4; R.J. Barrett 1-0-2; Ashley Smiley 2-0-4; Haleigh Herbert 1-1-3. *3-point basket.

Scouting Program Offers Rewards....

(Continued from Page 1) leadership qualities with the younger scouts.

Attending a National Jamboree, the National Canoe Base, the National Sea Base, or Philmont Scout Ranch is something that no Scout will ever forget. It brings together youth from all across the nation and gives them an opportunity to learn about other places, customs and habits.

I have served in the Scouting movement for 42 years, with my three sons in Cub and Scout units. All three became Eagle Scouts, and I was also part of the ceremony for the Eagle Recognition for my grandson. It was a great honor.

F. Mendez Is Indicted For Murder

On February 1 a Parmer County grand jury indicted Frank Mendez, Jr., for murder in the New Year's death of Sandra Jenkins.

Jenkins, 24, died from stab wounds following a New Year's party at the Cottonwood Apartments in Friona.

Mendez is in custody at the Parmer County jail in Farwell. He was also being held on an outstanding warrant for parole violation from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.



DISTRICT CO-CHAMPS....The Friona Squaws were co-champs for 2000-01. In the back, l-r, are Amy Murphree, Mandy Daniel, Kristie Jack, Kahlie Ingram and Kayla Smiley. In front are Audra King, V'Laura Wilcox, Holley Hand and Jacy Grimsley.

FOR THIRD PLACE JV Squaws Edge AHS; Finish 8-3 In District

The Friona Squaws' junior varsity scored a 23-20 win at Abernathy Tuesday, to finish with an 8-3 district record. The team placed third in district, losing only to Hale Center (twice) and Floydada.

It was a tough defensive game from start to finish. Mandy Gerles scored Friona's only basket in the first quarter, but the Squaws held Abernathy to the same thing, and it was 2-2 at the first quarter buzzer.

Scoring picked up a bit in the second quarter. V'Lessa Wilcox scored a basket and was two for two at the line, and Haleigh Herbert converted a three-point play, being fouled while scoring a basket, and that sparked the young Squaws to a 10-9 halftime lead.

Friona got balanced scoring in the third quarter, with Crystal Vega, Miss Gerles, R.J. Barrett and Ashley Smiley all contributing baskets to help Friona stretch their lead to 18-15.

Both teams' defenses stood out again in the fourth quarter. Miss Gerles sank a three-pointer, and Miss Smiley got another goal, to account for all of Friona's final-quarter points and the final score of 23-20.

The future Squaws made the most of their free throw opportunities, hitting four of seven at the line, and that proved to be the difference in the three-point win, Abernathy managing only two free shots.

Miss Gerles was Friona's scoring leader with eight points as the points were distributed among six girls.



CLOSE QUARTERS....Audra King dribbles past a much taller opponent while working the offense for the Squaws. The team was facing Hale Center Friday night for first and second seed for the playoffs.

Jr. Teams Play In District Tourney

The eighth and seventh grade Braves played in a district tournament last weekend at Floydada.

In the first round, the eighth Braves beat Olton, 43-33. Jonathan Nava led the Braves with 18 points, Matt Gammon had 11 and David Mendez eight.

Next the team played Lockney, and were outscored, 43-24. Nava led with 12 points.

In their final tournament game, the Braves dropped a 43-32 decision to Abernathy. Nava scored 14 and Rudy Gonzalez 13.

In their last home game, the Braves edged Olton, 42-40, as Nava scored 15 points.

The seventh grade Braves lost to Abernathy, 41-29, to Lockney, 39-17, and to Lockney, 43-37.

Patton scored 16 against Olton and seven against Floydada.

Squaws-Owlettes Playoff Video Replay On Saturday

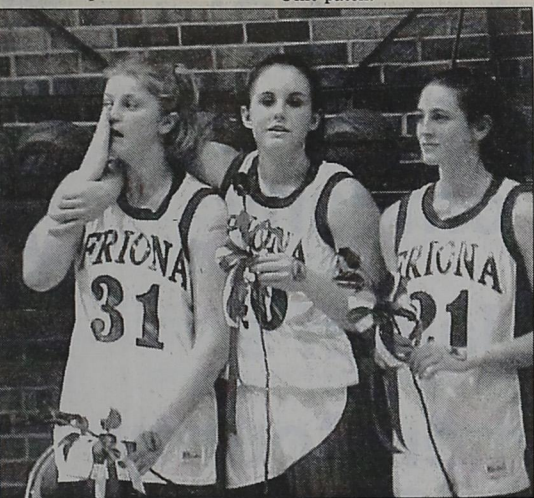
The district co-champion Friona Squaws and Hale Center Owlettes play Friday night, February 9, at 8 p.m. at Floydada. The game decides who is first seed in the district. The winner gets a bye in the first round of the playoffs.

Mike Hutson and Clint Mears will video the game for replay on Saturday, February 10 at 10 a.m. on Classic Cable channel 6 and WT Services channel 76. Go Squaws!!



UP FOR TWO....Adam Bandy goes up for a layup after stealing the ball and driving in the recent Floydada game. Bandy is a sophomore member of the 2001 team.

(ron carr photo)



TENDER MOMENT....Three senior members of the Squaws team were photographed during the senior/parents' recognition night recently. From the left are Kayla Smiley, Kristie Jack and Kahlie Ingram.

(ron carr photo)

Meet Friona's Class of 2013

Sebastian Lou Santiago is a kindergartner at Friona Schools.

His parents are Juan and Armida Santiago. His sister and brothers are Cynthia, Hugo, Juan, Abel and Benjamin. His grandparents are Abel and Esperanza Santiago.

He likes playing with his Playstation and with toys.

His favorite food is barbecue and his favorite color is blue.

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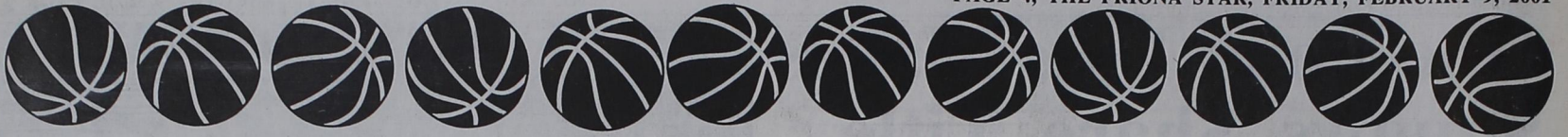
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Imelda Vera is a kindergartner at Friona Schools.

De los padres Guadalupe y Concepcion Vera. De las hermanas y hermanas Luis, Manuel, Carlos, Jorge, Rosalva y Irene. De los abuelos Julia, Irene, Juan y Jose.

Actividades favoritas jugar con barbies. Comida favorita pisa. Color favorito pink.

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DISTRICT CO-CHAMPS...The Friona Squaws were co-champs for 2000-01. In the back, l-r, are Amy Murphree, Mandy Daniel, Kristie Jack, Kahlie Ingram and Kayla Smiley. In front are Audra King, V'Laura Wilcox, Holley Hand and Jacy Grimsley.

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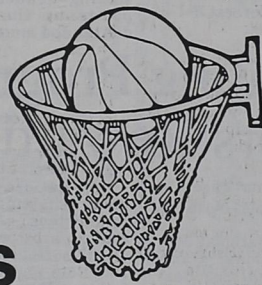
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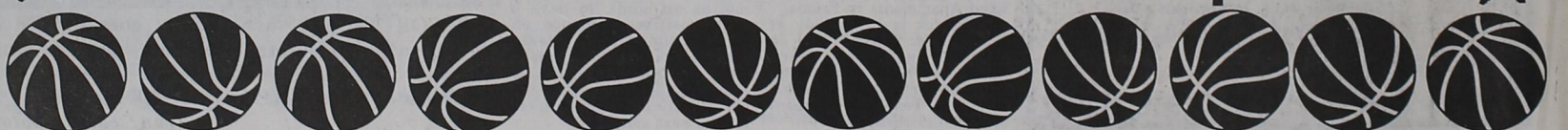
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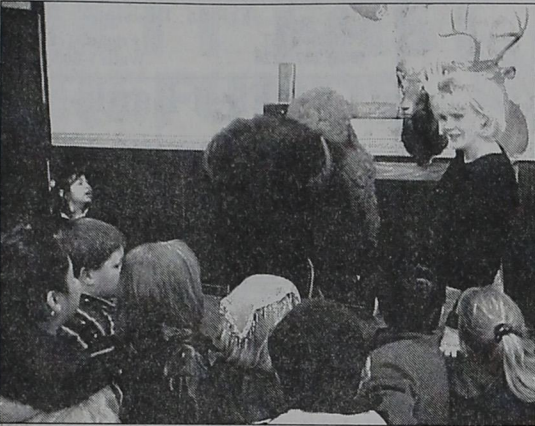




AT THE HI-PRO Feeds booth, Lynette Jubay, Zach Barrett and J'Lond Jarecki talk to the children during Ag in the Classroom day. ron carr photo



SPOTLIGHTED AT Prairie Acres this month are Betram Jack as resident-of-the-month and Kay Funk as employee-of-the-month.



THE FRIONA CHAMBER of Commerce and Agriculture sponsored the annual Ag in the Classroom day on February 1 at the Community Center. Top, Misty Cooper, Thomas Reed and Mike White of the Texas Soil and Water Conservation office talk to children about conserving wildlife. Bottom, Misty Cooper discusses the role of the buffalo in earlier times. ron carr photos

THE IMPORTANCE of agriculture to the county was on display at the Ag in the Classroom day. County extension agent Cody Hill talks to one of the group of children who toured the exhibits. ron carr photo

Texas Wheat Board To Hold Biennial Election

TWPB is still dedicated to assisting the producers through research, market development and education in an effort to strengthen producer income. The Association continues its efforts to strengthen producers' income through state and national government liaison on farm policy issues.

Any farmer producing wheat in Texas is eligible to vote for a board member for that district in which he resides. Counties included are: District I--Dallam, Sherman, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hansford, Roberts, Moore, Hartley, Hutchinson and Gray.

District II--Carson, Potter, Oldham, Deaf Smith, Randall, Armstrong, Briscoe, Swisher, Castro, Parmer, Hale and Floyd.

District III--Childress, Hardeman, Foard, Knox, Throckmorton, Haskell, Archer, Baylor, Wilbarger, Wichita, Young and Clay.

District IV--All other counties in Texas.

Cleavinger points out that any person qualifying to vote in the election may place his name in nomination for a six-year membership on the Texas Wheat Producers Board by application to the organization, signed by himself and at least ten (10) other persons eligible to vote in his District in the election, at least 30 days (February 8-March 12) prior to the election final (April 12) date, in order to have his name placed on the ballot.

The election will be held by mail ballot, which will be provided to all eligible voters 14 days prior to the election. Cleavinger said. He also indicated that any person qualified to vote who does not receive a ballot 14 days before the election date, may obtain one at Agricultural Extension Service offices as provided by the Texas Commodity Referendum Law.

In addition to the five members with expiring terms, other TWPB members are David Cleavinger, Wildorado; Gary Murphy, Dawson; Scott McGarraugh, Perryton; C.L. Edwards, Panhandle; Bob Beakley, Ennis; Foy Gibson, Bend; David Moore, Dumas; W.R. Moore, Jr., Munday; Ben Scholz, Wylie; and Ralph Sides, Childress.

Applications for names to be placed on the ballot should be sent to the organization's headquarters office, 2201 Civic Circle, Suite #705, Amarillo, Texas 79109.

The Board was formed in 1971 in the Panhandle-North Texas area and expanded state-wide by a producer referendum in 1985. Six year terms of five of the current fifteen board members expiring at this time include: District I: Cagle Kendrick, Stratford; District II: Tommy Womack, Tulia.

Thursday featured something for everyone in the local area: warm temperatures for starters (high of 68), strong wind, hail in some parts, spring-like showers changing to freezing drizzle, and snow. All that came within a three or four-hour period.

As of 10 p.m. Thursday, the official gauge in Friona measured .42 inch of precipitation, first moisture for February.

January ended with a good moisture total of 1.66 inches (including 11.5" snow). Thursday's moisture then brings the year's total to 2.08 inches.

Week's temperatures:
Friday, Feb. 2: 46-26;
Saturday, Feb. 3: 49-28;
Sunday, Feb. 4: 48-31;
Monday, Feb. 5: 68-33;
Tuesday, Feb. 6: 49-32;
Wednesday, Feb. 7: 69-33;
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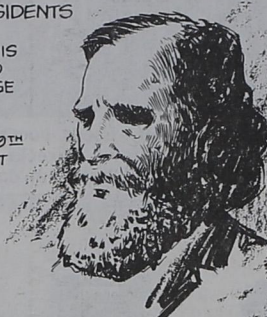
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Facts About The **BIBLE** BY JOHN LEHTI

FAVORITE BIBLE QUOTATIONS OF OUR PRESIDENTS

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 "THOU HAST THRUST SORE AT ME THAT I MIGHT FALL: BUT THE LORD HELPED ME."
 PSALM 118:13



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NEXT WEEK: WHO IS THE WOMAN WHOSE NAME APPEARS BUT ONCE AND ONCE ONLY, IN THE BIBLE—AND WHAT DID SHE DO?

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Friona News

By BECKY LONDON

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The Collier Cousins had a reunion at Friona's Friendship House, January 25, 2001. Those attending were Dave and Mary Collier of Roswell, New Mexico, Joe Hubb and Jerry Collier of Cushing, Oklahoma, H.A. and Inez Poindexter of Miller, South Dakota, Jo Moody Johnson of Pampa, Jack London of

Amarillo, Edith Johnson of Friona and Hugh Moseley of Farwell.

The group enjoyed spending time together, catching-up on one another's families and had lunch with the Senior Citizens' group at noon.

Gerry Taylor is well on

her way to recovery after undergoing shoulder surgery a couple of weeks ago. Friends say they expect to see her running around and being her cheerful self real soon..

Kathy Petty's (wife of Alvin Petty) father passed away Saturday, January 27. Raymond Hartley's funeral services were Wednesday, January 31 at Seth Ward Baptist Church in Plainview. Kathy is a really nice lady and we extend our sympathies for her loss.

Jonell Sims reported that her husband, J.P. had surgery last Thursday in Amarillo to fix his broken arm. During a check-up on Monday, doctors said everything looks good and they will return in three weeks for a follow-up visit.

Friends say Joe Lewellen had bi-pass surgery last week in Houston. He was released and he and wife Ibby are staying at their home in Houston for a while during his recovery.

Lorraine Jarecki's daughter and son-in-law Debbie and Larry Johnson of Las Cruces, New Mexico were in town for the weekend.

Lorraine celebrated a birthday last week so she, the Johnsons and local son and daughter-in-law, John and Malinda, and their daughter and son-in-law, M'Kell and Justin Jeter of Canyon went to Clovis Saturday night and had dinner at the Guadalajara Restaurant.

Joe and Marlene Mueller's granddaughter, Taylor, eight weeks, came to Friona for the first time with her parents Staci and Andre Duran of Amarillo last weekend and spent the night.

Sunday, Staci's cousins and their children all met at the Mueller's home for a "get acquainted party." The cousins are Sherrie Stanbery and kids Michael, Michelle, Matthew and Mason; and Teena Nunley and son Nathan.

Little Taylor also visited her other grandparents, Tony and Mary Duran during her visit.

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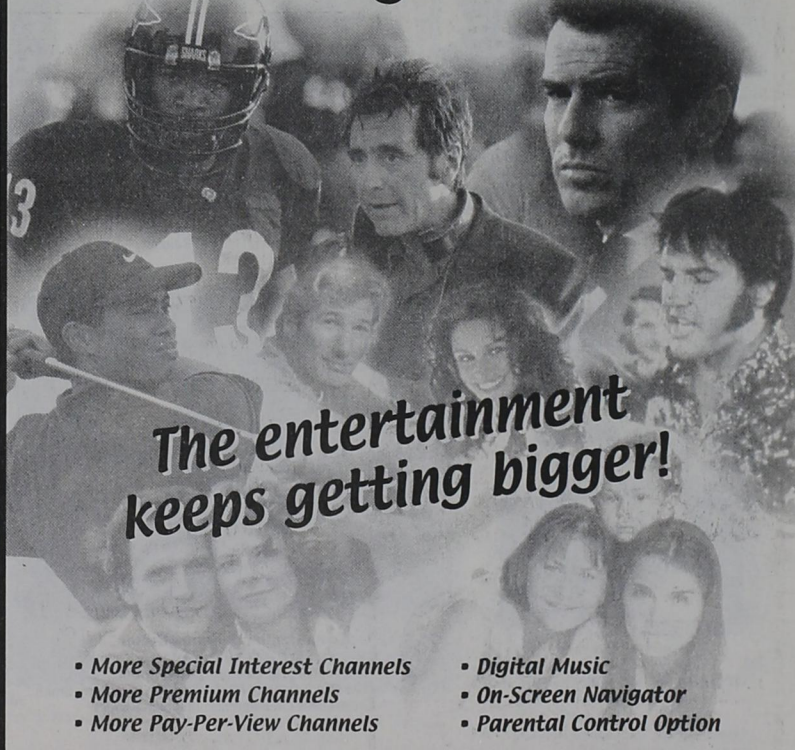


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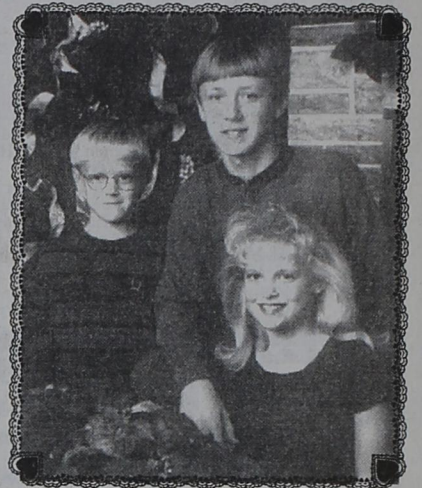


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Snead. Great-Grands: Rene & Jinx Snead



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Grandparents: Jane & Jim Dixon
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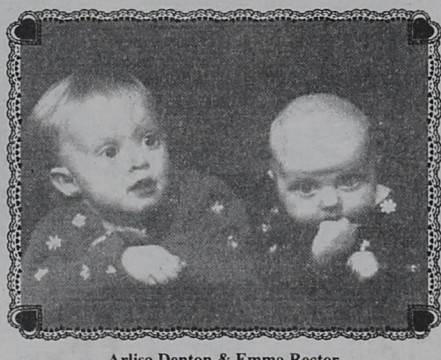
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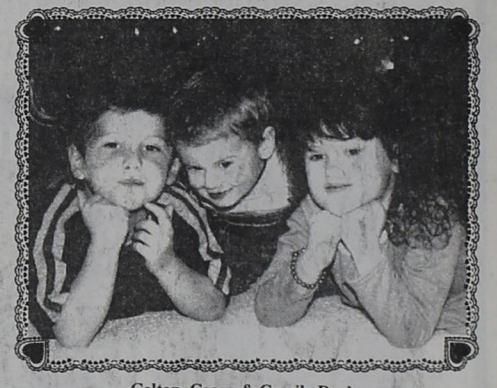
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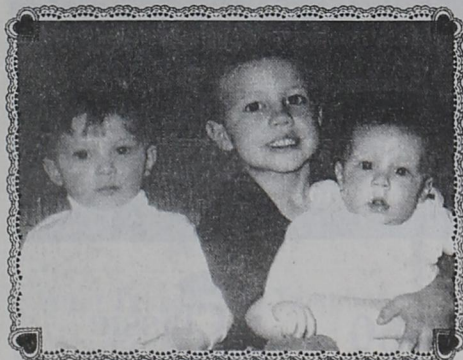
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Grandparents: Mike & Bonnie Pope, Delia Roth,
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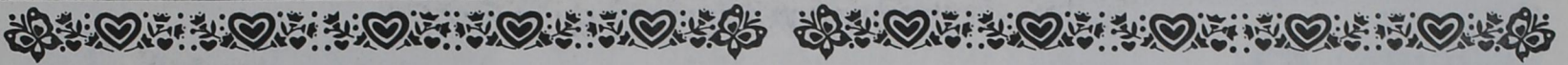
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Grandparents: Judy & the late Doyle
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Zachary Kyle Cummings
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Grandparents: Scott & Donna Cummings,
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Great-Grandmothers: Judy Cummings, and
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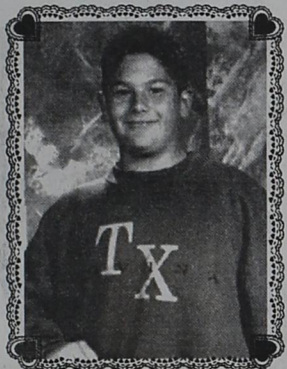
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Staci & Andre, parents of **Taylor M'Kynzi Duran**
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Left to Right: **Brandy Merritt, Ben Mason, Casey Merritt, Wes Mason, Keylin Merritt**
Grandchildren of Roy & Paula O'Brian



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Grandparents: John & Jo Blackwell, Phil Montoya



Brittany Montoya
Parents: Mark & Melanie Montoya
Grandparents: John & Jo Blackwell, Phil Montoya



Brennen Montoya
Parents: Mark & Melanie Montoya
Grandparents: John & Jo Blackwell, Phil Montoya



Brea Rayna Brown
Parents: Shiloh & Marcia Brown
Grandparents: John & Jo Blackwell



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Grandparents: Jimmie & Jane Bolin
Mark & Mary Madrid



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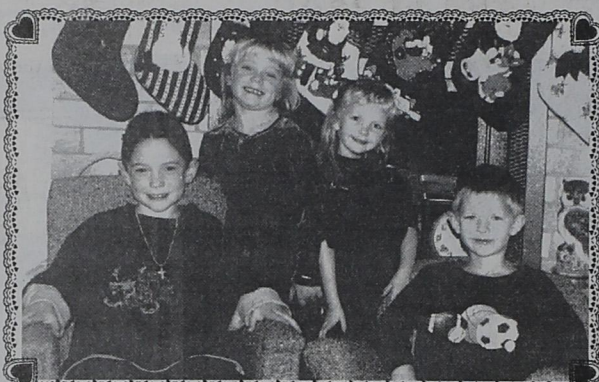
Jayton, Kyndal, Jaren & Jolie Moyer
Grandchildren of Larry & Genie Moyer



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Parents: Rick & Kristi Young. Grandparents: Mike & Sharon Mills, Roy Young, and Rachel White. Great-Grandparents: Joann Mills & the late Wayne Mills, F.G. & Bonnie Crofford, Marie Glover. Great-Great-Grandfather: Floyd Crofford.



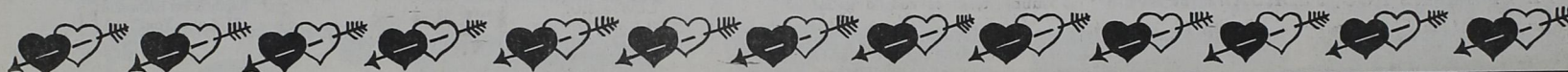
The Holmes Family
Candee & Walt Holmes and children Harrison, Hudson & Haley
Candee is daughter of Ron Carr, and granddaughter of Hannah & Harry Lookingbill.
The children are grandchildren of Ron Carr, and are great-grandchildren of Hannah & Harry Lookingbill



(l-r) Cousins Justin and Jenae Fleming & Macy & Landon McLellan
Parents: Andrew & Judy Fleming, and Johnny & Denae McLellan
Grandparents: Joe & Loy McLellan, Howard & Pat Fleming, Floyd & Betty Reeve



Mariah Jasmine Romero
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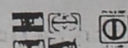
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WALTER and MARTHA SCHUELER

W. Schuelers Celebrate Their 50th Anniversary

Walter and Martha Schueler of the Rhea community will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, February 24 at the Farwell Community Center.

Hosting the reception are their children and spouses, Wayne and Ann Schueler of Richmond, Texas, Vickie and Wayne Kube of Plano, Texas and Gary and Mary Schueler of Waxahachie, Texas.

On February 25, 1951, Walter Schueler and Martha Woolever were united in marriage at First Methodist Church in Clovis, New Mexico.

They built their home on his grandfather Gallmeier's home place where they lived and farmed until 1977 when they moved to their present home.

Always active in community and church activities, they are members of Imma-

Tascosa Speech Results

Friona's speech students participated in the Tascosa Speech competition with 33 schools included.

The results were: finals impromptu, Blaine Winebringer; semifinals impromptu, April Given; poetry, Dwight Merrell and Katherine Johnston; foreign extemporaneous, Matt White; prose, Jena Grimsley, Monica Santellana, Lynette Jubay, and Katherine Johnston.

Area Student Earns Degree At Tx. Tech

More than 1500 students at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, received degrees during 2000 fall commencement exercises.

Keith Burch was among the graduates. He received his bachelor of science degree in agronomy.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Burch of Lazbuddie.

nel Lutheran Church in Rhea and are currently members of St. John's Lutheran, Lariat. They have especially enjoyed their hobbies of candy making and woodworking.

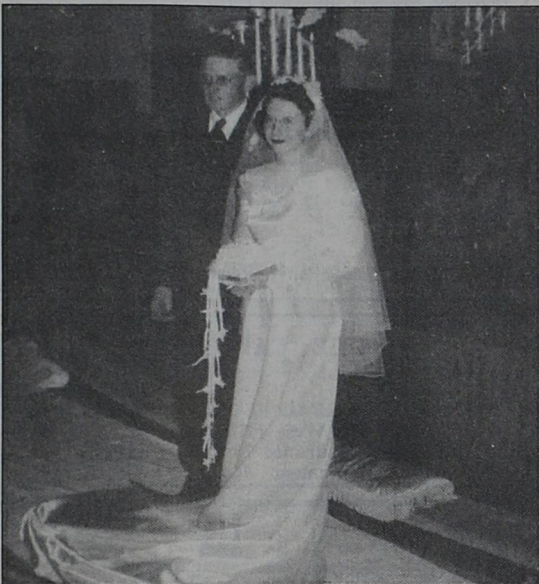
They are especially proud of their grandchildren: Sarah and Joanna Schueler of Richmond; Sr. Airman Matthew Schueler of Boosier City, Louisiana; Angela Daigle and husband Chris of Plano; Lee Kube of Canyon; Jared, Jeremy and Zachary Schueler of Waxahachie; and the late Christopher Schueler.

P. Hanes on Honor Roll At HSU

Hardin-Simmons University announces that Perry Hanes of Friona has been named to the honor roll for the fall 2000 semester.

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The residence of the Independent Executor is 3524 58th Street, Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas; the post office address is:

c/o: CHARLES F. AYCOCK
Attorney at Law
402 Third Street/
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk that issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

TO: Mario Antonio Diaz Defendant, Greeting:

You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 12th day of March, A.D. 2001 before the Honorable 287th Judicial Court of Parmer County, Texas at the Courthouse of said County in Farwell, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, by Noe Valles, whose address is 1115 Broadway, Lubbock, Texas 79401 on September 12, 2000, in this case, numbered 8507 on the docket of said court, and styled:

ROSA LINDA AMADOR AND YOLANDA MORAN
VS
MARIO ANTONIO DIAZ AND CLARENCE MONROE

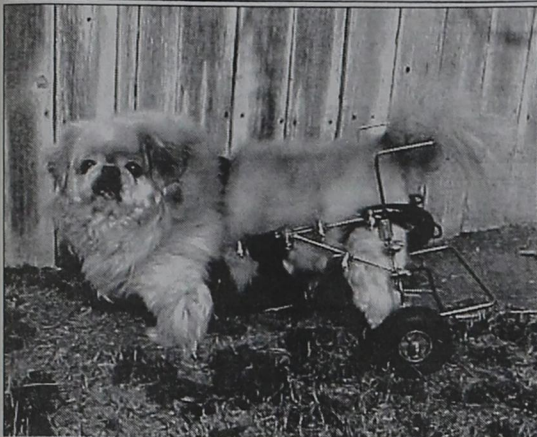
The nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Negligence, Personal Injury and Damages, and Compensatory Damages and is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Farwell, Parmer County, Texas, on January 28, 2001.

Sandra Warren, District Clerk
P.O. Box 195
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287th Judicial District Court
Parmer County, Texas

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DOG ON WHEELS---Chester, an elderly Pekingese with a weak back, belongs to Carol Ellis. He had surgery on his back twice in Lubbock several years ago and now is losing the use of his back legs. Carol searched the internet and found a company that makes little wheeled carts for dogs with disabilities. Chester can now get around a little better, but mostly he just likes to sleep. The Ellises got him at the pound in Lubbock in 1990 and they believe he is now 11 or 12 years old.

Happy Birthday Friona Folks....

Week of February 11-17
Friona residents observing birthdays next week include:

February 11--Holly Whatley, Nancy Jackson, Jerry Harrelson, Stephan Allen, Christy Stover, Gail (Melton) Blouch, Dale Widner, Jessica Chico.

February 12--Leon Coffey, Jeff Schueler, David Howard, Marilyn Stovell, Christina Santellana, Aundrea Frye.

February 13--Jimmy W. Norwood, Michael Schueler, Robin Peace, Donny Campbell, Mary Pryor.

February 14--Tasha Cain, Wayne Schueler, Wade Schueler, Mildred Rule, Don Huckabee, Billie Jo Hand, Jimmy Broyles, Skyla Gay Knapp, Jimmy T. Norwood, Karen Conaway Cummings, Loraine Anthony, George Rushing, Eric Burch, Mildred Haydon, Sandra Rodriguez.

February 15--Lee Allen Kube, Donna Schueler, Jamie Pena, Doug Whatley, Tonya Stovell, Delbert Putman, Ashleigh Hayes, Walter Kessler.

February 16--Marion Fite, Melissa Bass, Minnie Albert, Shawn Butler, Gloria Burkhart, Amy Kelly Schueler.

February 17--Allo Reeve, Brent Riethmayer, Donald Stone, Frances Saiz Hawkins, Michael Saiz.

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, call the Friona Star office at 250-2211.

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YOUR EYES

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What style of eyeglass frames is best for you? It depends on the shape of your face. If you have an oval face, your chin is slightly narrower than your forehead and your cheekbones are high. Choose frames that are as wide or wider than the broadest part of your face.

Avoid low or swooping temples that will unbalance your face. A round face has few angles, and width and length are in the same proportions. Slightly angular frames will make the face appear longer and thinner. High or mid-height temples add create a longer profile. A clear bridge widens the eyes and colored temples add width.

Diamond-shaped faces are narrow at the eye line and jaw line, with a small forehead. The wide temple area narrows to a small chin. Choose frames that are heavy on top and avoid lowered temples. Frames should widen the forehead and jaw and minimize the temples and cheekbones. Frame sides can be straight or rounded. Also, consider rimless frames. A square face has a strong jaw line, a broad forehead, and wide angular cheekbones and chin. To make the face look longer, the frames should be wider than the widest part of the face. Frames should be more horizontal than vertical and have their weight on top. A triangular face narrows to the chin. Frames should add width below the eye line to offset the narrow chin. Try frames that are wider at the bottom. Low temples will add balance. Want more information on the right frame for your face? Ask your vision care specialist for suggestions.

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Financial Focus

Time to Consider "Catch-up" Investment Strategies?

The earlier you start investing, the better. Putting time on your side clearly gives your money a better chance to grow. So, what do you do if you're in your 30s and you haven't done much saving or investing? Are you already doomed to struggle during your retirement years?

Fortunately, the answer is "no." Even if you've done very little saving or investing, it's not too late to turn things around. In fact, even if you're in your 50s, you can take steps to dramatically improve your retirement outlook.

But let's first look at what a 30-something can do to start socking away retirement funds. To begin with, look at your 401(k) or other retirement plan that you have at work. Are you "maxing out" on it? With tax-deferred earnings and pretax contributions, a 401(k) is a great vehicle to build retirement savings. But it's still not enough by itself. That's why you also should think about setting up a tax-deductible IRA or, if you qualify, a Roth IRA, whose earnings can grow tax-free.

There are other things you can do to play "catch-up." If you get an annual raise at work, consider putting the majority of it into savings. After that, look for some "common sense" ways of saving money: take less expensive vacations, cut down on dinners out, etc. If you can convert these actions into just \$20 per week in savings, you could amass \$50,000 over 25 years, assuming you earned a modest 5 per cent annual return.

Now, let's shift chronological gears. If you're in your 50s, and you haven't done much saving or investing, you're not alone. Nearly half of all U.S. workers age 55 or older have saved less than \$150,000 for retirement, according to a survey done by the American Savings Education Council.

If you're in this group, take heart: You can change the course of events. Just like your younger counterparts, you can load up your 401(k) contributions. And if you work for a non-profit or government agency, your 403(b) or 457 plan allows you to contribute more than the annual maximum for a few years before retirement if you didn't max out in prior years.

Still, you can't just count on your retirement plan at work. You're also going to have to evaluate your investment portfolio. If it's heavily weighted toward fixed-income vehicles, such as CDs, you won't achieve the growth you need. To get that growth, you'll need to be much more aggressive. At the same time, you don't need to take undue risks, because you can find plenty of high-quality growth stocks and mutual funds. And since you're only in your 50s, you still have time to put them to work.

As a late starter in the serious savings-and-investment arena, you also may have to forget any thoughts of taking an early retirement. By working more years, you can earn more income and put more away in your company's retirement plan. And when you finally do retire, you'll be able to enjoy the fruits of your labors.

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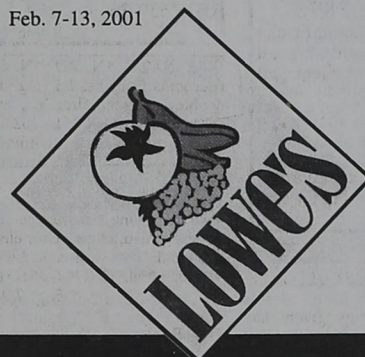
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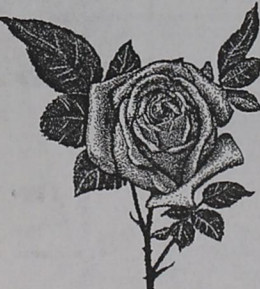
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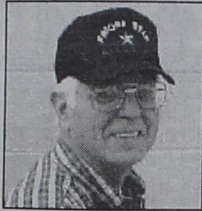
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Out Here

By RON CARR
"Which 'Suckha' Needs To Change?"

No evidence has yet been produced that police in Florida barricaded streets and prevented blacks from voting. Black leaders are taking every opportunity to accuse Florida officials of organized plans to intimidate and prohibit Florida black people from casting their votes for Al Gore. The voters themselves have yet to take any responsibility.

Statistics have been published that say more blacks voted in Florida than ever before. Yet the black leaders continue their radical tirade against President Bush and the American people in general. They continue to incite anger and fear within the black community.

I tuned in to C-SPAN last Saturday morning. I like to have some noise in the house while I'm ripping open a packet of instant oatmeal and sloshing down my fourth cup of Folgers.

C-SPAN is one of the few decent grownup TV channels, especially on Saturday morning. Instead of watching a Ren and Stepmo rerun, I decided to click my intellect up a notch and see what was happening in Washington, D.C. since Billy Jeff was finally booted out.

What I found was a live broadcast of a meeting which was called the State Of Black America Forum.

The panel was a typical, liberal, boisterous "we-got-disenfranchised-in-Florida-and-everybody-still-hates-us" group. What I noticed most is that they were all angry.

Before the program was over, I realized they were angry at me. And you too, and anyone else who did not agree with them. Mostly

anyone else who was not black.

I sat down to let my maple and brown sugar oats cool and decided to listen to the discussion with an open mind. That lasted about three bites.

Open mind? Mine slammed shut like an automatic jail cell door. You can't keep an open mind amidst close-minded adversaries. You can't have a battle of wits with a group that is unarmed.

There were a couple of Bush supporters on the panel: Reverend Kirbyjon Caldwell, a black Methodist minister from Houston who gave the benediction at Bush's inauguration, and Ken Blackwell, Ohio's Secretary of State. They were in the minority at the State Of Black America Forum.

So why am I picking on the black community this week, you're asking by now? I'm not picking on the black community. I am only picking on a few members of the black community that appeared on national television last Saturday.

In fact I am not even picking on them either. I needed to fill column space this week and they were handy.

Most of the Black Forum time was spent expressing displeasure with everything in America that did not agree with their ideologies. Needless to say the gathering was for black Americans. I did not see any other nationality there. Doesn't mean there weren't some others, I just didn't see them.

Now, think about this. If there had been the same kind of meeting called the State of

White America Forum, these same people would be screaming and howling and picketing and accusing America of being even more racist than they already think it is.

Some of the panel participants included: Florida Representative Alcee Hastings, a former Federal judge who was impeached for perjury and is now a Congressman; Johnnetta Cole, an African Studies professor at Emory University in Atlanta; Rev. Al Sharpton, head of the National Action Network, whose followers have killed several people in the New York area; and Michael Dyson, who was said to be an author.

The general consensus of the speakers was that they did not want George W.'s faith-based federal money because "it would have strings attached to it." Let's see, they want money from the government to spend the way they want, with nobody asking any questions? Is that about it?

They also did not like Dubya's proposed tax cut because it benefits the rich. They called for a "redirection of resources" which means take some money from the rich and give it to them with no strings attached.

A poet and author named Sonia Sanchez, told us that the rappers (that's rap music for you folks in Bootleg) were the only ones talking about the social problems of the brothers and sisters.

Another "brother" stated flatly, "We know exactly what this country needs. The 'suckha' needs to change." He didn't say what kind of change but I could probably

figure it out.

Another encouraged the brothers and sisters to "mobilize and pressure the government." He didn't say exactly what to pressure about, but I could probably figure it out.

The author, Dyson, taking a shot at Dubya, said privileged white youth can get a DUI, get off, and go on to become president but black youth do not have that advantage.

Rev. Caldwell told them that contracts awarded to black business owners went down 60% during the Clinton/Gore years. But nobody seemed to hear him say that and I think I can figure out why.

Finally, America's most despicable racist, Rev. Sharpton, said the Republicans say that if you teach a man to fish he can take care of himself but what they don't tell him is "who owns the pond." The audience cheered and applauded.

While I was watching, no one explained why the Rev. Jesse Jackson was not present. But I guess I could figure that out too.

By Dubya holding out his hand in a gesture of friendship to all of America, including the Black Caucus in Washington, we get to see their true goals in the light of day, not hidden in Democratic rhetoric.

There are indeed too many young blacks in prison. There are too many first time offenders serving too long prison sentences. I agree with all that. We should fix the problems.

But calling America a "suckha" is not a good start.

PA Resident Submits Her Life Story For Publication

By JEAN CASTLEBERRY

Every month a resident of Prairie Acres Nursing Home submits a story about his/her life's history to be submitted in the home's newsletter, "The Prairie Times," and for printing in this issue. This month we feature Jean Castleberry.



JEAN CASTLEBERRY

I was born in Vernon, Texas, Wilbarger, on August 8, 1920. My parents were Walter O. and Luetta Smith. I am the youngest of five children. I had two brothers and two sisters. My only remaining sister still lives in Vernon.

Papa farmed in the Vernon community and was city commissioner. Mama was a homemaker and taught us how to sew, cook and crochet. I still enjoy that hobby today.

I grew up in the house where I was born and was married in the same house on March 11, 1939 to Lawrence (Barney) Castleberry. My uncle performed our wedding ceremony. On our wedding day, there was a terrible sand storm. The sky turned so dark, the chickens went to roost in the middle of the afternoon.

Barney earned \$14.00 a week when we married and believe it or not, we even managed to have a savings account!

In 1944 during World War II, Barney was in Germany. When he came home I was to meet him in San Antonio. We were to meet at a hotel and my brother and his wife were taking me there when I saw him in a taxi. I got out of the car and waved at him and he jumped out of the taxi and we met on an empty lot in downtown San Antonio. My children always thought the story sounded like something out of a movie. It was a great reunion.

Barney and I lived in Vernon most of our married life. I was a floral designer for twenty-five years and still love flowers.

We have three children, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. We moved to Friona in 1988. We enjoyed the drier climate and the smaller community. We attended the Sixth Street Church of Christ.

Barney passed away in 1998 and I lived with my daughter and her husband until October of 2000 when I came to live here at Prairie Acres. I appreciate the good care I receive here and I appreciate the opportunity to share my life story.

M. Juarez Completes Training

Maria Juarez, a 2000 graduate of Bovina High School and the daughter of Salvador and Socorra Juarez of Bovina, graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

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