

Squaws Have Great Playoff Tradition

by BILL ELLIS

Friona High School's Squaws have compiled an enviable record in the basketball playoffs, starting with the 1940s, when they went to their state tournament seven straight years.

The only "jinx" that those 1940s cage team couldn't break was winning the state championship. Friona teams placed second three times, and were third two other years.

Friona reached the title game three times, losing to their nemesis, the small Hill County team Aquilla by three points twice. Another year, 1947, the Squaws posted a 43-0 record before meeting Aquilla in the semi-finals.

An FHS coaching "legend," R.L. Bates, had his team at the state meet for a third time, but lost to the Aquilla team in the semis, and had

to settle for third place. The Squaws had to settle for a 44-1 season record!

Baker Duggins revived Friona's passion for girls basketball in the late 1950s and early 60s, and finally won FHS' elusive prize, when the Squaws posted an unbeaten 33-0 mark to win **FIRST in STATE**.

The Squaws beat Mineral Wells, 63-49 in the semi-finals in 1964, and then held off Clear Creek, 50-45 to claim Friona's long sought-after state title.

In the 1940s, Friona played in the Panhandle regional tournament eight years, winning it six years, and posting an overall record in those games of 20-2 (91% winning ratio).

Adding in the games from 1952-2003, Friona has won 28 regional

games against four losses (88 per cent), and has won 20 games in the state tournaments against 10 losses, 67 per cent wins. Friona's record in bi-district games is 10-7, and the Squaws are 1-3 in "area" playoff games.

The 1947 Squaws had a shot at winning state when Aquilla lost out early. The Squaws drew Stanton in the third round, a team they had beaten, 15-14, in an early-season tournament at Ropesville. In the vital state semi-finals, Stanton avenged their early loss, 32-24, and Friona had to settle for third place.

Duggins had the Squaws at the UIL state tournament three times, finishing second in 1960 and third in '63 before winning with the 1964 team.

Duggins retired from coaching following the 1964 season, and his successor, Mel Williams, steered the team back to the state finals, where they lost a heart-breaker, 60-57.

Figuring all the playoff games I've located, the Squaws have an overall record in the playoffs of 58-21, 74 per cent wins. If you added in Friona's Parmer County tournament games of the 1940s, their playoff record is 82-21, or 80 per cent wins.



FRIONA SENIOR post Ashley Smiley will lead the Squaws into the 2-A playoffs Friday, February 20 as they meet the Eastland Lady Mavericks at Lamesa in the 8 p.m. area round playoff game. ron carr photo

NEW JAIL TO OPEN SOON



THE PARMER COUNTY Law Enforcement Center is nearing completion. The new facility has an attractive facade and will be an asset to citizens of the county. Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geries, left, and Chief Deputy Wayne Gruben are shown in the building foyer.

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ron carr photos



Seliger Kicks Edwards In Parmer County Vote

Kel Seliger of Amarillo was elected to the District 31 state senate seat in Tuesday's runoff election. Seliger will fill the seat only for the remainder of the year unless he is re-elected in the March 9 primary and the November general election.

Seliger received 76% of the vote in Parmer County. The total votes cast were 644 and Seliger received 491

votes. A breakdown of the total votes cast by location and Seliger's total is: Early 93 (72), Friona 306 (248), Bovina 93 (64), Farwell 88 (67), Oklahoma Lane 36 (25), Lazbuddie 28 (15).

In Friona, election judge Elizabeth McLellan had 200 ballots on hand to begin the day but had to order over 100 more as Friona's total surpassed expectations. Mrs. McLellan expressed her appreciation to voters.

"We would like to thank and compliment the citizens that voted in Friona Tuesday for having their proper voter's registration and identification when they came to vote," McLellan said. New regulations require all voters to provide proper identification to vote and Mrs. McLellan said election officials had very few problems during Tuesday's election.

New Jail To Open In March

Friona Star staffers Ron Carr and Dana Jameson were among a group of Parmer County officials and guests at a jail luncheon Tuesday, February 10.

The lunch was hosted by the jail's general building contractor

Danny Butler of Dinosaur Valley Construction of Glen Rose, Texas. Sheriff Randy Geries and staff, including county commissioners, provided walk through tours and answered questions about the new facility.

Major construction is complete. The remaining work to be done is inside on the operating systems, computer monitoring, and safety and security features. The Sheriff estimates the first inmates will occupy the facility from mid- to the end of March. There will be a day set aside for an open house for the public prior to inmate occupancy.

Star publisher Ron Carr said, "It is an impressive facility, one that the county can be proud of. But I still wouldn't want to stay there."

The 46-bed jail unit has completely separate cell pods for male and female inmates, an indoor recreation facility, a laundry, separate kitchen, and a state-of-the-art control center for dispatch and jailers to monitor inmate activity.

The facility is named the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center and will also house the Sheriff Department's administrative offices.

Sheriff Geries plans to utilize the jail when space is available to house inmates from other jurisdictions which will generate revenue for the county.

NOTICE CHANGE OF BOARD MEETING DATE

The Friona ISD Board of Trustees will meet on Monday, February 23, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting date was changed to accommodate the school holiday on President's Day. On the agenda this month will be district administrative staff contract extensions and approval of an order of election to be conducted jointly with the City of Friona.

Signup Period For Local Elections Feb 14-Mar 15

School board and city council vacancies will be on the ballot for a May 15, 2004 election.

The sign up period is now open to anyone interested in running for the school board or city council. Signups will be accepted from February 14 to March 15. Applications for city council may be picked up at the city hall in Friona or Bovina. Applications for the school board are available at the school administration office in Friona or Bovina.

In Friona, there are three openings on the city council, the mayor position and two council seats. Incumbent Friona Mayor John Taylor has filed for re-election. Council terms of Ronnie Stevick and Martha Barker will expire and be up for election. There will also be two seats vacant on the Friona ISD school board as terms of Kathryn Gurley and Danny Black expire.

In Bovina, the mayor and two council seats will be available. Terms of Mayor Galen Hromas and alder-

men Jessie Stone and Stan Miller expire. On the Bovina ISD school board, terms of Justin Brozek, Joe Steelman, and George Villarreal will expire.

For information contact Friona city hall 250-2761; Friona ISD 250-2747; Bovina city hall 251-1116; or Bovina ISD 251-1336 ext 221.

TAKS & TAAS Testing

The Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) in Reading and English Language Arts will be given to ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students Tuesday, February 24, 2004 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Friona High School.

The eleventh grade students will be given the Exit level required for graduation. Students are encouraged to do their best on all tests given.

Legislation has been passed that will require the parents, administration, student, and counselor as a committee to develop a written individual graduation plan this year for each student who

does not pass all parts of the TAKS assessment. Students who do not pass all four parts, English Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, and Science are considered at risk for graduation.

In addition, students who enrolled in high school in the year 2000, in the ninth grade, or students who plan to graduate in the year 2004, must pass all three parts of the TAAS to satisfy Texas graduation requirements. Those students who have not passed all three parts of the TAAS will be given the Writing test on Tuesday, February 24, Math test on Wednesday, February 25, and Reading test on Thursday, February 26, 2004.

SINGING IN THE SNOW



FHS CHOIR MEMBERS delivered their singing valentines last Thursday during a romantic snowfall. The area received much needed moisture in the form of 3 inches of snow, which is equivalent to 0.29 inches of rain. ron carr photos





OUT HERE

BY RON CARR

Government Rehabilitation-An Oxymoron

Is it possible for bad people to change and be good?

The fancy way to ask the question is "Do rehabilitation programs work?" If you answer yes, then answer this: when and how do you know (for sure) that a person is rehabilitated?

People who are candidates for rehabilitation are "cons" to start with so how would you know they weren't just conning you again?

Do you believe it when someone that did really bad things to get thrown in prison, tells you that they have 'found the Lord' behind bars and would not be any more trouble to society if you let them out?

Do you believe that more government regulations and programs can prevent bad people from doing bad things? We have a lot of drunk driving laws but people still drive drunk. There are laws against all kinds of bad personal behavior, like robbery, murder, fastening seat belts and peeing outdoors, but we still do all those things.

Of course we need laws. And we need many government services. It's just that more laws do not create less crime. Therein is the dilemma of society. We want so bad for everybody to be good.

In Florida a few weeks back, a man kidnapped a 10-year-old girl from a car wash and murdered her. Unless you have been in a coma, you saw the video of him leading the little girl away over and over. They soon

caught him and found her body in some woods near a church.

Government officials, i.e. politicians that want your vote, were outraged. The man had offended before and was out on probation when he ended Carla Brusci's young life. Politicians, morality groups and everyday folks screamed for more laws and programs that would prevent this from happening again. The judge that put the man on probation after his last crime received death threats and bitter criticism.

"We need more laws," they cried. "We need stricter laws so something like this will never happen again. The judge should resign. He is the one responsible." And they yelled and pounded the table and demonstrated and demanded Governor Jeb Bush 'do something'. They left teddy bears and flowers as a memorial and suffered with the family and denounced evil. Then they moved on, back to their own lives, until the next time.

I have a problem with incidents like this one. Maybe the man should still have been in prison. Maybe a lot of things should have been different. Laws do not make evil people good. There were already laws to cover what the man did but he did it anyway. My problem is with government do-gooders that sell us a bill of goods that they can enact programs to prevent these kinds of terrible events. Baloney! Most of us

don't have to be told that children need to be protected.

Public service campaigns may or may not keep evil lowlifes from abusing children, or the elderly, or selling drugs, or drinking, or having babies out-of-wedlock (I love the irony of that word-wedlock).

We talk a lot about rehabilitating bad people. Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott was in Amarillo last week to kick off a new public service campaign to protect children from sexual abuse. April is designated as Sexual Assault Prevention Month. Family Support Services of Amarillo assists families that abuse their children and each other.

In his State of the Union Address, President Bush proposed a plan to help ex-offenders reintegrate into our communities through gainful employment. U. S. Senator John Cornyn (R) Texas, said, "I believe Bush's proposal will greatly benefit the ex-offenders by facilitating their reintegration into society, and thus improve our society as a whole." That is a mouthful isn't it? It is political speak for "we need to give convicts something to do besides being convicts when we let them out."

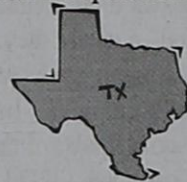
Senator Cornyn is a member of the Crime Corrections and Victim's Rights subcommittee, whatever that is. He agrees that helping ex-offenders obtain employment, transitional housing, and mentoring to "ensure

their successful reentry into society, will make communities safer."

Hey, Senator, what does society do with the ones that do not want to melt back into a job and a house and that warm, fuzzy life you envision for them? What do we do with them?

So we are back to the rehabilitation question. Can the government require rehabilitation? Can faith-based organizations rehabilitate ex-offenders? Will they stay rehabilitated, or con their way back into society and snatch another kid or sell another load of drugs, etc?

I don't have the answers, I just ask the questions.



Think Texas

by Agriculture Commissioner SUSAN COMBS

Texas racehorses that have seen their last days at the tracks are usually not ready to hang up their saddles for good. While they may have underperformed or lost interest in racing, many retired racehorses can have bright futures ahead of them in the areas of dressage, show jumping, barrel racing, western pleasure and trail riding. The key to settling racehorses into new careers is placement—matching buyers to trainers—and managing this transitional period.

A new organization, CANTER of Texas, is doing just that. It's a recently launched nonprofit organization that works with Texas racetracks to find second careers for retiring racehorses, which tend to be fairly young high-dollar horses with good genetics that don't necessarily need to be sent to the auction barn.

CANTER of Texas has a solid approach to marketing its services, and recently the Texas Department of Agriculture awarded it a matching fund grant to help boost its efforts. The grant was through TDA's GO TEXAN Partner Program, which is designed to help leverage the dollars available to promote agricultural products grown and processed in Texas. Costs for approved projects are split evenly between the applicant and GOTEPP.

CANTER of Texas plans to use the funds to create a new marketing campaign and showcase the unique nature of its services. With the help of GOTEPP funding, CANTER expects to grow its business and see to it that more racehorses can thrive in new careers "after the finish line".

For more information on GOTEPP, call the Texas Department of Agriculture at 1-877-99GOTEX or visit www.gotexan.org.

Letters To The Editor

Ron:

I received an e-mail a couple of days ago from Eric Schackle, a friend who lives in Ettalong, New South Wales, Australia. He's octogenarian and a retired journalist whose wife, Jerry, is in a nursing home not far from their house. She had a stroke and while her mind's still sharp, she has been invalided. Anyway, I sent the Friona Star baseball cap you gave me to Eric. He said that Jerry loved the cap and took it away from him (he is forced to wear the Hereford Brand cap I sent him). Every afternoon, he walks to the nursing home and pushes Jerry's wheelchair to a nearby coffee shop. He said that she wears her Friona Star cap every time they go out.

Hope all's well.
Don Cooper
Hereford Brand



BARNETT BUNCH, l-r, Beau, Breann, Brenner, & Briar children of Dave & Jana Barnett. courtesy photo

Grandkids Honor Grandpa They Never Knew

This community has been blessed by the lives of many great men. Unfortunately length of life is never guaranteed and good men and women sometimes die young.

Such was the case on November 15, 1982, for Jerry Brownd. The 40-year-old husband, father of two young daughters, active in his community and prosperous farmer and rancher was the victim of a massive heart attack that fateful fall morning.

Twenty-one years later his legacy continues and his life is honored through his grandchildren. With the help of their grandmother Erma Brownd, better known as "momer", Beau, Breann, Briar and Brenner Barnett have raised money for the American Heart Association in donations over the past nine years.

Each year the Heart Association sponsors a "Jump-A-Thon" for 4th and 5th grade students in which the students jump rope for a specific time based on the money they have raised.

Beau started the tradition by raising the most money of any student in his third grade year and repeated in his fourth and fifth grade years. Since that time the

Barnett kids have gotten lots of exercise as each of Beau's siblings have continued the tradition by raising the most money each year.

Although Grandpa Jerry passed away before any of his grandkids were born, each of them have been eager to help raise money to fight the disease that took their Grandpa Jerry. Of course their success is only the result of the wonderful people who have given freely year after year to help fight heart disease. By your donation you have honored every person who has died from this sudden killer.

Thank you for your generosity. In closing I just gotta' believe that God is letting Jerry watch the highlights of all of those grandchildren as they play football, basketball, baseball, golf, cheer lead, show animals, team rope and compete in pageants. And he is very proud of what he sees.

(Editor's Note: These thoughts were written by Dave Barnett, dad of Beau, Breann, Briar & Brenner. Also thanks to Friona elementary school physical education teacher Jackie Martin for submitting the letter and the photos.)

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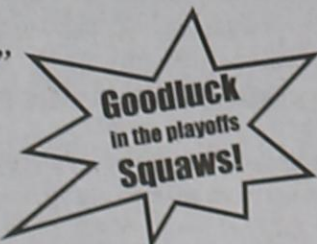
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SNOW A LA BIRDSEED.....Bill Ellis threw some birdseed on top of the snow last week and a dove, a blue jay and a flock of juncos and sparrows feasted. carol ellis photo

VFW chicken dinner February 22

The February edition of the VFW chicken dinner is scheduled for Sunday, February 22; from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Veterans Hall is at 6th & Euclid in Friona. For the finger-lickin' price of \$7 adults and \$3 kids under 12, you can enjoy fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad, homemade dessert, and tea or coffee. Takeouts are available. Call ahead to 265-7463. Proceeds benefit various VFW community projects and upkeep of Veterans Hall.

Friona Methodist Women Meet Feb. 25

Friona United Methodist Women met February 4. Tammy Knoll had a mission work program. She showed slides of a children's working mission trip from the United Methodist Church, Greensburg, Kansas, she and her family had been involved in. They spent seven days in Acuna, Mexico, doing construction and clean-up work. They will meet February 25 for an Ash Wednesday program led by Rev. Steve Patterson. In March they will meet the 5th for World Day of Prayer and the 10th for the regular meeting.

Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild to meet

The Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild monthly meeting is on February 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Amarillo. Anyone interest in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts is welcome. For meeting location or information call Becky Martin at 358-2765.

ACT Deadline Approaching

The registration deadline for the April 3, 2004, ACT is Friday, February 27. Students may pick up registration forms in Mrs. Gallman's office or may register online at www.act.org. Friona ISD has purchased a license for students to access an ACT tutorial program at home. Information about the program is also available in Mrs. Gallman's office. There are only two more ACT test dates this school year on April 3 and June 12. Students who plan to attend a four-year college or university need to have an ACT score for admissions and scholarship purposes.

Canyon's 13th Annual Sausage Dinner March 7

St. Ann's Catholic Church will be hosting their annual 13th Annual Czech Sausage Dinner, Sunday, March 7, 2004 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Parish Family Center, 605 38th Street in Canyon. They will be serving Czech Sausage, Sauerkraut, Bread, Parsley Potatoes, Cobbler and all the trimmings. Take outs will be available. The cost for this delicious meal will be \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children 6-15 years and children 5 and under eat free. They will also have a drawing, country store, arts and crafts and games.

BSA Hospice offers volunteer training

Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice will be presenting volunteer training and community education classes called "The Hospice Approach to Living with Dying". This is a class for anyone interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, learning more about hospice care and/or desiring personal growth and enrichment. Training is free of charge. There will be eight class sessions April 5 thru April 29, 2004, Monday and Thursday morning from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the BSA Hospice Den, 600 N. Tyler, Amarillo. To register call Stacie Boyer at BSA Hospice, (806)-212-8715 or (800) 315-6209. 24 Contact hours/2.4 CEU's awarded by Amarillo College.

FHS Seniors plan service day in April

The Friona High School senior class will hold a service day towards the end of April. The exact date has not been determined. The class is looking for service projects to do in the community, for example any cleanup type work for businesses. They also would like volunteers to help them with the projects. All participants will receive a free t-shirt. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help the Class of 2004's "Clean Up Friona Day" project please contact FHS principal Lori Zingerman at the school, 250-3951.

There is no charge for news included in Around Town. So call us at 250-2211, fax to 250-5127, email to frionastar@wtrt.net, or mail info to P.O. Box 789, Friona, Texas 79035.

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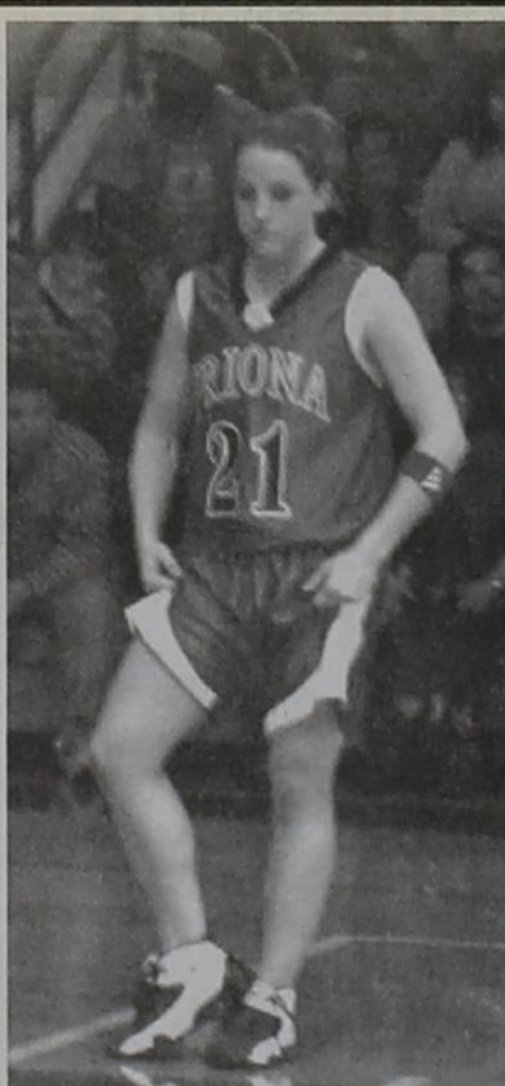
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These Squaw Boosters Say Beat Eastland "Good Luck Squaws - Bring Home the Gold"

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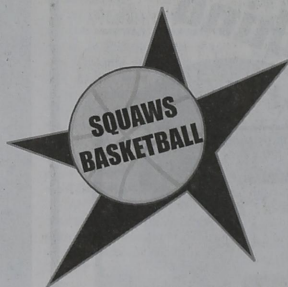
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Powerlifters Muscle Up At Dalhart Meet

Friona high school powerlifters competed in a February 7 meet at Dalhart. Coach Jimmy Arias' lifters had two team members bring home first place recognition.

Adrian Flores, with a total lift of 1,155 pounds, and Emmanuel Vega with 1,345 pounds each finished in 1st place in their weight divisions. Ben Santiago won a 2nd place

with 1,120 pounds, Freddy Reyes had a 3rd place finish at 940 pounds, and David Mendez, with 1,000 pounds, place 6th.

Other lifters that competed at Dalhart were Daniel Aguilar, A. J. Cordova, Octavio Moreno, Fernando Moreno, Eddy Ortiz, Juan Reyes, Amador Rocha, Ruben Chico, and Nathan Hoon.



Volunteers Sought For Track Meet

The Friona ISD coaching staff needs volunteers to help with this year's track meet. The Friona Relays will be held Friday and Saturday, March 5-6. Several schools are already committed to participate. Coaches say it should be a good meet again this year.

An organizational meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 2, at 7 p.m. for all volunteers that would like to help work the meet. Anyone interested in helping needs to attend the meeting.

If you are unable to attend but would still like to work, contact Coach Lanny Crow or Coach Bob Ferguson at 250-3862 and let them know you would like to help. Thank you.



FANS and family in the stands at Austin College in Sherman. See the "lineup" in story below. courtesy photo

Fans Take Long Road Trip

Number 31 on the Austin College Lady 'Roos roster is a 5'9" junior forward/center named Kayla Smiley of Friona.

The former Friona Squaw star is the daughter of Kim and Mitch Smiley. Her sister Ashley is a senior post on the current Squaw team that will advance in the playoffs this week. Kayla's grandparents are Ron and Melba Smiley and George and Aundrea Frye.

Kayla has been voted player-of-the-week at least five times in the ASC conference, has posted several double-doubles and triple-doubles as she has led the team to a 15-6, 9-1 record and a first place tie for the ASC East division lead.

In a Thursday game vs. LeTourneau, Smiley led team scoring with 14 points and had six rebounds as AC won 81-59.

On Saturday, February 7, a group

from Friona traveled to Sherman, Texas, to watch and cheer Kayla and the Lady 'Roos as they battled (and beat) Louisiana State. In the photo above are, front, l-r, Joe Tongate, Ron Smiley; second row, l-r, Billie Tongate, Melba Smiley, George & Aundrea Frye, Connie & Dee Willard. Third row, l-r, Mitchell & Kim Smiley, Briar Barnett, Blair Smiley, Virginia & Dub Cleveland.

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NOT EVERYBODY at Hale Center was watching the basketball game. Jaci Zingerman, left, and Ashton Ferguson, center, were learning about lipstuck and makeup. Jaci is the daughter of FHS Lori Zingerman and Ashton is the daughter of FHS Athletic Director Bob Ferguson.

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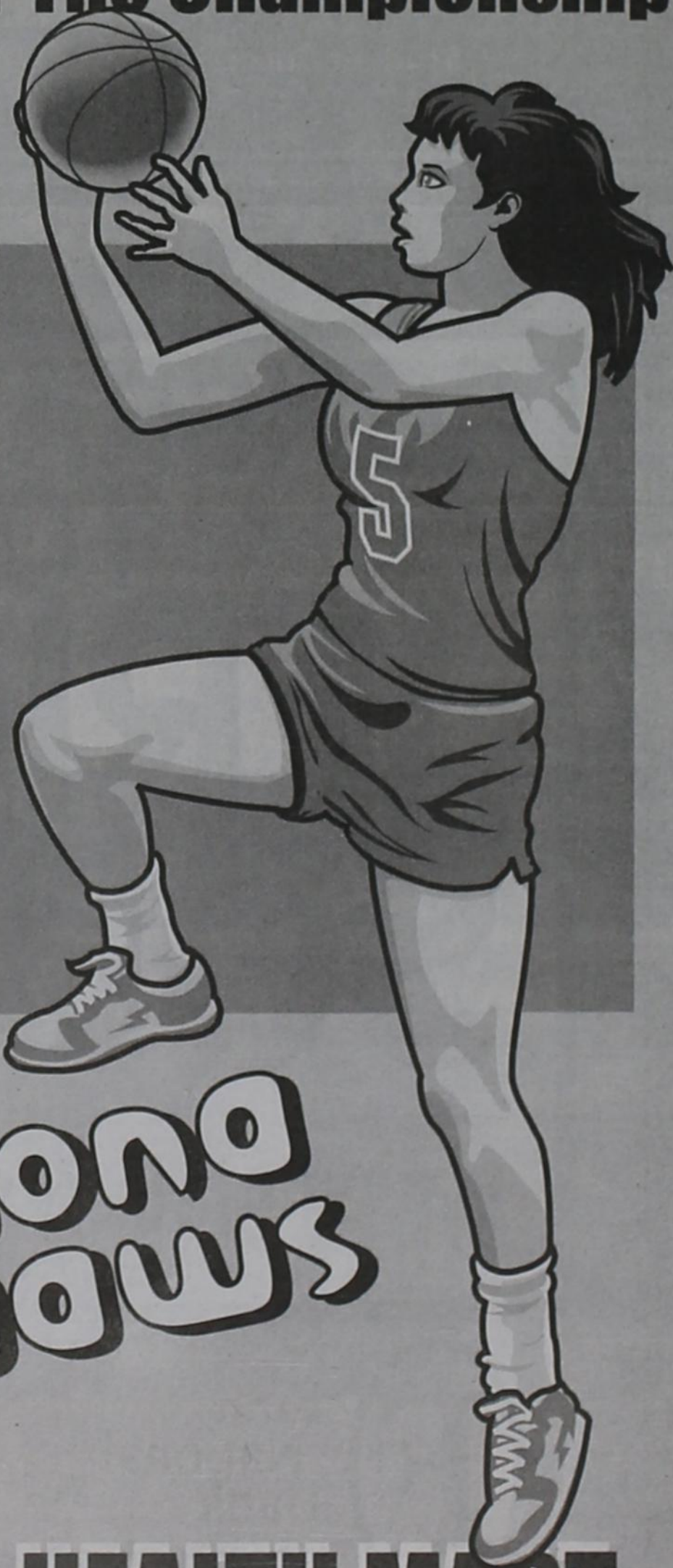
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Squaws Lose Practice Match To #1 Hedley

Squaws' Playoff Record

It was just a practice game against the #1 ranked team in Class 1A, Division II, the Hedley Lady Owls, but to the fans it felt like a playoff game.

The two squads met at The Box in Canyon Friday night in a persistent but mild snowstorm. The packed house saw Friona compile an 18-12 first quarter lead and increase it to 30-21 at the half. (In their final two district contests, the Hedley girls beat Valley 73-28 and McLean 98-28, averaging 78 points a game on the season.)

But the Squaws defensive press and aggressive board play kept the Lady Owls below their average. Until the fourth quarter.

Friona still held the lead by one, 39-38, at the end of three but a 17-8 Hedley run in the 4th gave the Squaws only their 6th loss of the season, 55-47.

Either the Squaws got tired, or lost some focus, or the referees got involved, take your choice. For the game, Hedley went to the foul line

for 23 free throws and converted 14, while the Squaws attempted a total of only 6 free throws, four by Shayli Reed and two by Trisha Winebrinner, and made 4.

For most of the game, the Squaws played excellent offense and defense, took plenty of shot opportunities, but just couldn't get the ball to fall. The Hedley coach made adjustments at the break and the Lady Owls came back with 34 second half points and held Friona to 17.

Trisha Winebrinner was high with 18 points, 15 of them in the first half. Ashley Smiley had 10, Shayli Reed 8, Katy Welch 6, Misty Adams 3, and V'Lesha Wilcox 2. Both teams drained five 3-point goals. For Friona, Welch had two 3's, and Reed, Adams, and Winebrinner one each. Welch and Wilcox fouled out of the game in the 4th.



Year	W-L	Coach	High Mark
1941	28-6	R.L. Bates	5th/State
1942	26-4	R.L. Bates	Co. Champs
1944	35-5	Maurice Norman	3rd/State
1945	26-6	M. Norman	2nd/State
1946	30-3	R.L. Bates	2nd/State
1947	44-1	R.L. Bates	3rd/State
1948	33-2	Les Hinds	St.1/4 finals
1949	19-5	Murry Ford	Co. Champs
1953	19-5	Murry Ford	Dist. Champs
1954	19-7	Murry Ford	Dist. Champs
1957	20-6	Baker Duggins	Dist. Champs
1958	26-2	Baker Duggins	Bi-Dist:Champs
1959	27-3	Baker Duggins	Dist Champs
1960	32-3	Baker Duggins	2nd/State
1963	26-8	Baker Duggins	3rd/State
1964	33-0	Baker Duggins	1st/State
1965	28-8	Mel Williams	2nd/State
1971	24-3	F.G. Crofford	Dist. Champs
1972	25-5	F.G. Crofford	Dist. Champs
1973	23-7	F.G. Crofford	Bi-Dist:Champs
1986	19-9	Vicki Hatton	Bi-Dist:Champs
1987	28-4	Vicki Hatton	Bi-Dist:Champs
1996	23-7	Richard North	Dist. Champs
1999	19-10	Richard North	Bi-Dist. (lost)
2001	24-8	Richard North	Reg. 1/4 Finals
2003	20-11	Richard North	Bi-Dist. Champs
2004	23-6	Richard North	Dist. Champs

Squaws' All-Time Playoff Scores

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Year	Score	Location
1940-41		
Regional	SQUAWS 33, Textline 7	Dumas
"	SQUAWS 17,Dumas 15	
"	SQUAWS 24, Happy 17	
State	Anton 21, SQUAWS 18	Waco
"	SQUAWS 20, Rusk 13	
"	SQUAWS 30, Dodd City 21	
"	Silsbee 20, SQUAWS 18 (2nd)	
1941-42		
Regional	SQUAWS 28, Stinnett 14	Dumas
"	SQUAWS 24, Dalhart 12	
"	Dumas 22, SQUAWS 15	
1942-43		
Playoffs cancelled due to W.W. II		
1943-1944		
Regional	SQUAWS def Kelton, forfeit	
"	SQUAWS 16, Sarnnorwood 7	
"	SQUAWS 27, Shamrock 2	
State	SQUAWS 21, Quail 24	Hillsboro
"	SQUAWS 24, Avinger 18	
"	SQUAWS 23, Gatesville 20	
"	SQUAWS 23, Medquite 20	
"	Aquilla 23, SQUAWS 20 (2nd)	
1944-45		
Regional	SQUAWS 25, Lazbuddie 14 @Claude	
"	SQUAWS 19, Claude 14	
State	SQUAWS 31, Quail 14	Hillsboro
"	SQUAWS 33, Lott 21	
"	SQUAWS 24, Mesquite 20	
"	Aquilla 42, SQUAWS 26	
"	SQUAWS 31, Union 29 (3rd)	
1945-46		
Regional	SQUAWS 34, Panhandle 24 Hedley	
"	SQUAWS 29, Quail 17	
State	SQUAWS 25, Briscoe 22	Hillsboro
"	SQUAWS 38, Thrall 25	
"	SQUAWS 15, Post 14	
"	SQUAWS 19, Seagoville 16	
"	Aquilla 29, SQUAWS 26 (2nd)	
1946-47		
Regional	SQUAWS 38, Kress 20	Panhandle
"	SQUAWS 48, Hedley 25	
State	SQUAWS 41, Kelton 22	Hillsboro
"	SQUAWS 39, Yantis 22	
"	SQUAWS 33, Aledo 19	
"	Stanton 32, SQUAWS 24	
"	SQUAWS 25, Penelope 24 (3rd)	
1947-48		
Regional	SQUAWS 34, Canyon 24	White Deer
"	SQUAWS 38, Claude 12	
"	SQUAWS 34, White Deer 18	
State	SQUAWS 30, McLean 15	Hillsboro
"	SQUAWS 20, Aledo 18	
"	Maydelle 52, SQUAWS 27	
1948-49		
Regional	McLean 32, SQUAWS 31	
1952-53		
Bi-Dist.	Idalou 41 SQUAWS 40	?????
1953-54		
Bi-Dist.	Squaws lost (details not available)	
1956-57		
Bi-Dist.	Hale Center 47, SQUAWS 44	Dimmitt
1957-58		
Bi-Dist.	SQUAWS 59, Hale Center 57	Dimmitt
Regional	White Deer 74, SQUAWS 44	Lubbock
1958-59		
Bi-Dist.	Abermathy 63, SQUAWS 54	Plainview
1959-60		
Bi-Dist.	SQUAWS 49, Abermathy 29	Plainview
Regional	SQUAWS 59, Anson 23	Lubbock
"	SQUAWS 84, Coleman 64	
State	SQUAWS 60, Bowie 54	Austin
"	Buna 57, SQUAWS 40	
1962-63		
Bi-Dist.	SQUAWS 55, Post 53	Abermathy
Regional	SQUAWS 82, Tulia 80 (3 OTs)	Lubbock
"	SQUAWS 33, Hamlin 30	
State	Little Cypress 57, SQUAWS 46	Austin
1963-64		
Bi-Dist.	SQUAWS 73, Post 41	Plainview
Regional	SQUAWS 65, Spearman 53	Lubbock
"	SQUAWS 48, Granbury 36	
State	SQUAWS 63, Mineral Wells 49	Austin
"	SQUAWS 50, Clear Creek 45	
1964-65		
Bi-Dist.	SQUAWS 55, Slaton 34	Plainview
Regional	SQUAWS 54, Spearman 33	Lubbock
"	SQUAWS 49, Granbury 45	
State	SQUAWS 60, Rockdale 44	Austin
"	Edna 60, SQUAWS 57	
1970-71		
Bi-Dist.	Slaton 41, SQUAWS 36	Levelland
1971-72		
Bi-Dist.	Slaton 37, SQUAWS 30	Plainview
1972-73		
Bi-Dist.	SQUAWS 66, Tulia 44	W.T. Fieldhouse
Regional	Spearman 54, SQUAWS 48	Lubbock
1985-86		
Bi-Dist.	SQUAWS 36, Canadian 35	Arma. Civic Ctr.
Area	Brownfield 40, SQUAWS 36	Coronado/Lubb.
1986-87		
Bi-Dist.	SQUAWS 49, S-Fritch 38	Wayland/Piv.
Area	Mid. Greenwood 43, SQUAWS 39	Denver City
1995-96		
Bi-Dist.	River Road 36, SQUAWS 34	Plainview
1998-99		
Bi-Dist.	Perryton 49, SQUAWS 47	Tascosa/Arma.
2000-01		
Bi-Dist.	SQUAWS 48, Panhandle 3	W.T. Fieldhouse
Area	SQUAWS 52, Olney 47 (OT)	Frenship H.S.
Reg. 1/4	SQUAWS 54, Clarendon 50	Canyon H.S.
Regional	Wall 47, SQUAWS 28	Abilene Christian
2002-03		
Bi-Dist.	SQUAWS 61, W.T. High 45	Canyon H.S.
Area	Olney 48, SQUAWS 39	Post
2003-04		
SQUAWS vs. Eastland		

North's Squaws: In Fifth Playoffs

Richard North has guided the Squaws into the playoffs for the fifth time since he became head coach, which was the 1994-95 season. North trails only Baker Duggins in times making the playoffs. Duggins had six teams in the playoffs (six district titles), winning state once, regional three times, second in state twice and third another time.

The 2001 team has done the best in the playoffs for North, winning their regional quarterfinal game, which included three playoff wins, advancing to the regional semi-finals in Abilene.



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ACROSS
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outhouse" in...
January"
6. TX Pride's "...
Have to Offer You"
7. TXism: "gets...
hitched"
8. King topper...
in poker
9. Tire pressure (abbr.)...
12. This Bud took Oilers...
to Tennessee
17. In Harris Co. on 249...
put shingles on...
after a TX hailstorm
21. Temple...—El...
in Dallas
22. WWII destroyer...
is at...
Seawolf Park
23. actress Hedy...
28. TXism: "... up"
(anger)
29. TXism: "busy as...
—armed...
paper hanger"
30. TXism: "so many...
you couldn't...
— with a stick"
31. ...view, TX
35. mystery, magic
36. In Seguin, Texas
4. ...
Chill Cook-off"
42. TXism: "thick...
— a...
garbage dump"
44. TX George Jones...
tune: "Window...
Up...
46. horse gaits

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FRIONA

- Feb. 22**—Julie Brown, Ann McFarland, Matthew Gammon, Brenda Joy Murphree, Natasha LaFuente, Jacy Grimsley, Bobby McMillan, Brittny Herbert
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- Feb. 27**—Raye Jean London, Pat Randolph, Jesse Saiz
- Feb. 28**—Kathrina Smith, Cindy Alexander, Corbin Neill, Todd Drake, Meryle Massie, Baker Duggins, M'Lissa Hurst, Jim Rapp, Sam Mears, Priscilla Trevino, Ruth Renner

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up or see a name that should be removed (name change, death, move, etc.), please call the Friona Star office at 250-2211. Thank you.

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

- 75 Yrs. Ago**
February 15, 1929
The recent cold snap has given grief to quite a number of Friona folks on account of freezing water in their water pipes. In some instances, families were cut off entirely from their water supply for a few days but without any serious expense, while in other cases considerable damage was done and expense incurred by the bursting of pipes.
- 50 Yrs. Ago**
February 11, 1954
A community auction has been announced by the Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture for February 20, as the latest in the planned activities for 1954. A similar auction will be held each third Saturday in the month.
- A fund drive was officially launched on Monday evening to expand Parmer County Community Hospital. Dr. Paul Spring outlined the pressing expansion needs. Pete Buske, board chairman, presided at the meeting.
- 25 Yrs. Ago**
February 18, 1979
"Instant summer, instant winter" best describes the weather in the Friona area this week. The mercury climbed to 81 degrees on Wednesday afternoon, on a day when the temperature reached 90 in parts of the area.
- 20 Yrs. Ago**
February 19, 1984
Hugh Moseley has authorized the Star to announce his candidacy for re-election as Parmer County Tax Assessor-Collector.
- 15 Yrs. Ago**
February 18, 1989
Ozzie Gonzales will be the manager of the Friona's new Texas Employment Commission office.
- 10 Yrs. Ago**
February 19, 1994
Tulia's Lady Hornets continued to be the thorn in the side of the Friona High School Squaws, downing Friona, 46-31 in the special playoffs for the district's crown.
- 5 Yrs. Ago**
February 19, 1999
Sheila Wiseman, sophomore, daughter of Kevin and Carolyn Wiseman, of Friona, achieved Dean's List recognition for the fall of 1998 semester at Wayland Baptist University.
- 40 Yrs. Ago**
February 13, 1964
The Friona High School Squaws have won 24 straight games this year but still must defeat Olton Friday night to clinch the district championship. A loss would give Olton a tie.
- 30 Yrs. Ago**
February 17, 1974
Friona's newest business, the Circle K Food Store, opened here Saturday at its location on West Highway 60 and Woodland Avenue.
- 60 Yrs. Ago**
February 11, 1944
Carl Maurer has just received approval of the Army, Navy and Civil Aeronautics Authority for the designation of an airport at Friona. C.J. Dorris of Amarillo has been secured as a flight instructor.

Boys Wrap-up

Chieftains Close Out Rough Season

The Chiefs had two consecutive 1-point losses in hard fought games with Hale Center and Lockney and finished with a 1-9 district record.

Chiefs 58 HC 59
Friona led Hale Center at the half by 30-27 but gave up 32 second half points to lose a close battle 59-58. Senior point guard Ricky Dickson had the hot hand for the Chiefs, scoring 29 points, including four 3-point goals. Marc Haile had 12 points, Matt Gammon 9, Rudy Gonzalez 4, Jon Nava and Brock Field 2 each.

Chiefs 45 Lockney 46
The game was close all four quarters, tied 16-16 after one and 31-31 at the third quarter break. A 15-14 closeout fourth gave the Longhorns the win 46-45. Haile was high with 14 points, Nava had 12, Dickson 9, Field 8 and Gammon 2.

Chiefs 26 Abernathy 56
The district leading Abernathy Antelopes dominated the Chiefs with a convincing 56-26 win. The Chiefs managed 8 points in the first, third and fourth quarters and 2 points in the second. Gammon scored 7 points, Field 6, Haile and Dickson 5, and Ramey Alaniz 3.

Chiefs 33 Olton 46
The Chiefs closed out the season with a trip to Olton but couldn't manage to beat the Mustangs, losing by 46-33. Gammon was high with 13 points, Nava & Dickson 6, Haile & Gonzalez 3, and Alaniz 2 points.

Chiefs JV 59 HC 60
The JV Chiefs lost a last-second heartbreaker to Hale Center 60-59, in a game that saw Friona go to the free throw line for 26 shots (they made 17) and Hale Center go 9 of 19. Antonio Monreal scored the game-high 16 points, Hayden Patton was close with 15, Chad Hutson had 9, Hector Sanchez 8, Steven Sanchez & Kelby Monroe 4, and Will Hughs 3.

Chiefs JV 53 Lockney 44
The young Chieftains were in control of this one from the start, leading all four quarters, helped along by an incredible 37 free throw attempts (made 25). Lockney also attempted 37 free throws but made 18. Cody Jamerson pumped in 12 points (no free throws), Hutson & Patton 10, Monreal 8, Monroe & Hughs 6, and Pedro Ramos 1 point. Hutson and Patton each sank 8 points at the foul line. In spite of the high foul volume, no JV Chief fouled out while three Lockney



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- TXism: "cold as an outhouse ___ in January"
- TX Pride's "Have to Offer You"
- TXism: "gets hitched"
- King topper in poker
- tire pressure (abbr.)
- this Bud took Oilers to Tennessee
- in Harris Co. on 249
- put shingles on after a TX hailstorm
- Temple ___-El in Dallas
- WWII destroyer ___ is at Seawolf Park
- actress Hedy
- TXism: "___ up" (anger)
- TXism: "busy as ___-armed paper hanger"
- TXism: "so many you couldn't ___ with a stick"
- ___ view, TX
- mystery, magic
- in Seguin, Texas
- Chili Cook-off"
- TXism: "thick ___ a ___ (ignore it)"
- TX George Jones tune: "Window Up ___"
- horse gaits
- Cowboys' Jerry Jones has a big one?
- stopped
- "hither and ___"
- actress Lupino
- TXism: "never sign anything in the glow of ___ light"
- TXism: "couldn't find hide ___ hair of it"
- ___ as bluebonnets in October"
- TXism: "___ all over"
- Six Flags ___ flume ride
- TX Blue Bell treat: ___ cream
- "___ out a living"
- Sam Houston beat Antonio Lopez
- Houston chemical co.
- TXism: "he was born under a honky tonk ___"
- TXism: "sticks out like a ___ thumb"
- "cowntown" railroad co. on the NYSE
- ___ Worth, TX
- Levi inventor
- TXism: "up and ___ 'em juice" (coffee)
- TX 3rd president: ___ beau B. Lamar
- TXism: "squeaks like ___ gate"
- ex-Cowboy Mel
- TX Joan Crawford: Lucille ___ Sueur
- TXism: "likely ___ not"
- Austin: "War ___ our only resource"
- TXism: "Miserables"
- TXism: "ugly ___ sin"
- Gov. Jester was the only one to ___ office
- 39 more capable
- TXism: "going at it toe ___"
- TXism: "he ___ sleeps fast" (speedy)
- TXism: "high tail ___"
- "Too Tall" Jones
- paddle security?
- TXism: "___ pill to swallow"
- ex-Cowboy RB Tommie

YOUR EYES EYESIGHT ALTERS WITH AGING

The body undergoes a number of changes from infancy to the elderly years. The eyes also go through different stages. By their teenage years, youths often become near or farsighted because of differences in the way their cornea and lens respond to light waves entering the eyes. Children should have regular eye examinations to ensure they have the best possible vision. Eyesight normally becomes stable in early adulthood, so from the early 20s to 40s most people do not have major vision changes. Checkups every year to two is recommended.



By 50, almost every person begins to have trouble focusing on near objects. This is called presbyopia. Bifocal glasses or contacts will be needed. Presbyopia worsens over the next 20 years, so people should get yearly exams to determine changes in their reading prescription.

The risk of most eye diseases such as glaucoma and cataracts increases with age. Because many of these conditions have very mild symptoms or none at all during the early stages, regular eye tests are essential. A vision specialist can also suggest ways to improve limited vision at nighttime, especially when driving. Safety can be increased by only driving during the daytime, in clear weather and on less busy roadways.

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Old Photos Stir Memories & Interest



We heard from local real estate agent Gary Snead and received an email from Lonnie and Terri Ellis about the 1962 photo last week. They all agreed with the guys in the photo are. Pictured from the left are Bobby Sims who lives in San Diego, California; Benny Pryor now of Lubbock; Dwight Whittaker (deceased); Stephen Wagner; David McVey (deceased); and Travis Graves, also of Lubbock. Gary said Travis Graves is former Frionan Andy Hurst's son-in-law and Bobby Sims is the son of Jonell and the late J. P. Sims.

This week's archive of the four ladies below we think is from the same 1960s era. And we think we know who one of the ladies is but will wait to hear from you. All we know is they seem pretty happy and are somewhere drinking coffee.

If you know who they are please share with the rest of us by calling 250-2211 or email frionastar@wtrt.net. We are closed on Friday but you can always leave a message on our machine. Thank you.



SHERIFF'S REPORT

February 12, Ronald Jankowski, 52, of Pennsylvania, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with possession of marijuana less than 2 oz, paid fine, court costs, three days in jail.

February 13, Richard Ortiz, 29, of Tempe, Arizona, was arrested by the Farwell Police and charged with failure to appear and theft, pending City Court.

February 15, Casimiro Garcia, 60, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police and charged with DWI, pending County Court.

February 15, Jose Zamudio, 38, of Friona, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with DWI 2nd, pending County Court.

February 16, Salvador Mendoza, 33, of Portales, New Mexico, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with DWI 3rd, pending Grand Jury.

February 16, Samuel Dominguez, 33, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police and charged with aggravated assault, pending Grand Jury; interfering with an emergency call, pending County Court; criminal attempted sexual assault, pending Grand Jury.



SQUAWS COACH Richard North discusses a play with the referees at Hale Center. ron carr photo

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Heart Health-Know The Risks And Consequences

by Patti J. Patterson, M.D.

Health issues affect everyone, and heart health should be at the forefront for all Americans. Cardiovascular disease is the No. 1 killer of Americans today. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, heart disease leads as cause of death for all racial and ethnic groups in the United States. The best way to prevent and control heart disease and illness is to take better care of ourselves in the first place.

Cardiovascular diseases include high blood pressure, coronary heart disease, congestive heart failure, stroke and congenital heart defects.

Men have more heart attacks than women, and they have them earlier in life; but after menopause, the chances for heart attacks in women increase. In addition, women are more likely to die once they have a heart attack.

While age, race, gender and genetics play a role in the development of cardiovascular disease, lack of awareness about behavioral risk factors also contributes to its eventual onset.

Recognizing these risk factors is the first step in preventing cardiovascular disease. Early medical detection and treatment of conditions such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes, through screenings, are key prevention measures.

The American Heart Association reports that one in five Americans has high blood pressure. And two out of three people with diabetes die from heart disease and stroke, according to the American Diabetes Association. These are grim numbers, but the encouraging news is that both high blood pressure and diabetes can first be prevented—and for those who already have these diseases, can be controlled.

Other contributing factors include obesity, physical inactivity, poor nutrition and tobacco use.

In 2001, 65 percent of the adult

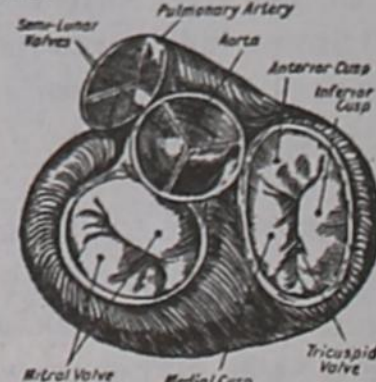
American population was overweight or obese—a significant risk for both diabetes and heart disease. While the incidence of smoking has declined in the United States, an estimated 3.2 million Americans tried their first cigarette in 1997—and most of these new users were between ages 12 and 17). One-third of smoking deaths each year are cardiovascular-related. More than 60 percent of American adults do not get the recommended level of physical activity and 25 percent are not active at all.

Decisions to quit smoking, become active, and get checked for high blood pressure and cholesterol, start prevention. According to the American Heart Association, heart disease is almost twice as likely to develop in those individuals who are inactive and don't exercise regularly.

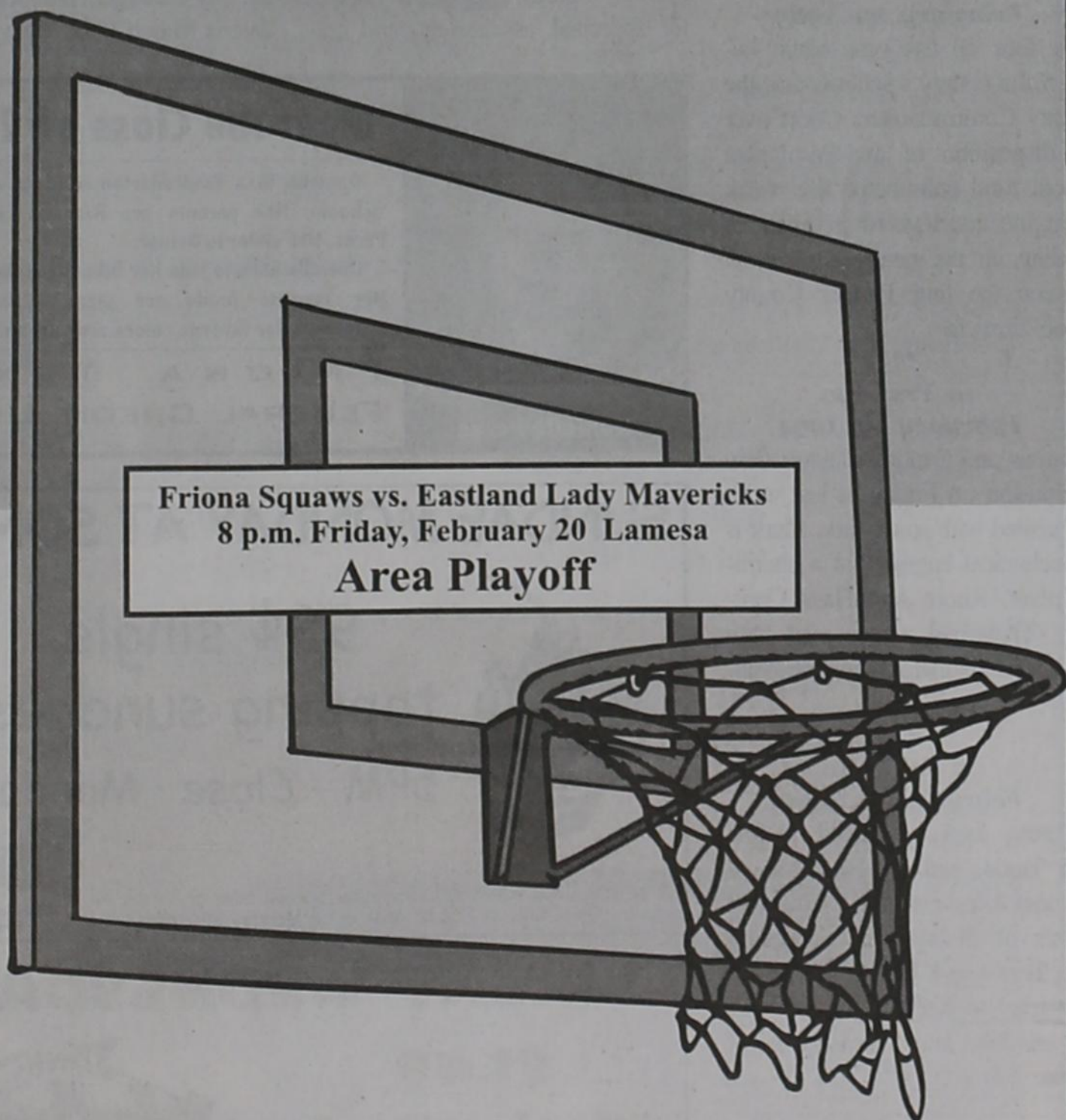
Health or wellness fairs can be a great source for free screenings for cholesterol, blood sugar and blood pressure levels. For disease management though, it is imperative that patients see their physicians regularly.

If you have not started a healthy eating and exercise plan this year, start now. Be your own advocate for your health and know the risks for cardiovascular disease. By becoming aware of how our behavior affects our health, we can reduce those significant health risks. Prevention, after all, is the best medicine.

(Patti J. Patterson, M.D., is the vice president of rural and community health at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. She grew up in Hale Center.)



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Think Texas

by Agriculture Commissioner SUSAN COMBS

Nearly a hundred years ago, the Texas Legislature established the Texas Department of Agriculture as a state agency. The year was 1907, when a loaf of bread cost less than 10 cents. The primary functions of the young agency, which had only four employees at the time, were to gather statistics and publish agricultural information.

Clearly, plenty has changed over the years.

TDA has since carved out its own important role in history, paving the way for agricultural progress and responding to the changing needs of the industry. Most recently, TDA's mission has grown to include unprecedented initiatives in rural economic development and nutrition. Rooted in agriculture, these issues have always been important to us. With the addition of the Rural Economic Development and Food and Nutrition divisions, TDA has tackled these issues with gusto. So it's fitting that, while our mission has evolved, so should our mission statement.

We recently unveiled the new statement—a true reflection of the agency's philosophy and goals in today's ever-changing society: Making Texas the nation's leader in agriculture, while promoting excellence in children's nutrition, rural economic development and providing efficient and extraordinary service.

TDA is no longer a four-person agency with limited functions. In the last few years, we have evolved to include progressive new programs—programs that affect the daily lives of all Texans.

Bovina ISD Reduces Employee Injuries

Bovina ISD, one of more than 454 participating schools, received the Diamond Award for savings to the district of \$12,212. Mr. Wesley Slade, Executive Vice President of Claims Administrative Services, explained, "Taxpayers will be gratified to know the results of participating in the CAS safety program results in a reduction of injuries and claims costs."

Bovina ISD, represented by Mr. Charles Carter, superintendent, was recognized by the West Texas Educational Insurance Association for success in implementing safety programs designed to prevent employee injuries in the workplace. The workers' compensation pro-

gram has assisted Texas schools in avoiding over 13, 533 employee injuries since 1991. Plus, districts have saved over \$154 million dollars through lower cost to the schools.

Mr. Barry Jones, CEO/President of CAS, explained, "Our insurance programs were created to offer the safest working conditions and the lowest cost for Texas school districts, creating savings of tax dollars while providing safer work environments for employees. Thirteen years of success for this program is proof of the district's and CAS' commitment to providing Texas schools with the safest working environment for school employees and the lowest cost to the district."

Bovina EMS Charges Explained

By Ernest Terry—Bovina City Manager

There has been some discussion and misinformation concerning the Bovina EMS and their charges for emergency medical services. I would like to try and explain how it works and to provide some data.

Last year, from October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003, the Bovina EMS had \$21,384 in expenses, which include medical supplies, vehicle maintenance, upkeep on the EMS Building, utilities, training, and medical fees and dues. In addition, the EMS purchased a new ambulance and \$54,019 was expensed during this year, for a total annual expense of \$75,403.

Bovina EMS revenue was \$26,680 from payments for ambulance runs, \$3,000 from Parmer County Community Hospital, \$6,300 from Parmer County, \$10,000 in donations, and a grant from TDH for \$35,000. Total revenue was \$80,880, for a net gain of \$5,477 that goes back into the general fund. The new ambulance cost \$119,854 and is funded by:

- \$35,000 from Ambulance Savings, FY03
- \$35,000 TDH Grant, FY03
- \$10,000 Donations, FY03
- \$39,900 Meadows Grant, FY04
- \$119,900 Total Funding

Only the \$39,900 remains to be expensed as of this writing.

Last year, the Bovina EMS made 80 ambulance runs, and if you depreciate the new ambulance over 5 years, each ambulance run costs the City of Bovina \$583. To break even, we have to collect \$583 for each ambulance run. We do that several ways; through collections, donations, grants, and transfers from the general fund.

Okay, let's look at collections. Last year, through a billing agent, we billed approximately \$136,000 for EMS services, or \$1,700 per ambulance. We collected only \$26,680 of that \$136,000 and \$109,320 was written off because of insurance, bad debt, and accepting insurance payment in full from citizens of Bovina.

What does that really mean? It means that if you are a citizen of Bovina and we bill you for an EMS service, whatever your insurance pays, we accept as payment in full, and write off any remainder.

Why do we do this? When you pay Bovina property tax, some of that tax pays for the benefits of the EMS service. Also, in order to collect an adequate amount, we must bill a sufficient amount for the insurance to authorize an adequate payment. So we bill an average of \$1,700 in order to receive an average of \$333.50 for each ambulance run. Remember, our cost is \$583 per run, which means we lose \$249.50 for each run, that must be made up from other sources. The \$1,700 that we bill for each run is not abnormal. It is pretty normal for ambulance charges throughout Texas.

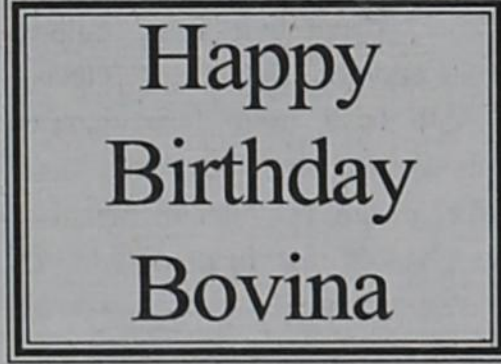
The bottom line is...if you are a citizen of Bovina and you have insurance; your cost for ambulance service is \$0.00, because we write

off what the insurance doesn't pay. Yes, the initial bill looks high, but if you really need the Bovina EMS to save your life or you are seriously injured, it's pretty cheap. The cost is right and the Bovina EMS service is the best in Parmer County. Can't beat that!

Drug Program Tonight At BISD

The Bovina Independent School District is inviting the community and parents to an informational meeting on the District's Drug Prevention Plan. This meeting will be held at the School Auditorium on Thursday, February 19, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. Danny Burks, LCDC (Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor), will present the program. A question and answer period will follow. If you have any questions, please call 251-1336, extension 222.

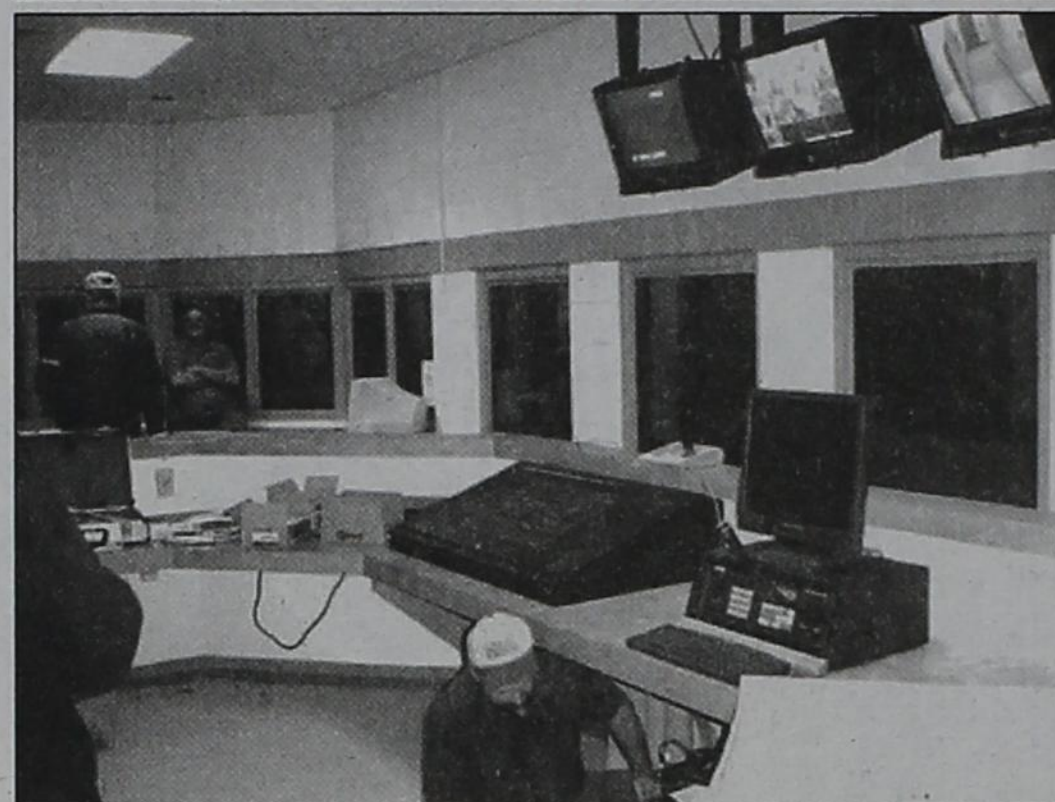
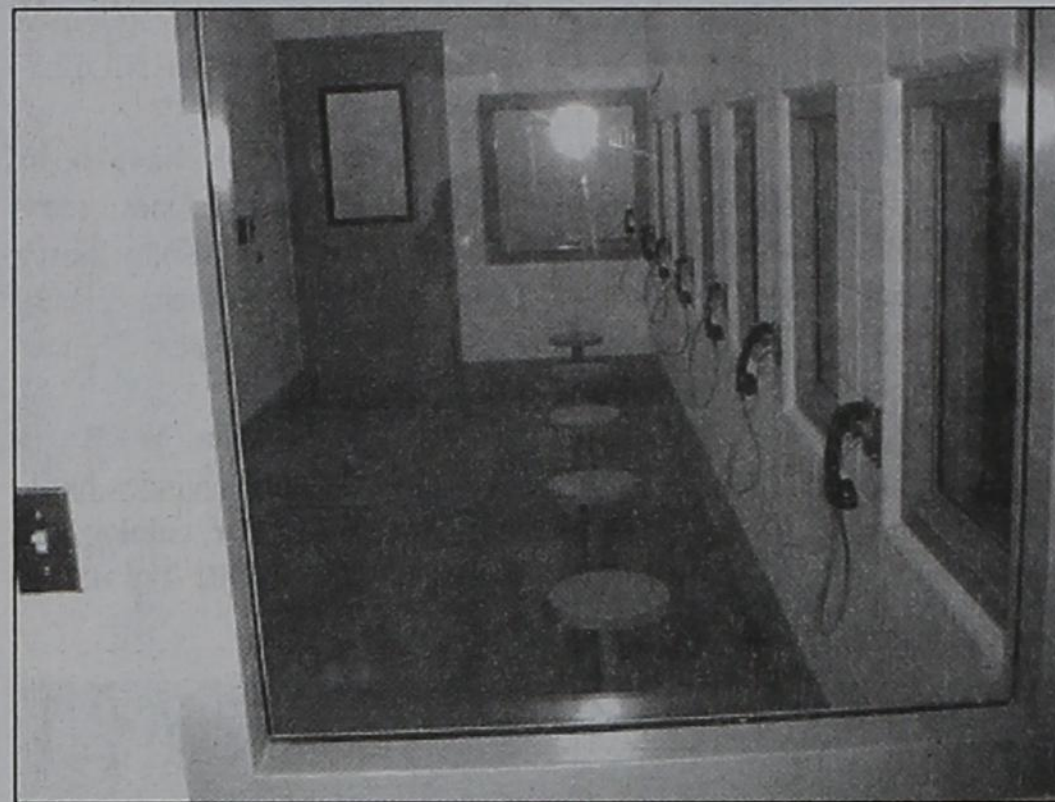
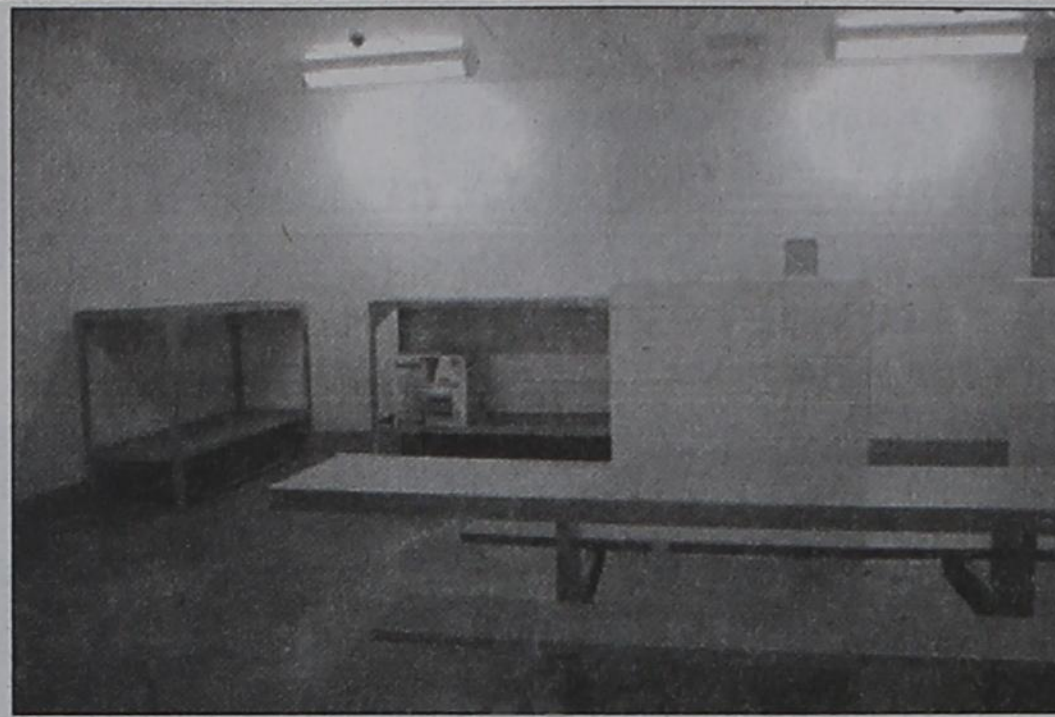
El distrito independiente de la escuela de Bovina esta invitando a la comunidad ya los padres a una reunion informativa sobre la prevencion de la droga que el distrito planea. Esta reunion estara en el auditorio de la escuela el Jueves, el 19 de febrero, 2004 a las 6:30 p.m. Danny Burks, LCDC (consejero quimico licenciado de la dependencia), presentara el programa. Un periodo de la pregunta y de la respuesta seguira. Si usted tiene cualquier pregunta, llame por favor 251-1336, la extension 222.



February 22 through February 28, 2004

- Feb. 22—Lawrence Widner, Penny Burklow, Larry Mitchell
- Feb. 23—Shirley Garrison, Cameron Charles
- Feb. 24—Ginger Bowman, Gracie Murillo, Carlene Jones
- Feb. 25—Elva Hernandez, Freddy Flores, Georgia Foster
- Feb. 26—Martha Garner, Ken Foster, Wayne Foster
- Feb. 27—Jordan Barrett, Ken Langlais
- Feb. 28—Catalina Garcia, Asa Smith

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up or see a name that should be removed (name change, death, move, etc.), please call the Friona Star office at 250-2211. Thank you.



INSIDE THE NEW Parmer County Law Enforcement Center. Top, a view of one of the 8-person cells, center, the visitors area, and below, the jail's control center for dispatching and inmate monitoring. Story on page one.

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Bovina Reflections

45 Yrs. Ago
February 15, 1959

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Free and daughter, Cherry Ann, of Dumas visited Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Bovina. They were guests of his mother, Mrs. G.E. Free and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Blalock. Mrs. Free is the former Pernie Blalock.

40 Yrs. Ago
February 19, 1964

Jerry Rigdon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hodge Rigdon, a sophomore at Eastern New Mexico University, is one of 47 students with a perfect 4.0 average for the semester.

35 Yrs. Ago
February 27, 1969

Mr. and Mrs. O.H. Jones returned home last week from a ten-day trip by plane to Blacksburg, Virginia, where they visited their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wayne Jones and Corey.

30 Yrs. Ago
February 21, 1974

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylon Rhodes of Bovina spent several days recently in the Bahama Islands.

25 Yrs. Ago
February 21, 1979

Tractors belong to the American Agriculture Movement were pressed into service as emergency vehicles in Washington, D.C. on Monday as the nation's capital was buried underneath 23 inches of new snow.

Ben McCain, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McCain of Bovina, has recorded and released a 45-rpm record, his first venture into the recording field.

20 Yrs. Ago
February 22 1984

It has been almost 20 years since the Bovina High School Fillies had appeared in the basketball play-

offs, so when they finally made it to a post-season game, the team gave their fans something to remember. The Fillies outlasted the Morton Indian maidens, 46-45 in a pressure-packed bi-district playoff.

15 Yrs. Ago
February 22, 1989

A four or five-year battle between the county's schools and the County Commissioners Court over the disposition of the Permanent School fund culminated this week when the court voted in favor of dividing up the nearly \$1 million between the four Parmer County School districts.

10 Yrs. Ago
February 19, 1994

James and Sandra Clayton flew to Houston on Friday of last week and visited with son, Mark. Mark is a mechanical engineer at a chemical plant, Rhom and Hass Company. They had a nice visit with Mark and returned home on Sunday.

5 Yrs. Ago
February 19, 1999

Teresa Jack graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree and Master of Science in accounting from Texas Tech University. Teresa is married to Kelly Jack. Her parents are John and Sherri Taylor of Friona.



Bovina Board Extends Contracts Buys Computers, Calls Election

The Bovina School Board met in regular session February 9. Board president Mike Beauchamp and members Justin Brozek, George Villarreal, Susan Kerby, and Joe Steelman were present. Superintendent Charles Carter and high school principal Bill Bizzell were present along with visitors Sandra Johnson and Marie Venable.

Board action included approval of \$12,554 for future capital improvements; approval of the final financial audit presented by Sandra Johnson; approved the 2004 senior trip; approved the yearly contract with the Parmer County Appraisal District; and West Texas Food Services Coop's agreement for food purchasing and commodity processing was renewed.

The board voted to call for the Bovina ISD school board elections to be held on May 15. Les McCain was appointed as the election judge and Pat Kunselman is the alternate. Darlene Miller is the early voting clerk. The board also voted to consolidate the May 15 polling location with the City of Bovina's polling location.

The board approved the Friona Star and the Stateline Tribune as designated local newspapers; appointed County Extension Agent Cody Hill as an adjunct staff member of Bovina ISD; approved a proposal to allow BISD to recover outstanding cafeteria charges; and voted to purchase 5 computers for the high school library from the Bovina Community Network (BCN) for \$.00 per computer. Money for the purchase will come from the Austin ISD WADA sales account.

The board was in executive session from 9:38 p.m. until 11:44 p.m. After the closed session was reopened, the following personnel actions were taken:

Accepted the resignation of Pat Read effective February 27; hired Maria DeLaCruz as a full time cafeteria employee; extended the contracts of high school principal Bill Bizzell, middle school principal Tommy Boatwright, and athletic director Kent Torbert until June 30, 2006; and extended the 11-month probationary contract of ag instructor Brandt Delaney for one additional year.

Bovina Aldermen Table Ambulance Problems

The Bovina city council met in regular session Thursday February 12.

Dan Neely with Oller Engineering gave an update on the new water well project. The planning stage is 85% complete and drilling could begin sometime in March, Neely said.

City manager Ernest Terry asked the council to review the city employee personnel policy and complaints procedure against city employees for discussion at the next meeting.

The council discussed a request for platting by Jeff Steelman on FM1731 for annexation of his property and moving of the city limits sign. The matter was tabled until a later date and the city manager was asked to have specified items in a written document and signed.

A discussion of the renewal of the city uniform contract with UniFirst was tabled for the next meeting. The annual contract with Parmer County Appraisal District for appraisal, assessment, and col-

lection services was signed by Mayor Hromas. Authorization was approved to use a \$19,872 TEEX grant to purchase two mobile natural gas generators.

Mayor Hromas signed a Notice of Election, calling a May 15 election for the position of mayor and two city council vacancies. The council also voted to have the EMS Building as a joint polling place for both the city election and the Bovina ISD elections on May 15.

Resolution 0401 concerning ambulance transfers was tabled until details are worked out. The council said it was willing to meet with the Friona City Council, hospital personnel, and county officials to work out the problems.

By council action, Bovina police officer Eddie Everhart was approved for his six month's pay raise. The city manager gave fund balance and municipal court reports. The police report was shown to the council for review and returned to the city manager. The next meeting date is March 11 at 7 p.m.



Meet the Class of 2016

Danielle is a kindergarten student at Friona Schools. Her parents are Richard and Diana Perez. Her sister is Denise.

Danielle likes to ride her bike & play basketball. Her favorite foods are pizza, chicken and spaghetti. Her favorite colors are blue and green.

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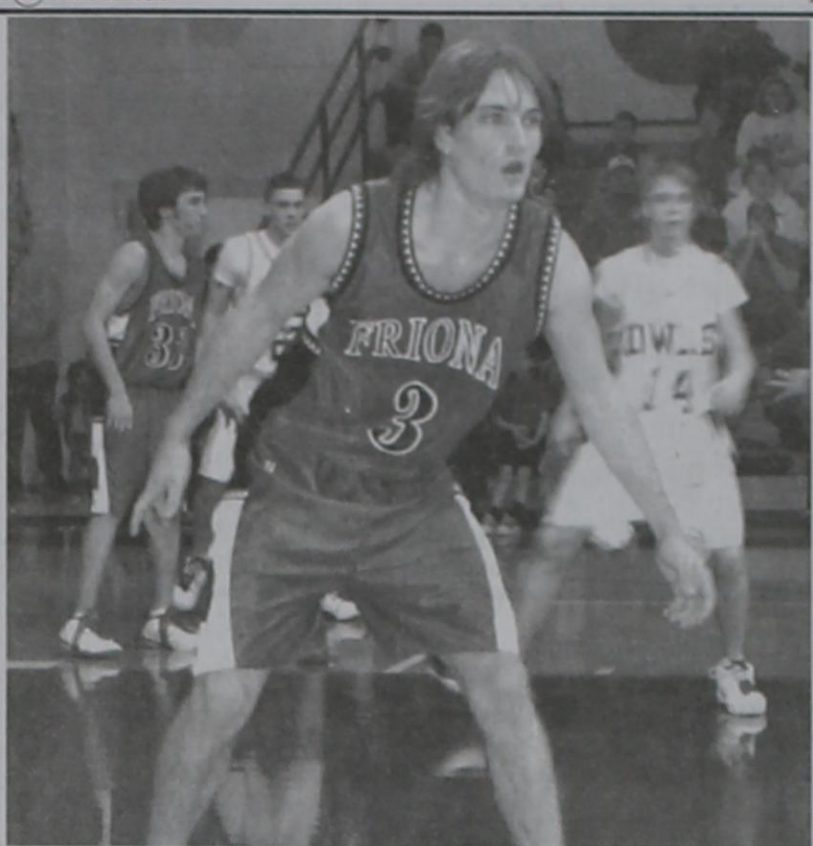
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**Bovina ISD
Lunch Menu**

- Monday, February 23**
Chicken fried steak, pepperoni pizza, creamed potatoes, broccoli, carrot sticks, salad, rolls, peaches, milk (variety).
- Tuesday, February 24**
Chicken & rice, hamburger, green beans, potato chips, crackers, salad, pickles, jello w/fruit, milk (variety).
- Wednesday, February 25**
Nachos, pepperoni pizza, pinto beans, jalapeno peppers, carrot sticks, salad, juice bars, milk (variety).
- Thursday, February 26**
Corn dogs, hamburger, corn, burger set up, french fries, milk (variety), juice bars, milk (variety).
- Friday, February 27**
Texas BBQ, pepperoni pizza, potato salad, pinto beans, carrot sticks, salad, bread, cowboy bread, juice bars, milk (variety).

FRIONA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2003

EXHIBIT C-3

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Major Special Revenue Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 2,401,462	\$ 138,725	\$ 385,400	\$ 2,925,587
5800 State Program Revenues	5,004,858	4,590	271,124	5,280,572
5900 Federal Program Revenues	-	390,327	1,229,887	1,620,214
5020 Total Revenues	7,406,320	533,642	1,886,411	9,826,373
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	4,367,691	-	1,095,895	5,463,586
0012 Instructional Resources & Media Services	109,300	-	29,571	138,871
0013 Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	7,779	-	9,732	17,511
0021 Instructional Leadership	83,010	-	114,715	197,725
0023 School Leadership	450,298	-	9,441	459,739
0031 Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	168,839	-	278,716	447,555
0033 Health Services	66,496	-	34,495	100,991
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	209,996	-	38,997	268,993
0035 Food Services	-	552,350	32,414	584,764
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	434,247	-	2,036	436,283
0041 General Administration	404,200	-	9,343	413,543
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	759,055	-	28,727	787,782
0053 Data Processing Services	49,069	-	21,566	70,635
0061 Community Services	-	-	4,255	4,255
Debt Service:				
0071 Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt	987	-	17,084	18,071
0072 Debt Service - Interest on long-term debt	2,141	-	1,536	3,677
Capital Outlay:				
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	86,171	-	-	86,171
Intergovernmental:				
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	130,870	-	98,803	229,673
6030 Total Expenditures	7,330,149	552,350	1,847,326	9,729,825
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	76,171	(18,708)	39,085	96,548
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7915 Transfers In	-	-	2,548	2,548
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(2,467)	(81)	-	(2,548)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(2,467)	(81)	2,548	-
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	73,704	(18,789)	41,633	96,548
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	2,053,559	24,764	113,800	2,192,123
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 2,127,263	\$ 5,975	\$ 155,433	\$ 2,288,671

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Sixth St. Church of Christ is collecting clothes for Medina Children's Home. If you have clothes that you would like to discard, regardless of size or condition, please bring them to Sixth St. Church of Christ.

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We will be having Certified Nurse Aide classes March 8, 2004 thru March 19, 2004, Monday thru Friday. Apply in person to Prairie Acres 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 201 E. 15th, Friona, TX 4tc-2/12-3/4

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OBITUARIES

Frieda Rosalene Eliza Louise Gallmeier

Frieda Rosalene Eliza Louise Gallmeier, 94, formerly of Friona/Rhea, died Friday, February 13, 2004, at Texhoma Regional Care Center in Vernon, Texas.

Graveside services were held Monday, February 16, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. at Rhea Lutheran Cemetery in Rhea, Texas, with Pastor David Symm officiating and arrangements under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

She was born June 20, 1909 in Friedheim, Indiana, to Charles W. Gallmeier and Sophia Louise Dorothy Schroeder, who are deceased.

Frieda moved to Vernon, Texas, in 1950, from the Rhea Community, where she lived most of her life. Her church affiliation was Lutheran.

Survivors include nine nephews, three of Friona, Floyd Schueler,



FREIDA GALLMEIER

Herbert Schueler, and Walter Schueler; and seven nieces, one of Friona, Velma Schlenker.

Betty M. Brown

Betty M. Brown, 75, of Wichita Falls, Texas, died Thursday, February 12, 2004 at the Texhoma Christian Care Center.

Funeral services were held Sunday, February 15, 2004, at 2:00 p.m. at Lunn's Colonial Chapel with Charlie Thomason, pastor of Faith Village Church of Christ, officiating. Burial followed at the cemetery in Charlie, Texas under the direction of Lunn's Colonial Funeral Home, Wichita Falls.

She was born April 14, 1928 in Charlie, Texas and married Manton Brown in Berkeley, California on December 17, 1948.

She was a homemaker and a high school secretary in Friona, before moving to Wichita Falls in 1976. There she became a Li-

censed Vocational Nurse and a member of the Faith Village Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Manton Brown in 2002 and a sister, Tally Ford.

Survivors include one daughter, Gloria Laminack and husband, Steve, of Devol, Oklahoma; one son, Stephan Brown and wife, Bonnie, of Houston, Texas; one brother, George Brown of Wichita Falls, Texas; five grandchildren, Carla and Bradley Brown of Houston, Texas, Brad and Scott Laminack, and Lisa Baty of Devol, Oklahoma; two great-grandchildren; and four nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Wichita Falls, Texas.

Bessie Denney Trimble

Funeral services for Bessie Denney Trimble, 93, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, February 20, 2004 in the Bovina United Methodist Church with Rev. Quita Jones, pastor, officiating. Several family members will assist her.

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

She died Monday evening, February 16, 2004 at Mountain View Manor in Albuquerque.

Bessie was born September 12, 1910 in Duncan, Oklahoma, the daughter of James W. and Jeannie (Stanley) Ellison.

She married J.C. Denney on January 15, 1930 in Clovis, New Mexico. He died in 1971. She then

married George B. Trimble on October 6, 1973 in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico. He died in 1991.

She was a member of the Bovina United Methodist Church, Bovina Eastern Star, and the Bovina Senior Citizens. She moved to Albuquerque, ten years ago, from Bovina, where she had lived for many years.

Survivors include one daughter, Rosa Lee Tabor and husband, John, of Madison, Alabama; one son, Willie Denney and wife, Lonetta, of Placitas, New Mexico; four grandchildren, Steve Tabor, Jay Tabor, Jerry Denney and wife, Kathy, and Janet Henry and husband, Tim; six great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

At our presstime funeral services for David Goddard of Friona were pending

Two Will Attend Women's Conference in San Antonio

Two local Friona women will attend the first national Women of Faith conference in March in San Antonio. These "spiritual spa weekends" have been touring the country for the past seven years but the March 18-20 meeting at the Alamodome in San Antonio will be the first national gathering of the organization. Friona attendees will be Evelyn Mars and Sabra Patterson.

According to the American Religious Identification Survey, the third largest group in America behind Catholics and Baptists are the people dubbed "nones" (after none of the

above) by cultural experts. This group of people describe themselves as spiritual but not religious and do not attend church.

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Women of Faith is an interdenominational women's ministry committed to helping women of all faiths, backgrounds, age groups, and nationalities. Their well-known team of speakers and musicians perform at weekend conferences to sold-out arenas all over the country.

"This is the first year for Women of Faith to hold a national conference that will be completely different from the rest of the stops in 2004," said Erika Greenwell-Stone, Women of Faith spokesperson. "The national conference will be held at the Alamodome in San Antonio which will have seating for 65,000. We plan to sell out."

San Antonio pastor Max Lucado will be among the speakers. Grammy nominated singers CeCe Winans and Pattie Cabrera are also included in the lineup. Mrs. Mars and Mrs. Patterson will represent Friona's First United Methodist Church.



BESSIE TRIMBLE

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Randi Cones (Hot Rod) wishes to thank everyone for all the prayers and love sent her way during her 11-day stay at BSA in Amarillo, and again asks for prayers and support this week, on the 18th, during another surgery at BSA. We still have one more big surgery. We thank you for all the calls and visits.

Melba Faye Hartwell Bell

Melba Faye Hartwell Bell, 82, formerly of Friona and Dalhart, died Friday, February 13, 2004 at Coldwater Manor in Stratford, Texas.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 17, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. at Blackwell Funeral Home with Rev. Mark Stovall, of First Baptist Church of Friona, officiating.

Burial was in the Friona Cemetery under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Melba was born September 13, 1921 in Cooper, Texas to Joseph Andrew King and Lillie Wanda Roundtree.

She was a homemaker and a member of Texico Baptist Church.

Her first husband, John Hartwell and her parents, preceded her in death.

Survivors include one son, John Hartwell of Dalhart, Texas; three daughters, Irene Ezell of Mullin, Texas, Carla Hartwell of Dalhart, Texas, and Sharlene Truelock of Gatesville, Texas; one step-son, Bill Hartwell of Vaca Ville, California; one brother, Walter King of Sweetwater, Texas; five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

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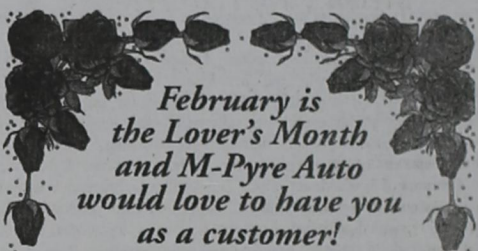
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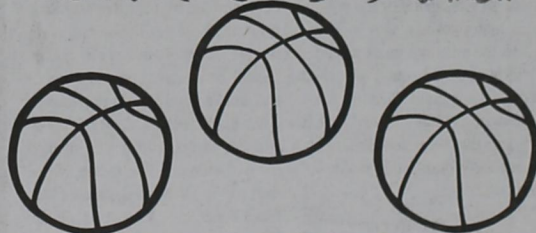
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RMA Clarifies Double Insurance Guidelines And Producer Options

Friday, February 13, 2004

By Shawn Wade

In an effort to answer a number of questions raised by insurance providers and producers about the new double insurance and prevented planting guidelines going into effect in 2004, the USDA Risk Management Agency has issued an expanded explanation of the new rules.

The new rules are final implementations of double insurance provisions first approved by Congress in the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 (ARPA). The reason for the new rule is to prevent a producer from collecting more than one crop insurance indemnity payment for crop losses that occur on the same acre in the same crop year.

The rule states that a producer who has a loss on their first insured crop may only receive 35 percent of the calculated indemnity (and only pay 35 percent of the first crop premium due) if they choose to plant and insure a second crop on the same ground that incurs an insurable loss.

If no loss is claimed on the second crop, the producer would receive the remaining 65 percent of the first crop indemnity less the remaining 65 percent of the first crop premium and 100 percent of the second crop premium due.

After considerable work by Plains Cotton Growers and the National Cotton Council, RMA has developed a revised rule that provides additional options to allow a producer to retain 100 percent of their first crop premium and opt out of second crop coverage in situations that would have required them to insure the second crop in the past.

Under the new rules a producer who incurs a loss on their first insured crop has several options that will allow them to retain 100 percent of their first crop indemnity.

They can: 1) Opt not to take insurance on a subsequently planted crop. This option is to be exercised on a unit-by-unit basis and the producer must make their insurance provider aware of their decision before the acreage reporting date for the second crop or when the claim is signed for the first insured crop; or, 2) Insure the second crop, but decline to accept any second crop claim payment. Producers who insure a second crop but later choose not to accept payment for a second crop claim will receive the remaining 65 percent of their first crop claim less the remaining 65 percent of the premium due on the first crop and 100 percent of their premium due on the second crop. Producers may decline to accept a second crop indemnity up until the time the claim check is cashed.

RMA also clarified prevented planting rules as well in the bulletin. Essentially a grower who files a prevented planting claim and subsequently hays, grazes, or otherwise harvests a volunteer or cover crop after the final planting date and before November 1 will be limited to 35 percent of the applicable prevented planting guarantee. Haying, grazing or harvesting a volunteer or cover crop after November 1 will not result in the reduction of prevented planting payments.

The RMA Managers Bulletin (MGR-04-002) is available for download from the website: <http://www.rma.usda.gov/news/managers/2004/>

Producers Looking At Spring Planted Oats

Poor wheat prospects have some Panhandle and South Plains growers looking for alternate crops to plant this spring. Oats may fit the bill, say Texas Cooperative Extension agronomists, Drs. Brent Bean of Amarillo and Calvin Trostle of Lubbock.

Clearly, the 2004 area wheat crop has gotten off to a poor start. A few farmers who planted following late summer rains had early season growth for grazing. There has been little rain or snow through the fall and early winter. Single digit temperatures recorded in January also reduced wheat stands. Precipitation in mid-January has helped the outlook in some parts of the region, but in many cases it was too little too late, the agronomists explained.

"Spring-planted oats are used forage, hay, or grain. Planting dates run between February 10 and March 15. South Plains farmers should try to plant early during this window," Trostle said.

"Panhandle growers will have more success by planting later," said Bean. "Oats will germinate at soil temperatures as low as 40 degrees, and emerge and grow quicker with warmer temperatures."

"Soil moisture and temperature are key in determining how fast the plant will develop," Trostle said. The time between planting and grain harvest also varies greatly from year to year. A 10-day delay in planting will not necessarily mean a 10-day delay in maturity. Research in Nebraska suggests that for every three or four days planting is delayed, maturity will be delayed approximately one day.

Methods for planting oats and wheat are similar. General seeding rates recommended are 50 pounds per acre for dryland and 90 to 100 pounds per acre for irrigated crops. Keep in mind when comparing oat prices that there are only 32 pounds of oats per bushel, the agronomists said.

Bean and Trostle also suggest lower seeding rates may potentially

be used without significantly affecting yield. Their recent tests featured Walken and Troy varieties with seeding rates of 50 and 100 pounds per acre. They saw little difference in yields for forage and hay grown at Bushland and Lubbock in 2002 and 2003. At Bushland last year, the grain yield was lower with a reduced seeding rate.

But what about nitrogen requirements? Bean said oats will need a similar amount to that used when top dressing in wheat. Forty to 60 pounds per acre of applied material is usually sufficient for most yield goals.

Winter weeds, when present, can be controlled by tillage or herbicide prior to planting. Glyphosate, commonly referred to as Roundup, should be effective on most weeds and grasses and would not force a delay in planting like 2,4-D. If 2,4-D is used, oats should not be planted for a minimum of 10 days. Once the crop is established, labeled herbicides include 2,4-D, Aim, Glean, Buctril, and Peak. Ally is not labeled for use in oats.

Choice of variety depends on how oats are to be used—grazed by livestock, grown for hay, or grain production. The three-year variety trials by Bean and Trostle have led them to recommend Walken, Troy, and Monida oats for grazing. For hay production, they suggest Charisma, Magnum, Monida, Troy, and Walken varieties. If grain is the objective then plant Dallas, Jerry, Nora, and Monida in the Panhandle. In the South Plains, try Dallas, Jerry, Monida, Troy, and Hytest.

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Marketing & Software Workshops Slated In Lubbock

Farmers and ranchers can gain a better understanding of futures and options, financial software and marketing plans, at a series of March seminars slated at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Lubbock.

Each seminar will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The center is located ½ mile east of Interstate Hwy. 27 on FM 1294.

"Our March 4 Introduction to Futures and Options workshops will focus on evaluating price alternatives. All pricing alternatives are directly or indirectly linked to the futures market," said Jackie Smith, Texas Cooperative Extension ag economist-marketing based in Lubbock. "So, we will be closely studying the basics of futures and options, fundamental and technical analysis, and pricing strategies, using

these tools."

Excel with Agricultural Applications is the topic of a March 25 seminar.

"Excel is a spreadsheet program that enables you to do basic financial planning and budgeting. It is especially useful for agricultural enterprises," Smith said. "We will provide instructions on how to set up useful spreadsheets with basic formulas, and demonstrate how to use these tools in different operations."

"This seminar is for those with basic computer skills and some general computer experience."

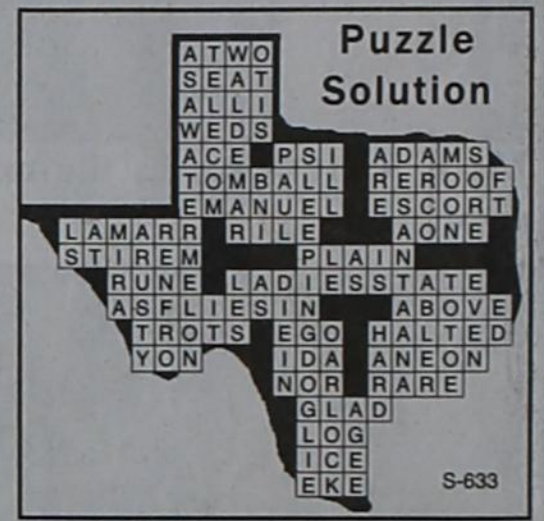
Registration for the futures-options and Excel seminars costs \$30 per person, and includes lunch.

A March 9 seminar will focus on Developing Your Cotton Marketing Plan, presented by Carl Anderson, Extension cotton marketing

economist. A March 23 seminar, presented by Darrell Holaday, focuses on Pulling the Trigger—knowing when and how to execute a marketing plan. Holaday is a private consultant in marketing and management.

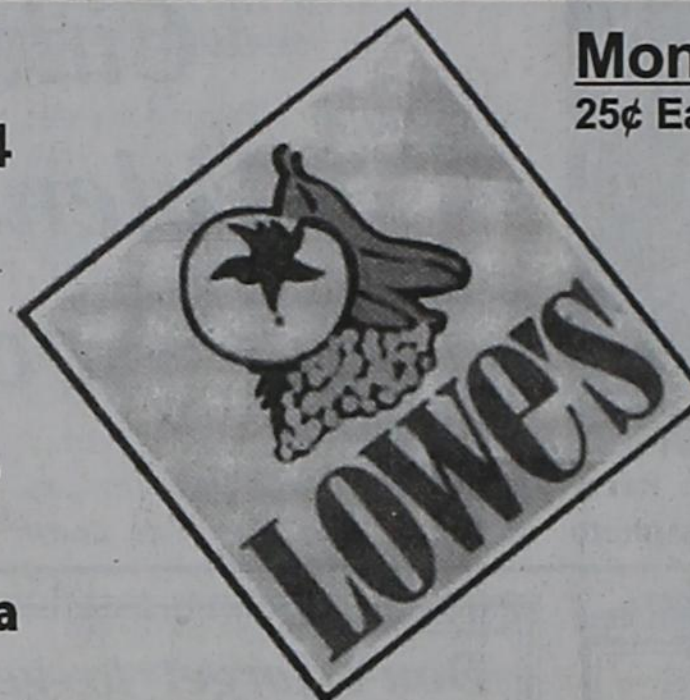
"These two seminars are part of our Advanced Topic Series (ATS), designed for graduates of the Master Marketer program. But they are open to anyone who wants to attend," Smith said. "We will also host another ATS seminar on August 3, focusing on late-season cotton marketing."

Registration for these seminars costs \$75 per person, and includes materials, breaks, and lunch. Producers can register, or get more information for these workshops, by calling Smith at (806) 746-6101; or by contacting their local Extension office.



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