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FOURTEEN PAGES

Friona Star Sets Holiday Schedule

Next week's December 23 Friona Star will be our annual Christmas issue and the last paper of 2004. This year we are continuing a tradition of not publishing the paper the week between Christmas and New Year's to give our employees some well deserved time off.

There will not be a Friona Star edition December 30. The next paper will be published January 6, 2005. The Friona Star office will be closed from December 24 until Monday January 3. However we will be checking in and out of the office to gather mail, news, and phone messages periodically during the holidays.

The red mailbox by the front door can be used to leave news items, payments, or other information. We will be checking the telephone answering machine for messages. Our phone number is 250-2211. We will also be checking emails. Thank you for your cooperation and support.



Project Christmas Card Wrapping Up

Project Christmas Card donations can still be made at Friona State Bank and First National Bank until Christmas. The Friona Star will publish a special list of donors next week in our Christmas edition.

The Empty Stocking Fund to help needy children is also accepting donations at Friona State Bank or you can call Jo Blackwell at 250-3922 for assistance. Jo is the Empty Stocking Fund coordinator for the Parmer County Welfare Board.

Boll Weevil Holiday Endorsement Info

Offices in the Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone will be closed from December 24 through January 2.

Cotton producers who need to obtain an endorsement during this time for a check made jointly payable to the Texas Department of Agriculture will need to call and make an appointment to receive the endorsement at a Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation office.

Endorsements may also be obtained at a Texas Department of Agriculture office. TDA has an office in Lubbock. Growers are encouraged to call the office at (806) 799-8555 to make sure someone will be there to help them.

Growers serviced by the Muleshoe and Friona offices should call Jo Ann at (806) 679-7183. Those serviced by the Dimmitt District office should call Raneta at (806) 647-7500. Finally, growers serviced by the Littlefield District office may contact David at (806) 773-8084.



Friona Country Club Offers Golf Special

The Friona Country Club has opened up golf play to all Friona area residents through April of 2005.

Club Pro Bobby Sansom said that all golfers, whether they are club members or not, are welcome to come play the 9hole country club course. The club is closed on Mondays.

Green fees for the open play will be \$12. Cart rental is \$5 for 9-holes and \$10 for 18-holes.

The Friona Country Club is located at 1505 W. 5th St. The phone number is 250-3125.



AT THE opening of The Gallery of the Frio Draw in Friona, 10-year-old Taylor Prather looks over some of her granddad's paintings. Taylor is the daughter of Mike and Gina Prather and granddaughter of Jim and Kay Swafford, all of Bovina. Jim Swafford, Bobby Wied, and Don Spring opened the gallery at 614 Euclid last week. Paintings, photography, and pottery creations by the artists will be on display from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. until Christmas. ron carr photo

Gallery of the Frio Draw To Showcase Artists

BY RON CARR

Don Spring is a retired pharmacist and professional photographer. Bobby Wied is a retired high school art teacher and professional artist. Jim Bob Swafford is a practicing professional artist who has managed art exhibits in Lubbock and now paints out of a studio in his home in Bovina.

The three have joined their talents to bring The Gallery of the Frio Draw to local and area residents. A ribbon cutting and opening reception was held last week at the gallery located at 614 Euclid St. in Friona.

On display are paintings by Swafford and Wied, framed photograph art by Don Spring, and various pottery items crafted by Wied. Don Spring maintains a photo studio at the location. Future plans call for the artists to maintain an art studio at the gallery and offer art classes and bring in outside exhibits.

Swafford said the gallery will be open from 10-5 daily through the Christmas holidays and open from 10-1 this Saturday. Hours of operation after the holidays have yet to be determined but showings can be made by appointment by calling one of the artists. The phone number at the Gallery of the Frio Draw is 250-5222.

Living Nativity and Candlelight Cantata At First Baptist Sunday

of Friona will present a liv- in the church sanctuary at ing nativity featuring children, 7:00 p.m., followed by a mals at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, Moon Christmas offering. December 19.

present a cantata, "Two celebrates Jesus' birth.

The First Baptist Church Thousand Decembers Ago", youth, adults, and live ani- candlelight service and Lottie

After the service, every-The nativity will be a one is invited to Jesus' Birthwalk-through scene and will day Party (bring sandwiches, be presented on the church chips, dips, and snacks) which will be held at the The living nativity will be church, also. The public is from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. The invited and encouraged to First Baptist choir, directed participate as First Baptist by Kevin Wiseman, will Church and the community

Friona Youth Wins Prize For Soldier Letter

dent?

Friona elementary school teachers recently held a faculty party at Carolyn's Christmas Creations in Muleshoe. Dorothy Prudhomme, a fourth grade writing teacher, noticed a display in the store requesting letters for service men and women in Dear Soldier, Iraq. The student writing the savings bond.

Mrs. Prudhomme has a son of the year. in the military so she is well can be for them. When she returned to her class, she asked write a letter to the troops.

Early last week she took 58 student letters to the Muleshoe store for the competition. All test were sent to soldiers in at Carolyn's Christmas Cre- at Christmas? Santa Jaws. ations selected a letter written Grado as the winner of the \$100 savings bond. Elementary prin-

How can a faculty Christmas cipal Becky Riethmayer said, the faculty are very proud of Elementary this week."

party lead to a \$100 savings "Edgar was surprised to learn Edgar, most of all for thinking bond for a fourth grade stu- that he is a celebrity at Friona of the soldiers far from home this holiday season. Edgar's let-Mrs. Riethmayer read ter is elsewhere on this page. Edgar's letter to the student. He is the son of Alfonso and body. His fellow students and Veronica Grado of Friona.

Edgar's Winning Letter

My name is Edgar Grado. I have one brother and one sister. best letter would earn a \$100 I live in Friona, Texas. I'm very sorry that you are not going to be able to see your family on one of the most important holidays

In a way I understand how you feel and I know it's very aware of how difficult holidays hard. My father is also gone right now. He had to go to Denver, Colorado to work because he is a truck driver. I miss him very much but I know he had to go to work to give us the best he every fourth grade student to can just like you're in Iraq to give our country the best you can by fighting for us.

I really appreciate what you are doing for our country. It takes courage to do what you're doing. Even though you are doing a very dangerous thing, you still stand strong and proud letters submitted for the con- and continue fighting for our country.

Since you are sad and lonely I got a little joke for you to Iraq by Carolyn's. The judges cheer you up: who delivers presents to good little baby sharks

by Friona fourth grader Edgar Christmas and hope that you will soon be with your loved ones. Sincerely,

Edgar Grado



FRIONA fourth grade teacher Dorothy Prudhomme congratulates her student, Edgar Grado, for his letter I hope I at least made you smile. I wish you a Merry to soldiers in Iraq that won him first place and a \$100 savings bond in a letter-writing contest sponsored by Carolyn's Christmas Creations in Muleshoe.

ron carr photo





CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN FRIONA

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by Ron Carr

Get Out of the **United Nations!**

cutoff in Canyon on the way to ciety was on the case though, was talking about. Amarillo you will see a sign in a field up next to the fence. It landowner, and about a billion other people. The sign is direct and to the point: Get Out of the United Nations.

Back in my younger life, a wife and I bought a house and became friends with our nextdoor neighbors who were a few years older. I had no interest in or knowledge of politics. I was still in my 20s trying to figure out how to pay the \$149 house payment and keep my new travel agency afloat.

My neighbor, I'll call him Phil, was a member of the John Birch Society. If you go back that far you will remember it was one of the original rightwing, conservative operations. The way Phil talked about it I thought it was an illegal undercover group, second cousin to the Ku Klux Klan.

from the John Birch book club and postulate for hours (at least it seemed like hours) about how the communists had infiltrated every corner of the country and were slowly taking over the

The Miami Herald

Widners Attend Farm Bureau Convention

Lawrence Widner said, "We very outstanding young people."

Lawrence and Carolyn Widner

Policies directing the state's larg-

est farm organization were adopted

by more than 1,200 delegates from

207 organized Farm Bureaus. Ap-

proved recommendations on na-

tional policies will advance to the

American Farm Bureau Federation

annual meeting in North Carolina

Kenneth Dierschke of San Angelo,

TFB president; Ralph Detten of

Hereford, secretary-treasurer; and

Vernie Glasson, TFB executive di-

rector. In the last order of busi-

ness, delegates re-elected Kenneth

Dierschke of San Angelo as presi-

Addressing the delegates were

of Bovina attended the 71st annual

Texas Farm Bureau convention December 4-6 in San Antonio as vot-

ing delegates.

in January.

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Phil would say.

lock the doors and pull the Dubya and the White House. blinds. The United Nations, he the United States. They are all letting them get away with it.

I always agreed with Phil, or at least nodded my head so he he was talking. We lived next choice. to them five years and when

later. I guess the John Birch employees and Saddam to take over the United States. here in America but who is go- anyway.

government. The John Birch So- I finally understand what Phil ing to pay?

Another topic that would get erating his diplomatic scams expresses the feelings of the Phil really mad was the United here under our noses on Ameri-Nations. By the time he got can soil. A handful of senators through telling me about the and congressmen are after Kofi communists and the United Na- as we speak but they aren't be any trouble for those very tions I would stumble home, getting much support from

> would say, wants to take over men are not created equal. Delegates to the United Nations corrupt, he would say. They do get diplomatic immunity which not care about the US, only means they can't be arrested screwing the US and we are for anything. They don't even pay parking tickets. A lot of people, including me and Phil, would like to see the whole would think I was agreeing with kaboodle of them relocated to better place. him. Most of the time I was some other country. Rwanda or thinking about other stuff while Nigeria seems like a good Scott Peterson. Sorry they

Here I am almost 40 years between certain United Nations old this Christmas.

" IT MEANS YOUR FRIEND

SLEEPS WITH THE FIGHES ...

Let's not get out of the Kofi Annan is a crook, op- United Nations, let's get the United Nations off U.S. soil. I think we should build them a big new building right in the middle of Baghdad. Shouldn't important diplomats getting a parking space. Nothing will At the United Nations, all come of the United Nations corruption. No big dogs will pay. America doesn't have the guts to shut them down.

It's too bad but our elected officials don't often pay attention to people like Phil and the farmer up there on VFW Road. If they did, America would be a

P.S. Merry Christmas to voted to kill you right before And now the word leaking Christmas Scott. Now don't you we moved I still didn't know out is that America looked the wish you and Laci were out much about the government and other way while the Oil for buying toys for baby Conner. Food scandal was taking place He would be almost two years

By the way, we canceled Phil would loan me books Society is gone now. Don't Hussein. That implies that our your tee time at the country know exactly what happened to government knew what was go- club this weekend and for ev-Phil either. But the United Na- ing on but did nothing about ery other weekend for the rest tions? They're still here, they're it. That must be against one of of your life. Sorry they didn't still corrupt, and they still want the trillion laws on the books let you out. Merry Christmas



Texans Say Taxes, Energy, Transportation, Are Top Priorities

This January, a new Congress will be sworn in and will begin setting its legislative priorities. As I contribute to the process on behalf of Texas, I use information I gather from many sources, including my annual Listening Post. In this year's survey on domestic issues, you provided excellent feedback and suggestions for dealing with energy, transportation, tax relief, legal reform, and more.

The largest number of responses came in support of tax relief measures that, without congressional action, are set to expire in 2011. More than any other provision, the respondents said, relief from the Marriage Penalty was the item to preserve. Permanent elimination of the Death Tax, lower marginal tax rates on all income brackets, and maintenance of the higher child tax credit were also heavily supported.

Gordon and Nancy, from Richardson, summed up their position on tax relief in this way: "We don't want this relief so much for ourselves as we do for our children and their children. We had hoped to leave them with a better world than the one we have now, or at least similar to what we remember from our growing up years."

Other comments were short and to the point. Lee, from Austin, wrote, "The alternative minimum tax needs reform."

"Eliminate the income tax and IRS and institute a consumption tax," was the terse reply of Stephen, of Highlands.

Dale, who lives in Flower Mound, said he favored elimination of the Marriage Penalty, lower marginal tax rates, and the higher child tax

deduction, and added, "I also want a balanced budget." Legal reform questions generated a large number of reactions. The greatest number approved prohibiting lawsuits against gun manufacturers. Medical liability and tort reform drew many responses on both sides. Fern, from Beaumont, argued, "Lawsuits and the threat of lawsuits are the only way to keep big business from putting out bad products and

taking advantage of he little guy." Carolynn, who hails from Friendswood, had a different take, saying she wants to see tort reform to prevent frivolous lawsuits from driving up insurance for doctors. "I lost my OB-GYN for this reason, and he was the best doctor I ever had," she wrote.

Energy policy generated many comments. Most of you said the United States should increase domestic oil and gas drilling and production, while nearly as many argues on behalf of renewable resources. Raising federal requirements for fuel efficiency was much less popular.

James, of Kilgore, said, "I believe our tax dollars are wasted on funding for solar and wind energy." John, of Pflugerville, counters that he wants, "Massive emergency federal funding research and development of alternative energy sources. Get out of dependency on foreign oil, NOW."

William, from San Antonio, speaks bluntly, "We have had 31 years since the OPEC oil embargo of 1973 and still we have no comprehensive energy policy. This is a disgrace."

The final category of questions addressed our state's transportation needs. On a topic that generated the most answers for any single question in the survey, Texans wanted a fairer share of the gasoline taxes paid to build more roads. Raising those excise taxes received the lowest backing of any proposal in the survey. Almost as unpopular was the suggestion of an alternative way to finance highways through methods such as tolls. Conversely, many agreed we should increase funding for light rail and mass transit.

Michael, a Dallas resident, replied, "New taxes and tolls are not the answer. Increasing efficiency is...I, and everyone I have spoken to, find it hard to believe that there is no high-speed rail system connecting major Texas cities."

Marc, from Houston, agrees with half of what Michael says, "Tolls are bad because they are discriminatory," he wrote. "Gas taxes should be MUCH higher."

Thomas, of Bryan, notes, "I do not believe gas taxes should be raised. However, getting people out of their vehicles and onto mass transit will be tough....I do not really have an answer."

With the help of your responses and other input from my fellow Texans, we can work together to develop practical answers to these and many other challenges face our state and nation. I really appreciate the time you took to weigh in...I am listening.

Cornyn Addresses Texas

dressed members of the Texas Farm Bureau at their annual meeting in San Antonio. Sen. Cornyn highlighted the accomplishments of this Congress in providing support to farmers and ranchers across the country, and reiterated his strong commitment to the interests of the Texas agriculture commu-

"The Texas Farm Bureau represents the industry that creates one out of five jobs in

Farm Bureau Convention U.S. Sen. John Cornyn ad- Texas," Cornyn said. "It's an important part of our economy and one that provides a plentiful and safe food supply. The

> and country, but people all around the world." Sen. Cornyn addressed the producer and consumer concerns over bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE, and other animal health issues, and affirmed that our current testing programs are working to keep infected animals form en-

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just the people of our state

tering the food supply. "There are several issues coming up in the next Congress that are important to Texas agriculture," Cornyn added. "As we move forward, we have an obligation to deliver results to the American people on issues like simplified, common-sense tax reform, improving and strengthening America's liability crisis."

Sen. Cornyn emphasized that the existing Farm Bill is working because it allows farmers to plan and operate based on market realities and not on what government dictates. He noted that the bill has cost the government less than expected. Cornyn also spoke about decisions currently being considered by the World Trade Organization that will heavily impact the Texas agricultural com-

Other issues Sen. Cornyn highlighted included his support of a comprehensive energy bill, elimination of the death tax, and improving Social



Here's our money for another year of news from home and your most enjoyable editorials. I keep wanting to submit your editorial to our local paper as an example of great writing - but my mother's teachings of good manners keeps me from it!

Sheila (Struve) Green

Neugebauer Relocates D.C. Office

Constituents of the 19th district planning a visit to our nation's capital should take note that Congressman Randy Neugebauer has moved

Neugebauer announced Wednesday that he has moved out of his old office in the Longworth House Office Building and relocated to room 429 of the Cannon House Office Building. The Cannon building is located one block east of the Longworth building on Independence Ave.

"429 Cannon belongs to the people of the 19th district," Neugebauer said. "I hope everyone will stop by to see the new office when they visit Washington."

The fourth floor of the Cannon building may feel to some like a little piece of Texas in the middle of Washington, D.C. Other inhabitants of Cannon's fourth floor include Congresswoman Kay Granger (TX-12) and Social Security and dealing with Congressman Kevin Brady (TX-8) and John Carter (TX-31).

The phone number for Neugebauer's Washington office remains 202-225-4005 and the fax number, 202-225-9615, also stays the same. Constituents can also continue to contact Neugebauer through his website www.randy.house.gov and by emailing him at randy@mail.house.gov.

Neugebauer also said that soon he will be announcing the opening of his office in Abilene.

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Cornyn, Governor Rick Perry, and

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BROWNIE TROOPS 531 & 250, back, l-r, leader Marsha Rocha, Breanna Campos, Perla Trevino, Bianca Arellano, Cassandra Rocha, Josephine Samarron, Madison Gatlin, Denise Padilla, and leader Marie Samarron. Middle, I-r, Kayla Alexander, Karina Rocha, Salma Estrada, Samantha Davila. Front, I-r, Courtney Bunker, Halletsville waiting for further or-Alicia Mendez, Julissa Gallegos, and Alexis Alvarado. ders. Not pictured: Rayanna Williams, Danielle Ortiz, Johnna Thompson, and Odilia Meza. courtesy photo

Brownie Troops Have Great Year

BY MARIE SAMARRON, Troop Leader

First and Second grade Brownie troops are off to a great start. This year the troops' theme is focused on becoming family and community helpers. In September the scouts earned their first badge, manners. They were also busy in the kitchen preparing meals for each meeting.

A party and sleepover was held in October. The girls made decorative masks, t-shirts, sit-upons, s'mores, sloppy joes and a B.S. degree in Human Sciences learned new and old dance steps, which earned them two other from Texas Tech University on badges, dancercise and Girl Scout ways.

In November the girls learned to tie knots and began their Christmas gifts. They also completed their projects for yet an- Mrs. Delwin Allen, of Friona, and other badge, art to wear. On December 11 the girls hosted a a 2001 graduate of Friona High Christmas craft party which consisted of making Christmas cards, School. ornaments, paper tamales, decorative bags and friendship brace-

What an amazing and fun-loving group of girls to work with. Family and Consumer Sciences The backbone and success of the troops comes from the parents for two terms and represented that each girl is blessed with. We wish to thank them for their Texas as a National Officer Delconstant support, help, and encouragement. It is a true blessing egate in Washington, D.C. She to be involved with these young girls and their families. Way to also served as Fundraising Chair go Brownies.



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Soldier Medic Has Friona Connection

Pfc. Lacye G Presley is a member of the 980th Engineer Battalion Rear Detachment out of Austin, Texas. She is a resident of Halletsville, Texas. Her mother is Deann Presley of Halletsville and her grandparents are Dean and Carolyn Shipp of Friona.

Pfc. Presley is in the Army Reserves. Recently she was in training at Fort Jackson in South Carolina. Her grandmother said that she is now at home in

In a recent article in an Army something that makes me proud. geant.



PFC. LACYE PRESLEY

magazine, The Inferno, 20-year- I want to help make some old Pfc. Presley was described as changes for the good of the Army a highly-trained combat medic and maybe I can make a differthat exudes dedication and stead- ence in someone else's life." She fastness. She told the magazine, said her main goal while in the "Being a medic in the Army is Army is to become a Drill Ser-

Allen Earns Degree At TTU

Alice Allen will graduate with Saturday, December 18, 2004.

She is the daughter of Dr. and

While at Tech, she was secretary of the Texas Association of for the Human Sciences Recruiters and for three years has been plans to stay in Lubbock and



ALICE ALLEN

a weekly volunteer counselor for continue with Express, where she the Lubbock Crisis Center. She has been manager since August.

Morton Graduates From WBU

versity in a ceremony held De- several years. cember 11, 2004.

daughter of Glen and Anita emony. Morton, formerly of Friona, received a Bachelor of Arts de-

A student from Friona was gree in religion. Morton was a among those receiving diplo- member of the Flying Queens mas from Wayland Baptist Uni- basketball team at Wayland for

A total of 65 students re-Crystal D'Lynn Morton, ceived diplomas during the cer-

Around Town

"Emmanuel Celebrating Heaven's Child"

The Calvary Baptist Church choir will present "Emmanuel Celebrating Heaven's Child" Sunday, December 19 at 10 a.m. The community is invited to celebrate the Christmas spirit. This will be the only service held.

FUMC Women met December 8

The United Methodist Women of the Friona United Methodist Church celebrated Christ's birthday with a Christmas luncheon in the home of Margaret Parsons, December 8. Sharon White presented "The Stubborn Unbeliever" by Arthur Gordon.

Ellis needs info & photos for book

If you have any old photographs or news clippings dealing with Friona schools or school activities, please call Bill Ellis at 250-3053. He needs photos of valedictorians and salutatorians from 1951 to present. If you want the photo returned, please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with the photo to 1201 Maple, Friona, Texas 79035.

Holiday gift ideas from the Chamber

The Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture has a great idea for those hard to buy for people on your Christmas list. Get them a "Taste of Friona" cookbook and/or a "Scenes from Friona" postcard packet for \$10 each. They make great gifts. Just come by the Chamber at 621 Main and pick up them up.

Hub Cowboy Fellowship December 21

Everyone is invited to come enjoy a time of worship and fellowship Tuesday, December 21 at the Hub Community Center two miles south of Junction 214 and Highway 86 at 7 p.m. Scott Spitsberg will be the speaker and Jim and Rhonda Murphree will lead the worship time. Come and have a good time.

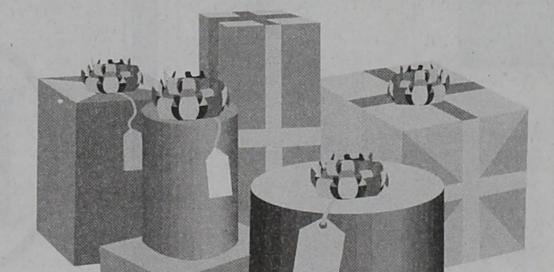


LITTLE FIDDLERS from Amarillo played December 9 for Heritage House, Prairie Acres, and Friona Evening Lions Club. Pictured, back row, is the daughter of Hollis and Lunell Horton, Sunny Ratliff, and her children, I-r, Kallie Ratliff, Mary Kate Ratliff, Matthew Ratliff, and Hollee Ratliff. courtesy photo

Money For Christmas?

Are you getting strapped for money here at Christmas? Friona State Bank has money to loan for that new car or pickup or for many other Christmas Gifts: Computers, Home Appliances, Watches, Jewelry,

Clothes. Gifts Big and Small.



We invite you to come in and see any of our installment or commercial loan officers. They will be happy to help you out with the money you need. We hope family this Christmas Season.

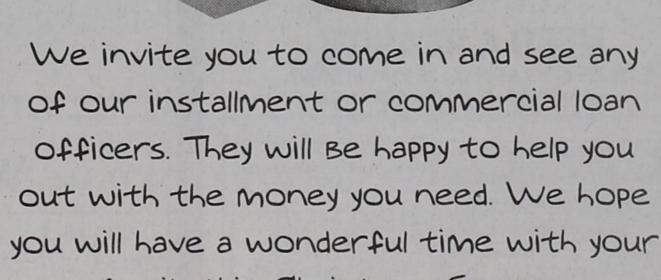


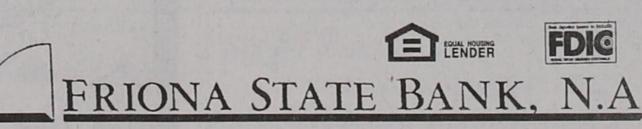
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NHS Inducts New Members

The Miller-Wilson Chapter of the National Honor Society met Sunday, December 12 in the Friona High School Auditorium to hold their annual induction ceremony.

Guests were welcomed by chapter president, Andrea Geries. Tyler Jameson, chapter secretary, explained the history and advantages of the National Honor Society.

Maegan Ingram, treasurer, discussed the insignia of the NHS. Tyler Jameson, Guadalupe Estrada, Misty Adams and Lucinda Rios, chapter vice presi-'dent, explained to the audience Scholarship, Character, Leadership and Service, the four virtues of the NHS.

Ms. Rios introduced speaker, Mrs. Karen Renner.

Andrea Geries administered the Pledge.

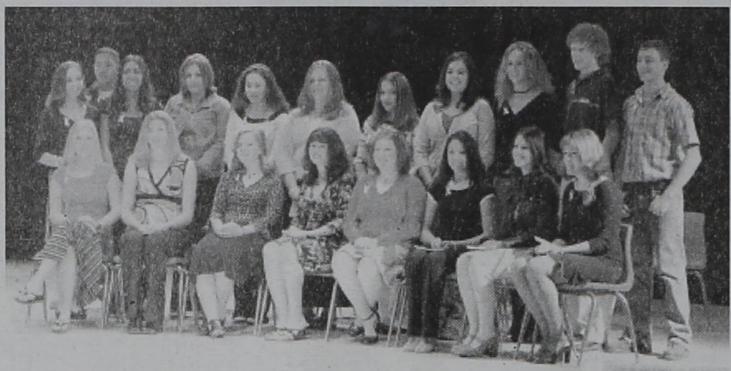
New members inducted were Leslee Avalos, Courtney Adams, Kathy Anthony, Erica Davila, Sandra Godoy, Jesus Gonzales, Meghan Hendrickson, Jordan Jamerson, Allison Jones, Sean Lookingbill, Caleb Miller, Shayli Reed, Isabel Romero, Hannah Stovall, Maria Tirado, Cindy Trevino Tiffany Vasquez,

Members attending were President Andrea Geries, Vice President Lucinda Rios, Secretary Tyler Jameson, Treasurer Maegan Ingram, Misty Adams, Breann Barnett, Erandy Lara, Guadalupe Estrada, Matthew Gammon, Trisha Winebrinner, Adrienne Anthony, Molly Carthel, Caleb Hidalgo, Kimberlee Jones, Natasha LaFuente, Dollie Lookingbill, Kelby Monroe, Pedro Ramos, Michelle Stanberry and Deniss Vasquez.

A reception of cake and punch followed in the cafeteria.



OLD MEMBERS, back row, l-r, Caleb Hidalgo, Pedro Ramos, Breann Barnett, Dollie Lookingbill, Molly Carthel, Adrienne Anthony, Deniss Vasquez, Michelle Stanberry, Kayla Estrada, Kimberlee Jones, Natasha Lafuente, and Kelby Monroe. Front row, I-r, Tyler Jameson, Trisha Winebrinner, Lucinda Rios, Guadalupe Estrada, Erandy Lara, Maegan Ingram, Misty Adams, and Andrea Geries. dana d. jameson photo



NEW MEMBERS, back row, I-r, Briana Wright, Jesus Gonzales, Marie Tirado, Yesenia Vega, Cindy Trevino, Hannah Stovall, Isabel Romero, Tiffany Vasquez, Yesenia Vega and Briana Wright. Shayli Reed, Caleb Miller, and Sean Lookingbill. Front row, I-r, Jordan Jamerson, Courtney Adams, Kathy Anthony, Leslee Avalos, Allison Jones, Erica Davila, Sandra Godoy, and Meghan Hendrickson. dana d. jameson photo

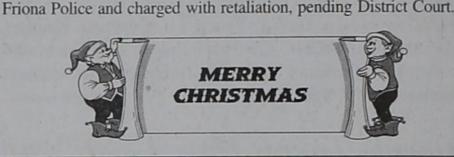
Sheriff's Report

December 7, James Rose, 35, of Texico, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with possession of marijuana-less than 2 ounces, pending County Court; possession of a controlled substance, pending Grand Jury.

December 7, Deann Ritch, 31, of Clovis, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with possession of marijuana-less than 2 ounces, tampering with evidence, pending County Court; possession of a controlled substance, pending Grand Jury.

December 9, Ray Rando, 44, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police and charged with possession of marijuana-less than 2 ounces, pending County Court.

December 10, Antonio Gonzalez, 19, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police, and charged with retaliation, pending District Court. December 10, Bruce Ramos, Jr., 19, of Friona, was arrested by the



COURTHOUSE NOTES

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from December 01, 2004 to December 08, 2004.

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TYLER JAMESON

Texas will be providing free rides this month for Texas drivers who've had too much to drink a free ride to jail that is. The Texas Department of

Transportation (TxDOT) and the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) announced that all available state troopers and local law enforcement officers will be on Texas streets and highways during the long Christmas and New Year's holiday weekends watching for drunk drivers.

TxDOT officials are expecting their "Jingle All The Way" annual holiday public education campaign to reach millions of Texans this month with messages lead to jail time.

safe and happy holiday," said to get behind the wheel if they've you can drive home safely." Carlos Lopez, TxDOT's traffic op- been drinking. Safe alternatives



LAW ENFORCEMENT officers joined Santa Claus, Blue Santa and Pancho Claus on a barge on San Antonio's historic downtown river to make the point that they'll be everywhere this month looking for impaired drivers. The TxDOT's lighthearted holiday safety campaign has a serious message: Drink, Drive. Go to jail.

that driving while intoxicated can erations director. "If alcohol is are to designate a sober driver campaign. Penalties for the first involved in their holiday celebra- before drinking begins, call a taxi "We want everyone to have a tions, we're reminding people not or just stay where you are until

lead the nation in alcohol-related traffic fatalities, safety advocates credit stepped-up enforcement of the state's DWI laws and ongoing advertising about the penalties of drunk driving with the recent decline in impaired driving fatalities. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports 100 fewer people died in Texas in 2003 in alcohol-related crashes than the previous year.

Besides DPS and hundreds of police departments and sheriff's offices statewide, the Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association, the Texas Restaurant Association and Diamond Shamrock are also participating in the holiday anti-DWI DWI offense include driver's license suspension for up to one year, a fine of up to \$2,000 and Though Texas continues to up to six months in jail.

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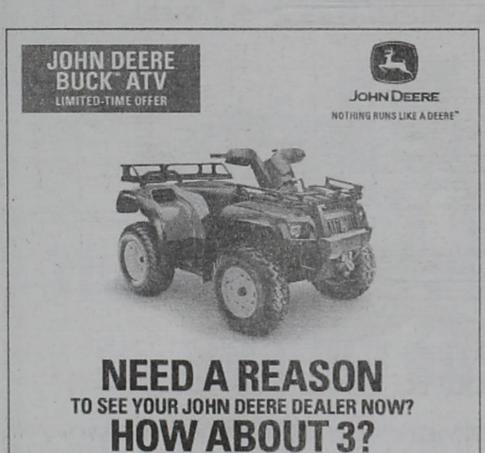
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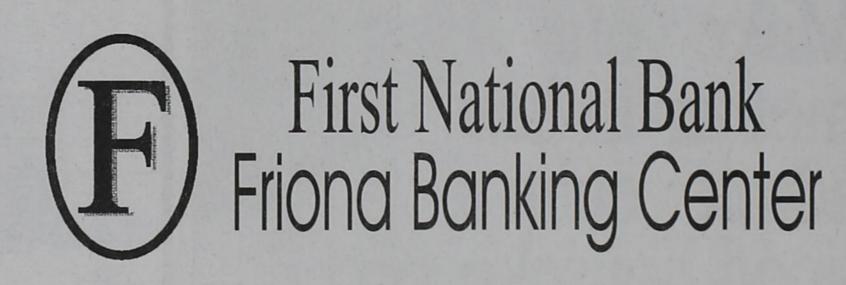
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OBITUARIES

Evelyn June Elam Kendall

Evelyn June Elam Kendall, former resident of Friona, passed away on Wednesday, November 24, 2004.

She was born on April 22, 1929, to Earl Dykes and Addy Fischer Dykes in St. Joseph, Missouri.

She was a Friona resident from July 1967 to February 1977. June was preceded in death by Earl Elam in 1977, a daughter, Judy, in 1980, her parents, and a brother and sister.

Survivors include her husband, Glenn Kendall, and stepson, Kevin Kendall, both of St. Joseph, Missouri; a daughter, St. Joseph, Missouri, and Gary Linda Faires and husband and Bev Elam of Amarillo, Texas; Bobby, of Friona; two sons, and numerous grandchildren Rodney and wife Mary Elam, of and great-grandchildren.



EVELYN KENDALL

THINK ABOUT THIS God's Purpose Never Changes

By T. LEON TALLEY, Sixth Street Church of Christ

I believe that God has a purpose for everything that happens Darrell Buske of the Prairie tend. in this world. NO, He doesn't cause everything to happen that Acres Nursing Home, on Saturhappens, but He uses everything for His cause. Isaiah said, "The day, December 11, in the lobby Lord Almighty has sworn, 'Surely, as I have planned, so it will be, of the home. Guests were memand as I have purposed so it will stand," (14:24). Notice, God bers of Darrell's FHS class of said, "I've got a plan, I've got a purpose and it doesn't change."

Someone has said, "History is really God's story" and it is. God doesn't make every choice. He allows man to do that. But He tending were Jimmy Mabry of will use all the choices men make, to fulfill His purposes. It's His Lubbock, Donald Loafman of story!

Do your plans change? Sure they do. Do you know why? Two Canyon, Helen Hamilton Stinnett

(1) You and I don't have the perspective, the foresight, to Portales, and Eva Nell Thomas know everything that's going to happen. We're not omniscient, Dale of Muleshoe. Attending like God is. We learn as we grow, and as we learn, we change.

(2) We may not have the power to implement our original plan. London, Jerry and Lucy Beth We're not omnipotent, like God is. So we have to change our Hinkle, and Barbara O'Brian Maplans. So, what does all this mean? It means that if we want to son. find peace and security, we have to make our plans, God's plan. His purpose for us must become our purpose. Jesus said, "I have were Mrs. J.T. Gee, wife of the come that you might have life and have life to the fullest (Jn. FFA teacher to Darrell's class, 10:10). So, my point is, God is eager to use us, but the only way Julia Fairchild, class parent, and He can use us to His glory, is if we commit our life and plans to special friends Harley and Jesus Christ. Have you ever noticed that some people go through Francis Merritt. Refreshments life and they don't seem to ever get frustrated, even though were served and Darrell opened changes are going on all around them? They live with changes, his gifts and everyone visited. but they don't allow these changes to change their value system. Gifts were sent by Phila Buske Yet others are totally torn and destroyed by change. Why? Weatherly of Crested Butte, Because they don't have the emphasis on the right things. God Colorado and Judy Barnett of has a purpose for you! If I can help you in your search for that Dallas, and cards from Weldon purpose, give me a call. I love you.



SHARING A BIRTHDAY surprise for Darrell Buske were front row, Jerry London, Darrell, and Lila Vars. Middle row, Eva Dale, Helen Stinnett, Barbara Mason, Jimmy Mabry, and Larry Fairchild. Back row, Marshall Stinnett, Donald Loafman, Jerry Hinkle, Harley Merritt, and Paula Fairchild. courtesy photo

Surprise Birthday Party For D. Buske

Out-of-town classmates at-Plainview, Lila Buske Vars of and husband Marshall of from Friona were Jerry and Raye

Special guests from Friona and Ruby Grubbs Fairchild of

Fairchild, of Adrian, hosted a Wittenback of Chickasha, Okla-65th surprise birthday party for homa, who were unable to at-

Butch and Paula Neel Austin, and Luellen McLean

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Peyton Elisabeth Baldridge

Brad and Shyla Baldridge, of Lubbock, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Peyton Elisabeth Baldridge, born Wednesday, December 1, 2004 at University Medical Center in

She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 1934 inches long. Her grandparents are Gerall and Mary Beth Wyly of Friona and Bill and Linda Baldridge of Pampa.

Great-grandparents are Othelia Bennett and Bob and Lydia Wyly of Friona, and Helen Dyer of Pampa.

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FARWELL TOURNAMENT CHAMPS...The Squaws beat Texico Saturday night to win the championship in the Farwell Tournament. Showing their plaque and smiles are, back, I-r, Courtney Adams, Staci Murphree, Misty Adams, and Coach Richard North. Front, I-r, Shayli Reed, Krista Graham, Katy Welch, Trisha Winebrinner, Andrea Geries, and Brenda Murphree. Not pictured is Lucretia Field who was on crutches in the stands recovering from knee surgery. ron carr photo

Record 11-2

Squaws Sweep Farwell Tourney

BY RON CARR

The Friona Squaws won the Farwell Tournament by a score of 164-91, sweeping Grady, Happy, and Texico in an impressive 3game parlay. Senior post Trisha Winebrinner, who sat out part of last week with an ankle sprain, came back taped and padded to lead the Squaws with 41 tournament points. Winebrinner, Katy Welch, and Andrea Geries were selected to the all-tournament team.

The Squaws, currently ranked 11th in state 2A by the Texas Murphree 2, C. Adams 2, S. Association of Basketball Coaches poll, rolled over Grady, NM, in the first game 67-38. Coach North suited up only 8 girls for the tournament. Soph Lucretia Field underwent knee surgery this week and is out for the year. Senior starter Misty Adams is waiting on a report from an MRI test on the condition of her knee and sat out the tourna-

enough. All the girls saw action throughout the tournament. The Squaws put up a 39-point first half against Grady and coasted to the 67-38 victory. They bombed the

Winebrinner was leading scorer with 17, B. Murphree 14, Graham 11, C. Adams 8, Welch 8, Reed 5, and S. Murphree 4.

The fire went out in game two vs Happy. The Squaws could muster only 42 points but Happy was stymied by the Squaw defense. Friona won the match 42-31 to advance to the tournament final game. Winebrinner also led scorers in the Happy game with 13, Reed had 10, Welch 9, Geries 4, B. Murphree 2. Reed had two 3s and Welch had one also.

For the final at 7 p.m. Saturday night, lots of Friona fans made the trip to Farwell to watch the Squaws battle the Texico Lady Wolverines. The Squaws still had only 8 players. Texico suited up 13 girls. But it wasn't much of a battle although it was a rough and tumble physical skirmish. Friona carded 19 personal Like the TV show, eight was fouls and Texico fouled 17 times.

The final score was Friona 55, Texico 22, but as someone said as the crowd was leaving, "That was the most tense 33-point win I've ever seen." Luckily Texico was very cold shooting from anywhere on the court. They made just 4 out of 24 free throw attempts and missed numerous put back shots. One got



SELECTED to the Farwell All-Tournament team are senior Squaws, 1-r, Katy Welch, Trisha Winebrinner, and Andrea Geries. ron carr photo

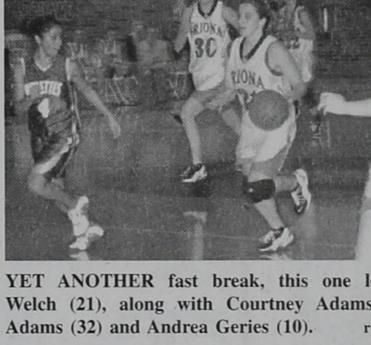
Sophomore Shayli Reed took lit up the scoreboard with four 3s 16 points. She also played an aggressive defense with several steals for Texico. Welch scored 12, in-

the feeling if their shots had started cluding two 3s, Winebrinner had falling it would be a heck of a 11, including one 3, Geries had 8, C. Adams 4, and S. Murphree 4.

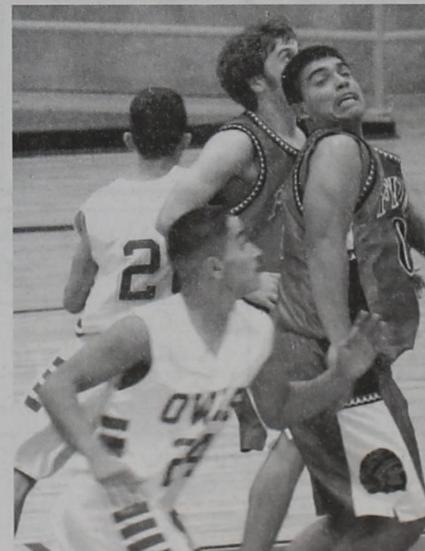
Of the 164 points Friona scored, charge of this one for Friona. She there were 18 three-point shots spread among five girls. This squad and four frees to lead scoring with has shooters and are getting better each game not only in pressing their opponents in the backcourt and generally made herself a pest but breaking the press if any team is adventurous enough to try it.



YET ANOTHER fast break, this one led by Katy Welch (21), along with Courtney Adams (30) Misty Adams (32) and Andrea Geries (10). ron carr photo







SOPHOMORE Chief Hector Sanchez (00) is intense as he sets for a rebound. Matt Gammon is in back.

dana d jameson photo

Record 12-2

Shayli Out, Misty Back **Squaws Beat Owlettes**

BY RON CARR

Super soph Shayli Reed tore up her knee in the final game at the Farwell Tournament. Senior starter Misty Adams sat out that game with a bum knee. Tuesday night the two Squaws traded places as Shayli sat out and Misty returned to the starting lineup. The cycle of knees and ankles continues.

Shayli will miss the Vega game tomorrow night then the teams have a couple of weeks off for the holidays. Reed should be back in action for the Caprock Tournament in Lubbock December 29-31. So much for the hospital report.

The Squaws had little trouble with the Hale Center Owlettes Tuesday night, banging out a 51-22 win which should have been 20 points higher. We don't have the figures but I'm guessing the Squaws field goal percentage was less than 50% as the rim was not always kind. They did shoot 8 of 10 from the free throw line. Not to worry. The girls are shooting, stealing, and hustling.

They held Hale Center to 14 points through the first 3Qs. They play even better when they play a good team. Speaking of shooting, against HC the Squaws netted seven 3s, four by Katy Welch, two by Krista Graham, and one by Misty Adams.

Welch was high point Squaw with 17, Trisha Winebrinner had 8, Courtney Adams 8, Krista Graham 6, Staci Murphree 6, Brenda Murphree 3, and Misty Adams 3.

Next up is Vega Friday December 17 then a holiday break until the Caprock Tournament.



SHAYLI REED (25) leads the fast break parade as Andrea Geries and Katy Welch trail the play.

ron carr photo



HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING? Not quite but Katy Welch outwrestles a Texico Lady Wolverine for the ball. ron carr photo



CHIEFTAIN Cody Jamerson (11) goes around a screen by teammate Hector Sanchez (00).

dana d jameson photo

Chiefs Beat Owls 61-52

expense of the Hale Center Owls. second half run. Friona beat Hale Center last

they took a 16-8 lead. But a 21- 4, Rudy Gonzalez 2.

The Friona Chieftains are on point 2Q for Friona gave the a 3-game winning streak. Two of Chiefs a 29-25 lead at the half those three wins came at the which they held through a 32-27

Matt Gammon was high scorer weekend in the Farwell Tourna- with 17 points. Hayden Patton ment and again at home Tues- drained three 3s for 9 points, Cody Jamerson had 8, Jon Nava In the 1Q it looked like the 7, Chad Hutson 6, Willy Castillo Owls were out for revenge as 4, Hector Sanchez 4, Will Hughs



WILL HUGHS grabs the ball between two Owls. dana d jameson photo



A HALE CENTER Owl outjumps Hayden Patton but Friona got the win in the consolation bracket of the Farwell Tournament. dana d jameson photo

Consolation Champs Chiefs Win Two in

The Friona Chieftains broke into the win column over the weekend with two victories and the consolation bracket trophy in the Farwell Tournament.

Farwell Tourney

The boys lost the first game to Melrose 56-25. In the game, Hayden Patton was high point man with 7, Hector Sanchez, Chad Hutson, Matt Gammon, and Jon Nava had 4 each and Ramey Alaniz added 2 points.

In the second game, the Chiefs found a new game as they turned a 22-14 second half run into a 47-40 win over Happy. It was the Chiefs first victory of the season. Hutson led scoring with 16 points including two 3s, Gammon had 10, Nava 8, Cody Jamerson, Patton, and Rudy Gonzalez 3 each, and Will Hughs and Sanchez 2 each.

In the consolation bracket championship Saturday afternoon, they took care of Hale Center with a 22-point 2Q that put the game out of reach in the second half for Hale Center as the Chief's won 48-32. Nava led scoring this time with 12, followed by Hutson's 11, Sanchez 9, Hughs 4, Patton and Gonzalez 3 each and Gammon, Jamerson and Willy Castillo 2 each.

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JV Squaws Win Tulia Tourney

BY DANA D. JAMESON

The Tulia Tournament proved to be the perfect playing ground for the FHS JV Squaws. The Squaws took the top spot by winning all three of their games. The JV Squaws could be called the comeback kids. In each game they played in the tournament they came from behind to win.

In game one Thursday, the Squaws took on Tulia. At halftime they were 7 points behind, but came back fired up and won 45-38.

Kambree Davila and Briar Barnett were 100% at the line sinking 4 for Davila and 2 for Barnett. Barnett also led the team in scoring with 12 points. Breann Barnett scored 9 points, Davila 8, Molly Carthel 7, Miranda Frye 4, Erica Davila and Denise Vasquez 2 each and Briana Molly Carthel during their win over Hale Center. Wright 1.

Friday started the same as Thursday with the girls behind at halftime 18-15 against Hale Center. But they rallied and won 33-29.

Wright led the scoring with 11 points including three 3-point shots. Briar Barnett scored 8, Vasquez 6, E. Davila and Carthel each 3 and Frye

For the third time in as many days the Squaws traveled to Tulia and trailed 19-9 at halftime against Tulia, again. We are not sure what Coach Ky Graham said at the half but they came back for a determined 44-33 win for the tournament championship.

Wright once again led in scoring with 15 points including two 3pointers. Vasquez contributed 6 points, Breann Barnett and Miranda Frye 5 each, Briar Barnett 4, E. Davila 3, Carthel and Sandra Godoy 2 each and Julie Echevarria and Leslee Avalos 1 each.

The JV girls will next host Hale Center on Tuesday, December 14.

JV Chiefs Compete In Tulia Tourney

BY DANA D. JAMESON

Traveling to the Tulia Tournament. 4, and Lookingbill 2. Try saying that 3 times. That is Saturday proved to be a tough day what the JV Chiefs did last week for the Chiefs, too. Playing for the on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. consolation prize against Boys The Chiefs demolished Tulia JV on Ranch, turnovers seemed to plague Thursday by winning 60-28.

had a three-point shots.

Lookingbill 4, Andrew Aguirre, Monroe and Brett Field 1 each. with 3 and Kelby Monroe 2.

Friday, December 10 was a repeat ber 14. of the Friday, December 3. The Chiefs met and lost to Dimmitt 62-

Monreal, Miller and Lewellen led the team with 8 points each. Monroe scored 6 points, Wilcox 5, Saiz

the game. Though tied at half time Caleb Miller and Valente Casas each 25-25, they gradually fell behind and lost 61-43.

Antonio Monreal led the scoring Wilcox led the team in scoring 13 with 15 points, followed by Wilcox points with Monreal close behind with 13. Others Chiefs contributing with 10. Miller sank two 3 pointers were Chance Lewellen and Phillip for 6, Aguirre 5, Lewellen 3, Saiz with 6 each, Casas 5, Sean Lookingbill and Saiz 2 each and Micha Hummes, and Caleb Miller The JV Chiefs next host the Hale Center Owls on Tuesday, Decem-





THINGS ARE looking up for JV Squaws Briar Barnett, left, and

dana d jameson photo

Freshman Squaws

Dominate Lockney

Coach Lanny Crow's freshman

The Squaws were leading at the

half 28-0. The only points they

allowed Lockney were 5 points in

the third quarter and 2 free throws

Michelle Martin led the team

Hollis Gurley 4, Brooke Herbert 3

8th A/B Maidens Fall To Lockney

The FJHS 8th grade A & B Maidens traveled to Lockney

and Morgan Anthony 2.

Monday, December 13.

Wyly had 1 assist.

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Squaws went to Lockney Monday,

Lockney Lady Homs 38-7.

in the fourth.



THERE IS A LOT of looking up in basketball as demonstrated by JV Chiefs, I-r, Caleb Miller (32), Tolby Wilcox (34), Sean at the end of the first quarter 13-5 outplayed the Steers and led 34-20 Lookingbill, and Chance Lewellen.



VALENTE CASAS (00) slugs an Owl. Not really. It just looks

8th Braves 8th Longhorns 32

FJHS 8th Braves fell to the Lockney Longhorns Monday, December 13, 32-15.

Justin Dominguez led the scoring with 5 points, Michael Keen 4, and Justin Echevarria, Isaac Bryan and Aaron Hand 2

JV Squaws & Chiefs **Host Hale Center**

BY DANA D. JAMESON

The JV Chiefs & Squaws hosted the Hale Center Owls on Tuesday,

Coach David Towner's JV squad earned every point they scored by winning in a close scoring game, 51-47.

Ahead at the half 31-24 the boys held on to their lead only allowing 6 points to be scored by the Owls in the third.

Antonio Monreal led the team in scoring with 13 points. Sean Lookingbill added in 10, Chance Lewellen 8, Phillip Saiz 6, Tolby Wilcox, 4, Kelby Monroe and Andrew Aguirre 3 each and Valente Casas and Caleb Miller 2 each.

Coach Ky Graham's JV Squaws leading at halftime 22-10 the Squaws continued to dominate to the end, 36-30.

Miranda Frye and Deniss Vasquez led the scoring with 8 points each. Also scoring were Molly Carthel and Briar Barnett with 6, Julie Echevarria 3 and Briana Wright 2.

Friday, December 17, the JV Chiefs & Squaws host Vega.

9th Boys & Girls Split At Farwell

BY DANA D. JAMESON

day December 11. The Chiefs de- Ingram scored 9 points, Gurley 7, feated the Steers 55-36 and the Erin Anthony 5, Erin Austin 4, and Squaws fell to the Lady Steers 49- Lauren Hughs, Blair Smiley and

The Squaws led the Lady Steers dana d jameson photo but slipped behind in the second at the end of the first half. They by two points and ended up losing held the Steers to four points in the

The Squaws were 5 of 8 in free 55-36.

Braves 35 7th Lockney 33 December 13 and dominated the

The FJHS 7th grade Braves hosted the Lockney Longhorns on Monday, December 13.

Behind at half 20-9, the Braves came back to beat 9th Chiefs

Lockney, 35-33. Matt Stanberry dominated in scoring with 18 points, Joey

with 13 points, Blair Smiley 6, Erin Austin and Jordan Monroe 5 each, Dickson 10, Stetson Reed 3, and Jordan Kelly and Noe Saenz 2 points each.

The FHS 9th grade Chiefs and throw shooting. Michelle Martin led Squaws traveled to Farwell Satur- in overall points with 11. Ashley Morgan Anthony each scoring 2.

The Chiefs outscored and third quarter and went on to win

The only Chief to shoot free throws, Ryan Geries, hit on 5 of 8.

Leading the team with 12 points was Sawyer Reed, Geries 9, Trent Hudson 8, Dylan Welch 6.

Eric North, Alonzo Rojas and Chris Haile each scored 4 points and Ryan Schwab and Kaison Graham 2 each.

9th Steers

FHS freshman Chiefs coached by Jose Gonzales traveled to Farwell on Monday, December 13 to take on the Steers for a repeat performance of Saturday, December 11 by winning 49-27.

High point scorer was Sawcontributing were Eric North with 9, Ryan Geries 8, Chris Haile 7, Dillon Welch 5, Trent Hudson 4, and Alex Gurley and Jared Boyd with 2 each.

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

75 Yrs. Ago December 20, 1929

County Commissioner D.H. Meade reports that the stretch of road leading south from Friona to The Hub is now in prime condition, he having just completed thoroughly grading it.

70 Yrs. Ago December 21, 1934

Thursday of last week, representing the various communities and towns of Parmer County at the big Chamber of Commerce meeting that was called at that city on that date. Those attending from Friona were Mayor F.W. Reeve, George A. Heath, T.J. Crawford, Howard Morris, Otho Whitefield, Milford Alexander and County and District Clerk, V. Rushing and County Judge Elect, Walter Lander.

65 Yrs. Ago December 22, 1939

Last Thursday, Friday and Saturday, one of the best basketball tournaments ever held in the Friona gym was staged. There were ten boys' teams and eight girls' teams entered. In all there were 23 basketball games played. Mr. Ezell and Wilbur Meade said that they had never officiated a tournament where more sportsmanship was shown. Dimmitt won first place, Canyon second and Springlake third in the boys' division. Lazbuddie won first place, Dimmitt second and Oklahoma Lane third place in the girls' division.

60 Yrs. Ago December 22, 1944

J.H. Hinds has announced that he will open his grocery store in the Warren building on Sixth Street, to be known as "Friona Food Market," on December 22. Mr. Hinds is experienced in the management of grocery and food stores and has his store furnished with all modern equipment. He will have a meat market in connection with his regular grocery business. He has lived in Friona for several years and was formerly employed with the Cashway Grocery and Market

40 Yrs. Ago December 7, 1964

Ground was broken and the foundation poured

this week on a building which will house the Friona Star and Graphic Arts Printing. The building, which is to be located between Southwestern Public Service Company and Production Credit Association, will be ready sometime early in 1965.

35 Yrs Ago

December 18, 1969

Friona's outstanding citizens for 1969 were honored last Saturday night at the annual Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Banquet. Louis Welch was honored as the Chamber's "Man of the Year." Sarah Alexander was chosen "Woman of the Year," and Mrs. Cleo Gauna of Gib's Quite a number of people were in Amarillo on cleaners was cited as "Most Courteous Employee." The committee which selected the "Teacher of the Year" from the Friona School System came up with a novel choice when both Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hodgson were chosen.

25 Yrs. Ago December 16, 1979

An open house has been scheduled by Friona's Tri-County Savings and Loan Association branch, at the new location on Highway 60.

20 Yrs. Ago December 16, 1984

The Friona FFA senior farm skills team placed second in the state leadership contests recently. Members of the team were Gena Wright, Dana

Berend and Corrie Lundy. 10 Yrs. Ago

December 17,1994 Five generations gathered on December 8 to help Anna Anthony celebrate her 97th birthday. Among the 24 descendants present, were her son, Ernest: grandson, James: great-great-grandson, Mark: and great-granddaughters, Brittany

5 Yrs. Ago December 17, 1999

Kenneth Hager of Hereford was the lucky win-

ner of a Remington 870 12-gauge shotgun in the recent fundraiser by the local EMS.

Happy Birthday

December 19 thru December 25, 2004

Dec. 19-Wes Drake, Jason Rector, Paige Osborn, Mindi Wilson, Lonnie Busch, Cliff Daniel. Dec. 20-Harletta Carthel, Mike Schneider, Rocky

Nichols, Deloris McNeely, Alec Gordon. Dec. 21-Robert Sandoval

and Kathy.

Dec. 22-Sabrina Clark, Jane Houlette, Chris Haile.

Dec. 23-Sue Wells, Lavenia Duke, Uldene Grimsley. Dec. 24-Jon Osborn, Bert Osborn, Wana Brewer, Gabriel Baca, Mike Herbert.

Dec. 25-Bob Hurst, Dr. Bob Sanders, Betty Smock, Michael McLellan, Mickey Harrelson.

The A team fell 46-12 to the Lady Horns. Heather Sandoval led yer Reed with 12 points. Also in scoring with 5 points. Megan Hoon had 3 points and 5 rebounds, Melissa Gallego and Brittany Berend 2 each. The B team also fell to Lockney 5-4. Leading scorers were Christy Widner and Corinne Hinton with 2 points each. Kathleen



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Half Way There?

By ROGER HALDENBY LUBBOCK, December 15, 2004

Looks like we are around half way through harvesting the 2004 cotton crop here in the High Plains of Texas. The crop is forecast to top 4.5 million bales according to the Texas Ag Statistics Service.

Reports coming from growers and ginners across PCG's 41 county area indicate things are going along nicely with the change in the weather since Thanksgiving.

according to the most recent forecasts from the National Weather Purpose Shorthorn Show at Hutchinson, Kansas.

The Lubbock and Lamesa Classing Offices, as of today, have classed close to 1.4 million bales between them. Along with the change in harvesting conditions, the classing offices are reporting a lowering percentage of barky bales.

USDA Announces Six Million In Grant Funding

Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, announced today the availability of \$6 million in grant funding to support rural economic and community development efforts. Qualified private, nonprofit and public intermediary organizations proposing to carry out financial and technical assistance programs are eligible to apply.

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI) grant funds will provide financial and technical assistance to recipients to develop projects relating to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development.

Texans can increase their capacity to bring community and economic development opportunities to local communities," said

create and operate a revolving loan fund, establish and manage cooperatives, or provide training on how to conduct homeownership education classes. Grant recipients will provide training and technical assistance to eligible nonprofit community development organizations and low income communities located Dale and Laura Hart of Friona mium money than any other in rural areas with populations of 50,000 or less.

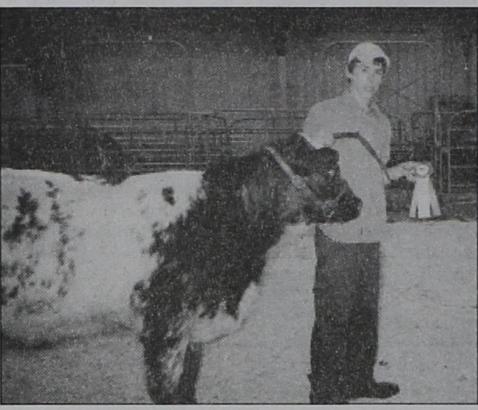
The maximum award per grant is \$500,000. Applications must National Dual Purpose Short- from several states exhibited. be completed and submitted no later than January 25, 2005. For horn Show in Hutchinson, Kanmore information, please contact Francisco Valentin, Jr., Commu-sas. nity Programs Director, (254) 742-9789.

USDA Rural Development was created in 1994 to help enhance horns won the National Grand Nebraska. the quality of life and increase economic opportunities for the Champion Bull, Reserve Grand nation's rural residents. For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact any USDA Service Center Reserve Junior Champion in the Robert, Colby, and Christi or visit our website at http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/



JEREMY & STACI HART with Hartsdale Texas Hopes are up for continued good cotton stripping conditions Harvester, Grand Champion Bull at the National Dual

courtesy photos



ROBERT CHENEY with Hartsdale Texas Princess, "Through the Rural Community Development Initiative, rural the Reserve Junior Champion in the Open Show at the National Show in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Funds may be used to provide technical assistance on how to Harts Exhibit Grand Champion At Shorthorn Show In Kansas

Shorthorn cattle owned by ribbons, championships and prewere recently exhibited at the herd. There were 18 show herds

Their Grand Champion Bull was the high-selling bull and Their Hartsdale Polled Short- went to a reputation herd in

DAIRYMEN

A Time For Thanks **And Celebration**

By JOHN COWAN

round.

Thanks to our nation's farm world, unfortunately.

try, the Texas Association of mantic view of this existence. Dairymen wishes to say "thank you" as 2004 draws to a close. plenty of dirt, early mornings, We'd like to thank the consum- late nights, financial worries, the ers who support our industry rising cost of feed and equipby buying milk, cheese, ice ment, broken machinery, sick cream and other dairy products. cows, keeping up with ever-

thank its members, the dairy industry, and countless other farmers who work so hard to concerns. Yet these families supply the butter for the dinner wouldn't choose any other way rolls, the scoop of ice cream for of life. the pecan pie, and the milk put out for Santa to enjoy with his will present even more new chal-

more than 656 million gallons of and assist our state's dairy farmmilk production nationwide. to pursue a way of life they Those same producers (and their love and to put food on Texas cows) also help make Texas the tables. fourth leading producer of ice Happy holidays! cream in the country.

products—are produced largely (www.milk4texas.org).

As you gather with family through the labor of individual around a food-laden table this farmers and their families. Farmholiday season, take a moment ing in Texas isn't a corporate to think about who brought you endeavor-an estimated 92 perthe food you enjoy not only for cent of Texas' agricultural opthe holiday feast, but year- erations are still run by individuals or families.

These families make a lot of families, most of us have plenty personal sacrifices to stock the to eat. We also have access to nation's grocery store shelves. a wide variety of foods at rela- Farming is not an easy profestively affordable prices. That sion. Those whose only expoisn't the case in all parts of our sure to the farm life is through television or the movies are get-On behalf of the dairy indus- ting the Norman Rockwell, ro-

The reality is tough work, But TAD also would like to changing rules regulating the

Farming in the 21st century lenges and demands. The Texas In Texas, about 800 dairy Association of Dairymen will farmers in the state produce continue its mission to support milk a year, ranking Texas 12th in ers so that they can continue

(John Cowan is the execu-These dairy products—as tive director of the Texas Assowell as other food and fiber ciation of Dairymen, Inc.



Healthier-ways to make San Antonio's traditional Christmas tamales were the focus of recent adult community classes in the Assisting Dale Hart were his Alamo City. The Texas Beef Council and San Antonio registered Champion in the junior show, son Jeremy and grandchildren dietitian, Lisa Johnson, showed participants how shredded beef can make great low-fat holiday tamales. The classes were part of the San Antonio Fit City Initiative.



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FRIONA JUNIOR HIGH UIL 1st place winners: front, l-r, Kelsey White, Gaby Rivera, Brandi Merritt, Uriel Lopez, Regan Anthony. Middle, 1-r, Lucy Mendez, Keeley Dunnam, Ingrith Ojeda, Marina Sanchez, Paige Herbert, Alex Gonzales. Back, 1-r, Lawton Vasquez, Denise Chaparro, Alex Dunnam, Kortney Boardley, Kirby Frye, Anna Murphree, J Gurley. ron carr photo

Bovina School Board Denies Gown Request

the regular meeting of the Bovina School Board December 13. The senior students were asking the board to allow girls to wear white gowns and boys to wear maroon gowns at the 2005 graduation. Senior Jeff Casas spoke as the representative of the senior

The request had been denied by high school principal Bill Bizzell who stuck with the traditional allmaroon graduation. The students appealed to the school board but the board backed the principal's ruling. All 2005 graduates will wear maroon.

In other action, the board accepted the financial audit ending August 31, 2004, as presented by Sue Riddick; the Bovina Community Network's proposal to sell Nobillis computers for \$1200 each to the school for the video lab was accepted; and approved the

About 18 Bovina High School seniors attended renewal agreement for the West Texas Food Service cooperative.

The board approved the contract for appraisal, assessment, and collection service with the Parmer County Appraisal District, and accepted the recommendation of Leon Ware that Earl Whitten replace Ted Clayton on the Appraisal Review Board.

The board hired Rocio Mata as the school Social Worker. Mata will fill the school counselor position that has been open all school year and will serve as counselor and social worker, a new position for BISD. No action was taken on the budget amendment for the salary and supplies for the social worker.

The board entered closed executive session to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation. The board returned from closed session at 12:10 a.m.and adjourned at 112:45 a.m.

Friona JH 1st In UIL

Friona Junior High students University in Plainview.

Friona scored 600.33 points to 568 points. Floydada was 3rd, Grade: Team-3rd – Isaac Bryan-4th. Lockney 4th, Olton 5th, and Dimmitt

and placements were:

Music Memory: Team-2nd, Team-2nd, Gaby Rivera-1st, Lucy Kourtney Boardley, Denise Mendez-8th. Chaparro, Laci Austin, Alex Marissa Sanchez.

Editorial Writing: Seventh Team-3rd, Bryan Baxter-1st. Grade: Anna Murphree-2nd, Monica Dominguez-3rd, Jordan O'Brian-5th, Alba Soltero-6th. Kelley-5th; Eighth Grade: Gaby Michael Beard-4th.

Ready Writing: Sixth Grade: Team-2nd, Lucy Mendez-1st. Marissa Sanchez-1st, Laci Austin-3rd, Laura Lopez-4th; Seventh Grade: Kelsey White-1st, Brenner Grade: Alex Ferguson-4th, Liliana Barnett-6th; Eighth Grade: Christy Saucedo-6th.

Mathematics: Sixth Grade: Team-3rd, Kirby Frye-2nd; Seventh Skyla Stormes-2nd; Seventh Grade: Leonardo Castaneda-4th; Grade: Paige Herbert-2nd Eighth Grade: Team-3rd, Justin Echevarria-2nd, Alex Vega-4th.

Number Sense: Sixth Grade: 3rd – John O'Brian-5th.

Calculators: Sixth Grade: Team-Team-1st, Regan Anthony-1st, 1st. Friona categories, students, Caitlin Bronniman-5th; Seventh Grade: Team-3rd; Eighth Grade:

Maps, Graphs, & Charts: Sixth Gonzales, Brandy Merritt, Grade: Team-1st, Keeley Dunnam-1st, J Gurley-3rd; Seventh Grade:

Science: Eighth Grade: John

Spelling: Sixth Grade: Team-2nd, Rivera-1st, Justin Echevarria-2nd, Kourtney Boardley-3rd; Seventh Grade: Team-3rd; Eighth Grade:

Impromptu Speaking: Sixth Widner-4th. Oral Reading: Sixth Grade:

Modern Oratory: Eighth Grade:

Lawton Vazquez-1st.

Listening Skills: Sixth Grade: won 1st place in a UIL contest held Team-1st, Kirby Frye-1st, Karina Team-1st, Laura Lopez-1st, Mikey December 8 at Wayland Baptist Trevino-4th; Eighth Grade: Team- O'Brian-4th; Eighth Grade: Team-3rd, Gaby Rivera-4th.

Art: Sixth Grade: Ingrith Ojedatake 1st place. Tulia was 2nd with 3rd, Alex Gonzales-6th; Eighth 1st, Uriel Lopez-1st; Seventh/ Eighth Grade: Ana Alvidrez-1st, Dictionary Skills: Sixth Grade: Alex Dunnam-1st, Ana DeLaPaz-

Fillies, Mustangs Win At Adrian

The Bovina Fillies continued to play good basketball Tuesday night at Adrian. The Fillies put up a 24-point fourth quarter to pull out the 61-51 victory over the Adrian girls. Irma Rocha was impressive with 24 points to lead Fillie scorers. Teammate Jennifer Reyna was close behind with 22 points.

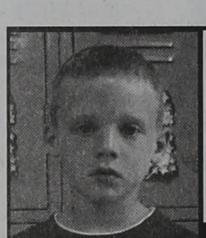
The Mustangs also brought back a win as they bested Adrian 51-45 anchored by a 24 point first quarter. Senior Jeff Casas had 29 points to lead the Mustangs. Josh Shelby had 7 points.



AT THE ribbon cutting for the opening of The Gallery of the Frio Draw last week are, I-r, Kay and Jim Swafford and granddaughter Taylor Prather, Chamber of Commerce executive director Chris Alexander, Don Spring, Bobby Wied, Gladys Spring, Delphine Wied, and Chamber of Commerce assistant Betty Lamb.

ron carr photo





Meet the Class of 2016

Jason is a kindergarten student at Friona Schools. His parents are Doug and Ann Kelley. He has one sister, Robin, and two brothers, Jordan and Dillon.

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Bovina Reflections

45 Yrs. Ago December 22, 1959

A run-away snow-plowing truck, its driver overcome by carbon monoxide fumes, plowed into French Cook's garage on Highway 86 Tuesday afternoon. Dale Harmon, 21, was unconscious in the truck but was not inured when it hit the garage. Harmon was rushed to Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona and immediately put under an oxygen tent.

> 40 Yrs. Ago December 16, 1964

A group of local men left Monday for a pheasant hunting trip. They planned to go to Chappel and Lincoln, Nebraska. They planned to be gone about a week. Making the trip were Earl Stevenson, Eual Hart and Ike Quickel.

15 Yrs. Ago

December 20, 1989 Twenty-eight Christmas carolers met at the First United Methodist Church last week and went around town singing to individuals. After they finished caroling, the group returned to the church for refreshments and waited for Santa.

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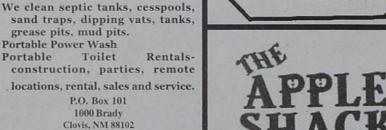
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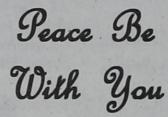
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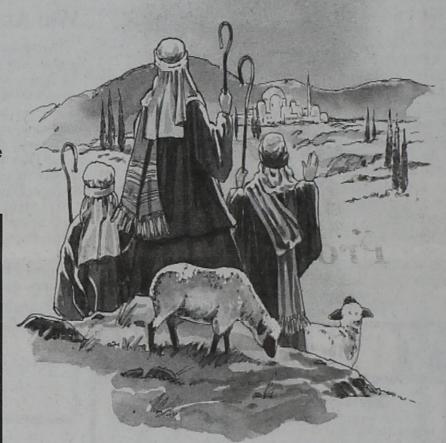
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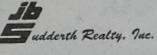
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2005 Museum Calendars Now Available

They cost \$15, which is a donation to the Parmer County Pioneer Museum. The 2005 museum calendars feature vintage photos for each month denoting stages of Parmer County history. Museum board member Mary Johnston says they have sold enough calendars to cover about half the production cost and would like to encourage people to buy a calendar to help put them over the top

The cover is a picture of 1908 or thereabouts, which was featured in a flyer by the Geo. G. Wright Co. of Kansas City, Missouri, encouraging prospective farmers and landowners to take the train to Friona. "leaving the first and third Wednesday of each month."

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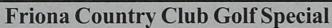
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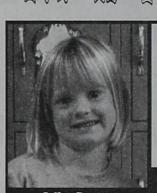
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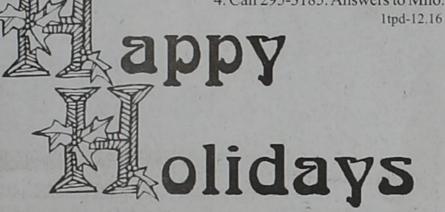
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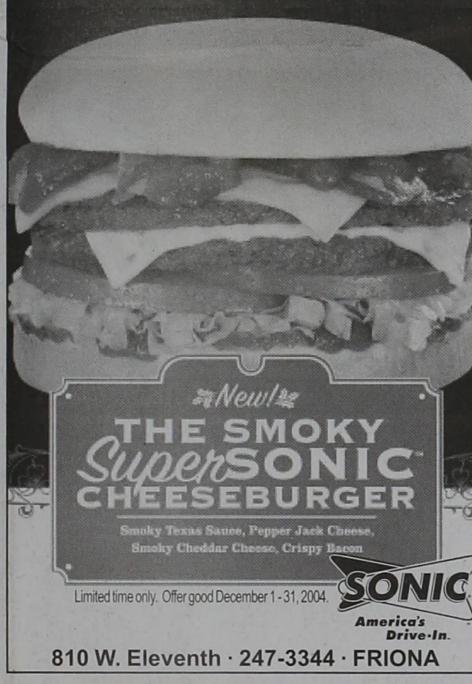
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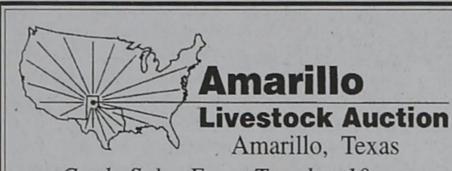
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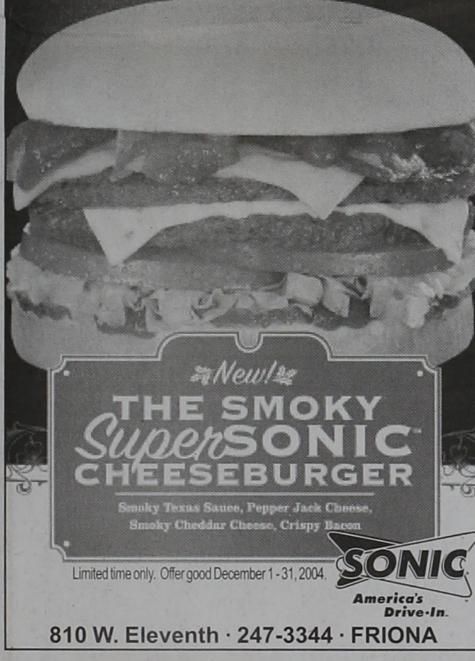
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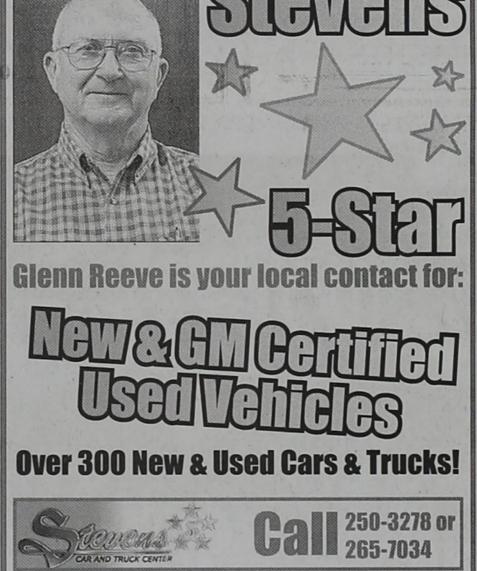
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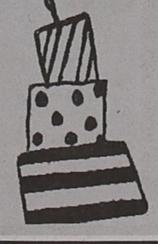


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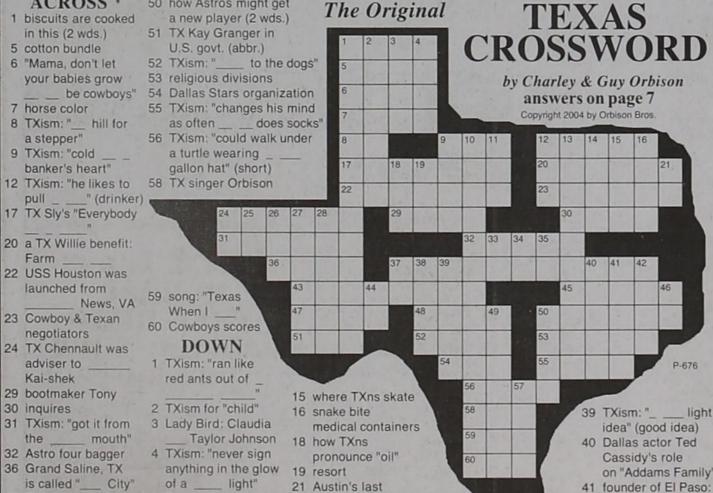
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never built

37 TXism: "crooked snakes" 43 offsides mark for the Dallas Stars (2 wds.) 45 TX Willie once sang gospel_ with his sister

47 points a gun

48 social misfit

ACROSS •

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13 TXism: "coffin nails"

14 works by TX poets

21 Austin's last words: "Texas recognized . . . " 24 this Hilton started his hotel chain in Cisco (init.) 25 Santa's word 26 TX Willie got in

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payday"

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28 wife of John Connally 34 Rayburn: "__ Sam" 35 TXism: "let '__ rip" 37 Rangers league

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50 TXism: "popular oilman's 57 they're "upon you" in Texas

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42 INS agents

44 ex-Cowboy

R. Samarron Wins Gold At Powerlifting Championships

to Laughlin, Nevada, Decem- competition.

records, and five American was Ahunda Dewkins. records, and was one-inch

Friona is now officially a member was in 1990 when pounds. His winning total was "I would like to thank

world lifting event by win- alist was mulit-world cham- 1509 pounds.

Richard Samarron of time he was a NASA team deadlift for a total of 1629 competed in," Samarron said.

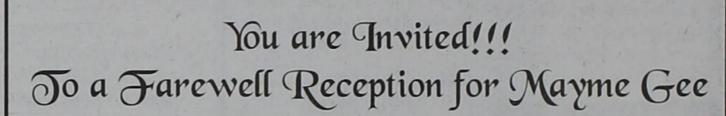
world champion. Samarron he traveled to Moscow, Rus- 173 pounds less than his per- God for helping me out, my and his wife Vickie traveled sia, for the USA vs. USSR sonal best of 1802 pounds wife for supporting me, and lifted in Lubbock last No- all the great people that ber 3-5, 2004, where Richard In the Nevada world com- vember. "The international prayed for me," Samarron was one of 473 weightlifters petition, Richard was the gold judging was very tough. You said. He also thanked sponfrom around the world to medalist in the 308-pound had to do the lifts perfect or sors that contributed to the participate in the AAU World Lifetime Division. Lifetime they would not count," trip: Sam Mears, Friona State Powerlifting Championships. Division means he has never Samarron said. Silver medal- Bank, Claire Blanco, Bi-Wize Richard qualified for the used steroids. The silver med- ist Paul Wrenn had a total of Drugstore, Louis and Kenda Dunnam, Robert and Maria ning two national champion- pion Paul Wrenn of Tennes- Samarron said there were Gonzales, Hi-Pro Feeds, Ron ships, setting eight Texas state see and the bronze medalist teams from NASA USA, and Melba Smiley, Tasty AAU, Canada, Hawaii, Cream, Abundant Life Health Samarron squatted 622 Puerto Rico, Mexico, Store in Hereford, and all the away from a world record. pounds. He went to 683 Czechoslovakia, Kenya, and people that helped him and He and his brother Jose were pounds on a third attempt but Cuba in the Laughlin world Vickie at their 1st annual on two Texas teams last year it didn't count because it contest. Team NASA USA Samarron Softball Tourna- City Power Shack. and this was the second time was two inches too high. He won the overall world cham- ment. He would also like to Richard had been on the finished with a 385 pound pionship. "This is by far the thank the City of Friona for dition, Richard's brother Jose end. USA NASA team. The last bench press and a 622 pound biggest event I have ever letting them work out at the and his two sons will partici-



RICHARD & VICKIE SAMARRON

pate in a regional weightlifting Continuing the family tra- meet in Lubbock this week-







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