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FISD Board Meeting Changed to Dec 16

The Friona ISD Board of Trustees will meet on Thursday, December 16, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. in the FISD Central Administration Building. The date of the meeting is being changed to accommodate board member schedules. Agenda items include Superintendent evaluation report, routine consent agenda items, a budget amendment to complete parking lot repairs at the Elementary School, adoption of proposed Components and Competencies for FISD Business and Support Operations, as well as Board organizational business.

Friona Council Meets Tonight (Thurs 12/9)

The regular meeting of the Friona city council will be held tonight, Thursday, December 9, at 6:30 p.m. in council chambers at the rear of the city hall.

Among the items on the agenda will be considering approval of the agreement between the Friona Economic Development Corporation and Jeremy Hardin, and consider approval of contract for appraisal, assessment and collection service by the Parmer County Appraisal District.

City council meetings are open to the public and space is allotted on the agenda for public comments. For more information on city services or meeting accessibility, the city hall number is 250-2761.

Granny Gives Money To Meals on Wheels

James "Granny" Elder of Muleshoe won the \$100 second place grand prize in the football contest. Granny has worked for Dent & Co. and John Deere in Muleshoe for 40 years.

Last Thursday he stopped by the Friona Star office and left a \$100 bill for donation to our local Meals on Wheels program. "I don't play for the money, I just like to play," Granny said of the football contest.

Meals on Wheels coordinator Mary Joyce Barnett was contacted and came by to pick up the donation. She said Meals on Wheels was currently serving five people in Friona. Many previous meal recipients have moved to the nursing home. The Meals on Wheels volunteers have room for more meal recipients. For info contact Mary Joyce (Mrs. Doyce) Barnett.

A special thanks to Granny Elder for his generosity and spirit of giving.



Kids! Write Your Santa Letters Soon

The Friona Star will publish Santa letters in the December 16 and December 23 issues.

Santa letter boxes have been placed at the Friona primary and elementary schools and teachers notified to help their students compose their Santa letters.

The deadline for letters in the school boxes is Monday, December 13. The Friona Star will have a red mailbox on the sidewalk in front of our offices and will accept Santa letters until Thursday, December 16.

Any letters mailed to Santa at the Friona post office will also be printed in the Friona Star.

You Can Help

Spread Christmas Cheer This Year

With a little over two weeks until Christmas, opportunities for making someone's Christmas brighter abound.

Project Christmas Card. The Project Christmas Card Fund donations in Friona are used to benefit Parmer County

Community Hospital. Donations to Project Christmas Card can be made at Friona State Bank, First National Bank-Friona Banking Center and the Friona Texas Federal Credit Union. Donations can also be made at the following businesses: Suds & Scis-

sors, Friona City Hall, Ingram's Department Store, Hi-Pro Feeds, Kendrick Oil, Bi-Wize Drugstore, Hometown Hardware, Dairy Queen, Ivy Cottage, Friona Rural Health Clinic, Friona Star, and Sugar Shack.

Donations can be made any-

time. The Friona Star will publish a special thank you to donors in our December 23 Christmas edition. Deadline for donor names to be included is December 20.

Ho! Ho! Home for the Holidays! This program is spon-

sored by the Friona Chamber of Commerce and is designed to encourage shopping in Friona as much as possible and keeping Christmas dollars at home. The program continues through December 16. Participating local merchants have boxes in their stores for your name and phone number for a drawing to win \$25 in Friona Bucks. All boxes will be combined for a super-drawing in which three lucky residents will win \$100 in Friona Bucks. Shop at Home as much as you can.

Empty Stocking Fund. This special charity benefits underprivileged needy children. The Parmer County Welfare Board gathers names of children that need warm shoes, coats, and clothes. Fund coordinator Jo Blackwell says at least 17 children are on the needy list this year. Your donation to this fund can provide a child with a merrier Christmas. Make donations at Friona State Bank or contact Jo Blackwell at 250-3922.

Adopt-A-Resident at Prairie Acres. Many of our elderly nursing home residents have special needs. Items such as sweat suits, warm socks, and clothing. Contact Elizabeth or Patti at Prairie Acres, 250-3922, and they will give you sizes and items to buy for a resident.

Parmer County Pioneer Museum. Efforts to have a top notch historical museum in Parmer County is picking up steam. Volunteers have done a lot of work to make the museum a special place. You can help with money donations. Contact Wendy Carthel or see Darla Bracken at the Friona Public Library.

Friona United Way. Our local United Way chapter helps many local organizations, among them the Empty Stocking Fund. If you haven't mailed back your pledge, do it now. Donations to the 2004 United Way campaign can also be made at Friona State Bank.

Santa Letters. Teachers in elementary and primary schools are collecting Santa letters. The red Santa Letter mailbox at the Friona Star office is available to drop off Santa letters. Letters mailed at the Post Office will be forwarded to Santa at the Friona Star. Deadline for receiving Santa letters is Monday, December 13. The newspaper will print as many Santa letters as possible in our December 16 and December 23 issues.



THE CHRISTMAS season means warm kitchens and the smell of Christmas recipes as families gather for Christmas dinner. Don't forget to make your grocery list along with your gift list. And don't forget to keep a camera handy for those memorable picture opportunities during the holidays. Megan Carr, left, gets some cooking pointers from big sister Kirsten Carr McCurry. They are daughters of Friona Star publisher Ron Carr, who snapped the photo with his ever-present Nikon.

Sgt. Lopez Terminated At FPD

Friona Police Sgt. Joe Lopez was terminated by Chief Tino Salinaz on Friday, December 3. Lopez had been put on probation by Chief Salinaz in November as a result of several citizen complaints. Friona resident Francisco "Pancho" Ortiz appeared at a November city council meeting with a petition asking that Sgt. Lopez be relieved of his duty as a Friona police officer. Sgt. Lopez had been a Friona police officer since January, 2001.

Officials could not comment on specifics of the termination

since it is a personnel matter. Friona's city attorney Slater Elza, in an email to the Friona Star, said, "City policy affords the Chief of Police the right to make personnel decisions for his department. The Chief of Police made the decision to terminate Officer Lopez on Friday, December 3, 2004. Because this involves a personnel matter and because it is also subject to the Policies and Procedures of the City of Friona, the city will not have any further comment on the Chief's decision."

Mr. Elza is with the firm of

Underwood, Wilson, Berry, Stein & Johnson. The law firm has offices in Amarillo and Hereford.

The police department has three new officers on board over the past few months.

Lt. Jason Collier is originally from Hereford but came from the Panhandle Police Department. Officers (and brothers) Isidro Jimenez and Richard Jimenez are also from Hereford. They joined the Friona Police Department after receiving certification from the Amarillo College Academy.

Bill Ellis Needs Info, Photos For His Book

Former Friona Star publisher Bill Ellis is researching and writing a history of Friona High School, and is soliciting help in the way of pictures and information.

If you have any old photographs dealing with the school or school activities, call Bill at 806-250-3053, to see if it is something he can use.

One thing he needs is photos of the FHS valedictorians and salutatorians. If you graduated after 1951, and up to the present time, Bill

asks that you send a photo to him at 1201 Maple, Friona, TX., 79035.

Senior school pictures are preferred, but any close-up will probably do. If you want the photo returned, please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Or, you can make a copy at Kinkos, Walgreens, etc., if you prefer.

If you have scrapbooks from your high school days, Bill asks that you contact him to see if he might need photos or news clippings you may have saved.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

DSHS to Give Flu Shots in Friona

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) will be giving flu shots in Friona, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. AND 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., on December 14. The clinic will be held at the Senior Citizens Building, 1410 Washington.

Among the high-risk groups, DSHS is emphasizing the need to vaccinate those in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities, those 65 and older who have chronic health conditions and medical care workers who provide direct patient care.

Overall, high-risk groups for whom flu vaccinations are recommended this season are: children 6 months through 23 months of age; adults 65 and older; anyone with underlying chronic medical conditions; women who will be pregnant during flu season; residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities; children 6 months through 18 years on chronic aspirin therapy; medical care workers providing direct patient care; and caregivers and household contacts of children under 6 months old.

Health officials strongly encourage persons in these groups to seek a flu shot.

A \$10 donation will be requested for each dose, but officials said no one will be turned away for inability to pay the fee.

The vaccine supply for Friona is part of some 124,000 doses ordered by DSHS for use by its regional offices around the state for use in filling flu vaccination gaps in high-risk population groups.



OUT HERE

by Ron Carr

Shake Me I Rattle!

*Shake me I rattle,
squeeze me I cry!
Please take me home
and love me!*

So go the words to a Christmas song by Cristy Lane about a doll that is asking for a home. I know this because every TV channel on my set is trying to sell me Cristy's latest album of sugar-sweet songs. I never heard of Cristy until last year but apparently she has been crooning for a long time.

As far as I am concerned Cristy is just too perfect. The hairdo, the perfect smile. To tell the truth I don't really trust people that perfect. She is up to something. Mainly selling CDs and making a lot of money I reckon. I'm more of an imperfect Willie Nelson type.

Another person I'm not warmed up to is that cheesy dude that started eharmony.com and wants to help me find the perfect soul mate. I don't like the way he talks or dresses or combs his hair. I've had friends like him. Didn't trust them either. He is like a bad TV evangelist that wants your money for big promises.

The eharmony.com folks say all I have to do is go to their website and fill out a question-

naire listing 29 of my personal characteristics and they will find a perfect match for me. I don't even have 29 different characteristics and if I did I'm sure most of them wouldn't be very positive.

Besides I don't want a companion that has 29 different characteristics that I have to remember much less match. In short I don't want to find somebody just like me. What a scary thought to live with a woman that liked everything about you and had the same knucklehead quirks.

It is Christmas in spite of what all those radical heathens say. Was it in California that a school banned the word Christmas? In Denver instead of a Christmas parade they had a Holiday parade and wouldn't let a church have a float. No nativity scenes on the courthouse lawn, no reference to Jesus allowed in schools? All because we may offend somebody?

We have moved from the absurd into complete insanity in America. It seems that elected leaders from the national to the local level have no guts anymore. Governors, mayors, and school boards across the land

are caving in to minority special interest nuts. In some places they don't want to allow Christmas trees because they are a Christian symbol. How ridiculous. I say tell them all "tough s—" which of course is not a very Christmasy phrase.

I have an idea. Why not make another law that cancels the Christmas holidays. If people do not acknowledge the reason for the season why then do they need time off from work when there is nothing to celebrate? Let's just work right through the end of the year like any other week.

January 1 should be a work-day too if it falls during the week. The only reason we take that day off is so people hung over from New Year's Eve can get well and watch some football. So let's just open for business as usual on December 25 and January 1 since they are not supposed to be special anyway.

Now what do I call the gifts I give if I can't call them a Christmas present? I'm looking for a reason not to buy a bunch of stuff and somehow giving you a "holiday" present just doesn't have the same sentiment.

I think these will make pretty good no-name presents: a Grip & Flip and Scoop & Strain set complete with one of those handy 6 in 1 utensils. They say the Scoop & Strain will allow you to "put the gravy right where you want it." You can't ask much more from a gift than that.

How about a 49-piece Smart Spin set that slides, spins, and stores your kitchen stuff. They say with this set you can find your stuff blindfolded. This is an excellent gift for those friends or relatives that like to walk around blindfolded in the kitchen.

Take a deep breath, don't let the shopping crowds get on your nerves, keep a sense of humor, don't get paranoid, and be sure to say "I love you" to your family whether you mean it or not.

A good motto for this holiday season might be this take-off on Cristy Lane's song: if you shake me I'm not going to rattle and if I get squeezed I ain't gonna cry.

And remember, sweet potatoes are good for you. My mother says so.

Merry Christmas!



Christmas Holidays Are A Time To Give Of Ourselves

There is probably no other season which means as much to me and my family as Christmas. I look forward to sharing its festive traditions with my family and children.

While the joy of the season is infectious, we can make it more meaningful. Amidst all the celebration, I encourage you to try to make a difference for someone in need in your community. There are many charities deserving your support; here are just a few suggestions:

The Angel Tree program was established to provide gifts to children whose parents are incarcerated. The name of the child, along with relevant information to help the donor purchase an appropriate gift, is inscribed on a paper angel. Businesses, organizations, and individuals "adopt" the angels and buy gifts for the recipients. If there is not a drive underway in your area, consider starting one yourself. More information is available on the Prison Fellowship's website at www.pfm.org/AM/Template.cfm.

Another popular charity is the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. It provides happiness and hope to disadvantaged children who might otherwise be overlooked this holiday season. Donors provide unwrapped toys, which the Marines deliver to needy children. These toys can give a child joy and a positive memory for years to come.

The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation is a 57-year tradition of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves which last year delivered more than 15 million toys to over 6.5 million children. With 13 million children living in poverty, the Toys for Tots Foundation needs donation more than ever. They are also happy to take cash donations, which help the Marines buy toys in bulk at deeply discounted prices and ensure children receive toys appropriate for their age and gender. For more information on the Toys for Tots Foundation and how you might help them, their website is www.toysfortots2004.com.

The colder winter weather also highlights the need for warmer clothing. Goodwill Industries is engaged in the Samantha's Coat and Clothing Drive to collect coats and other garments for needy children. For more information, or to locate a Goodwill facility in your community, you can visit the Goodwill website at www.goodwill.org.

It would not be the holiday season if I did not take time to mention the traditional kettle program of the Salvation Army. The money raised during this effort funds the year-round activities of one of the most cost-effective and respected charities in our country. So, please, make them a priority when you see one of the kettles in your community. For more information about the Salvation Army's activities, you can visit their website at www.salvationarmyusa.org.

Though I have singled out four organizations, there are a host of other charities we can help through gifts of cash, food, toys or time. The Junior League, local churches and many others are working to spread Christmas cheer. If you want to participate in the great American tradition of volunteering and need help finding an appropriate activity, consult the USA Freedom Corps, which was established by President George W. Bush to encourage Americans to continue donating their time to worthy causes. Their website, www.usafreedomcorps.gov, matches you with charitable organizations based upon your interests and location.

Sometimes the best gift we can provide is a simple helping hand, a greeting, or even a smile to a friend, neighbor or stranger. That kind gesture may seem unimportant, but we should remember that sometimes the greatest gifts only appear to be insignificant, just like that child born to poverty in a horse's stall so long ago in Bethlehem.

I want to wish all Texans, of all faiths, a joyous holiday season.

Honor Society Induction At FHS

The annual induction ceremony for new members of the Miller-Wilson Chapter of the National Honor Society of Friona High School will be held on Sunday, December 12, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. in the Friona High School Auditorium. A reception will follow.

New members to be inducted are: Jesus Gonzalez, Courtney Adams, Kathy Anthony, Leslee Avalos, Ruben Chico, Erica Davila, Sandra Godoy, Meghan Hendrickson, Jordan Jamerson, Allison Jones, Sean Lookingbill, Caleb Miller, Fernando Moreno, Octavio Moreno, Shayli Reed, Isabel Romero, Emmanuel Salinas, Hannah Stovall, Marie Tirado, Cindy Trevino, Tiffany Vasquez, Yesenia Vega, and Briana Wright.

Jr. High Pride Tribe Second Six Weeks

Junior High Pride Tribe members are selected after each six weeks. To qualify, junior high students must have at least 75 or better on their grades, no more than two absences, and no discipline referrals.

We congratulate these Friona Junior High School Pride Tribe students for their citizenship.

Sixth Grade: Laci Austin, Marisol Benavides, Kourtney Boardley, Caitlin Bronniman, Devin Brown, Maria Calvillo, Denise Chaparro, Alondra Chavarria, Lisann Davila, Eliseo Delgadillo, Keeley Dunnam, Zack Fair, Kirby Frye, Thania Garcia, Alex Gonzales, Sarah Gonzalez, John Gurley, Brittny Herbert, Isabel Hernandez, Vannesa Herrera, Silvestre Huerta, Laura Lopez, Sergio Mendez, Brandy Merritt, Ernesto Monreal, Mickey O'Brian, Catalina Ortega, Juan Ortiz, Adrian Quintana, Magali Salinas, Marissa Sanchez, Ester Sarabia, Maria Silva, Skyla Stormes, Elizabeth Trevino, and Kelsey White.

Seventh Grade: Isidro Aguilar, Stephanie Aguirre, Sandra Bautista, Bryan Baxter, Diana Bolivar, Blanca Chihuahua, Alex Delao, Felissa Dominguez, Monica Dominguez, Raul Dominguez, Sasha Estrada, Alex Ferguson, Adrian Garcia, Maria Garcia, Samuel Gonzalez, Alfonso Grado, Paige Herbert, Monica Jurado, Josue Leon, Lacey Lookingbill, Anyuli Lopez, Raul Macias, Anna Murphree, Kenneth Newhouse, Yesenia Ortiz, Angelica Prieto, Omar Ramirez, David Ramos, Stetson Reed, Krystal Rios, Maira Rivera, Alma Robles, Yesenia Rojas, Monica Saenz, Jesus Sarabia, Liliana Saucedo, David Schwab, Bianca Soto, Ashley Trevino, Guadalupe Vazquez, Jessica Vazquez, Melina Vega, Irene Vera, Ily Vital, and Janet Vital.

Eighth Grade: Monica Acosta, Anna Alvidrez, Michael Beard, Brittany Berend, Hannah Carthel, Rolando Castanon, Ana Delapaz, Edward Echevarria, Melissa Gallego, Jamie Garza, Corinne Hinton, Maria Jurado, Emma Lopez, John O'Brian, Teresa Ramos, Gabriela Rivera, Jonathan Rocha, Richard Salinas, Maricela Sanchez, Gabriel Senibalo, Alba Soltero, Andrew Stowers, Lawton Vasquez, Alex Vega, Christy Widner, and Kathleen Wylie.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor and Staff,
Thank you so much for announcing the Oklahoma Lane Reunion for us. We appreciate it so much, and we'd appreciate it if you'd print the results of yours and our efforts.

The Oklahoma Lane School Community Reunion was held November 26, 2004 at the Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church formerly the Oklahoma Lane School and Gym.

There were 60 in attendance and everyone enjoyed a meal catered by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Henderson of Muleshoe, Texas.

During the business meeting it was decided to discontinue holding the Oklahoma Lane Reunion.

The Oklahoma Lane Reunion was started in 1965. Harold Carpenter, Arlin Hartzog, and Louise Donaldson Christian were elected as a committee to plan "Home Coming" for all Oklahoma Lane exes every five years. Later it was agreed to meet every three years, and soon we agreed to meet every two years. The past several years Lois Billingsley and Avis Carpenter replaced Mr. Hartzog and Louise Christian.

The committee takes this means to thank everyone for helping to make this organization successful.

Harold Carpenter, emcee, closed the business meeting with a 'bitter-sweet' quotation, "I'll see you here, or there, or in the air."

Thanks,
Avis Carpenter
Harold Carpenter
Lois Billingsley



Dear Editor,
My Uncle J.B. (Buske) died this last week. And while there were no services to reflect on his life, I wanted to remember. From my childhood, J.B. was always my favorite uncle. He spent many years

working with my dad.

Here are my favorite memories of Uncle J.B.:

1 He loved to tease the nieces and nephews. He always liked being with us...and he knew what was happening in our lives. (Sometimes he knew toooo much.)

2 He loved his wife, who he fondly called "Bugar".

3 He was generous and caring. I think of all the vegetables he delivered around town to family and friends.

4 His life was not easy. He had 10 siblings and they all had to work hard to make it. Most of them never completed high school.

I know that many of you knew him better than I did, but I know one thing, my mother and daddy loved J.B. and Lucille and so did we kids.

Thank you for allowing me to express my feelings.

Lila Vars (daughter of Pete and Myrl Buske)

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LION Larry Knowles, l-r, introduced Sharon White, CASA Executive Director Jackie Francis, and Nancy Edelman at last week's Noon Lions meeting. ron carr photo



Lions Club News

BY RON CARR, PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

Lions Hear CASA Program

The Noon Lions Club met Thursday, December 2, at the clubhouse. Jackie Francis of Hereford, executive director of CASA for Kids, presented the program. With Jackie were Nancy Edelman and Sharon White of Friona, both CASA volunteers.

CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate. Volunteers are assigned to be advocates for kids that are abused, abandoned, or need objective spokespersons in court settings. Mrs. Edelman is presently an advocate for two boys ages 2 and 7 that were abandoned by their family. The two fathers of the boys are in jail and the mother is a drug addict. Their parental rights were terminated in court.

Mrs. White is an advocate for two boys who were in a truck with their dad when he was arrested for drugs. The boys had been living and traveling in the truck with their dad for 18 months and were turned over to the Child Protective services.

Advocates such as Mrs. White and Mrs. Edelman meet and talk with CPS, foster parents, attorneys, counselors, psychiatrists, and the kids themselves during their advocacy duties.

Mrs. Francis said they are handling 22 cases now involving 35 children. Her CASA district includes Parmer, Deaf Smith, Oldham, and Bailey counties.

Lion Kevin Wiseman sang the national anthem before a recent

Squaws basketball game. That's the good news. The bad news is the recorded music was so loud Kevin's solo could not be heard. Some members said that is actually the good news but we all know Kevin has a great voice.

The Friona Noon Lions Club has 21 active and 5 at-large members. The club meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays each month at the former Modern Study Club house, 9th & Pierce. The club could use new members. If you are a prospective member come visit a meeting and look us over. We'll buy lunch. Or contact one of the current members.

Noon Lions active members are Ricky Barnett, John Gurley, Larry Knowles, Bud Rainey, Kevin Wiseman, Danny Black, Allan Haile, Cecil Maddox, Albert Ricketts, Ron Carr, Dale Houlette, Mark McMorrough, Tommy St. Clair, Carroll Cook, Mike Hutson, Clint Mears, Leon Talley, Lance Gatlin, Robert Jones, Roger Nelson, and Joe Walters. At-large members are Jay Beene, Jon Mac Roden, Jim Parker, Darrell Barlow, and Bill Neely.

The club sweetheart is Friona high school senior and Squaw basketball all-district point guard Andrea Gerles. She is the niece of Lion Clint Mears. Andrea attends our local meetings and represented the Lions Club in the Miss Friona Maize Days pageant. The next meeting is Thursday, December 16.

Latin American Christmas Festival At Amarillo Museum

Saturday, December 11, 2004, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., come experience "¡Ven al Festival!", a Latin American Christmas Festival! Young and old alike will enjoy Latin American refreshments, special dances from Mexico by Glenwood's Folkloric Dancers and Mariachi music by Rebecca Cavazos. Art activities inspired by Latin American culture will also be available for the whole family to participate in.

"¡Ven al Festival!" has been planned at the Amarillo Museum of Art in conjunction with the exhibition, *Latin American Graphics: The Evolution of Identity from the Mythical to the Personal*.

This exhibition of forty-four graphic works in a variety of techniques features thirty-nine Latin American artists. It surveys the evolution of Latin American prints from mid-20th century to the present and will be on view December 11 through

January 30, 2005.

This event is free of charge and open to the public.

This program is made possible in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Josephine Anderson Trust, the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Arts Committee, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Washington D.C. A special thank you is also extended to Maria Teresa Campos for providing the beautiful banners that decorate the Museum's reception desks and the classroom and gallery entrances.

The Amarillo Museum of Art is open Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The Museum will now remain open on Thursday nights until 9:00 p.m. It is located at 2200 S. Van Buren on the northeast side of Amarillo College's Washington Street Campus. Call the Museum at 371-5050 for more information.

Cowboy Poet's Xmas Breakfast at Big Texan

Well-known cowboy poet Tubb Burnett of Benjamin, Texas, will headline Saturday morning, December 11, at the Cowboy Poet's Christmas program. Burnett of Benjamin, Texas, is the grandnephew of the pioneer who settled the town of Burkburnett, as well as the rancher who started the world-known 6666 Ranch. He's known cattle, horses, and the cowboy life since he went for a ride on his dad's horse when just a little tyke.

Sharing the spotlight will be Trey Allen of Canon City, Colorado. Allen, an award-winning poet, says, "I've always felt that something was missing from my cowboy poetry—so I started to live the life of the cowboy to find out what it was." After hearing his poetry, you'll probably agree that he did find out what it was.

Both are widely recognized through being featured at many

of the cowboy events across the southwest, and will relate their cowboy experiences through their poetry.

Starting at 8:00 at the Big Texan Steak Ranch, the headliners will be followed by members of the Southwest Poetry Association in the open mic session, the usual format followed at the monthly Cowboy Poetry Breakfasts.

As far as members know, this is the only monthly event of its kind in the country, and is held on the second Saturday morning every month except September, when most of the members are scheduled to appear at the National Cowboy Culture and Heritage Symposium in Lubbock the second weekend. Cowboy/girl poets, western singers and musicians in the audience are also invited to participate

Around Town

Cafeteria taking orders for Christmas hot rolls

The Friona ISD junior high cafeteria will help with your holiday baking. They are selling their famous frozen rolls ready for you to thaw, let rise, bake and serve. The cost is \$4 per dozen. Place your order by calling Linda or Roxanne at 250-3353 or faxing 250-5070.

The rolls will be ready for pick-up at the junior high cafeteria between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday, December 13 or Tuesday, December 14. Please place your orders by Friday, December 10.

"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.

Online Registration for CCC

Registering for the Spring 2005 semester at Clovis Community College could be as easy a short walk to your computer. All students, both new and continuing, may register ONLINE November 15 through January 21. Online registration hours are Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Our web registration address is www.clovis.edu/register.

For more information about registration, please contact the CCC Admissions and Records Office at 505-769-4025.

New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance For Area Singles

The Singles Ministry of Paramount Terrace Christian Church is having an area-wide event. It will be a New Year's Eve dinner, Hypnosis Comedy Show by Gerry Kelly, and dance at the Amarillo Civic Center Heritage Room on December 31. Hours will be 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. midnight.

The dress will be church attire to semi-formal. A photographer will be available at 6 p.m. for personal photos. The price for a 5X7 photo is \$6. Tickets are \$20 per person, which includes dinner, comedy show, and dance. Deadline for purchasing tickets will be December 29.

The event will be an alcohol and smoke-free environment. More information and tickets may be obtained by calling Penny Lawlis or Mike Nuthman at Paramount Terrace Christian Church at (806) 353-6615.

Foster/Adoptive Parents Needed

When abuse and neglect occurs, and children are no longer able to safely remain in their own homes, we are fortunate enough to have individuals willing to provide care and support to them in licensed foster homes. Foster care provides a temporary safe haven for children as Child Protective Services (CPS) caseworkers and foster parents work toward uniting children with their families. These children, through no fault of their own, were placed in abusive or neglectful situations by their biological parents. In some situations, they are not able to return home and deserve a chance for a new life with adoptive parents who can teach them that family can be a safe place.

There is an urgent need for more families to open their hearts and homes by becoming foster and adoptive parents. To learn more about fostering and adoption, attend an informational meeting the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Meetings are held at the CPS office located at 6200 I-40 West, in Amarillo.

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You Are Invited to Friona State Bank's Annual Christmas Tea

You are invited to help celebrate this Christmas season by coming to our Christmas Tea, Thursday, Dec 16, from 9 am to 3 pm. Come by and enjoy the cooking of our Friona State Bank Lady Employees.

Clint Mears has once again consented to play Christmas music for us throughout the day. This is a "must" for you if you want to hear wonderful music and enjoy visiting with your friends and neighbors.

The Christmas Tea is Friona State Bank's way of saying "Merry Christmas" to Friona. We hope you will come by Thursday to visit with neighbors, taste the treats, and enjoy the music of Clint Mears.



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Applications for Scholarships Can be Obtained in January

(Reprinted from the December 2004 Co-Op Connection Newsletter.)

Marking its ninth straight year of helping deserving applicants toward higher education, West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative will award scholarships funded through unclaimed capital credit checks once again in 2005.

Application forms for these academic scholarships to be awarded by the Cooperative should be available at the WTRT business office by mid-January.

Those applying must be high school seniors who will graduate in the spring of 2005, have completed high school, or have received their GED.

High school seniors who will be graduating in May, college students or college-minded individuals whose parents or guardians are WTRT members, or who are WTRT members themselves, are eligible to apply.

Applicants, their parents, or guardians must be WTRT members and have residences served by WTRT telephone prefixes. These include Tharp-225; Dawn-258; Frio-276; Hub-265; Westway-289; Parmer-295; Summerfield-357; Milo Center-578; and Oklahoma Lane-825.

Bovina and Friona customers of WT Services, Inc. who do not receive phone service from one of the WTRT exchanges are not eligible.

Schools in Hereford, Friona, Farwell, Lazbuddie, Dimmitt, Adrian,

and Vega could have students eligible to apply.

The Cooperative will be supplying application forms to counselor's offices at Adrian, Bovina, Dimmitt, Friona, Farwell, Lazbuddie, and Vega.

Students in the Hereford school district and post-high school applicants will need to pick up application forms at the WTRT business office two miles south of Hereford on Highway 385.

Forms may also be picked up at the Hereford office by applicants from any of the above listed school districts.

Each application should be accompanied by two letters of recommendation.

If the applicant is a graduating senior, one letter of recommendation should be from a teacher, principal, or counselor from the high school that the student is attending or recently attended.

If the applicant has been out of high school for a number of years, or is currently enrolled in a college or trade school, a letter from a college or vocational instructor is acceptable.

Full rules of the program are provided with application forms.

Scholarships awarded by West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative may be used at any state or church-sponsored college or university, or at any accredited vocational or technical school.



PICTURED ABOVE l-r, Tom O'Brian, Roy O'Brian, and Barbara Mason

O'Brian Celebrates 90th Birthday

Tom O'Brian, former longtime resident of Friona, now living in Dimmitt, Texas with his wife, Barbara, was honored with a 90th birthday party on Saturday, November 27, at the home of his niece, Karen and her husband Jerry Durham, of Dimmitt.

Tom's family moved to Parmer County from Medford, Oklahoma in 1928 when he was 13 years old. They bought land eight miles east of Hub, in the Lakeview Community, and Tom later farmed the land until his retirement. Danny Hand of Friona currently farms the land. Tom married Noreen Ball of

Bovina on September 5, 1939, in Clovis, New Mexico. She died August 24, 1987. He then married Barbara Armstrong on June 15, 1996.

Tom has two children, Barbara Mason and Roy O'Brian, both of Friona and seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Kenneth and Russel O'Brian, and a sister, Marian Larke, are all deceased. His sister, Julia Fairchild, is a resident of Prairie Acres, and was able to come to his birthday party. There were about 65 friends and relatives there.



GRANDKIDS POSING with the Texas Tech Masked Rider, just before the Texas Tech/Oklahoma State game November 27. Pictured in front are Morgan Davidson, 6-year-old son of Julie and Stuart Davidson of Seminole, and Lexie Bracken 8 and Laura Bracken 7, daughters of Cody and Lana Bracken of Canyon. Grandma Darla and Grandpa Rex Bracken also attended, making it a family outing.

Sheriff's Report

December 3, Kevin Mayberry, 46, of Ft. Worth, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with theft by check, pending County Court.

December 3, Monica Davis, 25, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police and charged with assault, pending County Court.

December 4, Hugo Vidana, 22, of Bovina, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with theft by check, Bailey County, posted bond and released.

December 5, Omar Faudua, 25, of Friona, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with aggravated sexual assault of a child, pending Grand Jury.

December 6, Frank Howard, 24, of Clovis, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with theft, pending County Court.

December 6, Jesus Garcia, 21, of Hereford, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with evading arrest, retaliation, pending District Court.

December 6, Bacilo Viernes, Jr., 17, of Bovina, was arrested by the Bovina Police and charged with aggravated sexual assault of a child, pending Grand Jury.

November 18, in 287th District Court with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

— Homer Gene Carey, 64, of Clovis, charged with theft, was sentenced to 2 to 10 years in the Texas Department of Corrections, deferred for 2 years; \$278 court costs; \$1,000 fine; \$5,265 restitution; and 160 hours of community service.

COURTHOUSE NOTES

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from November 29, 2004 to December 01, 2004.

Andrés Bermea Sr. and Noëmi Juana Bermea — Andrea Bermea Jr. and Vicky Venus Bermea, L23528 B9 FARWELL.

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Clarence Riley and Heather Riley — Victor A. Mendoza, L17-18 S15 L19 B45 FARWELL.

Friona Fire Dept. News
Reported by Darrell Barlow

The Friona Volunteer Fire Department has responded to several vehicle accidents, a diesel spill, and a house fire. They cleaned up the diesel spill and put out the fire. The fire was caused when someone tried to thaw out frozen water lines and accidentally set the wall on fire. The house sustained damage.

When using Christmas lights on your tree, make sure there are no shorts in the cords that could set the tree on fire. Also, do not set candles on or near the tree. A Christmas tree can burn in a matter of seconds and set the house on fire.

The Friona Volunteer Fire Department wishes everyone a safe and merry Christmas!

P.S. If traveling for the holidays, drive carefully, and don't forget to buckle up for safety!

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THINK ABOUT THIS

God's Love Never Changes

By T. LEON TALLEY, Sixth Street Church of Christ

One of the wonderful things about God is that His love for us is absolutely consistent. God told Judah through the prophet Jeremiah that He has loved them with an everlasting love (31:3). I wish that I had a quarter for every time I've heard someone say, "He's not the man I married", or "Whatever happened to my sweet child?", or "I can't believe how much they've changed". The good news is that God always acts like Himself. Did you ever hear anybody say, "Wonder what got into God today?" You should never hear that statement from anyone who is a student of the Bible. Why? Because God never acts out of character and His character is primarily defined by His love. "God is love" (I Jn. 4:8). That's His primary characteristic!

Now how can I apply this characteristic to my life in a way that will bring stability? It's very simple. I should never doubt God's love for me. No matter what I do. No matter how I feel. Now, if I'm not in Christ, I'll be lost eternally, but it won't be because God doesn't love me. Remember Jn. 3:16, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life". The real question is, "how much do I love God?". Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (Jn. 14:15). Paul had some very comforting words to "those who are in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 8:1). They are found in verses 38-39. "I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord". Now, here's the security that we're all looking for. It's found in Christ Jesus.



My Life Story

By Betty Medlin

Every month, a resident of Prairie Acres Nursing Home or Friona Heritage Estates, writes a story about his/her life's history for the home's newsletter, "The Prairie Times", for printing in this issue. This month we feature Betty Medlin.

I was born March 11, 1927 in Cecil, Arkansas to Brewer and Lillian Gage. We were living in Shamrock, Texas at the time. My mother went back to her mother's where I was born. I was delivered at home by a country doctor. When my mother felt better we went back to Shamrock where we lived. We were a family of five girls and two boys. My brothers and I are the only ones still living. My dad owned a gin close to Shamrock.

In 1932 we moved to Bula. I started school when I was five years old. My husband, my children, and I started and finished school in Bula. My dad built a gin in Bula. He operated the gin in the fall and had a shop in which he worked on cars and tractors. Mother was a fantastic cook! She would cook for the gin hands or whoever was at the shop. Daddy would always ask them to come and eat and they always did.

I married the love of my life, L.H. (Buck) Medlin. We were married in my home with some relatives and friends on December 16, 1945. We had a happy marriage! We left to Carlsbad for our honeymoon and were gone for about four days. We lived in a small house on my grandpa Gage's land. We didn't have an air conditioner and one night we left the windows open and we had a sandstorm that night, the next morning we were covered in sand. We had three children, Dennis, Sheryl and Sheila. At the time Buck went to G.I. School and got \$97.00 a month. We were farming, but we didn't have many luxuries but we always had enough to eat and for the necessities. We didn't know we were poor, but were happy. We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. Buck had a heart attack and the doctor told him that he didn't need to live on the farm. We moved to Littlefield in 1996 and liked it a lot. Buck died on December 7, 1999. I lived in Littlefield until June 2003, and then I moved to Heritage Estates. I have enjoyed being here. I've made some good friends. My daughter Sheryl lives in Friona and I get to see her frequently.

Thank You

The family of Henry Martinez is thankful & blessed by all the expressions of love in the loss of our son, brother, & uncle.

Thank you for the prayers, visits, flowers, food, & cards.

A special thank you to Friona EMS, Friona Fire Department,

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Friona Senior Citizens' Memorial gift.

Christmas Blessings to All!

Nora Martinez

&

The Families Of

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New Arrivals

Kolin Layne Floyd

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Floyd became the parents of a baby boy by adoption, Friday, November 12, 2004. He was born Tuesday, November 9, 2004 at 11:39 in a Las Cruces, New Mexico hospital.

The baby was 19 inches long, weighed 6 pounds, 6.1 ounces, and was named Kolin Layne.

Big sister, Jaylee Floyd, and now big brother, Wesley Floyd, went with their parents to pick up their new brother.

Kolin's grandparents are Gerald and Janaa Floyd of Canyon, and Butch and Martha Baker of Friona.



PRAIRIES ACRES Employee of the Month, Marie Saiz, and Resident of the Month, Verna Long.

Happy Birthday

Prairie Acres & Friona Heritage Estates

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Record 7-2

Squaws Down 4A Dumas 57-50

BY RON CARR

How do you score 16 points to lead your team and only have one 2-point goal? Squaw senior guard Katy Welch can tell you. Friday, December 3, against the 4A Dumas Demonettes, the energetic Miss Welch drained three 3-point goals and made 5 of 6 from the foul line. Katy, who is probably the most physically aggressive Squaw in the lineup, ended the game with four personal fouls but 16 points to lead the Squaws to their 7th season victory.

The Squaws trailed by 29-27 at halftime after a weak 1Q saw the ladies score 11 points including a 3-point goal by Shayli Reed and six points from Trisha Winebrinner. The score was tied 11-11 after 1Q. The Squaws turned it up in the 2Q and stayed with the Dumas girls to remain within two points at the half.

A bit of bad news for the Squaws was an ankle injury to ace post Trisha Winebrinner in the 2Q. She rolled up her ankle again, the same injury she endured last year. She scored all her 10 points in the first half, will sit out Tuesday's game at Highland Park, and might be able to play during the tournament in Farwell. Winebrinner was replaced in the lineup by sophomore Courtney Adams.

A strong 3Q 18-5 run put the game in control of the Squaws who led 45-34 at the end of the 3Q sparked by 3-point goals from

Welch and Misty Adams. Dumas made a run in the 4Q, outscoring Friona 18-12 but it was not enough as the Squaws dropped in 5 of 6 free throw attempts.

Welch was high scorer with 16 points, followed by Winebrinner with 10, Reed and Courtney Adams 8 each, M. Adams 5, Andrea Geris and Staci Murphree 4 each, and Brenda Murphree 2 points.

The Squaws are on a 5-game winning streak and travel to Amarillo Tuesday December 7 to challenge the 2A Highland Park Lady

Hornets. Both the Squaws and Chiefs will participate in the Farwell Tournament this weekend.

The Squaws open today (Thursday December 9) at 10 a.m. vs. Grady. The Chiefs follow with their opening game at 11:30 a.m. vs. Melrose, NM. The girls championship game is set for Saturday night at 7 p.m. followed by the boys championship game at 8:30 p.m. Other teams in the tournament are host Farwell, Grady, Happy, Melrose, Whiteface, Texico, and Hale Center.

Chiefs Have Rough Time At Vega

BY RON CARR

The Chieftains continue to improve and gain confidence but are still looking for their first victory in the 2004 season. The boys participated in the Vega Tournament last weekend and dropped three games by a total of 17 points. Two of the games were one-point losses.

The Chiefs opened Thursday, December 2, with a 46-45 loss to Happy. The Chiefs led at halftime by 22-21. Jon Nava was top scorer with 10 points. Matt Gammon had 9, Hayden Patton, Cody Jamerson, and Hector Sanchez 6 each, Chad Hutson 4, Ramey Alaniz 2, and Will Hughs and Rudy Gonzalez one point each.

In the second game on Friday, Texline scored a 45-30 win over the Chiefs. Hayden Patton was high with 10 points, Jamerson 7, Gonzalez 6, Hutson 4, Hughs 2, and Nava one-point.

The third game was another squeaker as San Jacinto edged the Chiefs 42-41. The Chiefs led at halftime but were outscored 27-24 in the second half. Matt Gammon led scoring in this effort with 8 points, Sanchez had 7, Jamerson 6, Nava 6, Gonzalez 5, Patton 3, Alaniz 2, Hutson 2, and Willy Castillo 2.

The Chiefs take on the Highland Park Hornets there Tuesday December 7, then open with their first game in the Farwell Tournament Thursday at 11:30 a.m. vs. Melrose.



SCRAMBLING for a rebound are JV Chiefs, l-r, Kelby Monroe (22), Phillip Saiz (41), Caleb Miller, and Valente Casas. **JV SQUAW** Briana Wright drives around a Plainview defender.

dana d jameson photos

JV Teams Compete In Muleshoe Tourney

BY DANA D. JAMESON

Coach Ky Graham's JV Squaws and Coach David Towner's JV Chiefs traveled to the Muleshoe Tournament December 2, 3 & 4. Both teams played hard but minor mistakes sent them home with a third place finish for the girls and a fourth place finish for the boys.

JV Squaws 33
Tulia JV 15

The JV girls came to play on Thursday, December 2. The Squaws conquered Tulia 33-15.

Miranda Frye led the scoring with 8 points; Sandra Godoy scored 6 points with two 3-pointers, Briar Barnett 5, Deniss Vasquez 4, Molly Carthel 4, Kambree Davila 2, Breann Barnett 2, Briana Wright 1 and Leslee Avalos 1.

JV Squaws 26
Plainview JV 42

Plainview proved to be tougher for the second game on Friday, December 3 with the Squaws losing 42-26.

Briar Barnett led with 6 points, Kambree Davila 5, Miranda Frye 4, Molly Carthel 3, Sandra Godoy 3,

Leslee Avalos 2, Erika Davila 2 and Breann Barnett 1.

JV Squaws 47
Farwell JV 27

The JV girls came back on Saturday and beat the Farwell JV 47-27 to place third in the tournament.

Deniss Vasquez led in the scoring with 10 points. Breann Barnett scored 8, Molly Carthel 7, Kambree Davila 6, Julie Echevarria 5.

Also scoring were Miranda Frye 4, Erika Davila 3, Briana Wright 2 and Briar Barnett 2.

JV Chiefs 48
Tulia JV 37

After a slow start the JV Chiefs stepped it up and beat Tulia 48-37 in their first game of the tournament. The team had a few tense moments near the end of the game but they showed they could have a good time with some antics worthy of the Harlem Globetrotters.

High point scorer was Antonio Monreal with 20. Chance Lewellen scored 8, Phillip Saiz 7, Kelby Monroe 4, Caleb Miller 4, Micha

Hummus 3, and Tolby Wilcox 2.

JV Chiefs 45
Dimmitt JV 62

Dimmitt JV proved to be harder for game 2 of the tournament on Friday evening. Dimmitt outscored the Chiefs in 3 out of 4 quarters to win 62-45.

For the second day in a row Antonio Monreal was lead scorer with 20 points. Others scoring were Brett Field 5, Tolby Wilcox 5, Caleb Miller 4, Chance Lewellen 3, Valente Casas 2, Micha Hummes 2, Kelby Monroe 2 and Phillip Saiz 2.

JV Chiefs 37
Sudan JV 43

On Saturday, December 4, the Chiefs played Sudan JV for third place. Even coming from a 15-point deficit in the third quarter the JV Chiefs were still defeated by the Homets, 43-37.

Chance Lewellen led the scorers with 12 points, Tolby Wilcox 7, Antonio Monreal 6, Caleb Miller 5, Sean Lookingbill 3, Micha Hummes 2 and Phillip Saiz 2.

Record 8-2

Winebrinner, Adams Hurt Squaws Beat HP Anyway

BY RON CARR

Seniors Trisha Winebrinner and Misty Adams, both starters for the Squaws, sat out Tuesday night December 7 when the girls invaded Amarillo Highland Park. Winebrinner is still nursing an ankle sprain and Adams has a knee condition that if aggravated may require surgery.

With three of his original ten players now injured, Coach North brought up JV Squaw Deniss Vasquez and put 8 girls on the floor against the Lady Hornets. It did not appear to bother the game plan as Friona scored a decisive 65-29 victory and all 8 girls scored in the game. The girls poured in seven 3-point goals, one by Andrea Geris, and two each by Brenda Murphree, Krista Graham, and Shayli Reed.

The girls jumped out to a 16-5 1Q lead and extended it to 32-15 at the half, then pounded

Chiefs Lose At Highland Park

Rudy Gonzalez and Hayden Patton each had a 3-point goal. That was about the brightest spot for the Chieftains as they dropped a 38-19 loss at Amarillo Highland Park Tuesday. The boys are still looking for their first 2004 victory. Hopefully they will find it at the Farwell tournament this weekend. Gonzalez and Matt Gammon led scoring with 4 points each, Patton 3, Jon Nava 2, Ramey Alaniz 2, Cody Jamerson 2, and Hector Sanchez 2.

9th Squaws Stomp Floydada & Olton

BY DANA D. JAMESON

FHS 9th grade Squaws visited Floydada December 2 and defeated the Lady Winds 42-25. The highlight of the game a 21-point 3Q for the Friona freshman

Michelle Martin led the scoring with 10, Jordan Monroe, 9, Erin Anthony 6, Hollis Gurley 4, Ashley Ingram 3, Erin Austin 2, Lauren Hughs 2, Blair Smiley 2, Blair Herbert 2 and Morgan Anthony 2.

Highland Park with a 33-14 second half run. The Squaws pressed for at least three-quarters of the game. Geris, Welch, and Reed pestered the Hornets in the backcourt causing points off turnovers. Reed was high-point Squaw with 16 points, Courtney Adams, filling in for her sister Misty, had 10 points, Staci Murphree had 8, and Andrea Geris 7. Scoring 6 points each were Deniss Vasquez, Katy

Welch, Brenda Murphree, and Krista Graham. The Squaws were good on 8 of 10 from the free throw circle.

Both Winebrinner and Adams are expected to see some action in the Farwell tournament that began today and runs through Saturday. Next week the Squaws have two home games, hosting Hale Center Tuesday the 14th and Vega Friday the 17th.

JV Chiefs & Squaws Visit Highland Park

BY DANA D. JAMESON

FHS junior varsity teams traveled to Highland Park on Tuesday, December 7. The JV Squaws whipped the JV Lady Hornets 44-16.

With the Barnett girls, Breann and Briar, leading the scoring with 8 points each, the Squaws played a very good offensive and defensive game, keeping the Lady Hornets to only 2 points in the first quarter. Miranda Frye, Leslee Avalos and Molly Carthel each contributed 6 points. Others scoring points were Kambree Davila, Erica Davila, Briana Wright and Beth Nava each with 2.

Despite 3-point shots by Antonio Monreal, Kelby Monroe, and Caleb Miller the JV Chiefs came away with a 65-56 loss.

Monreal led the team in scor-

ing with 21 points. Miller scored 10 points, Tolby Wilcox 9, Monroe 5, Chance Lewellen 4, Sean Lookingbill and Phillip Saiz 3 each, and Valente Casas 1.

Next up for the JV Chiefs and Squaws is the Tulia Tourney December 9, 10 and 11. Good luck Chiefs and Squaws.



TRYING TO FIND the rebound are freshmen, l-r, Alonso Rojas, Chris Haile, Kaison Graham, Jared Boyd, and Ritchie Casas.

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CATCHING a pop-up are, l-r, freshmen Chiefs Eric North, Ryan Schwab, and Ryan Geris.

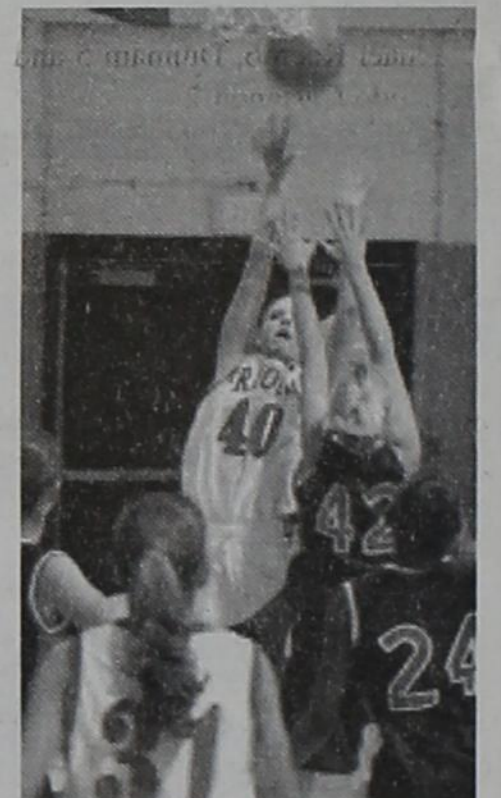


ALL FIVE JV boys get in the picture, l-r, in white, Sean Lookingbill, Tolby Wilcox, Caleb Miller, Chance Lewellen, and Antonio Monreal.

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JV SQUAWS, l-r, Briana Wright, Deniss Vasquez, Breann Barnett, Molly Carthel and Sandra Godoy defend against Tulia JV.



BRIAR BARNETT (40) goes high for a shot as Deniss Vasquez (31) looks on.



TOLBY WILCOX (34)



9th Chiefs Defeat Floydada & Olton

BY DANA D. JAMESON

Coach Jose Gonzales' 9th grade Braves pulverized Floydada 52-16 on Thursday, December 2. The Braves consistently outscored Floydada in every quarter.

Ryan Geris was the high point scorer with 14. Chris Haile scored 7, Dylan Welch 6, Eric North 5, Sawyer Reed 5, Kaison Graham 5, Alex Gurley 4, Ritchie Casas 2, Ryan Schwab 2 and Jared Boyd 2.

The 9th grade Chiefs traveled to Olton on Monday, December 6 and handily won 62-44.

"The boys played a much improved defensive game," said Coach Jose Gonzales.

Leading scorers for the game were Schwab with 12 points, Ryan Geris 11, Reed 9, Trent Hudson 8, Gurley 7, Chris Haile 7, Eric North 6 and Boyd 2.



MAIDEN Christy Widner, left, was a leading scorer for the 8th graders in their two victories. photos by donald herbert

8th Maidens Wallop Floydada & Olton

BY DANA D. JAMESON

Coach Ben Kirton's 8th Maidens A team traveled to Floydada Thursday, December 2 and returned victorious, 34-9. "I am so proud of the girls," said Kirton. "They pulled everything together and played as a team. Their hard work and confidence earned them their first victory of the season." Heather Sandoval led the team scoring with 14 points and 6 steals, Lucy Mendez 6, Brittany Berend 6, Monica Acosta

4 and Maria Meza 4. Acosta, Mendez, Sandoval, Berend and Meza had 4 rebounds each. The B team tied with Floydada 4-4. Christy Widner and Maricela Sanchez each scored 2 points. The 8th Maidens hosted Olton 8th grade Monday, December 6 and showed them how basketball should be played by winning 31-4. Heather Sandoval scored 16 points and 8 steals, Lucy

Mendez 10 points and 5 rebounds, Maria Meza 4, Monica Acosta 1, and Melissa Gallego had 3 rebounds. The Maidens travel to Lockney on December 13. The 8th Maidens B team also played Olton and won 8-1. They now have a record of 3-2-1. Christy Widner led the scoring with 4 points, Kathleen Wylly 2 points, Corinne Hinton 2 points and 5 steals, and Monica Saenz with 3 rebounds.

FJHS Braves Update

BY DANA D. JAMESON

Coach Mike Herbert's 8th grade Braves had a tough time with Floydada's 8th grade December 2 losing 36-21. Justin Dominguez turned in 9 points, Alex Dunnam 6, Justin Echevarria 2, Joey Mendoza 2 and Aaron Hand 2. The Braves visited Olton on December 6 and came away victorious 33-31. Dominguez was high point scorer with 10, Echevarria 6, Michael Keen 6, Dunnam 5 and Rolando Castanon 2. Coach Konrad Carroll's 7th grade Braves played the

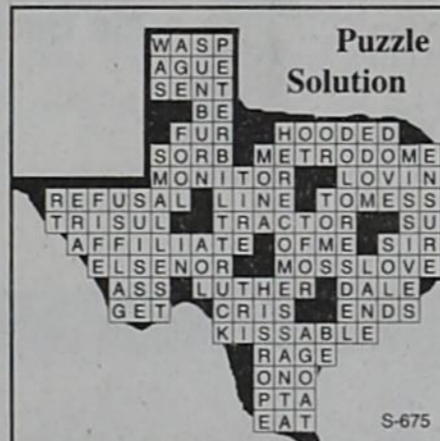
Floydada 7th grade on December 2 here and won 26-20. Joey Dickson was high point scorer with 7, Stetson Reed 6, Matt Stanberry 6, Jordan Kelly 4, Jose Ramirez 2, and David Schwab 1. The Braves traveled to Olton on Monday, December 6 and were bested 43-35. Matt Stanberry led the team with 17 points and Stetson Reed had 10. The Braves have a 2-2 record and next host Lockney on Monday, December 13.



AN 8th Brave

7th A&B Girls Host Olton

FJHS 7th grade A & B Maidens hosted Olton Monday, December 6. The A Maidens lost to Olton 24-12. Sasha Estrada led the scoring with 6 points, Stephanie Aguirre 2, Taryn Jamerson 2 and Yesenia Rojas 2. Their season record is 1-3. The B Maidens defeated Olton 6-2. The Maidens will travel to Lockney on Monday, Dec. 13.



AN 8th Brave

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

75 Yrs. Ago
December 13, 1929

Beginning last week the post office at Friona receives and dispatches mail four times daily. The regular morning west bound mail and the noon east bound mail will remain as they have been for several years, but instead of these constituting the only mails received and dispatched, there will be an outgoing mail in the evening, at 6 p.m., and be received by the west bound train that passes here at night, and carried as far as Clovis, where it will be sorted and all east bound mail will be transferred to the east bound train and forward to its destination.

70 Yrs. Ago
December 21, 1934

The Friona Star trusts that all our readers will read each and every advertisement in this issue of the Star, as many of our business people are expressing to you their appreciation of you as patrons and friends and wishing for you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, as well as calling your attention to the many nice things they have to help you solve your Christmas gift problems.

65 Yrs. Ago
December 15, 1939

Emergency crop and feed loans for 1940 are now available to farmers in Parmer County, and applications for these loans are now being received at Farwell by Carl Hill, Field Supervisor of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Section of the Farm Credit Administration.

60 Yrs. Ago
December 15, 1944

Bills are out announcing the sale by J.T. Gee of his entire herd of high quality dairy cows and milking equipment. There will be at least 29 head of good cows, heifers and calves, and 12 head of registered hogs and many other desirable articles.

50 Yrs. Ago
December 9, 1954

A new feed, seed and fertilizer firm is to be built in Friona soon, according to an announcement this week by E.H. and Doyle Cummings who are planning the operation.

The plant will be located across the corner southeast of Houlett's Laundry, the Cummings men announce. They are selling their farm equipment this week, leasing the farm and plan to start immediately on the Friona enterprise.

40 Yrs. Ago
December 10, 1964

A feature of the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet was the naming of Friona's outstanding citizens. Honored, as "Man of the Year" was Frank A. Spring, president of Friona State Bank. Mrs. H.K. Kendrick was named "Woman of the Year." Mrs. R.L. Bates was chosen "Teacher of the year," and Stanley Bengue was tapped as "Most Courteous Employee."

35 Yrs. Ago
December 11, 1969

Building permits issued by the City of Friona rang up the register for construction estimated at \$135,400 for the month of November. The total brought the calendar year's total estimated construction in the city a healthy \$923,400 and renewed prospects of a yearly total in excess of a million dollars for the second straight year.

30 Yrs. Ago
December 8, 1974

Roy Smith, a junior at Friona High School, was the grand prize winner in the Friona Star's annual football contest. Mary Priest was the grand prize runnerup winner. Joy Morton

and Charlie Clark tied for third place in the final standing of the contest, and were awarded duplicate prizes after their tiebreaker scores matched.

25 Yrs. Ago
December 9, 1979

Jerry Hinkle won the grand prize in the Friona Star's annual football contest, pulling away for a four point win.

20 Yrs. Ago
December 9, 1984

A proposed \$40 million merger between Friona Industries Inc. and the Houston-based Eller Enterprises is "not supposed to" result in the loss of any jobs, Friona Industries financial vice-president Charles Hughes said.

10 Yrs. Ago
December 10, 1994

Chris Quintana, pre-kindergarten teacher at Friona Primary School, was recently elected president of Regional XVI Service Center's Head Start Career Development Committee.

5 Yrs. Ago
December 10, 1999

Parmer County received 6 inches of the white stuff. The temperature remained cold throughout Saturday resulting in the ice/snow combo staying on the ground, refreezing and causing continuing problems into Sunday.

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- Dec. 14-B.K. Buske, Joe Tongate, James Procter, Shana Taylor, Trey Cozier.
- Dec. 15-Don Reeve, Crispin Buchanan, Deena Willard, Connie Willard, Sylvia Ingram, Luke London, Lana Allemand, Juan Perez, Haden Smiley, Deven Black.
- Dec. 16-Michael Stanberry, Gerald Floyd, Lisa Guerra, Megan Carr, Kyle Jamerson, Travis Stewart, Rhett Houston.
- Dec. 17-Joe Tagle, Elthie Hand, Robert Garza, Lance Goen, Jim Schlenker, Mary Joyce Barnett, Gloria Drake, Jason Hankins, Esther Alexander.
- Dec. 18-Debbie Stevens, Wade Procter, Brittany Anthony, Michael Craig Scott, Antonio Martinez, Hal Ratcliff, Bud Rainey, Pam Rector, Trey Widner, Morgan Leal, Billy Dean Baxter, Crystal Morton.

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Nebraska Governor Named to Replace Ann Veneman as Secretary of Agriculture

LUBBOCK, December 3, 2004 By SHAWN WADE
Nebraska Governor Mike Johanns is President George Bush's choice to take over as U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. Johanns, 54, is a two-time Republican Governor of Nebraska and brings a strong agriculture pedigree to the Bush Cabinet. Raised on a dairy farm in Iowa, Johanns also holds a law degree from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, and has a track record of streamlining and improving government operations. Johanns has also been a long-time proponent of agriculture and rural development. He brings a strong background on key Ag policy issues including ethanol and value-added agriculture.

"The selection of Governor Johanns by President Bush appears to reinforce the Administration's commitment to agriculture. We should have a leader at USDA that understands producers and the many facets of agriculture that exist in this country," says PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett. "Johanns agriculture background appears to be broad, with practical knowledge ranging from a family dairy operation in Iowa to the larger-scale, irrigated and dryland agriculture that exists in Nebraska."

Verett said Plains Cotton Growers looks forward to getting better acquainted with the new Secretary and to working with him in the future.

Advance 2005 Direct Payments Available From FSA December 1

LUBBOCK, December 3, 2004 By SHAWN WADE
Producers wanting to keep additional farm income in the 2004 tax year, may request a fifty percent advance on their 2005 Direct Payment, under the 2005 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP). Requests for the advance can be made at county FSA offices, anytime after December 1, 2004, by producers enrolled in the 2005 DCP program. To receive the advance in the 2004 calendar year, producers must make the request before the end of December and give county offices adequate time to process the application and get the payment made.

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Heat oven to 350° F. Grease large baking sheet. Cream butter and sugar together in mixing bowl until light and fluffy. Add egg and almond extract; beat well. Add flour; blend well. Stir in oats, cranberries and almonds. Drop by heaping teaspoonfuls onto prepared baking sheet. Bake at 350° F for 10 to 12 minutes or until slightly puffed and brown around the edges. Remove from oven; cool on pan 3 or 4 minutes. Cookies will fall. Remove carefully to wire rack; cool completely. Makes about 36 cookies.

Agriculture Marketing Short Courses

By MONTI VANDIVER, Extension Agent-IPM

Given recent changes in federal farm policies and an increased emphasis on competing in the global marketplace, agricultural producers are facing ever increasing risks. Almost anyone involved in agriculture understands the riskiness of agricultural production and the assertion that agriculture in general is risky business.

It is easy to understand that there is the risk of reduced yields in agriculture due to a host of factors, most notably the weather. However, farmers and ranchers face more than just yield risk as they operate their farm businesses.

Over time, the sources of risk have been categorized a number of ways. Weather risk is often thought to be "the risk" of agriculture production but market and price risks are the risks that many individual producers struggle with most. The uncertainty of markets for agricultural products and the volatility of prices require the development of a marketing plan.

Contractual arrangements and marketing organizations such as cooperatives can help reduce market risk. Price risk in the major commodities is commonly managed with the aid of futures and options markets. Texas Cooperative Extension is offering the following marketing short courses, which will assist producers in developing a comprehensive marketing plan for their operation.

Developing this year's marketing plan - Learn about fundamentals, technicals, and seasonal trends in Cash, Basis and Contracts. Evaluate pre and post harvest marketing strategies and learn what best fits your marketing plan this year. Participants will leave with a written plan for their own operation.

- Cattle**—Steve Amosson & Stan Bevers
December 17, 2004, Vernon, Texas
- Cotton**—Carl Anderson & Jackie Smith
March 15, 2005, Amarillo
- March 22, 2005, Lubbock**
- Feed Grains**—Steve Amosson & Mark Waller
January 12-13, 2005, Amarillo
- Wheat**—Stan Bevers & Mark Waller
February 8-9, 2005, Vernon, Texas

Pulling the Trigger B Darrell Holaday will show you how to become a disciplined marketer by fully executing your plan. Discover your risk tolerance levels and what tools actually fit your situation. February 15, 2005, Amarillo, Texas.

Advanced Futures and Options B Alan Brugler will help you take a closer look at advanced hedging techniques, futures and options strategies, such as, cover calls, spreads, storage hedging, windows, etc. significant time will be spent on the pros and cons of these strategies, and when it is appropriate to use these tools. December 16-17, 2004, Amarillo, Texas.

Advanced Options for Cotton B Eric Masten will focus on the state of today's market and how it relates to you, the cotton producer. Exactly what are options and why are they important? Learn the basic terminology, plus multi-legged strategies, determinants of options pricing, and synthetics. Masten will suggest strategies to fit the current environment. February 8, 2005 and March 8, 2005, Lubbock, Texas.

The reward for managing risk is the enhanced probability of farm survival and the potential to realize a higher return on investment. It is important to remember that risk cannot be eliminated from farming. Risk complicates the decision making process for the farmer, however, there are tools for reducing or

managing the level of risk.

If you would like more information on these marketing workshops, contact Texas Cooperative Extension, 806-481-3300 or 806-272-4583. Educational programs conducted by Texas Cooperative Extension serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap, or national origin. If special assistance is needed to participate in these seminars, contact Texas Cooperative Extension in advance. All reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate special needs.

Irrigation System Can Save Water

By J.D. BILBRO

(Via email from Plains Cotton Growers)

Researchers at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Facility have developed an automated irrigation system that can save significant amounts of water, according to facility director Dan Upchurch.

Upchurch and his colleagues, John Burke, James Mahan and Don Wanjura, discovered that a crop's need for water is directly related to the temperature of the plants.

Based upon several years of research, they determined at what temperature various types of plants need irrigation water. Then they devised a system to continuously measure plant temperatures in the field with infrared thermometers.

These temperatures are continuously fed into a small computer and then analyzed. When the computer program determines that the crop needs irrigation water, it will alert the farmer by turning on a light in the field to signal him to start irrigation.

"This system enables the farmer to irrigate the crop only when it really needs it; thus, the amount of water saved can be very significant," Upchurch said.

This technology has been tested under various conditions and at various places for several years. One test location is on the farm of Glenn Schur in Plainview. He has used the system for four years, and said using the system has resulted in the production of more pounds of lint per acre-inch of applied irrigation water.

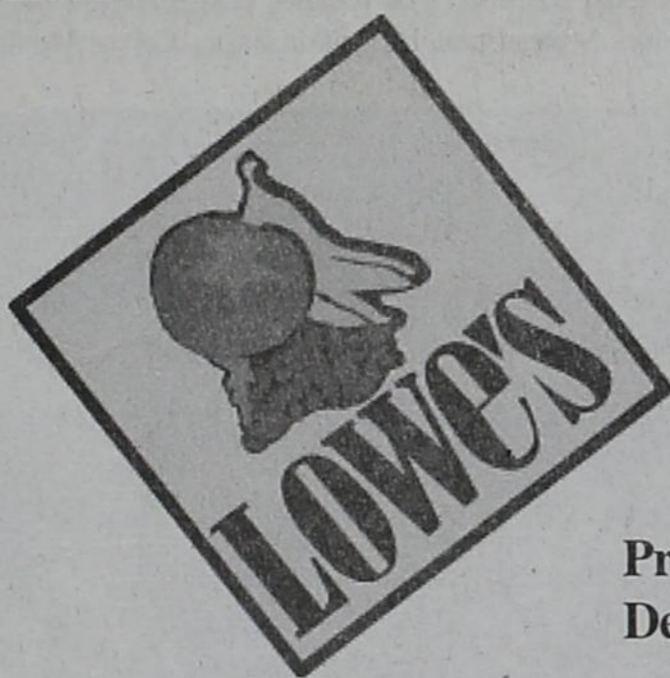
"It has maximized my cotton production," he said, adding that he plans to continue using the system.

Because the technology for the system has been patented, Upchurch said he anticipated that, through private enterprise, the system soon will be completely automated. The system has application not just for farms but also on lawns, golf courses and athletic fields.

"Because the system can be implemented anywhere there is a source of water and electricity, the potential for significant water conservation is worldwide," Upchurch said.

Much of the research by ARS is in cooperation with other agencies, including Texas Tech, West Texas A&M, Texas A&M, Kansas State University, other universities and ARS laboratories, the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, the Natural Resources Conservation Service and other federal agencies.

J.D. Bilbro is a retired agriculture research scientist.



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Fillies Win Consolation In Anton Tournament

The Bovina Fillies went 2 for 3 in the Anton Tournament and won the consolation bracket. The tournament was held December 2-4. The ladies lost the first game Thursday to Amherst 68-44. Bovina ran out to a 20-8 lead at the end of the 1Q but Amherst stiffened and held the Fillies to only 24 points the rest of the game. High scorers for the Fillies were Dorothy Martinez 11, Jessica Bachicha 10, Irma Rocha 10, Isabel Guevara 5, Jennifer Reyna 4, Lucero Saucedo 2, and Liz Alonzo 2.

Irma Rocha led scoring with 22 points, Bachicha added 16, Liz Alonzo 4, Lucero Saucedo 4, Dorothy Martinez 3, and Ruby Vela 2.

For the consolation championship on Saturday, the Fillies beat district rival Morton 51-38. Rocha led the Fillies again with 20 points including two 3-pointers, D. Martinez had 11, Bachicha 8, J. Reyna 7, and Guevara 5. In the Lubbock and Morton games the Fillies had the lead after every quarter.

The Fillies are open this weekend and travel to Adrian next Tuesday.

In their 2nd game on Friday, the Fillies bombed the Lubbock Warriors 51-30, leading after every quarter.

Mustangs Go 1-2 In Anton Tourney

The Bovina Mustangs won one and lost two in the Anton Tournament last weekend.

In the Thursday match, Jeff Casas scored 27 of Bovina's 44 points but Anton dealt Bovina a 53-44 loss. Michael Ortiz scored 8 in the contest, Josh Shelby 6, Hugo Martinez 2, and Kole McNary 1-point.

In game two Friday, the Mustangs smashed Amherst 62-32, led again by Casas with 23 points. Michael Ortiz had 17 points, McNary 11, Trent Quintana 5, C. Ortiz 3, H. Martinez 2 and J. Reyna 1. The Mustangs drained six 3-point baskets in the game, two each by M. Ortiz and Casas, and one each by C. Ortiz and Quintana.

The bliss didn't last long when the Mustangs faced the Lubbock Warriors Saturday. The shooters went cold and the Warriors were on the warpath as the final score was Lubbock Warriors 65, Bovina 37. Casas did lead the scoring, this time with 9 points, M. Ortiz had 8, J. Reyna 6, McNary 4, Shelby 3, C. Ortiz 2, A. Espinosa 2, E. Segovia 2, and H. Martinez 1-point.



LEADING the charge down court is Jeff Casas (3) helped along by his Mustang teammates.

coy jameson photo



MUSTANG Corn Ortiz (4) avoids a Lorenzo defender. Bovina lost to Lorenzo 72-21.

coy jameson photo



THE FILLIES lost a close game to Lorenzo 51-47. Liz Alonzo (10) and Dorothy Martinez (32) play defense.

coy jameson photo



JENNIFER REYNA (20) plays close-up defense against Lorenzo.

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THE LORENZO BOYS, ranked as high as 6th in state 1A, clobbered the Bovina Mustangs 72-21 Tuesday. The Mustangs managed only 2 points in the second half against the smothering Lorenzo defense. Right, Corn Ortiz is almost run over.

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COACH Tony Epps talks to Bovina Fillies Liz Alonzo (10) and Irma Rocha (22). The Fillies are much improved from last year.

coy jameson photo

Bovina Reflections

45 Yrs. Ago
December 16, 1959

A butane explosion in the bathroom set off a roaring blaze that heavily damaged the J.D. Kirkpatrick home east of Bovina Friday at noon. Kirkpatrick and his wife both suffered minor burns. Neither required hospitalization.

40 Yrs. Ago
December 9, 1964

Odus White is on crutches with his foot in a cast after breaking a toe last week. The accident occurred Thursday as White was repairing a door on his panel truck. The door fell, striking him on the foot and breaking a toe.

35 Yrs. Ago
December 10, 1969

For the first time since its beginning ten years ago, an out-of-town contestant, Larry Wardlaw of Farwell, has won the Bovina Businesses Cotton Bowl Football Contest.

25 Yrs. Ago
December 19, 1979

1980 drum majors and twirlers have been announced by the Bovina Bands and they are: Jeanne Richards, head drum major; Donna Beth Lide, assistant drum major; Rebecca Hodnett, twirler; Gail Turner, twirler; Wendy Hall, twirler; and Tana Nix, head twirler.

20 Yrs. Ago
December 25, 1984

The area experienced quite a bath of weather including thunder and lightning, rain which froze soon after it fell and some snow.

15 Yrs. Ago
December 13, 1989

The first snowfall of the season was seen last Thursday in Bovina.

10 Yrs. Ago
December 10, 1994

Kasey Bell and RoseAnn Cantu were named All Tournament Winners at the Bovina JV Tournament. Each of Bovina's junior varsity teams swept all three of their games in that tournament.

5 Yrs. Ago
December 10, 1999

It was a tragic day for Texas A&M after the bonfire stack collapsed, killing 12 students recently. Among the many involved was Lazbuddie High School graduate and junior at Texas A&M, Heath Brown. Heath was one of the many students taking part in stacking the wood for the bonfire when it suddenly collapsed, leaving mayhem in its wake. Luckily, he sustained only minor physical injuries but the horror of that night will remain engraved in his memory.

Happy Birthday Bovina

December 12 thru December 18, 2004.

- Dec.12-Martha Buchanan, Lola Parson, Lavern Black, Jim Bob Swafford
- Dec.14-Barbara Hall, Laura Gilbreath, Dorothy Sorley, Victor Espinoza
- Dec.15-Marion Carson, Linda Marshall, Carol Ortiz
- Dec.16-Rosalie Lopez
- Dec.18-Darren Hromas, Wes Cockerham, Scott Steelman

YOUR EYES

The Diabetic Eye

Did you know that one to two percent of Americans has diabetes? Equally alarming, people with diabetes are twenty times more likely to become legally blind than those without it. Yet, how does diabetes affect the eyes?

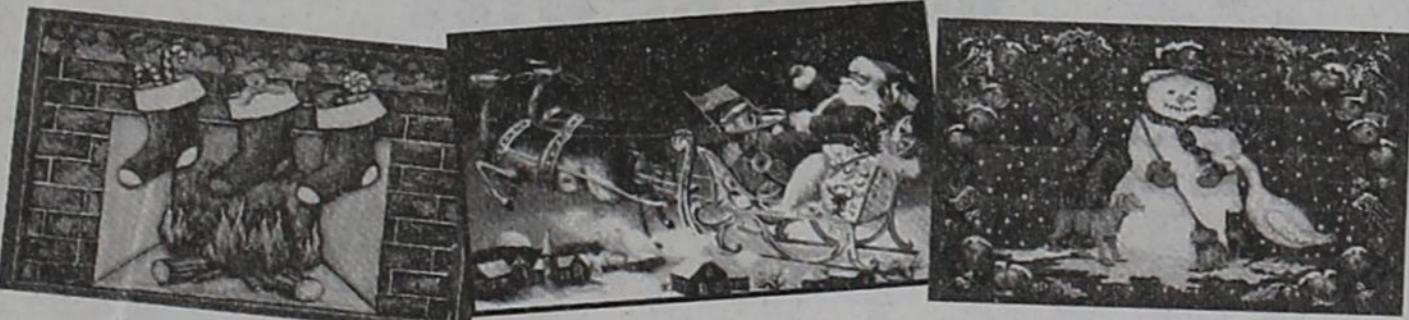


Simply put, diabetes occurs when the body cannot process sugars properly. The excess sugar will circulate through the body, causing long-term detrimental effect on the entire body, including the eye. Diabetes causes leaks and blockages of the blood vessels at the back of the eye. If this happens, it can potentially cause major vision problems. Unfortunately, this is fairly common. About two-thirds of people who have diabetes for fifteen years or more show some blockage or leakage. A laser is sometimes used to control some of these areas of leakage and slow their growth. It is easy to see how critical it is for the diabetic to keep this disease controlled. An optometrist is a vital link for diabetics on the road to good eye health.

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OBITUARIES

Keith Blackburn

Memorial services for Keith Blackburn, 80, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, December 11, 2004, at the Sixth Street Church of Christ in Friona, with Hal Blackburn of Canyon, Texas and Leon Talley, minister, officiating.

Private family graveside services will be at 10:00 a.m. Saturday in the Friona Cemetery, with arrangements by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

The family will receive friends and relatives from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, December 10, at Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mr. Blackburn died on Wednesday, December 1, 2004 in Albuquerque. He was born March 20, 1924 in Alex, Oklahoma, to Thomas and Ethel (Davenport) Blackburn. The family moved to Friona in 1929 where he attended



KEITH BLACKBURN

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He was a veteran of WWII, serving in the U.S. Marines in the Okinawa and China Theatres.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and three brothers, Claude, John, and Dean Blackburn.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Jean of Albuquerque; one daughter, Jill and husband Dr. Ben Anella; three grandsons, Jimmy, Jason, and Justin; one granddaughter, Jennifer, all of San Diego, California; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be made to Albuquerque Christian Children's Home, 5700 Winterhaven Rd. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120, or Lovelace Hospice Program, 5403 Gibson Blvd. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108.

school.

He married Betty Jean Mayfield on November 16, 1942.

He and his wife moved to Albuquerque in 1960, where they owned and operated Blackburn's

Melba Dean Neelley

Celebration of life services for Melba Dean Neelley, 82, of Lubbock, were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 4, 2004, at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, with Reverend Glenn Reddell and Reverend Matt Wolfington, officiating. Interment followed in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

She passed away on Thursday, December 2, 2004.

Melba was born February 11, 1922 in Swisher County. She was one of seven children born to the late J.T. and Eula Avent. She graduated from Tulia High School and married Bert Neelley on February 2, 1941 in Canadian. Mr. Neelley preceded her in death on March 17, 2002.

Melba worked with her husband in the newspaper business, in Friona, where they



MELBA DEAN NEELLEY

her retirement. Melba and Bert traveled in their travel-trailer, extensively, worked in their garden, fished in the mountains of the western United States, and greatly enjoyed their family and grandchildren.

Melba was a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, where she was an active member of the John Wesley Sunday School Class.

She is survived by two brothers, Jack and Bill Avent of Amarillo; one sister, Madeline Reck of Austin; three sons, Robert and wife, Connie, of Friona, Richard (Rick) and wife, Sharon, of Loveland, Colorado, and David and wife, Shasta, of Austin; five grandsons; two granddaughters; and 12 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to St. Luke's United Methodist Church or the Goodfellows.

owned and operated the Friona Star from 1948 through 1956. They bought the paper from Uncle John White and sold it to Joe Osborn in 1956.

Later, they resided in Perryton and moved to Lubbock in 1960. She worked in the insurance business until

Darrell Jason Smith

Services for Darrell Jason Smith, 36, of Amarillo, were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 4, 2004 at San Jacinto Church of Christ with Trey Morgan, minister, officiating. Burial followed at Llano Cemetery with arrangements by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

He died Wednesday, December 1, 2004. Darrell was born to Donnie Smith and Donna Blackburn Smith in Plainview, Texas on May 16, 1968.

He grew up in Amarillo where he attended Paramount Terrace Elementary, Crockett Junior High, and Tascosa High School. He went on to graduate with honors from Texas Tech with a degree in electrical engineering. He was employed by Utility Engineering in Amarillo at the time of his death. He was in the process of overseeing the building of a power plant in Jacksonville, Florida, when he became ill.



DARRELL J. SMITH

Darrell loved his Texas Tech Raiders and enjoyed traveling to Lubbock to watch them play. He was a member of San Jacinto Church of Christ where he attended for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Tyshann, of the home; his parents of Canyon; two sisters, Dena Minich and her husband Chuck, and Dixie Cornelius and her husband Kent, all of Amarillo; ten nephews, Dillon, Dustin, Dakota, and Dallas Minich, Daxton and Dayton Cornelius, and Brandon, Braxton, Blayton, and Bryson Oliver; two nieces, Ashley and Amber Browning; his in-laws, Roy and Elwana Oliver of Woodson, Texas; three cats and a turtle.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Amarillo Humane Society, P.O. Box 30102, Amarillo, TX 79120 or the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 800 W. 3rd, Amarillo, TX 79101.

Darrell married Tyshann Oliver on July 3, 1998 in Woodson, Texas. They enjoyed traveling and attending professional baseball games together.

J. B. Buske

J.B. Buske, 90, of Friona, died Friday, December 3, 2004, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. He had been a Friona resident since 1950, moving from Amarillo.

He was born June 27, 1914 in Anson, Texas, to C.F. and Florence (Horn) Buske.

He was a farmer and rancher and married Lucille Curry on February 8, 1939 in Clovis, New Mexico.

His wife, Lucille, preceded him in death on January 8,



J. B. BUSKE

Pete, C.R., J.F., and W.F. Buske also preceded him in death.

Survivors include one son, Darrell Buske of Friona; and two sisters, Charlene Nichols of Klamath Falls, Oregon, and Ollie Nichols of Dallas, Texas.

Graveside services will be held at a later date in the Friona Cemetery; however, no formal service announcement will be made.

Arrangements are by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

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 1 TXism: "yellow jacket"
 5 TX "mountain pink" wildflower was used to treat this
 6 TXism: "he was packing"
 7 TX Mandrell's "I Don't Want to ___ Right"
 8 TXism: "the ___ was flying" (fight)
 9 San Antonio Zoo has large collection of these cranes
 15 "Peat ___" is used to soak up oil spills
 16 where Rangers play in Minnesota
 19 with "The ___ Naples, TX newspaper
 21 TX Waylon's "That's What You Get for ___ Me"
 22 Cowboys had right of first ___ for Emmitt
 27 TX-based "The Thin Blue ___"
 28 TXism: "he's a good man not ___ with" (mean)
 29 with "fide," three atoms of sulphur
 30 John Deere
 32 "you" south of the border
 33 Frisco, TX
 "Roughriders" are an AA ___ of TX Rangers
 36 TX Steve Martin film: "All ___"
 37 TX Benji: "___ Benjamin of Courtney"
 38 prison name of Fred Carrasco who led prison siege in '74
 39 Love Field was named for this Army Air Lt.
 41 donkey or stupid person
 42 Austin has Martin King, Jr. Boulevard
 45 Roy Rogers' TX wife
 46 TXism: "don't ___ your shorts in a knot"
 47 Ranger reliever in '93, '94, Carpenter
 48 TXism: "tie up the loose ___"
 49 "purdy"?
 52 a fit of anger
 53 Yoko ___
 54 TX Jeannie C's "Harper Valley" org.
 55 TXism: "put on the feed bag"
DOWN
 1 TX Debbie film: "How the West Won"
 2 TX-film "Middle Crazy" ('79)
 3 So Padre souvenir?
 4 18-wheeler built in Denton (2 wds.)
 8 TX Tracy Law-rence's "Today's Lonely ___"
 9 TX Autry wrote "___ Claus"
 10 "sudden death" in the NFL
 11 TXism: "come hell ___ high water"
 12 ___ Rio was in "Flying Down to Rio" with TX Ginger
 13 in SE Van Zandt Co. on farm roads
 14 TX McMurry's "Lonesome"
 25 It now flies over TX with the lone star
 16 TX Helmond's role on "Who's the Boss"
 17 letters
 18 make certain
 20 4-down rubber
 22 TX actor Rip (init.)
 23 TX Clemens stat.
 24 military flute
 25 It now flies over TX with the lone star
 26 Switzerland in France
 28 1850 novel "Uncle ___ Cabin"
 31 song "___ Texas"
 34 "Murder ___ Texas"
 35 internet provider
 37 TXism: "he me a bill of goods"
 40 it might be an HOV in Houston or Dallas
 43 Amarillo hosts "___ State Fair"
 44 TXism: "at the end of ___"
 50 TXism: "hungry as ___ on a concrete pasture"
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FJHS 8TH GRADE MAIDENS, back, l-r, Gaby Rivera, Emma Lopez, Staci Fairweather, Brittany Berend, Maria Meza, Megan Hoon, Melissa Gallego, Heather Sandoval, Ana DeLaPaz and Tori Abeyta. Front, l-r, Kathleen Wyly, Christy Widner, Corinne Hinton, Lucy Mendez, Hannah Carthel, Monica Acosta, and Maricela Sanchez.



Meet the Class of 2016

Bryan is a kindergarten student at Friona Schools. His parents are Efen and hoz Mi Arzate.

Bryan likes watching cartoons and playing playstation. His favorite foods are pizza and Chinese food. His favorite colors are blue and red.

Bryan Arzate

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Meet the Class of 2016

Mason is a kindergarten student at Friona Schools. His parents are Terry and Sherrie Stanberry. He has one sister, Michelle, and 2 brothers, Michael and Matthew.

Mason likes riding his bike and playing playstation. His favorite color is red.

Mason Stanberry

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J'Mae Randolph Completing OSU Student Teaching

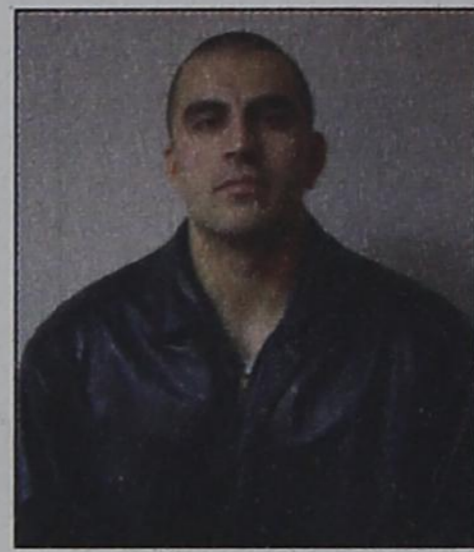
J'Mae Randolph, a graduate of Friona High School, is completing a fall student teaching assignment from the Oklahoma State University College of Education. Randolph, an early childhood education major, has been assigned to work in first, second, and third grade classrooms at Washington Irving Elementary School in Edmond, Oklahoma. She is the daughter of Tom and Melissa Randolph of Friona.

The OSU Professional Education Unit assigned 106 student teachers this semester to 33 schools, including five out-of-state schools, and nine students who are student teaching in Costa Rica. Stringent requirements must be met and maintained for students to student teach in public schools. Students must have a passing score on the Oklahoma General Education Test, complete a sequence of courses to gain full admittance to the OSU Professional Education Program, and maintain a minimum 2.5 grade point average in their designated major, professional education courses and overall GPA.

Arias to Receive Masters Degree From WTAMU

Friona's Jimmy Arias will receive his Master's Degree in Education Administration at graduation ceremonies Friday, December 10, at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Arias, a Friona High School graduate who played football at WT, has been working on his Master's for about three years while employed full time as a Friona High School assistant football and powerlifting coach and freshman world ge-



JIMMY ARIAS

ography teacher.

Arias is looking forward to no more two hours a night studying and working on his master's dissertation. He aspires to someday become a high school athletic director and head coach, preferably here in the Texas Panhandle.

Commenting on his achievement, Arias said, "It has taken a long time but it has been worth it. I tell my students that if I can do it, anybody can do it."

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