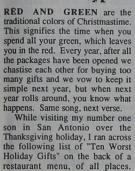
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SPECIAL

**PLAYOFF** 

TURN

Carol Ellis



restaurant menu, of all places.

Here it is:

1. Fruitcake recycled from last year's Christmas party.

2. A wilted poinsettia that won't last the 12 days of Christmas.

3. Giant wicker tray in the shape of a Christmas tree filled with jars of increase and inline.

jams and jellies.

4. A T-shirt left over from the

company picnic.
5. A jumbo tin of stale popcorn.
6. Smoked cheese in the shape of the state of Texas.

7. A frozen turkey that will stay frozen until next Christmas.

8. Hard candies in a holiday coffee

A big ham that you have to take

home and cook.

10. A paper weight with the company logo imprinted on it.

Well, some of those aren't really so bad. I actually like a nice fresh

fruitcake, a bright poinsettia, popcorn, and jars of jelly. In fact, I can think of about 15 really awfull Christmas gifts that are much worse than the ten mentioned above. My least favorite Christmas gifts are as follows:

1. The recorded tape or CD of dogs barking to the tune of "Jingle Bells." They also now have one of cats meowing to various Christmas tunes. Plus, there is a coffee mug that plays a Christmas song when you pick it up to drink out of it. Try that with your first cup of coffee in the morning.

2. How about those football-shaped armchair doodads intended to hold your remote and "TV Guide."

your reliner and 1 Y office.

3. The big plastic candy cane filled with colored jelly beans.

4. A cap with the logo of your favorite beer on the front.

5. Keep ship with group catterlarical. Key chain with an astrological

S. Key Chain with an astrological sign attached.
 Boxer shorts covered with pictures of a cartoon character.
 Soap-on-a-rope or shower radio-

on-a-rope.

8. That clapper gadget that is supposed to turn on your lights when you clap your hands.

9. The coin sorter bank, or any

coin bank in the shape of anything.

10. An impossible jigsaw puzzle with a geometric "put-out-your-eyes" design. I actually like jig saw puzzles with pretty pictures, but not the go-blind kind.

out not the go-blind kind.

11. Any cutsie item designed to hold your "extra" rolls of toilet tissue in the bathroom.

12. Anything with the logo of a

pro-sports team on it. This includes afghans, towels, coasters, radios, watches, lamps, articles of clothing, etc. These same items with logos of a college are okay, as long as it is Texas Tech.

13. The Chia Pet.

14. Kitchen gadgets are the worst. Sometimes the idea behind them is good but they usually don't work. shooter, the sandwich maker, the "Speedy Thaw" defroster tray, the pop-up hot dog cooker, electric vegetable steamer, electric potato peeler, and/or the sugar packet

15. Christmas sweaters. They are beautifully designed with glittery Christmas decorations all over them. But if I open it on Christ-mas morning, I can't wear it for nearly a whole year. When do we have our coldest weather? In January and February, when I can't wear my pretty Christmas sweater

any more. Buy plain ones.

My all-time favorite Christmas gift would be a big winning lottery ticket. I'd even share it!

#### Christmas In The Park December 8

The Women's Division of the Friona Chamber of Commerce has announced the annual Christmas in the Park celebration.

annual Christmas in the Park celebration.

The event will be held in City Park on Sunday, December 8, from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. This will not conflict with the two Sunday performances of the Living Christmas Tree.

In addition to appearances by Miss Friona and Little Miss Friona, Santa Claus will also arrive in Friona that day.

The Friona high school annual staff will take complimentary pictures of kids with Santa again this year.

Two Christmas stockings will be given away in a drawing and apple cider and cookies will be served to kick off this festive season.

Saturday Xmas

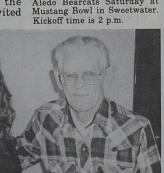
#### Saturday Xmas Performances Are Cancelled

The Friona Living
Christmas Tree performances,
scheduled for Saturday,
December 7, have been
cancelled and re-scheduled for
Friday, December 6 at 7:30
p.m. and Monday, December
9 at 7:30 p.m.
Tickets for the Saturday
performances will be honored
either Friday or Monday
evenings. Sunday, December
8 performances have not been
changed.

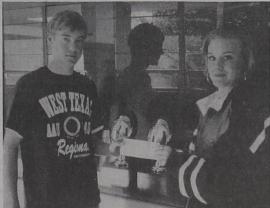
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#### **Bank Hosting** Christmas Tea

Christmas Tea
Friona State Bank
will host their annual
Christmas Tea on
Thursday, December 12,
during banking hours, 9
a.m.-3 p.m. in the
Community Room.
Charles Turner will
be providing holiday
music throughout the
day. Everyone is invited
to stop by.



THE ONLY 3-TIME CHAMP......Jack Clark has played the Friona Business Football Contest for more than thirty years. He enjoys the contest competition and is pretty good at it. Clark is shown receiving his \$100 top prize from Star employee Becky London. This is his third time to win the overall point total prize.



WAY TO GO, BRO!...For the second time this year, Landon Martin won the \$20 first place prize in the Friona Business Football Contest. Landon's sister, Amber, is trying to get her half of the money, in front of the high school trophy case.



ABOUT HALF THE POPULATION OF FRIONA TRAVELED TO SNYDER LAST WEEK TO CHEER WHEN THE CHIEFS WON THE REGIONAL TITLE AGAINST THE VERNON LIONS.

### SATURDAY AT SWEETWATER

# **State Quarterfinals: Next Goal For FHS**

Friona High School's Chieftain football team will boldly step where no Chieftain team has ever gone before Saturday afternoon at

before Saturday alternoon at Sweetwater.

The Chieftains, fresh from their upset win over number-one ranked Vernon, meet the Aledo Bearcats Saturday at Mustang Bowl in Sweetwater. Kickoff time is 2 p.m.

Coach James Morton told his troops this week that if they wanted to know what kind of team they'd be facing, just to look in a mirror.

"They're a mirror image of ourselves," Morton said. "They're not as big as some of the teams we've faced, such as Denver City and Vernon. But their quickness is outstanding. Their quarterback will be the best one we've faced this season," Morton said this week.

Aledo's quarterback is 5-10 junior, Dustin Proctor, who has gained over 1,000 yards rushing this season. He was

named "Newcomer of the Year" last week by his district coaches, when he started for the Bearcats as a sophomore. "Proctor makes his offense go. They line up in a lot of 'shotgun' formations, as well as the offset "I" with I-back formations. They run the shotgun approach about a fourth of the time," Morton said.

said.

The Friona coaches had the opportunity of watching Aledo play last Friday night at Colorado City, when they upset favored River Road, 6-0.

Morton was still ecstatic

### Martin Wins Final Week Clark Captures Top Prize

Week 13 of the Friona Business Football Contest was a topsy-turry battle of upsets and wild guesses.

Two games were disallowed and counted as correct picks for every contestant.

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correct picks for every contestant.

Since the Friona-Vernon game was played and finished on Friday, prior to the 5 p.m. contest deadline, it was not counted.

The Friona Star also listed as one pick, the winners of Lazbuddie-Chillicothe vs. Highland-Wellman. However, Chillicothe was not matched with the Highland-Wellman winner, so this game was also not counted.

Three players managed 13 correct picks in the 13th (and last) contest. Using the tie-breaker of Houston 35, NY Jets 10, young Frionan Landon Martin won the final \$20 prize with a guess of Houston 24-Jets 7, only 14 points off. It was the second contest win for Martin this year.

In second place was Andy

In second place was Andy Carthel of Friona who was 18 points away on his tie-breaker, followed by Scott Brown of Muleshoe at 26 points off.

points off.

The race for the top prize had the makings of a NASCAR Daytona finish.

After 12 weeks, Wayne Amstutz of Hereford had the lead with 133 total points. He had led the contest for most of the year.

Courtney Carthel and Thomas Reed were one point behind at 132.

Then there was long time.

behind at 132.

Then there was long time player and former overall winner Jack Clark of Friona, laying back in third place

with 131 points, two behind to tie, three behind to win. The final contest was as treachereous as a mine-field. It was no time for timid guesses.

guesses.

Leader Amstutz stepped on one of those mines, submitting a final entry with nine correct picks.

He missed the four most common predictions for everyone, losses by Springlake-Earth, Florida, Syracuse, and Notre Dame, plus the Lockney, Arizona, and Cinncinnati losses. Hended with a total of 142 points.

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Meanwhile, Clark picked 12 games correct in this final week, missing only losses by Syracuse, Arizona, Cincinnati, and Chicago. He took the winners flag with a total of 143 points, edging ahead by a narrow one point victory.

Tied with Amstutz at 142 total points for the contest were Courtney Carthel and Thomas Reed, each of whom had 10 correct picks in the

had 10 correct picks in the final week, joined by Mark Neill who had 12 correct and finished in the second place tie at 142.

Jack Clark won the contest in 1982 and 1985. His 1996 win makes him the only three time winer in the

only three time winner in the history of the contest. To show the difficulty

history of the contest.

To show the difficulty with this year's predictions, the 1995 winner, John Seright of Lubbock, won with 156 points, compared to Clark's 1996 winning total of

Congratulations to all our weekly winners and a special thanks to our contest sponsors for their continued support.

about his team's win over favored Vernon last Friday.

"Wins like that put your program, as well as your community on the map. The boys just weren't intimidated by Vernon. Our defense played just great. That was the big key," Morton said.

The Chieftain coach singled out Andy Kendrick for his exceptional game on both sides of the ball.

Not only did Kendrick break his 60-yard TD run that gave his team a chance to win, but he also led the team in tackles on defense with 14. Morton also lauded defensive standout Hugo (Continued on Page 5) (Continued on Page 5)

### Friona Bands To Present Xmas Concert

Band members representing Friona Junior High School will present their annual Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 12 at 7 p.m. The concert is scheduled to be performed in the Friona Junior High School Auditorium.

Along with the program, a special recognition is planned for those students who recently were selected to the All-Region Band, which is currently scheduled to perform in January at West Texas A&M University.

Admission is free and the public is invited to come out and show their support for the young people of Friona Independent School District.



Santa letters can now be posted in the special mail box in front of the Friona Star to be included in the Annual Christmas Special Edition of the paper. of the paper. Dead-line for Santa Letters is set for Dec. 18.



PUZZLE MAKER. . . Juan Marquez worked on this rather difficult jig saw puzzle for over a month. It depicts newspaper headlines. He laminated the finished puzzle and donated it to the *Friona Star*. Juan and his mother Leontina Padilla are residents of Prairie Acres



#### Letter To The Editor

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I wanted to give a great big thanks to Shirley Ferguson and Peggy Stowers at Friona State Bank, the staff at Lakeside Parts, Mike Stephens and other city employees and especially to Gary Cash, DVM, for the parts they played in finding, caring for and locating our dog which escaped from my

mother's yard Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

The dog is a seven-year companion to my daughter and a special member of the family.

A special thanks to Dr. Cash, who refused payment for his care and board of the dog. You are all just as wonderful as I remember you being. Thanks for helping reunite my dog and girl!

Sincerely,
Sheila Struve Green Custer, South Dakota

### Friona **Flashbacks**

.....from the files of The Friona Star

65 Yrs Ago-Dec. 4, 1931

The fire committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce met in the office of the water superintendent Wednesday morning. Howard G. Morris was chosen fire chief, and left him the duty of selecting a company of 15 men and determining the amount of extra equipment necessary to make its work effective.

60 Yrs Ago-Dec. 4, 1936
Lewis Barnett, who plays
the cornet in the West Texas
Buffalo band, will leave with
that organization Wednesday
as it plays its way to the
Texas Centennial during the
Thanksgiving holidays.

55 Yrs Ago-Dec. 5, 1941
Friona's newest industry, the Malone Creamery and Produce Station, began operation last Friday with plans made for the installing of all equipment this week. Roy Vaughn, a former resident, is manager of the creamery, and will be in charge of purchases of eggs, cream, poultry and all kinds of produce.

50 Yrs Ago-Dec. 6, 1946

The modern age of aerial warfare is playing havoc with the ancient art of hunting. Local Nimrods, scouring the Plains lakes for duck and geese, have been loud in thier complaints since the opening of the season that a few airborne sportsmen are not only violating the game laws but spoiling the sport for other hunters. Reports say that light planes are being used not only to scout the lakes for duck and geese, but in some cases in an effort to herd the flocks to certain spots.

45 Yrs Ago-Dec. 6, 1951 G.B. (Pete) Buske still is confined to the Parmer County Community Hospital,

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.....Editor & Publisher Vickie Copley.....Production Supt. Marlene Mueller.....Bookkeeper Marlene Mueller.....Bookkeeper Ron Carr.....News/Ad Sales Becky London .... ... Advertising ....Everything Else suffering from severe lacerations and broken bones in all fingers of his right hand as incurred in a roping accident last Saturday. It is not known yet if Buske will use some of the fingers.

use some of the fingers.

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40 Yrs Ago-Dec. 6, 1956
History turned a page
last weekend, when the City
of Friona occupied its new
quarters in the just-completed
city hall adjoining the fire
station on Main Street. The
shift from the Legion Hall,
which has been the city's
home for years, was
accomplished without fanfare.
Also moving last week
was the Ethridge-Spring
agency, which moved one
door south to the former post
office location which has been
remodeled for them. Johnny
Nazworth of Friona Shoe
Shop moved into Ethridge's
former location.

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35 Yrs Ago-Dec. 7, 1961

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Friona's farm skill
demonstration teams brought
home first place banners from
the state competition in
Huntsville Saturday. Both
the junior and senior teams
were judged best of the ten
teams competing in each
division. Members of the
senior teams were Charles
Bass, Ranza Boggess, Earl
Crow and Max Reeve. The
junior team was composed of
Don Collier, Jimmy Snead,
Milton Hargus and Dennis
Howell. J.C. Lane and
David McVey are instructors.

20 Yrs Ago-Dec. 5, 1976

20 Yrs Ago-Dec. 5, 1976
Friona's United Fund
drive topped 100 per cent for
the second straight year,
when on Wednesday of this
week deposits totaled
\$10,536.41. The 1976 goal
had been set at \$10,325.
Clay Bandy won the
Friona Star's 1976 football
contest going away, with a
score of 198 points. He was
five points ahead of his
nearest opponent. He
received \$100 cash for his
winning effort.

15 Yrs Ago-Dec. 6, 1981
Grand opening for Moore's
Jack and Jill Food Center
(formerly Thriftway) on West
Highway 60 will begin
Saturday, December 5 and
continue through Saturday,
December 12.
Mark Neill was the grand
prize winner in the Friona
Star's annual football contest.
Neill received a check for
\$100.

10 Yrs Ago-Dec. 6, 1986
Vicky Moss, joins husband
Tommy, Friona head football
coach, as one of two husbandwife combinations to win the
annual football event. Moss

annual football event. Moss was the champion in the 1984 contest.

Hal D. Blackburn, a 1976 graduate of Friona High school has published a book of black and white photographs. He will be honored at a booksigning and photographic

exhibition Sun-day, December 14 at the Friona Public Library.

Library.

5 Yrs Ago-Dec. 7, 1991
Jackie Morgan has been a weekly winner numerous times, but never until this week had he claimed the overall title. His wife Dianne had won the title in 1988, so Morgan was anxious to have his name added to the list.

Selected to the 1991 all-district 2-AAA football first team were Wayne Jackson, Brian Herring, Chad Hamilton and Julian Colunga. Making the second team were Blue Field, Ismael Rocha and Ryan Sifford.

The Friona Squaws won three of their four games at the Frenship Turkey Classic basketball tournament, and brought home the consolation championship from the 12-team event.



Beat the Aledo Bearcats! Saturday, 2 p.m. Sweetwater

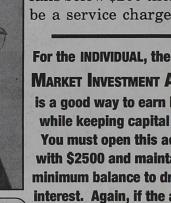
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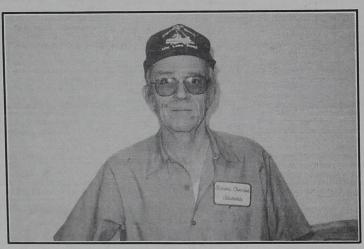
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### BEAT VERNON, 14-13

# Chiefs Ambush Number 1 Lions; Win Regional Title into their bag of tricks. Grimsley pitched back to Kendrick, who lofted a pass toward Ellis. The lanky receiver used every bit of his 6-4 height (and stretch) and made a diving catch, as the referee's hands went up. That two-point conversion was to prove the difference in the ball game. Vernon moved from their 29 to midfield on their possession. But defensive gems by Cooper, Hugo Santiago and Rogriguez forced a punt. Friona couldn't move the ball, and a bad snap on Friona's punt gave Vernon field position at the Friona 40. The Lions moved to the Chieftain eight in just five plays, and Vernon again sent in the "Bowling Ball," and he rambled in for the TD. The score became 14-13. Everyone figured the big guy would get the handoff for the PAT try, and Vernon didake it his way. But the QB ran wide, and the Chieftain defenders were right with him. It wasn't even close, and Friona retained the lead at 14-13. Friona took the kickoff and

For the Friona High School Chieftains, last Friday (November 29) was just "another day at the office."

Playing before a crowd estimated at over 4,000, the Chieftains recorded the school's most impressive football accomplishment by upsetting number one-ranked Vernon, 14-13.

Vernon had been ranked first in state by the Harris Rating System every week since the second week of the season. Friona slipped into the top 20 once or twice, and that was it. Harris forgot the Chieftains.

Maybe Vernon was looking past Friona. Whatever.

At any rate, the Chieftains simply played their game on offense, and their usually reliable defense did a number on the much-larger Lions.

Vernon came into the game averaging over 400 yards per game. The Chieftains held them to less than half that figure-187 yards.

"It was a great team effort. I think we really showed our character. The kids were not overpowered by Vernon's state ranking. It doesn't seem to matter who they're playing. They just line up and play," Coach James Morton said about his team, which has now gone two rounds further than any previous FHS team.

Like they have done in earlier games this season, the Chiefs made a big break for themselves early in the contest, and turned the defensive play into points.

Friona held the Lions to a gain of six yards on their first two plays, and an incomplete third down pass forced a punt.

A blitzing defense partially blocked the punt, and Friona took over on their own 43-yard line.

Three running plays gained nine yards, and the Chiefs faced fourth and one at the Lions' 49. Coach James Morton elected to go for the yardage, and Daniel Cuevas got just enough, powering through the tough Vernon line. Officials seemed to use a magnifying glass, and finally signalled first down, to the relief of the Friona fans.

David Shelby took a late option pitchout from quarterback Kyle Grimsley and got around right end near the sideline for a 24-yard gain, which set the Chieftains up with a first down on the Vernon 20.

Two plays later, Grimsley lofted the ball to Shelby, who was wide open at the Vernon goalline, and Friona had recorded the first score, after just 4:35 of clock time, and giving the ball to the Lions on the kickoff.

A low snap caused Shane Blackburn to attempt to run the ball across on the pointafter play, but he was tackled about a yard short, and Friona had to settle for a 6-0 lead, knowing that the failed PAT try might prove critical.

Vernon put the ball in play at their 37, and Friona's swarming defense, led by defensive linemen Quint Ellis and Hugo Santiago, caused a two-yard loss on first down. Then, linebackers Fidel Rodriguez and Cecil Cooper stopped a pass play for just two yards, and Blackburn made an open-field tackle to force another Lion punt.

Rodriguez rushed the punter, causing another high kick, that netted only 11 yards. Friona set up first and ten on the Vernon 40.

On second down, the Chiefs called a pass play. Grimsley had a receiver opening up near the goal-line, but underthrew slightly, and

suffered an interception. Vernon took over on their 22. The inspired Lions then put together their longest drive of the game. Vernon running backs Brenton Gabbert (33) and Chad McBride (15), each of whom entered the game with over 1,000 yards rushing, posted first down runs as the first quarter ended with Friona on top, 6-0.

The Lions converted a fourth down play, with QB Si Schur passing to an open Robert Whitehead, for a first down at the Friona 18. Two plays later, from the Chieftain seven, Vernon put their 250-pound junior lineman. Sidney Gaines in the backfield.

Gaines, tabbed the "human bowling ball" by the press corps across the way, bowled his way into the end zone, with three or four Chieftain defenders hanging on.

Then, Jonathan Ochoa kicked the important PAT, his kick barely clearing the bar, to give Vernon its first lead, 7-6, with 9:43 left in the half. It was learned later in the press box that this was one of the few points-after the Lions had kicked. "Our kicking game has been disastrous," the Vernon sportswriter told Ye Editor.

Neither team threatened to score during the rest of the first half. Vernon picked up a first down to the Friona 45, but Cooper got through the line to sack Schur and force a number of the same contact and force a number of the game.

line to sack Schur and force a punt.

During the halftime break, members of the offensive team asked Coach Morton to let them run the play that resulted in a 90-yard scoring run by Andy Kendrick the previous week vs Monahans. He told them to go ahead.

Blackburn gave Friona excellent field position with a 40-yard return of the kickoff. Then, the offensive line and Kendrick took over.

The line opened a hole, and Kendrick was through it in a flash. He faked a cut, which froze one of the cornerbacks, and then outran the other one to the goal-line. It was 12-7 with just 22 seconds gone in the second half.

Needing a two-point conversion, the Chiefs dug

FHS		VHS
12	First Downs	11
209	Net Yds Rush	167
37	Net Yds. Pass	20
246	Total Net Yds	187
11-4	Passes Comp.	12-4
1 F	Passes Had Int.	1
2-0	Fumb. Lost	1-0
3-96	Punts, Yds.	6-150
32.0	Pnt. Avg.	25.0
2-10	Panalties	0-0

6 0 8 0--14 0 7 6 0--13

VHS 0 7 6 0--13
Individual Rushing
Player Att-Yds-Avg.
A. Kendrick 11 102 9.3
D. Cuevas 14 42 3.0
D. Shelby 5 41 8.2
K. Grimsley 10 34 3.4
Tot. 40 209 5.2
Individual Passing
Grimsley 11-5-41-1 Int.,

I TD.
Individual Receiving
D. Shelby 1-17-17.0
S. Blackburn 1- 7- 7.0
D.Cuevas 1- 7- 7.0
Q. Ellis 1- 6- 6.0
Tots. 4- 37-9.2
Individual Scoring
Sbelby, 17-pass from
Grimsley (run failed), 6-0.
Kendrick, 60-run (Kendrick
pass to Ellis for 2 PAT) 1413.

Ind. Tackles
Fidel Rodriguez 8-4-12;
Juan Santiago 3-4-7; Eloy
Trejo 6-3-9; Quint Ellis 6-3-9;
Cecil Cooper 5-2-7; Luis
Ramirez 5-4-9; Hugo Santiago
2-3-5; Aaron King 0-4-4;
Shane Blackburn 1-1-2; Rudy
Torres 0-1-1; Kyle Grimsley
5-0-5; Jesse Mendez 1-0-1;
Jesus Mata 0-2-2; Hugo
Rivera 1-0-1; Orlando Rivera
1-0-1; Andy Kendrick 7-7-14.
Sacks: C. Cooper 1
Interceptions: A. King 1.



GAME WINNER....Chieftain Quint Ellis was "the big chief" on this play against Vernon. He is shown hauling in the two-point conversion pass from Andy Kendrick which would eventually prove to be the game winning margin.

TAKE A RIGHT.....Leading Chieftain gainer Andy Kendrick hauls around the left side, turns right, and gets a nice gain against the vaunted Lions defense, who found the Chieftains too much to handle in the regional victory last Saturday.

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Friona took the kickoff and began deep in their end of the field. Shelby gave the team a first down, and Grimsley slashed his way 14 yards on a keeper play for another first, moving the ball out to Friona's 45.

On a fourth down play from the Vernon 45, Cuevas (Continued on Page 5)

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POP PASS SCORE....QB Kyle Grimsley (13) launches a touchdown throw (see arrow for football) to David Shelby for Friona's first score against the Vernon Lions. The picture was snapped by Kyle's dad, Jimmy Grimsley, from the top of the stands. Nice pass Kyle, good catch David, nice shot Jimmy. Go Red.

QUINT AND ANDY AGAIN?...Vernon's punter was well acquainted with Chieftains Kendrick and Ellis throughout the afternoon as the Big Red defense and special teams kept the Lions with their backs against the wall all afternoon.

(Ron Carr Photo)

# Region I & State Playoff Brackets

25 FRIONA (9-1) (Winner, Dist. 1) Denver City (9-1) (Runnerup, Dist. 2) Monahans (9-0) 23 (Winner, Dist. 3) Colorado City (Runnerup, Dist. 4) Vernon (10-0) 63 (Winner, Dist. 5) Clyde (Runnerup, Dist. 6) 23 Bridgeport (9-1) 40 (Winner, Dist. 7)
Glen Rose
(Runnerup, Dist. 8) 15 19 River Road (6-4) (Runnerup, Dist. 1) Littlefield (9-1) (Winner, Dist 2) Crane (9-1) 26 (Winner, Dist. 4)
Alpine (Runnerup, Dist. 3)

Bi-District Round, Nov. 15: Area Round, Nov. 22-23 Regional Semi-Finals:

FRIONA (10-1) (Lowery Field, Lbb. Friday, 7:30 p.m.)

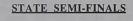
FRIONA (11-1) (2 p.m. Friday, Tiger Stadium, Snyder)

Monahans (10-0)

Vernon (11-0) Friday, 7:30, @ Graham

Vernon (12-0)

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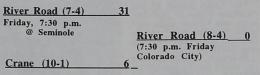


FRIONA (12-1) Vs

Sat., 2 p.m. Sweetwater

ALEDO (11-1-1)

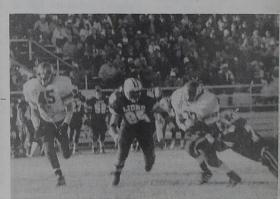
SATURDAY, DEC. 14 Possibly Texas Stadium



Abilene Wylie (10-0) 13 Friday, 7:30 p.m.

@ Stephenville Aledo (10-1-1) 6

Aledo (9-1-1)



CUEVAS CARRIES.....Chieftain running back Daniel Cuevas (33) brings his 5-6, 163 pounds of power up the middle as Quint Ellis (45) is headhunting for a Lion. Cuevas and Ellis will be hunting Bearcats in Sweetwater as the Chiefs take on Aledo for the Class 3A quarterfinals championship. (Ron Carr Photo)





Abilene Wylie (10-0)

(Winner, Dist. 6) <u>Iowa Park</u> (Runnerup, Dist 5)

(Runnerup, Dist. 7) Clifton (Winner, Dist. 8)

Aledo (8-1-1)

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# WAY TO GO, CHIEFS!!!!

We salute the 1996 Friona Chieftains on the GREAT YEAR they are having.

On behalf of the FRIONA BOOSTER CLUB. we'd like to thank everyone for the great support we have had, especially in our Game Ball tickets. We sold 405 tickets prior to the Vernon game, and hope to beat that Saturday.



Directions Given To Stadium

Fans going to Sweetwater for Sat-urday's Friona-Aledo

urday's Friona-Aledo playoff game are given these tips on how to find the stadium, "Mustang Bowl:"

Take the first Sweetwater exit on Interstate 20. Go to the second stoplight and turn left. Take a right turn on 12th Street, and this leads to the stadium.

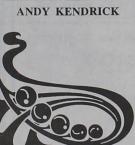
to the stadium.

For the third time

in three games, Friona is designated as the "visiting team," so fans will congregate on that side of the field.

Be Ready, Chieftain Secondary. Beat Aledo !!!!!!

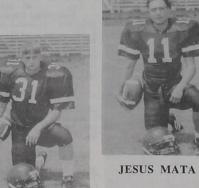






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for tribe. Chief is

workin' overtime

this season. Bring'um home 12 scalps. . . . want'um just three

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ANDY KENDRICK

AARON KING



JIMMY GRIMSLEY



KYLE GRIMSLEY



DALE MILNER



CHARLIE MINLER



# '96 Chieftains Have **Generation Ties**

By BILL ELLIS

Having served at my post for 34 years, and covering my 35th season of Friona High School football, Ye Editor has had the privilege of seeing several fathers, uncles, etc., of FHS teams when they were participating in the sport.

Several members of the 1996 Friona team are "second generation" Chieftains.

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Andy Kendrick's father, Danny, was a varsity football player in the 1968 and 1969 fall seasons. Andy has worn his dad's former uniform number, 15, during his high school career.

Since Danny played quarterback, and was a two-year varsity starter, it has-been very difficult these past two seasons not to call Andy by his father's name.

Danny's 1968 Chieftain team had a 7-3 season record. They were 4-0 in non-district, but split in district play, 3-3. District members that season included Dimmitt, Hale Center, Lockney, Floydada, Olton and Abernathy. The team beat Hale Center, Lockney and Abernathy, but lost to the other three members.

Tony Perea, who holds most of the rushing records for

members.

Tony Perea, who holds most of the rushing records for FHS, was a senior in '68, and accounted for most of the offense and scoring. But Danny scored three touchdowns, and passed for two others during the season.

Bob Owen coached the Chieftains in 1968 and '69, taking over from Don Light. Current resident Donnie Carthel played center in '68 and '69, and was the team's place-kicker. Carthel went on to have quite a career as place-kicker. Carthel went on to have quite a career as kicker for Eastern New Mexico University, and later served as head coach of his alma mater.

"There is a lot of talent on this year's team, as well as in the coaches. The team has that special ingredient where they come together as a unit, that deem't come along very

that doesn't come along very often," Danny Kendrick said.

Kyle Grimsley's father, Jimmy, was on the 1966 Chieftain team. He played halfback. The 1966 team posted a 4-5-1 record. That team won its first two district games, having a 4-1 mid-season record, but dropped four of their last five district games.

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Eddie Barker and Bobby Jordan were the rushing leaders of the '66 team. One of their teammates, Mike Wooley, became a pulmonogist in San Antonio and JV member Joel Osborn, who was a starting lineman the following season, is a heart specialist in Amarillo, and has some clients from Friona.

Aaron King, who has been one of the defensive stars on the 1996 team, getting three interceptions against Monahans that helped the Chieftains sink the Loboes, and then the back-breaker against Vernon with just over two minutes to play last Friday, is likewise a member

of a father-son FHS grid tandem.

Aaron's dad, Dee, was in the starting backfield for the 1974 team, which had some of the best overall talent of any football team Friona has ever fielded. Some of Dee's teammates included Clay Bandy, Dale Cleveland, Gene Strickland, Dave Hutson, Kevin Welch, Mitchell Wiseman, David Barnett, David Clark, Kenny Stowers, Danny Campbell, and Joe Cunningham-just to name a few.

few.

Longtime Friona fans will probably notice that most of those named above were on the 1974 FHS basketball

those named above were on the 1974 FHS basketball team that came within an eye-lash of winning the state tournament, losing in the finals to a tough Bowie team. King was the point guard on the starting five the following year ('75) that included Cleveland, Strick-and and Hutson. This cage team lost to rival Dimmitt in a triple-overtime playoff for the district title.

The '74 Chieftain footballers won seven of their first eight games. They beat Littlefield on the Wildcats' home field, but lost a 6-0 decision to Olton, and then 10-7 to Dimmitt, having been ranked as high as sixth in state at one point.

"Just a couple of plays kept us from being district champs. Olton won district, and they probably were the third-best team," King said.

The former Chieftain player had words of praise for current coach James Morton. "He does a super job of getting the kids ready to play," he said.

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Charlie Milner is a senior offensive and defensive lineman for the Chieftains. He's following in the footsteps of his father, Dale, who played on the varsity three seasons, and actually was drafted to help the squad as a freshman, when numbers were short.

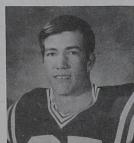
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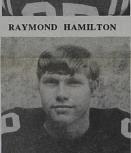
In his first varsity year, Dale was suffering along with the rest of the team, through the losing streak that had reached 27 games. But then came 1963 and Coach Don Light had the team off to an 8-0 record and a complete change of attitude.

"We had some good players, but it took Coach Light to convince us that we could win. We thought the world of him (Coach Light). And breaking the streak against Farwell was rewarding. They still had one of the Lovelace boys on their team," Milner said he could have used some of the "heft" that his son Charlie has. (Charlie's playing weight is listed at 281.

"We were a lot smaller team. They also have much more speed than we had," Dale concluded.







MITCHELL WISEMAN

LANDON WISEMAN is the center on the 1996 Chieftain squad. He suffered a finger injury prior to the Dimmitt game that caused some concern, but he got back in action in a hurry.

Landon does the regular centering and sometimes the deep snaps.

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Landon's father, Mitchell, was an offensive and defensive lineman on the 1974 team. (for more details on this team, see the King guys' story above).

Johnnie Wiseman, the mother, says that Landon has been very calm for the most part. "The kids don't realize what they are accomplishing at this point. We hope they'll win-for the kids' sake," she said.



JEFF HAMILTON



LANDON WISEMAN



TEEL BIVINS

### **Bivins Sets** Town Hall **Meet Here**

State Senator Teel Bivins (R-Amarillo) will conduct a town hall meeting in Friona at 2:30 p.m. Monday, December 9 at the Depot in Friona City Park. All area residents are invited to attend

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Bivins will discuss the upcoming 75th Legislative Session and the bills he plans to introduce. He will also answer questions from constituents and solicit their views on state issues.

In January, the legislature is expected to address such issues as tax reform, redistricting, tort reform and economic development. "I look forward to hearing from my constituents about what is important to them," Bivins said. "I believe we will have another successful session like we did in 1995."

Bivins is serving his third term in the Texas Senate. He is chairman of the Senate Education Committee and also serves in the Finance and Natural Resources committees.



Santiago for another big game.

Coach Morton said that should the Chieftains win and advance to the state semifinals (with just four teams left in the playoffs!), the coaches and school officials have begun efforts to have the game played at Texas Stadium in Irving, the home of the Dallas Cowboys.

of the Dallas Cowboys.

The other three teams in Friona's bracket were agreeable to this possibility.

Aledo comes into the game with an 11-1-1 season record.

The Bearcats tied Kennedale, 6-6 in their season opener, then beat Ferris, 40-13 and Bowie, 31-0.

District wins were over Comanche, 44-14, Glen Rose, 10-0, Boyd, 34-30, Fort Worth Carter-Riverside, 45-7, and Lake Worth, 34-3.

Aledo's only district loss was to Bridgeport, 49-26. Bridgeport played Vernon in their area game.

Aledo beat Clifton, 24-14 in bi-district, and Abilene Wylie, 28-14 in area, prior to meeting River Road in regional.



DEPEND ON DAVID .... He is roaming again against the Vernon Lions. Chief running back David Shelby has been a steady and solid performer in the Chieftains offense this year. Shelby will play a vital part in the Chieftains game against Aledo this week for the state guaranterinal trophy. quarterfinal trophy. (Ron Carr Photo)

# **Chiefs Surprise** Vernon, 14-13

(Continued from Page 4) (Continued from Page 4) turned in a tive-yard gain to keep the drive going. He ran nine yards on the next play, the last of the third quarter, and then six, as Friona reached the Vernon 24.

But Vernon stiffened at this point, and a fourth down pass fell incomplete.

Friona's defense continued shine, and it was three lays and punt time for the

plays and punt time for the Lions.

The Chiefs again made an important drive. It didn't score points, but did take over five minutes off the clock.

Grimsley had a big play, running ten yards on third and eight, which allowed Friona to maintain possession, as the clock moved to six minutes left.

On the next third down

as the clock moved to six minutes left.

On the next third down play, Kendrick ran to the outside and stretched as he was being tackled. Friona got an excellent spot, and the measurement gave the Chiefs another first down. Only 4:41 remained in the game.

Vernon again held and took over, with just 2:39 showing. The Lions got a 12-yard run by the QB, then two plays later, the Chiefs hurried Shur on a passing play, and the ball floated toward two or three Chieftain defenders.

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Aaron King, who already had five interceptions in two previous playoff games, smothered the ball, and went down

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"I was mainly worried that one of my teammates might cause me to drop it. I was

yelling 'I've got it!' " King said. His catch pretty well put an exclamation point on Friona's terrific defensive

put an exchanation point on Friona's terrific defensive performance.

The Chiefs then ran out the clock for the win.

Parents, uncles, aunts and just plain fans swarmed onto the field to congratulate the Chieftains on the biggest win in the school's football history.

The teams and fans were blessed by a gorgeous late November day, with the sun out the entire time. The 10-15 mph breeze from the southwest was the only blemish--along with the somewhat soggy turf. Snyder had received five inches of rain the previous week.

Friona fans will long

Friona fans will long remember their long trip to Mitchell County and the day the Chieftains scalped the Lions at Tiger Stadium.

### Chieftains Advance To 'Top 8'

By competing this week in the state quarterfinal football round, the Friona Chieftains are among the elite "Top Eight" in the state.

Sixty-four teams made the playoffs in Texas' Conference 3A. That was trimmed to 32 teams in the bi-district round, and these were reduced to the "Sweet 16" in the area round.

Last weekend's games trimmed the group to eight, and after this weekend, it's

and after this weekend, it's the "Final Four!"

As of December 5, 1996 62,897 bales of cotton had been

ginned in Parmer County.

Friona Star/Bovina Blade survey



ENOUGH SAID...Loyal Big Red fans, l-r, Riley Rector, Brian Wiseman, Betsy Clark, Adam Bandy, Andy Carthel, Corbin Neill, Christopher Wiseman, T. J. Randolph, & Holly Hand sum up the afternoon's victory over Vernon. We Love the Chiefs. (Ron Carr Photo)

# **Project Christmas** Card Is Underway

Signup period for the 1996 "Project Christmas Card" is now underway and will continue through December 16, it was announced by Modern Study Club and the Friona Star.

Project Christmas Card is being co-sponsored by the study club and the Friona Star for the 41st consecutive Christmas

Proceeds from the project go to benefit Parmer County Community Hospital. Since its inception, Project Christmas Card has raised over \$114,500 for new hospital equipment.

This is in addition to over \$15,500 in advertising space which has been donated to the project by the newspaper.

Mary Lou Taylor, project chairman, and Bill Neely, hospital administrator, visited earlier this week, and Neely said that the hospital has made new mattresses for the hospital room their priority for the 1996 project proceeds.

"We would like to purchase new mattresses for all of the rooms, or at least 24. The beds currently have mattresses that are at least 17 years old, and are needing to be replaced," Neely said.

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Each mattress will cost between \$150 and \$200. "We want to buy quality mattresses, so we'll get the most use from them," Neeley said. They will be good, quality mattresses.

If all of the mattresses were replaced, the hospital would need approximately \$4800.

Last year, the project raised \$4,017. The money was used to purchase new IV pumps.

Donations to Project Christmas Card may be made at Friona State Bank, as well as at a number of business firms throughout the community.

Deadline to donate and participate in the project has been established as Monday, December 16.

The premise behind Project Christmas Card is that residents are asked to donate the amount of money which they would customarily spend to send out Christmas cards to local friends.

In turn, those who donate to the project will have their names published as a community-wide Christmas greeting in the Friona Star's annual Christmas edition.

Donors are reminded, if they haven't mailed cards recently, that the price of both cards and postage has increased over the years.



YES!!....Chieftain Number One fan Carol Boyd heads home with a big smile after the victory last week over Vernon. Empty platic milk jugs with gravel make number one Chieftain

### Services Held Monday For Jodean Harrelson

Jodean Glen Harrelson, died Thursday, November 1996. Services were held



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Monday in First Baptist Church at Melrose, New Mexico. Burial was in Melrose Cemetery by Steed-Todd Funeral Home of Clovis, New Mexico. Harrelson was born in Friona and attended Friona schools. He moved to Melrose in 1987, but returned to

in 1987, but returned to Friona in 1990.

He was an electrician and had been a maintenance supervisor for Hereford Bi-Products since 1991. He also had worked for Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative in Hereford and had been a construction worker most of his working career.

Survivors include his wife,

Survivors include his wife, Ann; a daughter, Brenda Moreno of Lubbock; a stepson, Ron Bradley of Amarillo; his mother, Dorothy Kelly Harrelson of Friona; two brothers, Mickey Harrelson of Friona and Jerry Harrelson of Houston; and four grandchildren.

### Mary Crump Wins Honors

Five Panhandle area poets won prizes at the recent awards banquet of the Texas State Poetry Society in Dallas, according to a news

The winners included:

\*Mary Crump of Friona, first in the Saginaw awards, first in the Blue Bonnet chapter, second in the Tall Texas Tales, third in the Latimer Prize Series, seventh in the literary awards, seventh in the Bible, eighth in the Hi Plains contest, sixth in the Grace and Jerry Juffaker awards and tenth in the

lighter vein category.
\*Nova Bair won second in the Saginaw awards, fifth in the Julia

Saginaw awards, fifth in the Julia Ricker category and ninth in the Austin Poetry Society. \*Marianne Logan won third in the Houston chapter awards contest, eighth in the Austin chapter awards, ninth in the lucidity awards and

minth in the progeny prize category.

\*Artie Rose won fourth in the western Haiku division, fourth in the Grace and Jerry Jaffaker awards and sixth in the Rusk County

Poetry Contest.

\*Helen Witt won sixth in the Ted O. Badger awards and eighth in the Ina Fargason awards.

#### Chamber Kicks Off Promotion

The Retail Committee of the Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture has announced that its "Ho! Ho! Home for the Holidays" promotion will begin on Friday, November 15, through Friday, December 13.

The promotion has been revised from recent years, in order to accommodate the shopper and merchant.

Each participating merchant will be provided with tickets and gift boxes for collection.

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Each customer will be given one ticket per purchase to fill in with their name, address and merchant's name.

The tickets will be collected from the merchants on Friday, December 13. On that date, there will be a drawing from the box of each participating merchant. participating merchant.

#### Women's Div. Names Officers

The Friona Chamber of Commerce's Women's Division held their monthly board meeting on Tuesday, December 3 at 6 p.m., to elect officers.

Marca Herring was elected president; Nancy Edelmon vice president and Erin Barnett, secretary.

Other members of the board are Carol Boyd, Dawna Roach, Peggy Monroe, Melissa Randolph and Lois Norwood.
Other business included finalizing plans for Christmas in the Park, to be held

in the Park, to be Sunday, December 8 3:30-5 p.m. at City Park



MESSAGE FROM THIS NEWSPAPER AND THE DPS TROOPERS

# The Friona Chamber of Commerce **Agriculture Presents** "HO! HO! HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS"

The Retail Committee invites you to participate in the 1996 Christmas Promotion! This promotion is designed to promote local business and to encourage shopping at home.

The promotion has been revised from years past to accommodate the shopper and the merchant. The promotion will work like this:

The promotion will begin on Friday, November 15 and continue through Friday, December 13.

boxes for collection. Each customer will be given one ticket per purchase to fill in with

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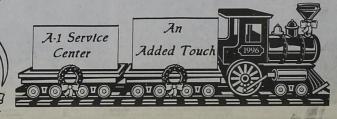
their name, address, and merchants name.

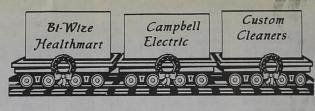
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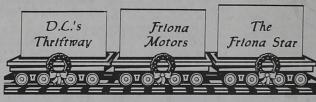
On December 13 there will be a drawing from the box of each participating merchant.

Each winner will receive \$25.00 in Friona Bucks to be spent with that particular merchant.

The names from each store will then be combined for one final drawing. There will be three drawings of \$100 each for a total of \$675 to be given during the promotion. The grand prize amount will also be given in Friona Bucks but can be spent with any of the participating merchants.

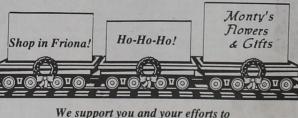






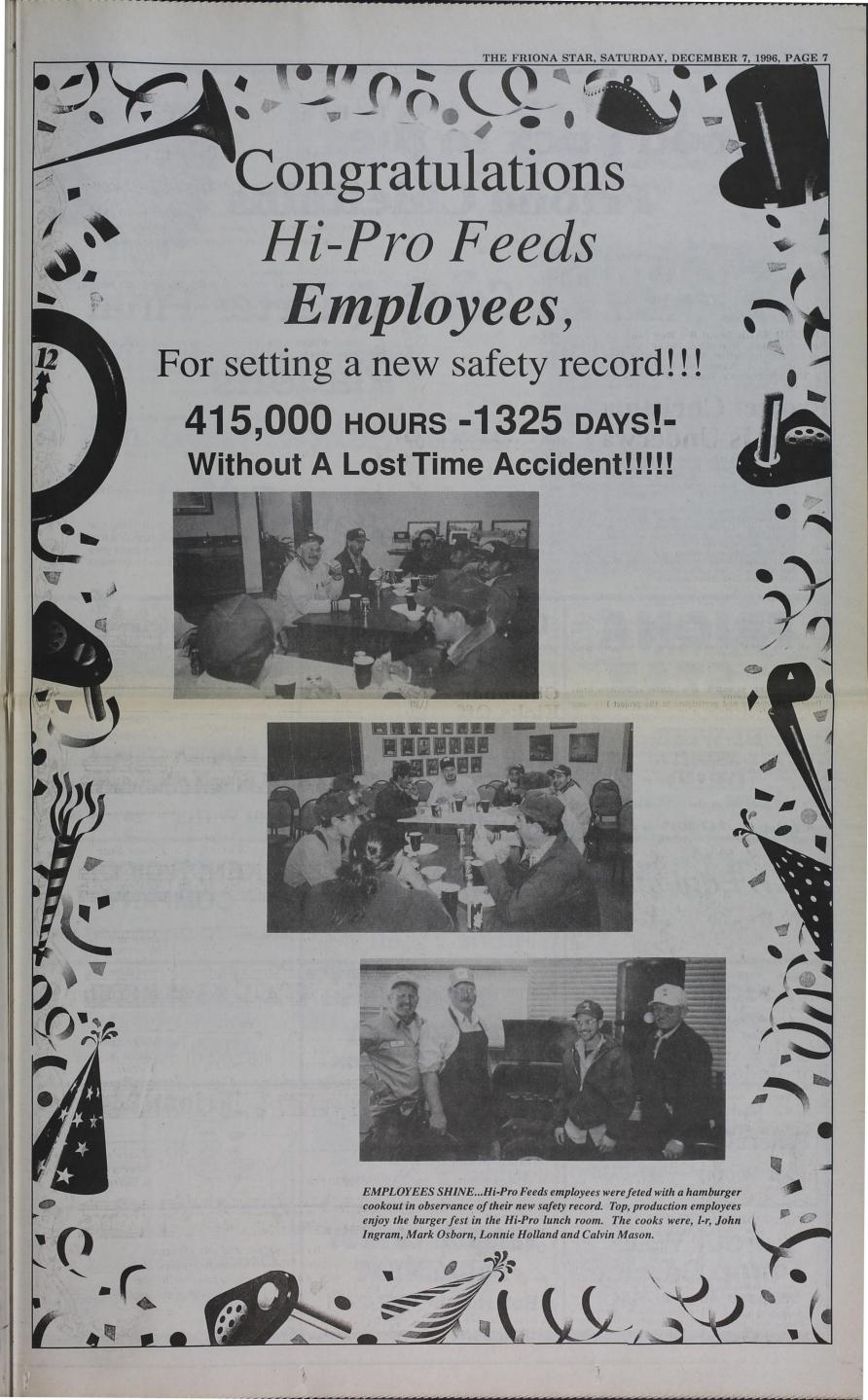






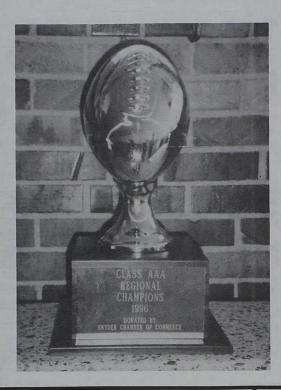
We support you and your efforts to provide Friona with quality products and service and invite you to join the Chamber in our effort to promote shopping at home!

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# Good Luck to the Friona Chieftains





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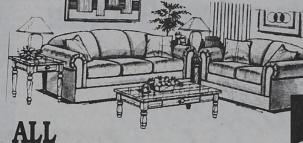
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# Out Here

By RON CARR

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 1996 Dear God:

Thank you for all the recent

Thank you for all the recent blessings you have sent to Parmer County. The cotton harvest seems bountiful and we appreciate the moisture received by the snowfall last Saturday.

Around the county, families gathered over the weekend to renew our spirits and to give thanks with food and fellowship for our many blessings which we sometimes take for granted.

for granted.

Remind us often, if you will, about the true meaning of the Christmas season and the completion of yet another year.

Remind us also that you give us choices for our lives everyday. Continue to guide us so that we can make the right decisions in our lives and so that we will not forget to help others, even as you have to help others, even as you have

Now, God, could we talk some football? I know, sir, but the Friona Chieftains only have three more games left this year. Besides, there are some life lessons to be

reinforced in these playoff games.

For instance, Coach Morton told the High School Extra TV reporter after the Vernon game that the players believe in the coaches. They trust the coaches and play the way they are told to the best of their abilities. their abilities.

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you thanks and stuff, but I do appreciate you getting to Snyder on Friday before the kickoff this time.

When I saw how big those Vernon boys were and how they had us outnumbered, I figured we needed help the entire game. Thank you for showing Friona

how to score first so we didn't have to worry about playing catch up against the (former) number one 3A team in the state. It was neat the way you let

them be ahead by one point at halftime too. At least they had something to look forward to for a

And I am not questioning for one minute why we made our two-point conversion in the second half and they failed.

Maybe that is another life lesson, huh? Scoring a touchdown in life is not always good if you don't do that little "extra point" that keeps you ahead. Isn't that the way

you figure it?
I couldn't help but laugh and cheer when that young man from Vernon fluttered a pass up for grabs with about two minutes left in the game and our Aaron King stood there waiting for it like a centerfielder. To tell you the truth, Lord, I thought that ball would never come

down and I forgot to take a picture of the catch because I was so caught up in the action.

You have to know that right before that pass interception, there were at least two thousand of us fans, including a few coaches, that prayed for a turnover. We thank you for that bit of drama.

Oh, and say, God did you notice how many Vernon fans got up and left after that turnover. I wasn't paying attention, but some Friona fans told me that whole sections and busloads of so-called "Vernon fans" left the game (and their kids) with two minutes left to

play.

I can promise you that Friona fans would never do that. It is

more than just a game to us, sir. They're our kids and it should be obvious that we wouldn't leave

obvious that we wouldn't leave them with two minutes left. And what about that trophy thing, God? I suppose only you know the real story, but someone told me that as the "home team" Vernon was supposed to furnish the winners trophy and they left it "out in the van" and then couldn't find the van or something?

Could that be true? I would

## **Producers** Received Extra \$\$

Texas and Oklahoma cotton producers received significant added value to their crops from their local and regional cooperatives during fiscal year 1995-96, according to figures released recently.

The cash payments, over and above the lint value of the cotton, criginated from local cooperative.

above the lint value of the cotton, originated from local cooperative gins, Plains Cooperative Oil Mill (PCOM), Farmers Cooperative Compress, Plainview Cooperative Compress and Plains Cotton Cooperative Association (PCCA).

The figures show an average of the cooperative Association (PCCA).

\$67.29 per bale was paid in cash from the combined fiscal year earnings and stock retirements. Cotton producers receiving the average payment ginned their cotton at a cooperative gin, stored the cotton at a cooperative warehouse, marketed the cotton through PCCA and participated in its denim mill program, and had their cottonseed processed at PCOM.

The \$67.29 added value per

bale is a significant contribution to the cash flow of cotton-producing cooperative members throughout Texas and Oklahoma, and it is further testimony to the advantage provided by local and regional

like to think not, but I know our young Chieftains were celebrating on the field after the game and there was no trophy presented to them. We finally got the trophy the first of this week.

Can you believe that, God. Oh, sorry, I forgot you already know all of this.

Well, anyway, we thank you. We ask your continued guidance and protection for all the Aledo and Friona fans and players as we journey to Sweetwater on Saturday. Keep us safe from injury and see us home safely.

home safely.

Especially guide, strengthen and protect our Chieftains, the wisdom of our coaches, the motivation by our band and cheerleaders, and the cheers of the fans.

And would you remind whoever is supposed to bring our quarter-final trophy to make sure it gets to Sweetwater please. It means a lot to our kids who work hard for the rewards they earn.

Before I sign off, God, I know you are allowing these grames as

Before I sign off, God, I know you are enjoying these games as much as we are so don't forget it starts at 2 p.m. in Sweetwater. We are still'the ones in red and white.

Accept my playoff prayer this week, (I don't need this to be 100% perfect, but if you can get as close as possible we sure would

close as possible we sure would appreciate it.)
Friona 27, Aledo 0. Amen!

P. S. Welcome back to Friona to my brother Rick and Sherry!!



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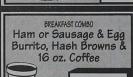


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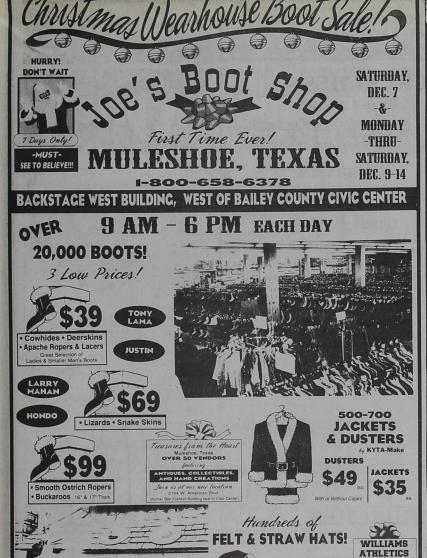
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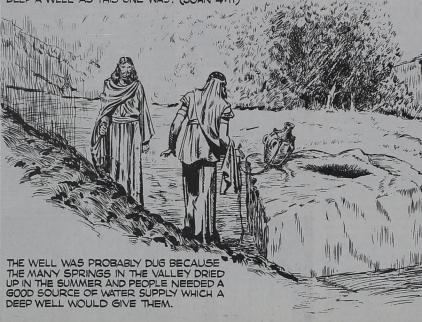
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OTIS NEEL

# Otis Neel Featured By Prairie Acres

Residents of Prairie Acres are chosen to write their life history and the Friona Star is happy to re-print these stories. Otis Neel's story follows:

By OTIS NEEL
I was born in Tahlequah,
Oklahoma in Cherokee County on
June 8, 1910. We came to Texas the first time on a train in 1920. The reason I say the first time, is because my father was a traveler and

because my father was a traveler and he didn't stay put. I really didn't like traveling from place to place but that's the way it was!

Well we stayed a year in Abilene, Texas and then went back to Tahlequah for another year. Then back to Abilene in a covered wagon. After that year we headed to Redlands, California and stayed for awhile.

Then we went to Paducah, Texas to pick cotton for about three months and then back to Tahlequah staying for three years. Then we left with two covered wagons for Amherst, Texas for awhile.

Dad rented a farm in Lamb

County and we stayed for about ten years. We lived in a little place years. We lived in a little place called Bula in southern Bailey County. In the meantime I married Athelea Teston in 1935.

I bought my first farm in 1942 and owned about 500 acres in Bula. In 1955 I bought a farm in Hub and

Bula. I farmed for one year in Hub. I then bought the Hub Grocery Store and my wife and I ran the store for twelve years and three months. My wife and I had five children.

We moved to Friona in May of 1969 and lived here 27 years. My wife worked at Foster's Store on Main Street ten years. My wife and I did some traveling together. We went to Missouri every year for seven years in a row.

My wife became ill. suffered from arthritis and later had to be in a wheelchair. She passed away in 1993. I also have health problems and decided I needed to be n a rest home and came to live at

I'm very grateful for my children. They stayed out of trouble and never gave me any problems. I've been lucky!

Two of my sons, Dwayne and

Two of my sons, Dwayne and Jerrell, were principals in Colorado for thirty years and retired about three years ago. My other son, Dale, works for U.P.S.

One of my daughters, Kaye, teaches school in Stinnett, Texas and has been teaching 25 years. And my other daughter, Paula, lives on a farm in Adrian, Texas. I have nine grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

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purchased are twice blessed. Once when given as a gift and again in dignity and income to the developing world artisan.

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# Town Talk

BY JUNE FLOYD Call 247-3681 With Your News Items

After an absence of five weeks, it is so good to be back in Friona. I drove from Tipton, Oklahoma home in about five or six hours Friday, and of course, I'm kind of prejudiced, but the closer I got to Friona the greener the wheat looked, the fatter the cattle looked and the happier I was to be on the way.

Thanks to all of you who have called or told me personally that my presence had been missed. Some philosopher once said, "Woman's most basic need is to be needed."

Knowing that there are people who appreciate my efforts in gathering and reporting what goes on In And Around Friona gives me a good feeling.

Many many thanks to each reader who enjoys Town Talk whether you verbalize your feelings or not.

Keep calling and we'll keep up the good works.

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I spent most of my time at Tipton, where I was a guest in the home of John and Geneva Osborn--she's my oldest daughter.

However, I did have a very interesting experience early in November. Barrett Dickson, my youngest grandson, is a first grade student at Dallas Christian School, where his parents, Richard and Frieda, teach.

His school had a special Grandparents Day program and I was one of the several hundred honored guests. Part of our time was spent observing individual classrooms and viewing work of the students.

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The Dicksons live in Rowlett, which is part of what people down there call the Metroplex-to me it is a complex of people and cars without enough space around them.

Enroute from Rowlett back to Tipton, I spent a few hours in Wichita Falls visiting with Matt and Batty Brown

with Matt and Betty Brown and his mother, Flossie, who was 99 years old in September.

All three of the Browns are former Friona residents and asked me to remember them to their friends and former neighbors.

The country home of Gary and Kay Snead east of Hub was the scene of a family get together on Thursday.

Frionans attending were Rene and Jinx Snead Snead and Jenny Ahrhart.
Out-of-towners present included Shayne and Sabrina Woodard and daughter, Whitney of Plugerville, Texas; Holly Snead of Bedford, Texas; Monte Sherwood of El Paso; and the following residents of Abilene: Janet Payne, Shay Woodard, Josh Snead, Shannel and Kayli Denson, Bobby Simmons and John McDonald. Simmons and John McDonald.
The Sneads went to

Snyder Friday, as did a lot of other Frionans, for the Friona-Vernon football playoff and were accompanied home by Kedra Coco of Abilene, who spent the weekend in their home.

Six Frionans were
Thursday dinner guests in the
home of Larry and Paula
Fairchild at Adrian. They
were Otis Neel, Julia
Fairchild and Mark, Tammy,
Heath and Matthew
Gammon.

Others present were David and Vicky Crain of Austin and Jeff and Patty Fairchild and children, Lori, Lindsey, Tyler and Logan, of Adrian

Patsy Talley returned home Friday after spending one week visiting in the home of her daughter and son-inlaw, Pattijon and Don Bate, in Plano, Texas.

While she was gone, one of her brothers, Jimmy Robason and his wife, Norma, who live in Siloam Springs, Arkansas and Rem and Holly Bietal of Tulsa, spent some time in her home and visited with her mother, Jewel Robason, a resident of Prairie Acres.

Word was received in Friona Tuesday morning of the addition to the family of Van and Renee Spikes, former residents of the Hub community, who now live at Brady, Texas.

As most of their friends and neighbors have known for along time, this couple has been real anxious to adopt an infant. They have been successful. A baby boy was born in Austin Sunday morning and was scheduled to go home with his adoptive parents before the end of the week.

He was named Thomas

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He was named Thomas Benjamin. His maternal grandparents live in Aspermont, Texas and his paternal grandparents live in Snyder, Texas.

My next door neighbor, Randy Weatherley, is the baby's Godfather. Incidentally, his first name is Thomas, so he's beaming like any proud Godfather would be expected to.

Congratulations folks!
Your Friona friends and neighbors are happy for you.

Lacye Osborn of Fort

speaker at the morning and evening services of Sixth Street Church of Christ.

An incident he reported, which shows us the nature of small children is worth

which shows us the nature of small children is worth repeating.

Recently, Ryan, who is a first grader, was honored by being chosen "Student of the Week" in his class. This gave him several privileges as well as some responsibilities.

One of the things he did was make a book. There were several pages of questions and answers-some concerning his preferences.

When he brought it home, his dad looked at it and made some comments about different things and was particularly interested in his answer to the question, "Who is the person you admire most?"

His answer was "Mommie."

Jay said "I thought he

most?"

His answer was "Mommie."

Jay said, "I thought he could have selected me, but was happy that he had chosen his mother."

As she was assisting him in getting ready for bed that evening, she asked him why he chose her?

His answer: "I didn't know what admire meant, so I just put your name down."

Think that one would have qualified for the book, "Kids Say The Darndest Things," that was so popular a few years ago. a few years ago.

Holiday visitors in the home of Lorraine Welch were Bob Welch of Carlsbad, New Mexico and Ben and Katie Welch, who live in Lubbock.

They came for Thanksgiving and returned to their homes Sunday

their afternoon. homes

Macy's Parade in New York City the day after Thanksgiving Day was of special interest to Florian and Lorraine Jarecki this year.

One of their granddaughters, Brooke, who is the daughter of Larry and Penny Jarecki of Amarillo and a senior at Randall High School, was in the parade and they were able to

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Lacye Osborn of Fort Worth spent the Thanksgiving weekend with her parnts, M.C. and Ann Osborn. Her paternal grandmother, Katy Osborn, joined the family for lunch Thursday.

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Weekend out-of-town guests in the home of Tom and Bettye Jarboe were Jeanine and Chris Powell and sons, Jason and Jacob, who live in Amarillo and Jay and Sherry Jarboe and children, Meagan and Ryan of Lubbock.

Jay was the guest

And a senior at Randall High School, was in the barbol, was in the parade and they were alle to see her.

Participants in the singing group, of which Brooke was a part, were from all over the United States with about ten being from Texas. She was invited to participate in this event following auditions at camp last summer.

On Thursday, the Jareckis hosted a family dinner in their home. Mike Jareckis hosted a family dinner in their home. Mike Jareckis hosted a family dinner in their home. Meid Douglas of Lubbock, Les Jarecki of Hereford, Marsha Lavario and children, John Anthony and Jordan, of Amarillo; and John and Sherry Jarboe were Jennine and Ryan of Lubbock.

Jay was the guest

vocal concert on the campus of Texas Tech University tonight."

One of their grandsons, Jeff Johnson of Las Cruces, sings with a group from the university and the concert will precede the lighting of the campus.

His parents, Larry and Debbie Johnson, also of Las Cruces, were able to attend. They both grew up here and are graduates of Friona High School.

Thanksgiving Day guests in the home of Jim and Sherry Atwell were her father, Kenneth Carson of Clovis, New Mexico; Brad and Shannon Lane of Lubbock and Louis and Kenda Dunnam and children, Alex and Keelie, who live at Springlake, Texas.

Alex and Keelie extended their visit until Sunday afternoon, when their grandparents took them home.

Thursday was a very special day for Frankie and Oneida Allen. They had their entire family at home.

their entire family at home. Since their youngest son, Rodney, is on the coaching staff of Hereford High School, it takes some maneuvering to accomplish this feat.

Other family members present were Teresa, Conner and Carley Allen of Hereford; Eddie, Linda, Benton and Trenton Allen of Amarillo; and Anna Jo Blackburn, who lives here.

The family was joined by three ex-Frionans, Roger and Betty Wilcox, also of Hereford, and their youngest daughter, Stephanie, who attends West Texas A&M University, Canyon.

Carol Ellis reports, "I've worked on floats and watched parades of them being moved down the street by mechanical power many years, but before Friday I had never seen a float actually floating."

She flew down to San Antonio on Thursday and returned home Sunday.

She and Bill have been endeavoring to spend a

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She and Bill have been endeavoring to spend a weekend in the Alamo City since early in the summer when their number one son, Stan, moved down there, but something always comes up to squash their plans.

Earlier in the football season, Carol resolved: "This time I'm going to San Antonio with or without 'that good ole' boy who lives with me on Maple Street!."

Of course, with a Chieftain playoff game in Snyder on Friday, Bill was unable to accompany her.

Stan, who had been an employee of NorWest Banks in Lubbock several years before being transferred to San Antonio, had made plans and arranged several interesting things for them to do while she was there.

Probably the highlight of her weekend was watching the parade from a folding chair on the bank of the river.

David and Carolyn George, who live in the country between Bovina and Farwell, hosted a family get together, which began Thursday, in their home.

When the final guests were ready to depart on Saturday, he had to take a four-wheel drive vehicle to get them to Highway 60.

Those attending, besides his mother, Lela Mae George, who lives here, were Ileta and Charles Burkett of Fort Morgan, Colorado; Ann and Harvey Burch and Lee Ann and Todd Shultz and Jordan of La Veta, Colorado; Damon, Natalie and Dalton George of Arlington and Billie Burkett of Canyon. of Canyon.

Lottie Bails and Opal Baxter spent Thursday with Carl Hadley, a medical patient at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

Carl, who is Lottie's uncle and a resident of Prairie Acres, was returned to Friona Friday.



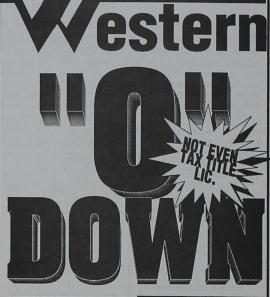
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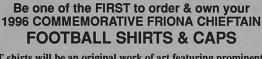
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# Twenty-Two Attend

35th Class Reunion

On Friday and Saturday, July 5-6, twenty-two members of the Friona High School class of 1961 met at the Ramada Inn in Amarillo for their 35th year reunion to remember old times and renew old friendships.

Friday night was a time for visiting with each other, spouses, friends and relatives.

Saturday's activities included breakfast together for most, visiting, lunch, visiting, naps and finally dinner and more visiting together at All The Fixin's.

The highlight of the dinner was an auction of high school memorabilia. The best benefits of the auction were the memories it provoked and the hilarity the auctioned items provided.

A side benefit was the money it raised to help pay the

A side benefit was the money it raised to help pay the expenses of the reunion, which everyone unanimously agreed

was a huge success.

The class is planning another reunion in five more years.

# Happy Birthday

Week of December 8-14
Friona and area residents
having birthdays next week
include:

include:

December 8--Shayla
Lincoln, D.L. Osborn, Liberty
Jane Wilkerson, Jesse
Estrada, Jr.

December 9-Bill White.
December 10--Kelli Coffey,
Jason Grant Berend, Marsha
Lewis, Ross Roden, Don
Ready, Connie King, Kenneth
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December 11--Christopher
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Williams, Chad Stevick.

December 13--Leroy Cox.
December 14--B.K. Buske,
Joe Tongate, James Procter,
Shana Taylor, Harvey
Shapley.

Shana Taylor, Harvey Shapley.
If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, call the Friona Star office at 247-2211 by Wednesday noon.

### 4-H Club To Meet Dec. 10

The Friona 4-H Club will eet Tuesday, December 10 6 p.m. for their Christmas

party. Everyone is asked to meet Everyone is asked to lifect at Prairie Acres where they will sing Christmas carols for the residents. The group will also go on to the Girl Scout Hut for refreshments and

Those attending are asked to bring their favorite snack food to share as a group. Drinks will be

group. Drinks will be provided.
Members will also be planning their community service project that night.

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