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Trooper dies in Hereford accident

BY RON CARR

DPS Trooper Matthew Myrick, age 36, died at approximately 11 p.m. Friday night, January 20, while responding to an accident scene in Hereford. Trooper Myrick was patrolling east of Hereford when he got the call of an accident on south Highway 385 on the west side of the city.

He was traveling on FM 1259, also known as Country Club Road, when the accident occurred near the intersection of So. Main Street. Reports said Trooper Myrick hit a dip in the road, lost control of the patrol unit, and crashed into a concrete culvert. The patrol unit then burst into flames. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

He had been a DPS Trooper for two years. Trooper Myrick had served in the Navy for two years and received both bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas Tech. They moved to Hereford in 2000. He was employed by George Warner Seed before deciding to become a DPS Trooper.

The Myricks moved to Austin for a year while Matthew was in trooper training and returned to Hereford in 2004. He leaves behind wife Christy and four young children, three sons and a daughter ranging in age from 2-months to 7-years. Trooper Myrick is the nephew of Wyona & Dee Clark of Friona and the grandson of Nola Myrick of Friona.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 23, at the Hereford Church of the Nazarene. State troopers from the Panhandle and across Texas, and law enforcement officers from New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma, and Arkansas were in attendance.

Burial was in Clovis, New Mexico. The funeral procession from Hereford to Clovis traveled through Friona and stretched for several miles, with estimates of 300 vehicles in the procession. In Friona, the Friona Volunteer Fire Department and Friona Police Department stopped traffic at key intersections while a large crowd of citizens lined Highway 60, including many Friona high



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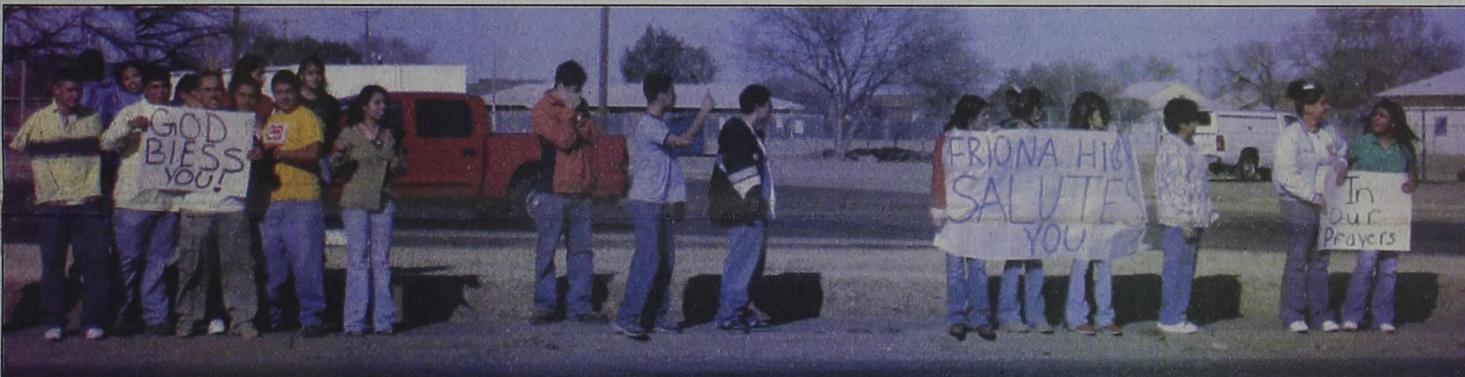
DPS State Trooper patrol units are shown traveling through Friona Monday as part of the lengthy funeral procession in honor of fallen trooper Matthew Myrick. Trooper Myrick's funeral was held in Hereford and burial was in Clovis, New Mexico.

school students who displayed signs with messages of sympathy and respect for Trooper Myrick's family and friends.

As reported in the Amarillo Globe-News Tuesday, when the funeral procession was traveling to Clovis, a final tribute was paid by troopers across Texas that were still on patrol. A DPS dispatcher announced on the radio, "Trooper Matt Myrick tragically died while on duty Friday night, January 20, with two years of dedicated service to Deaf Smith County, Highway Patrol Sergeant Area 8, in the state of Texas. 5282 is now 10-42."

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Friona high school students lined Highway 60 Monday to pay respects to the family and friends of Trooper Matthew Myrick as the funeral procession passed through Friona.

Farm Bureau commemorates Food Check-Out Week

Food in America is affordable. In fact, in just five weeks, the average American will have earned enough disposable income to pay for his or her food supply for the entire year, according to the Parmer County Farm Bureau.

As a result, the Parmer County Farm Bureau is celebrating January 29-February 4, 2006, as Food Check-Out Week. The latest statistics compiled by the Agriculture Department's (USDA) economic research service indicate American families

and individuals currently spend, on average, just 9.5% of their disposable personal income for food.

Applying the current statistic to the calendar year, it means the average household will have earned enough disposable income—that portion of income available for spending or saving—to pay for its annual food supply in just five weeks.

"Not only is America's food supply the world's safest, but it's also the most affordable," said Ricky Barnett, president of

the Parmer County Farm Bureau board of directors. "Our nation's increasing standard of living would certainly be reduced without the safe, abundant and affordable domestic food supply produced by America's farmers and ranchers." Food Check-Out Week tracks the amount of income needed by Americans to purchase food on an annual basis.

Barnett said the high-quality, affordable food we enjoy is a product of our successful food production and distribu-

tion system, as well as America's farmers retaining access to effective and affordable crop protection tools.

"This week should hold meaning for most Americans," Barnett said. "As food producers, we are concerned that some Americans cannot afford to buy the food they need, but we are proud of the role Texas farmers play in making our food supply more affordable for all."

The percent of disposable personal income spent for food has declined over the last 34

years. According to USDA, food is more affordable today due to a widening gap between growth in per-capita incomes and the amount of money spent for food. This overall decrease is made more notable by the fact that trends indicate Americans are buying more expensive convenience store food items for preparation at home, as well as more food away from home.

The Agriculture Department's latest statistic, compiled for 2004, includes food and non-alcoholic

beverages consumed at home and away from home. This includes food purchases from grocery stores and other retail outlets, including food purchases with food stamps and vouchers for the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program. The statistic also includes away-from-home meals and snacks purchased by families and individuals, as well as food furnished to employees.

Doctor names needed for "Friona on Parade" book

Work is progressing on the forthcoming book, "Friona on Parade", which will be a history of the Friona school system compiled and written by former Friona Star editor and publisher Bill Ellis.

Currently Bill is seeking names of all Friona graduates who went into the professions of physicians, dentists, or veterinarians.

"We know that Friona has a higher-than-average percentage of young people who have gone into various medical professions and we are so in hopes that we don't leave anyone out," Ellis says. "That's why we are limiting this chapter of the book just to doctors, dentists, and vets."

Ellis says it will be necessary to tie up the loose ends fairly soon as the deadline is fast approaching for sending the book to the printer in order to have it available to the public early next fall. "We still need photos of a few valedictorians, salutatorians and foreign exchange students," Bill noted.

If you have info and/or photos that should be included in this book please contact Bill Ellis at 806-250-3053 or by mail at 1201 Maple St., Friona, Tx., 79035.

Four little lambs



dana d jameson photo

Jordan Monroe, left, and Emily Allen enjoy the lamb competition during the Parmer County Junior Livestock Show judging last Thursday. The premium sale on Saturday raised over \$85,000 for the participating youngsters.

Don't Forget to get your tickets to the Friona Chamber of Commerce Banquet Thursday, March 2, 2006 at the Friona Community Center. Tickets are \$15 in advance \$20 at the door and available at the Chamber office.



OUT HERE

by Ron Carr

tossed salad

This column is going to be like the salads I mix at home: a little of everything in it and not much dressing.

Hard to believe the next paper we print will be dated in February. January flew past and soon we will be planning for the Class of 2006 graduation paper. But there are a few things to do between now and then.

February means Valentine's Day, of course. Monday, February 6, is the deadline to guarantee to get your kids and grandkids (or sweethearts) pictures in our February 9 Valentine issue. We will print the picture with names and data underneath. One person in a picture is \$10, two costs \$15, and 3 or more persons costs \$20. Come on by or let us hear from you.

Speaking of Valentine's Day, you need to check out the Hardin Steakhouse ad on the back page. Jeana and Jeremy Hardin, in conjunction with Ivy Cottage, are again offering their Valentine's Day candlelight steak dinner for two complete with a rose. Reservations are welcome at 250-2333. If you don't want the nice ribeyes, the full menu will be available so you men don't forget to bring along the diamond necklace to surprise your sweetheart during dessert.

Next Tuesday, January 31, will be a big night at Friona gym. The FHS baseball team is sponsoring a pig roast as a money-raiser for the team. Serving will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the

high school cafeteria during the Friona vs. Floydada basketball games. Cost for a pig plate with roasted pig, potato salad, beans, dessert, and iced tea is \$6 for adults and \$3.50 for children six and under. Your attendance will support the Friona Chieftain baseball team, coached by Greg Hazelwood and David Towner.

The second part is some good basketball. The Friona Squaws will be looking to avenge their only district loss to the Floydada Lady Winds. And the Chieftains will do battle with the number one ranked team in the state of Texas in 2A, the Floydada Whirlwinds. As I write this, Floydada has lost one game this year (23-1) and that was to Amarillo's Palo Duro Dons who are ranked in the top five in the state in 4A. They started the year ranked number 16 and have moved up to number one.

Come out and have some pig and cheer on the Chiefs and Squaws. The baseball team can use the money and you can use the exercise.

The Bovina Fire Department spent the afternoon and evening last Friday battling a cotton burr fire at the Bovina Gin. At one point in the afternoon, the Friona Fire Department went over and spent a couple of hours helping Bovina battle the blaze. The Bovina FD was called out around noon and went back to the station about 7 p.m.

I saw Bovina firefighter Jessie Stone at the Livestock Show sale on Saturday. Jessie said they used a maintainer to cut fire breaks around the burr fire to try and keep it from spreading to the gin and elsewhere.

Firemen know that cotton burr fires burn even when they are put out. In just, Jessie said the one at Bovina Gin would probably burn 'till March. Sure enough, the Bovina Fire Department was called back to the gin Tuesday.

Local elections are set for May 13. This is an election year. Primary elections will be held in March for county and state positions, with the national election coming up in November when the Democrats think they are going to take back the country. But the local elections for city council, school board, and hospital district board will be held May 13. Signups for anyone wanting to run will begin February 11. More information about local elections at a later date.

I read the Declaration of Independence this week. Things were a little slow. Actually I have a renewed interest in the history of America and especially exactly what our founding fathers intended when they wrote "in order to form a more perfect union." I think what they intended is not what we've got today in Washington, D.C. I also bought the novel "1776" and a few other history books pertaining to the beginnings of America.

I believe we all forget

about our roots and the intent of our first legislators. History is not emphasized enough in our schools. If we produce generations of people with less and less knowledge of the government, the government will take over more and more of the lives of people. I'll be sharing some of the stuff I learn from my history projects.

On a final note: Dubya has been spending tax payer dollars flying around the country trying to justify his secret wire-tapping of Americans. If it is so legal, why does he have to fly around to explain it? They say our wire-tapping is working and to make the point they say we haven't had a terror attack since 9/11 so it must be working.

That is the dumbest thing I have ever heard our government try to get the American people to swallow. Terrorists can attack most parts of America any time they get ready. I don't think our leaders understand terrorism any more now than they did then. Terrorists are patient. They do damage when they get ready, 10 years from now or 100 years from now, to them it is all the same.

God bless Trooper Myrick's family and God bless America. See you at the pig roast.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ron,
 I would like to recognize and thank the citizens and students in Friona who stood along US 60 Monday afternoon January 23, 2006 as the funeral procession of Trooper Matthew Myrick came through Friona from Hereford heading towards Clovis. I know that the family, friends and officers were deeply moved by the display of sympathy, respect and honor shown by these actions. I personally had a swelling of pride in my community, which brought a tear to my eye and I, as well as all who witnessed that wonderful display, will always remember this day. Thank you.
 Sincerely,
 Sheriff Randy Geries
 Parmer County

Ron I would like to take this opportunity to express my feeling about Trooper Myrick's funeral procession. First of all I have never written a letter to an editor and I may never write one again but I believe that this is an occasion that warrants some special attention.
 I was in the funeral procession about middle way through and I was very impressed with all the officers that joined in the procession. The procession moved smoothly right into Friona on US Hwy 60 from Hereford. As we approached the area around the Jr. High and Fast Stop convenience store I started to see several people standing on the side of the highway. Most of these people appeared to be high school aged kids and they were holding signs. Some of the signs read "GOD BLESS" and others specifically "GOD BLESS TROOPER MYRICK." I have to say that I have worked and lived in Friona for approximately 7 years and I have never been more proud of that fact than I was at that time. I have seen some of our kids do some things that I was not proud of but I guess we all have done things that we are not proud of. But on that day those kids brought great pride to everyone that lives in Friona.
 Once, we arrived at the cemetery in Clovis, I overheard a couple of officers talking about what the kids in Friona did for the Troopers and the family. I became very pleased with the thought that some of these officers may never travel through Friona again because some of them were from so far away and to think how positive their thoughts of Friona will be because of what those kids did. Trooper Ellis made the comment to me the following day that he had spoke to a Senior Trooper that was not from around this area about the kids in Friona. The Senior Trooper told Ellis if there was a dry eye entering Friona, there definitely was not a dry eye leaving Friona.
 I am not sure who organized this or if it was just a group effort but I do know that it was a very special gesture that I will never forget, I am proud to say that my children live and go to school in Friona and a gesture like this just reinforces those thoughts. The people of Friona should be very proud of our kids as I am!
 Sgt. Andy Stormes
 Parmer County Sheriff's Office

Dear Friona this Imelda Vera use to live in Friona. I love Friona but i had to move to Odessa T.X.I just want t say hi too Friona Elemtary.I miss that school. Its the best school on earth.I miss my class.

With much gratitude,
 Tonda Clark
 To The Editor and City of Friona,

I was really impressed with the community of Friona when we came into the city. I was very impressed with the youth of Friona. Tears came to my eyes as we drove through your community. I felt in the last twenty-seven years in law enforcement that we as officers are appreciated. You could tell the community is united. I know on behalf of our department and most of the law enforcement officers that drove through your community felt the same way I did. I just want to say thank you.
 Ray Aleman
 Chief of Police- Dimmitt, Texas

A special thank you to all the Texas Troopers and all other Law Enforcement Agencies and Friona Fire Department for all your help and consideration during our family's difficult time. How touched we were to see all the support as we passed through Friona.
 The Family of Matt Myrick

Tumbleweed Smith Ramona has a pet bobcat

You can sense the strength in Bobby's front legs and shoulders. The sound that he makes comes from way down deep inside and scares away the faint of heart. Even polecats are afraid of Bobby.



Bobby is the pet bobcat belonging to Ramona Werst of Mertzon. When her husband took her to the place that sells bobcats, she chose Bobby because he was so playful.

"When you get a bobcat as a baby and bottle feed him, he'll bond with you," says Ramona. "He doesn't know he's a bobcat. In fact, he would be a disgrace to bobcats. He's afraid of mice."

I sat down with Ramona and Bobby and we had a nice visit. Ramona says Bobby is spoiled rotten.

"When I was bottle feeding him, he used to get me up at two o'clock in the morning for his bottle, then do the same thing at four o'clock and six o'clock. Now we have an automatic feeder that comes open for him at two o'clock and six o'clock. He likes that a lot."

She got the bobcat five years ago.

"He was small enough to fit in the palm of my hand, just a little bitty baby. Now he weighs around forty-five pounds."

The bobcat lives in a fenced in area beneath a second-story deck.

"He's got a ramp that leads directly into our bedroom. He can come and go anytime he wants to. In his space under the deck he's got his own jungle gym, an igloo that's got a blanket in it and all kinds of balls to play with."

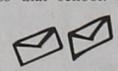
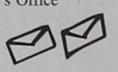
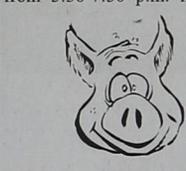
When visitors come, Bobby goes away.

"We'll show Bobby to our guests, then lock him up in our bedroom and his pen. We do that just in case he doesn't like a scent. Or he might be hungry."

Bobby has a domestic house cat for a brother. He thinks the pet dog is his mother. He plays fetch with a tennis ball and tug of war with a sock. When he's playing tug of war, he sounds ferocious. His growls would make most people head for the door. Bobby has a special diet.

"Every three weeks my husband David and I have to chop up raw liver, raw hamburger and cat food and mix it all together and freeze it. Bobby's a little particular. He has to have his food just a little bit frozen."

At night, Bobby sleeps with Ramona in spite of his loud purring. "He sleeps right on top of me from my shoulders to my stomach." She says she's never been afraid. When he misbehaves, she smacks him on the nose.



Around Town

To get your area events published,
call 250-2211 or email frionastar@wtrt.net

Chieftains host pig roast Jan 31

The Friona High School Baseball Team will be hosting their annual pig roast Tuesday, January 31. The event will be held in the High School cafeteria in conjunction with the basketball games vs. Floydada. Serving will begin at 5:30 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. The meal will consist of roasted pig, potato salad, beans, dessert and iced tea. Take out will be available. The cost of the meal is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children six and under. Please come out and support the Friona baseball team.

Breast cancer screening Feb 21

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Parmer County Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Ave., in Friona on February 21, 2006.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

St. Ann's German Sausage Dinner

St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina, Texas is sponsoring their annual German Sausage Dinner, Sunday, January 29, 2006 from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. at St. Ann's Parish Hall on 3rd Street in Bovina. They will be serving German Sausage, creamed potatoes and

gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, cranberry sauce, relish plate, homemade bread and butter, dessert, tea and coffee. The cost for this feast is a donation of \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under six. Take out plates will be available at no additional charge. Sausage will be available by the pound the day of the dinner or by contacting any St. Ann's member.

Calendars available at Library

The new 2006 calendars sponsored by the Parmer County Historical Museum are on sale for \$15 each and are available at the Museum on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and at the Friona Public Library. This year's calendar has historical photos of all the schools of Parmer County suitable for framing. Support your local museum by purchasing a calendar for friends and family.

TDH immunization February schedules

Immunization clinics offering the vaccines that give protection against childhood diseases are scheduled for February 2006 in Friona and Bovina.

The clinic in Bovina will be Monday, February 13, in the Bovina EMS Building, 109 S. 3rd, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The clinic in Friona will be Friday, February 17, at 616 Euclid from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

All clinic times are subject to change or cancellation due to weather or scheduling conflicts.

Chieftain Special Olympics gearing up

It is time for Friona Chieftains Special Olympics to plan for their State Bowling Competition on February 2-5, 2006 in Houston.

Last year they spent \$2,200 for lodging, travel and meals. The goal for this year is \$2,200. They are seeking interested individuals to organize a fundraiser. Sponsors and donations are also appreciated. If you are interested in helping please call Donna Mullins 250-3285. Again thanks to everyone for your support.

Calvary Baptist Winter Banquet Feb 12

The Calvary Baptist Church will host their Annual Winter Banquet Sunday, February 12, 2006 at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The theme for this year is "Hawaiian Luau". There will be no charge for this banquet. Cattle Call of Amarillo, Texas will cater the meal. The menu will be pork tenderloin, tossed salad, long grain wild rice, Italian green beans, rolls, pineapple sherbet and cookies and tea. To make reservations call Glenna Holt at 250-3000. Mornings are the best time to call.

Chamber needs old photos for banquet

The Friona Chamber of Commerce is looking for old photos of Friona. The Chamber is in the process of compiling a video history of Friona to be used at the Annual Awards Banquet and big birthday party celebration on March 2, 2006. They are asking anyone that wants to participate in the history to please take them to the Friona Star office or bring them to the Chamber office. The photos will be returned as soon as possible. This is Friona's 100th birthday year and we want to make it a fun one.

Lions Club News

BY RON CARR, PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN



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Friona Librarians Brenda Patterson and Darla Bracken update club sweetheart Breann Barnett and Noon Lions Club members on new services offered at the Friona Public Library. The club toured the library during their January 19 meeting.

The Friona Noon Lions met Thursday, January 19, with 16 members and club sweetheart Breann Barnett present. Boss Lion Clint Mears announced that the club would take our hamburger grill and french fry deep-fryer to Canyon May 5 to cook for a district Lions convention. Also we will be selling burgers and fries at Friona city park in May in conjunction with the annual Lions Broom and Mop Sale. The exact date and details will be announced later.

After a chicken fried steak lunch provided by Lupe Taylor and her mother, (the gravy was delicious), further business was dispensed with as the club adjourned to the Friona Public Library for a brief tour and update.

Librarians Darla Bracken and Brenda Patterson brought members up to date on services provided at the library. The card catalog for locating books and authors is now on computer, providing an electronic card catalog that can be accessed

from your home computer to see if the library has a certain book. The library now has a new copy machine capable of making color copies. It is available for use by the public and there is a charge for the copies.

Also available is a fax service. The librarians said their fax is a popular service. They can send domestic or international faxes and there is a charge for each fax. Check with the library for cost info.

The library now has CD's and DVD's available for checkout. And through the Friends of the Library they are planning

to open a book store in February in the former Veterans Hall building at 6th and Euclid. The book store will have used books and other surplus library materials for sale to the public and will be operated by the Friends of the Library.

The next meeting of the Friona Noon Lions will be Thursday, February 2. Visitors and prospective new members are welcomed. Give me a call here at the Friona Star, 250-2211, if you are interested in considering a Lions Club membership. And we do encourage women members too.

BEN OSBORN

People like you have made our community a wonderful place to live and raise our children and grandchildren. If you will vote for Ben Osborn for Commissioner, Precinct 2, he will work for you to keep it that way.

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Candidate for

Parmer County Commissioner Precinct 2
Republican Primary, March 7, 2006
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FlashBacks

70 Years Ago January 31, 1936

Friona-The Friona Chamber of Commerce had its annual business meeting and banquet Monday night at the Minute Inn Cafe, and elected officers for the ensuing year. Elected were Daniel F. Ethridge, president; O.F. Lange, vice president; Roy Clements, secretary; and Howard G. Morris, treasurer.

65 Years Ago January 31, 1941

Friona-Thursday, February 6 there will be a meeting of all the women of Parmer County who are willing to help sew or knit for European refugees through the Red Cross. The county has been furnished with a quota of garments needed, and a deadline of May 31 to furnish them.

55 Years Ago January 25, 1951

Friona-The Friona Chamber of Commerce was recently reorganized with a membership drive currently underway. The chamber now has a full time manager and a program of work. Alan Romich is the manager and O.J. Beene is the president. A total of 62 new members have been added in the membership drive.

50 Years Ago January 25, 1956

Bovina-Janice Richards led the high-flying Fillies past the Farwell girls in a 40-36 victory by scoring 20 points in the second conference bout with Farwell last night. The Fillies met and defeated the Vega Longhorns 51-44, in their fourth conference game of the season Friday night at Bovina. Dee Pounds was high scorer with 21 points.

45 Years Ago January 26, 1961

Friona-Friona FFA boys brought home a large assortment of trophies from the junior livestock show conducted at Hereford last week-

end. Charles Ray's lamb took the only first in an entire class, and Craig Coon won the showmanship trophy for the show, and also exhibited the champion heavyweight Duroc barrow.

35 Years Ago January 27, 1971

Bovina-Three youngsters in FFA have entered exhibits in the Amarillo Livestock Show. They were Mike Spears, Terry Sherrill and Galen Carson.

30 Years Ago January 25, 1976

Friona-Award winners were announced at the annual Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agricultural Banquet. Roy Miller and Nora O'Brian were honored as "Man and Woman of the Year," and Fred Florez, "Most Courteous Employee." Named as the "Most Out-

standing Young People" were Lisa Edelman and Davy Carthel.

20 Years Ago January 29, 1986

Bovina-Joanna Clayton, daughter of James and Sandra Clayton, owned both the grand and reserve champion goats in the local livestock show.

Friona-Members of the high school band who won places on the all-regional band are Gena Wright, Theresa O'Brian, Peter Malouf, Daniel Gowens, Ricky Hutcheson, Christy Jordan, Kathy Boeckman, Susan Bailey, DeeDee Davila and Wendy Hinkle.

15 Years Ago January 26, 1991

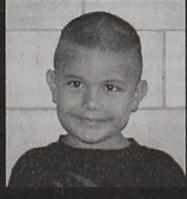
Bovina-About an inch of snow blanketed the Bovina early Monday morning and began snowing about 2 a.m.

DID YOU KNOW?

Rhea community is located in the north-western part of the Rhea subdivision, a block of land bought from the XIT by John and Joe Rhea for a cattle ranch. It was sold for farming land in the early 1900's and F.L. Springs and Charles Schlenker were the first farmers in the area moving there in 1906.

Parmer County History c. 1974

Handbook of Texas



Manuel Lopez

Meet the Class of 2018

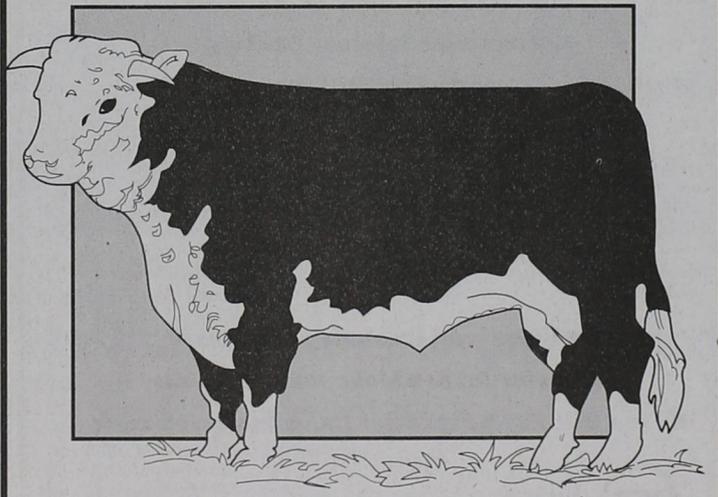
Manuel is a kindergarten student at Friona Schools. His parents are Manuel & Lucia Lopez. He has three sisters, Emma, Berenice, and Gracida and one brother, Manue Gerardo.

Manuel likes jugar con sus caritos. His favorite color is red and his favorite food is pizza.

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Cargill Meat Solutions employees l-r, Rhonda Weakley and Jeff Bezner, served lunch to the Millard Refrigerated Warehouse employees last Thursday. At right is Millard's office manager Tonya Dickson enjoying a burger and all the fixins'. The lunch is another of Cargill's monthly luncheons provided as salutes to area businesses and organizations.

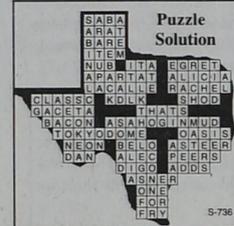
Los Ciboleros DAR chapter meets

The Los Ciboleros Chapter, National Honor Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution met in the home of Margaret Bell in Hereford on Thursday, January 12, for their annual business meeting. Regent Linda Knowles of Friona presided for the opening ritual, assisted by Chaplain Ruth Knox. Charlotte Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance, Juanita Brown led the Preamble to the Constitution, and Patricia Robinson led the American's Creed, all followed by the singing of "America".

Regent Knowles welcomed new members Sue Rector and Betty Renner, both of Friona, and presented them with DAR handbooks.

Vice Regent Patricia Robinson gave the President General's message reminding members that January 17 marks the 300th birthday of Benjamin Franklin. The birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln are celebrated in February and the chapter reflects on the legacies of these great Americans and their contributions to the nation's history.

The national defender report was given by Juanita Brown. The article entitled "Controlling cyberspace" stated that the United Nations (UN) is to host a summit this month on the information society. The prime topic will be whether the U.S. should be stripped of its management of the Internet in favor of some international arrangement, possibly under UN control.



The minutes of the December meeting were read by Marline Watson. Those present were Margaret Bell, Juanita Brown, Charlotte Clark, Lois Gilliland, Linda Knowles, Ruth Knox, Sue Rector, Betty Renner, Patricia Robinson, and Marline Watson.

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Watson selected for All-State choir

Sage Watson, daughter of Doug and Milli Watson and granddaughter of Doris Hall of Frederick, Oklahoma and Jim and Jane Dixon of Friona, Texas, was selected for the 2006 All-State Children's Choir. The choir rehearsed January 18-20 in Tulsa, Oklahoma and presented a concert in the Tulsa Convention Center as part of the Oklahoma Music Educators Association In-Service Winter Conference.



Sage Watson

Students from around the state of Oklahoma in 4th through 8th grades competed for the honor of being selected for the 139-member choir.

Sage is a 5th grader at Frederick Elementary and a member of the Circle the State with Song group conducted by Carisa Schreiner.

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Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from January 11, 2006 to January 18, 2006:

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Judy Roach Ezell, Jerry D. Roach and Sandra K. Roach-Hein Hettinga, N/2 S7 T11S R33, SE/4 S/2 OF NE/4 S12 T10S R2E

Sheriff's Report

January 18, 2006, Jacob Mireles, 18, of Friona, Texas, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces, pending County Court.

January 19, 2006, Juan M. Rivera, 29, of Friona, Texas, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with driving while intoxicated 3rd or more, pending Grand Jury.

January 20, 2006, Megan Libby, 19, of Amarillo, Texas, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces, pending County Court.

January 21, 2006, Joaquin Marin, Jr. 20, of Bovina, Texas, was arrested by the Bovina Police Department and charged with driving while intoxicated, pending County Court.

January 21, 2006, Juan Carrasco, 49, of Friona, Texas, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with driving while intoxicated 3rd or more, pending Grand Jury.

Bentley on ENMU fall honor roll

Joseph Bentley, a Friona high school graduate and a student at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, is among 546 students on the 2005 fall semester Dean's Honor Roll. To be eligible, students must complete a minimum of 15 hours for the semester and maintain a 3.25 GPA.

ENMU, opened in 1934, has an enrollment of about 3,500 on its main campus in Portales and offers 60 undergraduate and graduate programs. Bentley is majoring in religion.

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How can we help you?

Friona sweeps four at Lockney

BY RON CARR

Friona's JV and varsity girls and boys all won at Lockney last Friday night.

To lead off the win parade, the JV girls swamped the JV Lady Longhorns 58-17. Lockney's JV had only six players on the stat sheet. Coach Carrie Davis carries 8 girls to out of town games and at Lockney, all 8 of them got on the scoreboard. The girls were ahead 16-0 at the end of the 1st quarter.

Sandra Godoy was high scorer with 10 points, Michele

Martin had 9, Julie Echevarria also had 9, Hollis Gurley had 8, Erin Anthony also had 8, Erin Austin 7, Jordan Monroe, 5, and Heather Sandoval 2.

The JV Chiefs won their game 40-23. The junior Chiefs held a 17-16 half time lead but went on a 16-7 run in the second half. Alex Gurley had two 3-point goals in his team leading 19 points. Phillip Saiz chipped in 8 points, Kaison Graham 5, Trent Hudson 3, Brett Field 2, Chris Haile 2, and Dillon Welch one point.

The Friona Squaws won their game against the Lady Longhorns to move their district record to 4-1 and a share of the district lead at the halfway point. Game statistics had not been received at our press time.

The Chieftain varsity made some noise as they outdistanced the Lockney Longhorns 45-40.

Sophomore Sawyer Reed scored almost half of the Chieftain total as he poured in 21 points. Other scoring was Cody Jamerson 7, Ryan Gerles 6, Hector Sanchez 4, Chance Lewellen 3, Sean Lookingbill 3, Ryan Schwab 2, and Tolby Wilcox one point.



dana d jameson photo

7th grade Brave Zack Fair (12) grabs a loose ball during the Floydada game Monday.

Junior high tournament this weekend

Friona junior high is hosting a basketball tournament in Friona this weekend. The first round of games are today, Thursday January 26, beginning at 5 p.m. in the high school gym. The Friona vs. Bovina 7th boys, Friona vs. Bovina 8th girls, and the Friona vs. San Jacinto 8th boys take the court at 5 p.m., 6:15, and 7:30.

Games on Saturday will be held beginning at 9 a.m. in the high school gym as the Friona

7th girls face Arbor Academy. Other games are also set for Saturday afternoon in the junior high gym starting at 2 p.m.

Teams entered in the tournament are: 7th girls, Friona, Arbor Academy, San Jacinto, Dimmitt; 8th girls, Friona, Bovina, Arbor Academy, and Dimmitt; 7th boys, Friona, Bovina, Arbor Academy, and Dimmitt; 8th boys, Friona, San Jacinto, Arbor Academy, and Dimmitt.



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The Squaws take on Dimmitt. Courtney Adams (30) battles for a rebound with help from Kambree Davila and Briar Barnett.

JV: 90 free throws

Squaws take two from Dimmitt

BY RON CARR

The Friona JV Squaws keep rolling along this season. Their Dimmitt game Tuesday went into overtime tied at 48, but Friona outscored the junior Bobbies 6-2 for a 48-44 win. Anything unusual about the game? Not unless you consider 90 free throw attempts unusual in a JV girls game. Friona was 17 of 40 and Dimmitt was 28 of 50 from the free throw line. Erin Austin fouled out; Julie Echevarria fouled out; Hollis Gurley fouled out.

Briana Wright held high score honors with 13 points, including 5 free throws and two 3-pointers; Erin Austin was 4 of 7 from the stripe and ended with 8 points before she sat down; Michele Martin and Sandra Godoy had 7 points each. Sandra drained two 3's and Michele one. With 3 points each were Erin Anthony, Hollis Gurley, and Julie Echevarria. Heather Sandoval had two points.

The varsity Squaws increased their record to 5-1 in district with another solid win over Dimmitt 62-30. It was never close as Friona led 28-9 at the half. The Dimmitt Bobbies took 27 free throw attempts and converted only 10. The Squaws were 4 of 9 from the free throw line.

Three Squaws were in double figures. Courtney Adams led with 17 points, Staci Murphee had 14, and Shayli Reed had 12, including two 3-pointers. Adams and Miranda Frye also had 3-point goals* for the Squaws. Briar Barnett had 6 points, Deniss Vasquez 5, Kambree Davila 3, Miranda Frye 3, and Erica Davila 2.

The girls take on Tulia there Friday and host Floydada Tuesday as they head for another district title and a spot in the playoffs.



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Going high is Chieftain Cody Jamerson as Ryan Schwab and Sawyer Reed block out at Dimmitt Tuesday.



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Matthew Stanberry (44) and David Schwab (24) in action in the 8th grade Braves loss to Floydada.

7th & 8th Braves & Maidens compete with Floydada

BY DANA D. JAMESON

The Friona Junior High 7th and 8th Braves and Maidens took on Floydada Monday night, January 23.

The Maidens made the trek to Floydada and faced the Lady Breezers.

In 7th A Maidens action, the star of the game was Regan Anthony. Despite Anthony scoring all of the 21 points the Maidens fell to the Lady Breezers, 30-21.

Anthony scored with 9 field goals and 3 free throws.

The 8th Maidens fell to the Lady Breezers, 44-18. Yesenia Rojas led the scoring with 11 points. Kyla Hurst dropped in 5 and Sasha Estrada 2.

The Braves hosted the

Floydada Breezers at the Friona Junior High gym.

The 7th Braves and Coach Rex Cumpston fell to Floydada the last time they met and the boys were not going to let the Breezers get them again.

"This was a great win for these kids," said Cumpston. "Floydada beat us by 13 at Floydada. So it was good to get that one back."

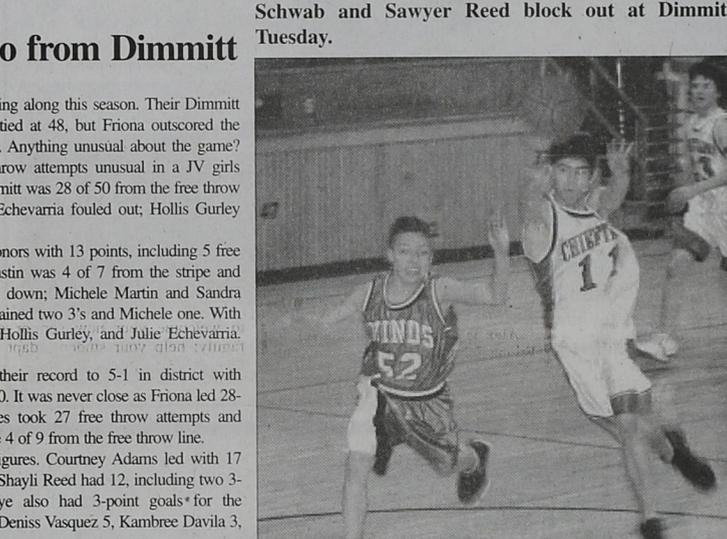
Clayton Smiley led the scoring with 12 points, Nicolas Ortiz 8, Zack Fair 6, Kirby Frye 4, Duncan Welch 2 and Chris Garcia 2.

The 8th Braves met the Floydada Breezers in Friona. The Braves were tied with the Breezers at the end of the 1st

quarter 10-10. But the Breezers poured on the steam and passed the Braves to win 54-38.

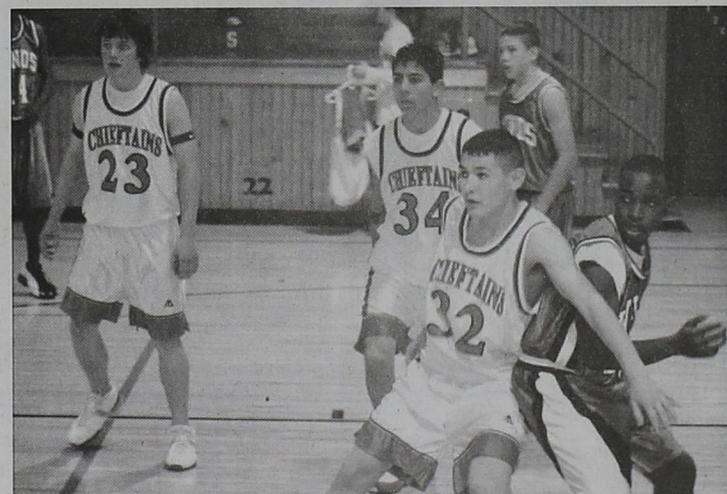
Matthew Stanberry led the scoring with 15. Other Braves scoring were Stetson Reed 7, David Schwab 4, Jesus Sarabia 4, Alex Ferguson 3 and Joey Dickson 3.

The 7th & 8th Braves and Maidens will host a tournament Thursday and Saturday, January 26 & 28. The 7th Maidens will meet Arbor Academy at 9 a.m. on Saturday. The 8th Maidens will face Bovina at 6:15 p.m. on Thursday. The 7th Braves will go up against Bovina at 5 p.m. on Thursday and the 8th Braves take on San Jacinto at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday. Come on out and cheer them on.



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Freshman Chief Justin Echevarria (11) lobs a down court pass vs. Floydada.



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Freshmen Andy Bentley (23), Justin Dominguez (34), and Geraldo Garza (32) in action Monday vs. Floydada.

Freshmen down Floydada Winds

BY DANA D. JAMESON

Coach David Towner and the Freshman Chiefs hosted the Floydada Winds Monday, January 23. They finally hit their stride at home and beat the Winds 43-34.

The Chiefs went into halftime leading the Winds 15-12. They continued to pull ahead in the second half by outscoring the Winds 28-22.

Justin Dominguez led the scoring with 13 points including 5 field goals and 1 three-point shot. Andy Bentley dropped in 11 with 5 field goals and 1 free throw. Geraldo Garza added in 6, Rolando Castanon 5, Justin Echevarria 4 and Aaron Hand 4.

"The boys played really well against a team that had beaten them earlier this year," said Towner. "Justin Dominguez had a season high in points for him. Every one of the boys made big plays when the team needed a play."

The Freshmen Chiefs will compete in the Dimmitt Tourney January 26-28. The first game for the Chiefs is 6:30 p.m. at the Dimmitt High School against Dimmitt. Friday the Chiefs face

Tulia at 10:30 a.m. in the Dimmitt Middle School. Good Luck Chiefs!!

The Friona Freshman Squaws and Coach Lanny Crow traveled south on Monday, January 23 to shut the Floydada Lady Winds down, 26-21.

Megan Hoon and Melissa Gallego led the scoring with 8 points each. Hoon dropped in 3 field goals and 2 free throws. Gallego scored with 4 field goals.

Maria Meza scored 3 with one field goal and one free throw.

Hannah Carthel, Lucy Mendez and Brittany Berend added in 2 points each. Christy Widner scored 1 point.

The Squaws will compete in the Dimmitt Tourney January 26-28. Thursday the girls will face off with Dimmitt at 6:30 p.m. at the Dimmitt Middle School. Friday they will take on Muleshoe at 9 a.m. at the Middle School. Good Luck Squaws!

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Janay's Southern Kitchen opens

Dan Summers spent the last two years in the Hereford school system as an alternative learning teacher. Prior to that he spent almost 18 years in the restaurant industry, most notably with the Cattle Baron and Cotton Patch chains.

"The restaurant business is in my blood," Summers said, "so I started looking around for my own restaurant location." Summers purchased the former Headquarters Restaurant location from Carl McInroe, closed it for almost a month for cleaning and remodeling, and reopened Monday, January 23, as

Janay's Southern Kitchen. The restaurant is named after Summers' 8-year-old daughter Janay who lives with her mother in Portales, New Mexico. The restaurant will specialize in steaks, catfish, and what Summers calls comfort food. Hours for now are 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. 7-days a week. The phone number is 250-2821.

The breakfast menu will feature classic egg and bacon breakfasts, steak, chicken fired steak, or pork chops and eggs, pancakes, omelettes, and French toast. Lunch will include items such

as meatloaf, fried catfish, grilled and chef salads, steak, Mexican food, sandwiches, and burgers.

Summers said he let daughter Janay pick the interior colors and she picked pink. The interior has been redone, including a salad bar, and updated interior. Mandy Henry is the cook along with Summers, who also handles cooking chores. Delia Mora and Rosa Velasco are waitresses.

Welcome

We want to congratulate all the exhibitors that participated in the 2006 Parmer County Junior Livestock Show.

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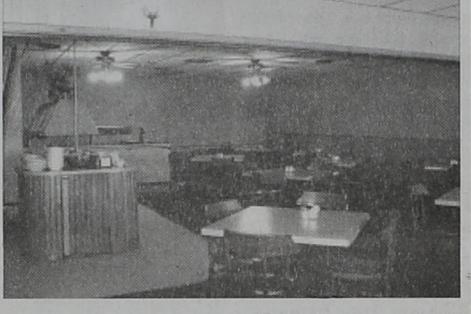
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New Restaurant



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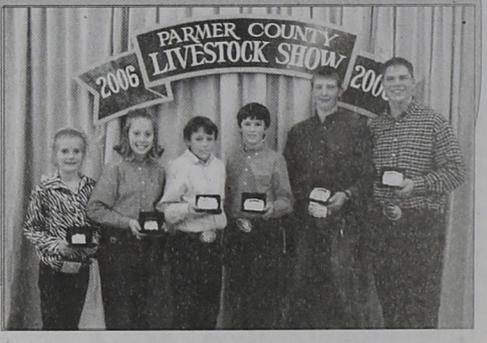
Janay's owner Dan Summers with waitress Rosa Velasco, left, and cook Mandy Henry. The interior has been refurbished and an all-new menu created. The restaurant opened for business Monday, January 23. The hours for now are 6 a.m. to 4 p.m., 7-days a week.



Jennifer DeLeon
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Showmanship Winners In Barrow Competition were, l-r, Chandler Barnes, Jill Johnson, Caleb Christian, Colton Christian, Drew Johnson, Dan Patterson



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PCG Seeking Relief From RMA For Producers Who Lose Production To Module Fires

Friday, January 20, 2005

By Shawn Wade

Dry, warm weather has been the norm during the 2005 harvest and ginning season. During the harvest these conditions were almost ideal and allowed producers to make rapid progress through burgeoning West Texas cotton fields.

Now that the 2005 crop is off the stalk and producers are looking ahead to the 2006 crop year the continuation of those dry conditions, coupled with a steady dose of wind, are beginning to be viewed a lot more ominously.

One significant side effect of the dry conditions has been an increase in the potential for wildfire across much of the state, including many areas adjacent to where cotton modules are stored.

With the increased size of the 2005 crop the number of reported module fires would be expected to increase proportionally. Add in the dry, windy conditions and the danger of fire spreading to a larger number of modules downwind is significantly increased.

Growers caught in these unfortunate situations are hit with a double shot of bad news. Not only do they lose the cotton they harvested and had stored in the module, they also do not have any way under current federal crop insurance guidelines to include an appropriate estimate of that lost production in their production history.

PCG, along the National Cotton Council and West Texas Congressional offices have requested that RMA review the issue and work toward a solution that will allow growers who lose production after harvest, but before the crop has been ginned, to be able to include an estimate of the production lost in their Actual Production History yield history.

In all but the most extreme cases the loss of a module(s) to fire does not translate into a claim against coverage provided by the federal crop insurance program. It is however a significant issue for producers who can't get credit for that portion of the crop they produced.

From a producers standpoint they have done everything in their power, including the completion of all harvest operations, to produce the crop.

Discussions with RMA staff about the possibility of developing a solution to this issue have been well received, but no recommendations have been acted on at this time.

Plains Cotton Growers continues to work with RMA to find a solution that allows an estimate of production lost in module fires, and does not result in a loss claim under coverage provided by the federal crop insurance program, to be included as part of a producers certified production for the 2005 crop year.

USDA Announces Rules Allowing Temporary Outside Storage for 2005-crop Loan Cotton

Friday, January 20, 2005

By Shawn Wade

In a notice released late January 18, the USDA Farm Service Agency has developed rules allowing temporary outside yard storage for 2005-crop Upland Cotton in a limited number of West Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Kansas counties.

The announcement comes after months of work at both national and regional levels by Plains Cotton Growers, American Cotton Producers and High Plains warehouse representatives who recognized early on that the size of the 2005-crop was going to outstrip the available commercial storage space in these regions.

The main focus of PCG's effort was to make sure that Commodity Credit Corporation loan eligibility was not compromised on bales forced into temporary outside storage locations due to a lack of available inside storage space.

"For cotton producers on the Texas High Plains and the rest of the Southwest production region, USDA's decision to allow temporary outside storage of 2005 crop loan cotton is welcome news," says PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett.

Verett added, "We are extremely grateful for the efforts put forth by USDA to develop a solution that protects the loan eligibility of cotton producers and provides options for cotton warehouse operators dealing with the logistical challenge of handling, storing and shipping a phenomenal 2005 crop."

To store cotton outdoors warehouse operators must request the temporary use of outside storage space for 2005-crop loan cotton and comply with the guidelines for outside storage approved by CCC.

The USDA notice (BCD-117) detailing the temporary storage rules outlines specific guidelines to protect interest holders in the cotton, time limits to encourage the movement of cotton to indoor storage and reporting requirements.

The reporting requirements are designed to allow USDA to keep track of how many bales of loan cotton are in outside storage and also to insure that individuals with legitimate ownership positions on outside stored cotton have the ability to identify which bales are in outside storage locations.

To ensure that the outside storage option remains temporary, CCC has limited the duration of the outside storage waiver to the earlier of 90 days from the original date of storage or April 1, 2006 for each bale of CCC loan cotton stored outdoors.

Ultimately the length of an extended 2005 ginning season and the ability of the industry to keep cotton moving will determine if the April 1 deadline will be adequate.

"We must recognize that there are a number of factors that could still cause the April 1 deadline to become problematic," notes Verett.

"PCG is committed to working closely with both USDA and High Plains warehouse leaders to monitor the situation in the weeks leading up to the current deadline and will work to secure any additional relief that might become necessary," says Verett.

First Semester Primary Perfect Attendance



Perfect Attendance for Pre-K and Head Start - morning class, l-r, back, Amelia Rose Sandoval, Allison Soltero, Nicole Fair; front, Liliana Lozoya, Brenda Jaramillo, Josselyn Castillo, Logan Rodriguez.



Perfect Attendance for Head Start - afternoon class, Jaylyn Rodriguez.

So. Plains Muleshoe February classes

The South Plains College Workforce Development classes for February have been announced.

Classes will include Intermediate Excel computer classes on Mondays and Wednesdays, February 6-15. The class is 12 hours, costs \$108 plus book.

Intermediate Word is offered February 9-March 2. Class is 12 hours, costs \$108 plus book and is held on Thursdays.

For information contact Jeff at the Muleshoe Center, 806-272-7540, or Rafael at 806-747-0576, ext 4906. Or pick up a registration form at the Muleshoe Center at 203 South Main Street in Muleshoe.

Amarillo Center promotes easy living home building

Amarillo builder Melvin Fowler believes accessible homes for people with disabilities make sense for any family.

Fowler is the first area builder to endorse the new statewide project, "EasyLiving Home Texas," which promotes "visitation" features of new homes. ELHT is a voluntary certification program designed to encourage builders of single-family homes, duplexes and triplexes to implement accessible features. Such improvements make a home

cost effective and convenient for everyone.

Fowler's experience as a commercial motel builder first acquainted him with accessible designs required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. He later became dedicated to designing accessible homes based on personal experiences with his sister and mother who both had significant disabilities. Fowler often wonders, "Why doesn't someone encourage builders to reduce steps or stairs? Why are ther-

mostats always mounted so high, or doorways and hallways built so narrow?"

ELHT is a program of Independent Living Resource Utilization of Houston, and is administered in Amarillo by Bart Hill with Panhandle Independent Living Center. The program emphasizes the value of accessible homes for any family. "An accessible home will accommodate a parent using a baby carriage, or a family member temporarily using a wheelchair. Visible homes aren't just for people with disabilities."

Melvin Fowler also adds that most houses are designed by men, "which ought to be against the law." He says women typically appreciate more space in bathrooms, lower counter tops, wider doorways and fewer steps. "Every builder ought to just spend 24 hours in a wheelchair to appreciate getting around in a house."

Fowler hopes to receive ELHT certification which offers several benefits including statewide referrals and a website listing. Certified builders may also receive technical assistance and ADA reviews of blueprints. Additional information about ELHT is available from Bart Hill at PILC in Amarillo, 374-1400. Programs for civic clubs in the Panhandle area are also available.

Panhandle Independent Living Center is funded by grants from the U.S. Department of Education and the Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services. This news release does not necessarily represent the policies or opinions of the DOE or DARS. PILC receives 70% of its funding from the DOE and 30% from DARS. PILC serves 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle.

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Parmer County Junior Stock Show Results

Parmer County youth competed in the 2006 County Stock Show and Sale, January 19 & 21 at the Friona Community Center.

According to Mack Heald there were approximately 344 animals shown Thursday.

At the sale held on Saturday there were 141 animals selling for a record total of \$89,500.

Grand Champion winners included Ryan Mason of Lazbuddie; Jennifer DeLeon of Parmer County; Logan Mason of Lazbuddie; and Jason Berend of Friona.

Twelve steers were shown on Thursday. The Grand Champion was owned by Jason Berend of Friona and the Reserve Champion went to Hayden Hadley of the Parmer County 4-H.

The Swine Show's Grand Champion was a cross shown by Jennifer DeLeon of the Parmer County 4-H. Reserve Champion was a Duroc shown by Lincoln Devault also of the Parmer County 4-H.

The Lamb Show's Grand Champion was medium wool shown by Logan Mason of Lazbuddie FFA. The Reserve Champion was also medium wool shown by Kelby Monroe of the Friona FFA.

The Goat Show's Grand Champion and Reserve Champions were shown by Lazbuddie youths Ryan Mason and Ashton Mason.

Showmanship honors were given to:

Goats: Champion Senior Showmanship Ryan Mason; Reserve Champion Senior Showmanship Alisha Wauson; Champion Junior Showmanship Ashton Mason; Reserve Champion Junior Showmanship Michelle Wauson.

Hogs: Champion Senior Showmanship Dan Patterson; Reserve Champion Senior Showman Drew Johnson; Champion Intermediate Showmanship Colton Christian; Reserve Intermediate Showmanship Caleb Christian; Champion Junior Showmanship Jill Johnson; Reserve Champion Junior Showmanship Chandler Barnes

Lambs: Champion Senior Showmanship Chase Timms; Reserve Champion Senior Showman Jordan Monroe; Champion Intermediate Showmanship Logan Mason; Reserve Champion Intermediate Showmanship Caleb Monroe; Champion Junior Showmanship Jared Timms; Reserve Champion Junior Showmanship Austin Mason.

Steers: Champion Junior Showman Jarrod Jesko; Reserve Champion Junior Kayle Jesko.

The Stock Show results are as follows:

GOATS

Class 14: Shyann Rainey 1st; Andrew Stowers 2nd; Michelle Wauson 3rd; Jarrod Jesko 4th; Katlyn Hicks 5th; Alisha Wauson 6th; Alisha Wauson 7th; Matt Billingsley 8th; Tyler Hough 9th.

Class 15: Emily Logan 1st; Chandler Barnes 2nd; Alex Dunnam 3rd; KLeigh Jo White 4th; Justin Bridges 5th; Chandler Barnes 6th; Alisha Wauson 7th; Kami Schmidt 8th.

Class 16: Ashton Mason 1st; KLeigh Jo White 2nd; Veronica Schmidt 3rd; Lacey Jesko 4th; Andrew Stowers 5th; Alisha Wauson 6th; Michelle Wauson 7th; Matt Billingsley 8th; Colten Ingram 9th.

Class 17: Clayton White 1st; Matt Billingsley 2nd; Kayle Jesko 3rd; Kayle Jesko 4th; Lacey Jesko 5th; Colten Ingram 6th.

Class 18: Ryan Mason 1st; Ryan Mason 2nd; Katlyn Hicks 3rd; Riley Smith 4th; Alex Dunnam 5th; Kami Schmidt 6th; Clayton White 7th; Colten Ingram 8th.

Grand Champion-Ryan Mason

Reserve Champion-Ashton Mason

Grand Champion Senior Showmanship-Ryan Mason

Reserve Champion Senior Showmanship-Alisha Wauson

Champion Junior Showmanship-Ashton Mason

Reserve Champion Junior Showmanship-Michelle Wauson

SWINE

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Class 23: Caitlin Bronniman 1st; Matthew Martin 2nd; Alisha Wauson 3rd.

Class 24: Bryce Haney 1st; Lacey Jesko 2nd; Austin Mason 3rd; Jessie London 4th.

Breed Champion-Bryce Haney

Reserve Breed Champion-Lacey Jesko

Chester

Class 25: Amberli Martin 1st; Amberli Martin 2nd; Christy Widner 3rd.

Class 26: Dan Patterson 1st; Daniel Kirkland 2nd; Ashton Mason 3rd; KLeigh Jo White 4th.

Class 27: Lincoln Devault 1st; Abreil Terrones 2nd; Kyla Hurst 3rd.

Champion Senior Showmanship-Dan Patterson

Breed Champion-Amberli Martin

Reserve Breed Champion-Dan Patterson

Duroc

Class 28: Levi McCormick 1st; Zacarey Stancell 2nd; Emily Allen 3rd; Caitlin Bronniman 4th; Colton Christian 5th; Megan Patrick 6th; Russell Schilling 7th; Michelle Wauson 8th; Christy Widner 9th.

Class 29: Lincoln Devault 1st; Marco Terrones 2nd; Rochelle Smith 3rd; Caleb Monroe 4th; Brettton Stancell 5th; Hannah Carthel 6th; Trevor Owen 7th.

Class 30: Chase Timms 1st; Abby Johnson 2nd; Ashton Mason 3rd; Chase Mitchell 4th; Emily Allen 5th; Jordan Mason 6th; Emily Stancell 7th.

Class 31: Caitlyn Stancell 1st; Jacob Schacher 2nd; Zacarey Stancell 3rd; Dewayne Hightower 4th; Brettton Stancell 5th; Cheyenne Patrick 6th; Shea Scott 7th; Colten Morris 8th; Casey Merritt 9th; Colton Weaver 10th.

Breed Champion-Lincoln Devault

Reserve Breed Champion-Marco Terrones

Reserve Champion-Lincoln Devault

Landrace

Class 32: Kelby Monroe 1st; Ryan Mason 2nd.

Class 33: Chandler Barnes 1st; Logan Mason 2nd; Lacey Jesko 3rd.

Breed Champion-Chandler Barnes

Molly Carthel

Class 34: Dan Patterson 1st; Jill Johnson 2nd; Levi McCormick 3rd; Dylan Haney 4th; Russell Schilling 5th; Alisha Wauson 6th; Christy Widner 7th.

Class 35: Clayton White 1st; Drew Johnson 2nd; Brittany Sexton 3rd; Chase Mitchell 4th; Chandler Barnes 5th; Logan Mason 6th; Dewayne Hightower 7th;

Class 36: Allison Weaver 1st; Colton Christian 2nd; David Schwab 3rd; Kolten Morris 4th; Donovan Johnson 5th; Dylan Haney 6th; David Anstead 7th.

Class 37: Molly Carthel 1st; Taylor Stancell 2nd; Chase Mitchell 3rd; Caleb Christian 4th; Jared Timms 5th; Hanna Carthel 6th; Michelle Wauson 7th; Shea Scott 8th; Bryce Haney 9th; Riley Smith 10th.

Breed Champion-Molly Carthel

Reserve Breed Champion-Clayton White

Champion Intermediate Showmanship-Colton Christian

Champion Junior Showmanship-Jill Johnson

Spot

Class 38: Shyann Rainey 1st; Taylor Stancell 2nd; Tyler Schilling 3rd; Emily Stancell 4th; Cassidy Devault 5th; Shyann Rainey 6th; Brettton Stancell 7th.

Class 39: Taylor Stancell 1st; Chase Timms 2nd; Jordan Mason 3rd; Matt Billingsley 4th; Caitlyn Stancell 5th; Colton Drake 6th; Christy Widner 7th.

Class 40: Emily Stancell 1st; Austin Mason 2nd; Zacarey Stancell 3rd; Darin Ivy 4th; Houston Cox 5th; Zachary Graves 6th.

Breed Champion-Shyann Rainey

Reserve Breed Champion-Taylor Stancell

Poland

Class 41: Drew Johnson 1st; Austin Mason 2nd; Ryan Mason 3rd; Riley Smith 4th; Jordan Mason 5th.

Class 42: Cassidy Devault 1st; Matt Billingsley 2nd; Zachary Graves 3rd; Bryce Haney 4th; Houston Cox 5th.

Breed Champion-Drew Johnson

Reserve Breed Champion-Austin Mason

Reserve Champion Senior Showmanship-Drew Johnson

York

Class 43: Jennifer DeLeon 1st; Cambry Devault 2nd; Tyler Schilling 3rd; Logan Mason 4th; Audrie Terrones 5th; Dylan Haney 6th; Kyla Hurst 7th.

Class 44: Colton Weaver 1st; Ryan DeLeon 2nd; Russell Schilling 3rd; Jill Johnson 4th; Caitlyn Stancell 5th; Brettton Stancell 6th; Bryce Haney 7th; Kolten Morris 8th.

Class 45: Taylor Stancell 1st; Oran London 2nd; David Schwab 3rd; Shea Scott 4th; Jacob Cruz 5th.

Class 46: Emily Stancell 1st; Kyla Hurst 2nd; Danielle Cockerham 3rd; Zacarey Stancell 4th; Ryan Schwab 5th; Jessica Bachicha 6th.

Breed Champion-Jennifer DeLeon

Reserve Breed Champion-Colton Weaver

Cross

Class 47: Tyler Schilling 1st; Levi McCormick 2nd; Ryan DeLeon 3rd; Dewayne Hightower 4th; David Anstead 5th; Bianca Terrones 6th; Mykelti Rhodes 7th.

Class 48: Justin Schacher 1st; Dan Patterson 2nd; Jared Timms 3rd; Chase Mitchell 4th; Tyler Schilling 5th; Audrie Terrones 6th; Daniel Kirkland 7th; Dillon Kirkland 8th; Mykelti Rhodes 9th; Brittany Sexton 10th; Rowdee Rhodes 11th; Matthew Martin 12th; Mykelti Rhodes 13th.

Class 49: Caleb Christian 1st; Jennifer DeLeon 2nd; Dan Patterson 3rd; Caleb Christian 4th; Jordan Mason 5th; Matthew Martin 6th; Cassidy Devault 7th; Casey Merritt 8th; Rowdee Rhodes 9th.

Class 50: Russell Schilling 1st; Abby Johnson 2nd; Drew Johnson 3rd; Jill Johnson 4th; Jacob Schacher 5th; Mark Schwab 6th; Clayton White 7th; Kinzi Jo Schacher 8th; Marco Terrones 9th; Ryan Mason 10th.

Class 51: Jennifer DeLeon 1st; Drew Johnson 2nd; Shea Scott 3rd; Colton Christian 4th; Abby Johnson 5th; Dewayne Hightower 6th; Bianca Terrones 7th; Abreil Terrones 8th; Lauren Hughes 9th; Kinzi Jo Schacher 10th; Amberli Martin 11th.

Class 52: Levi McCormick 1st; Jennifer DeLeon 2nd; Cambry Devault 3rd; Rochelle Smith 4th; Chandler Barnes 5th; Jill Johnson 6th; Caitlyn Stancell 7th; Justin Schacher 8th; Lauren Hughes 9th.

Class 53: Abby Johnson 1st; Ryan DeLeon 2nd; Dalton

Class 05: Caleb Monroe 1st; Chase Timms 2nd; Austin Mason 3rd; Rochelle Smith 4th; Jared Timms 5th; Taryn Jamerson 6th; Colten Ingram 7th.

Breed Champion-Kelby Monroe

Reserve Breed Champion-Caleb Monroe

Reserve Champion Intermediate Showman-Caleb Monroe

Southdown

Class 06: Jared Timms 1st; Colteh Ingram 2nd; Emily Allen 3rd.

Class 07: Austin Mason 1st; Caleb Monroe 2nd.

Breed Champion-Jared Timms

Reserve Breed Champion-Austin Mason

Reserve Champion Junior Showmanship-Austin Mason

Medium Wool

Class 08: Ashton Mason 1st; Kayla Cullison 2nd; Emily Agee 3rd; Rowdee Rhodes 4th; Tyler Cullison 5th; Kade Foster 6th; Kade Foster 7th; Emily Logan 8th.

Class 09: Logan Mason 1st; Kolten Morris 2nd; Mykelti Rhodes 3rd; Rowdee Rhodes 4th;

Class 11: Austin Mason 1st; Chase Timms 2nd; Kelby Monroe 3rd; Adrienne Osborn 4th; Cody Lanier 5th; Haylee Fulcher 6th; Rowdee Rhodes 7th; Ashley Ingram 8th.

Class 12: Jordan Monroe 1st; Logan Mason 2nd; Kolten Morris 3rd; Jordan Monroe 4th; Kolten Morris 5th; Mykelti Rhodes 6th.

Class 13: Kelby Monroe 1st; Logan Mason 2nd; Kirby Frye 3rd; Adam Bentley 4th.

Breed Champion-Logan Mason

Reserve Breed Champion-Kelby Monroe

Grand Champion-Logan Mason

Reserve Champion-Kelby Monroe

Champion Senior Showmanship-Chase Timms

Reserve Champion Senior Showmanship-Jordan Monroe

Champion Intermediate Showmanship-Logan Mason

STIERS

Class 19: Ashton Mason 1st; Brandon Berend 2nd; Lacey Jesko 3rd.

Class 20: Logan Mason 1st; Jarrod Jesko 2nd; Kayle Jesko 3rd.

Breed Champion-Ashton Mason

Reserve Breed Champion-Brandon Berend

Champion Junior Showmanship-Jarrod Jesko

Cross

Class 21: Jason Berend 1st; Kayle Jesko 2nd; Hayden Hadley 3rd.

Class 22: Hayden Hadley 1st; Jason Berend 2nd; Jarrod Jesko 3rd.

Breed Champion-Jason Berend

Reserve Breed Champion-Hayden Hadley

Grand Champion-Jason Berend

Reserve Champion-Hayden Hadley

Reserve Champion Junior Showmanship-Kayle Jesko

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Texas checkoff helps students explore careers in beef industry

The Texas beef checkoff program invites Texas high school juniors and seniors to take a close look next summer at the diverse career opportunities available in today's beef industry.

The Texas Beef Council (TBC) and Texas Cooperative Extension (TCE) will host the first Texas Beef Young Leaders Program June 25-29 in Amarillo. Interested juniors and seniors must submit an application and be accepted to attend.

"As the \$153 billion U.S. beef industry continues to expand its markets, products and technology, it creates more career opportunities for young Texans who are just a few years away from entering the job market," said Richard Forgason, DVM, a Hungerford, Texas, beef producer. "The Texas checkoff is funding this program to help many Texas students examine their beef opportunities before they choose a college or start

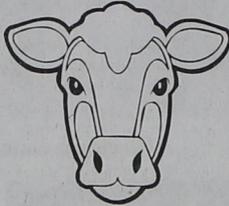
their careers." Forgason, who serves as chairman of TBC's beef quality committee, said the beef industry offers diverse career opportunities ranging from beef cattle production to occupations in the fields of food safety, beef marketing and nutrition.

The Texas Beef Young Leaders Program will give Texas students an opportunity to learn first-hand about these many opportunities while also developing their professional skills. Over five days of interactive sessions, the participants will:

- Explore many different career opportunities in today's beef industry.
- Build communications skills through oral presentations.
- Interact with key industry leaders and managers.
- Expand industry awareness after the seminar through required presentations in their communities.

- Create lifelong contacts with fellow Texas students interested in similar career paths.

TBC and TCE invite interested Texas high school juniors and seniors in the 2006-2007 school year to apply for this unique program. Applications are available from 4-H agents, FFA teachers and through the junior representatives at beef breed associations. Interested applicants can also request an application from TBC at 1-800-846-4113 or go to www.texasbeef.org and download an application form.



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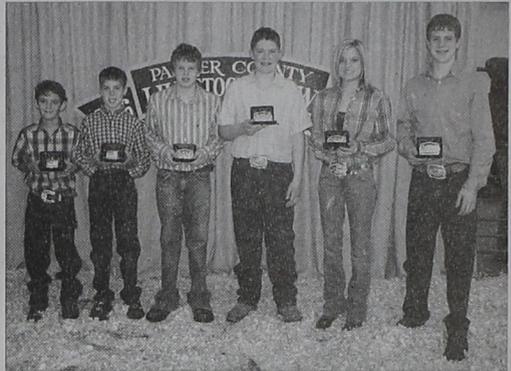
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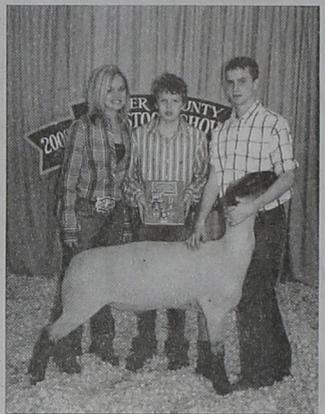
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To The Youngsters Who Exhibited Animals at the 2006 Parmer County Junior Livestock Show.

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Above: Congratulations to the lamb showmanship winners, l-r, Austin Mason, Jared Timms, Caleb Monroe, Logan Mason, Jordan Monroe, Chase Timms.

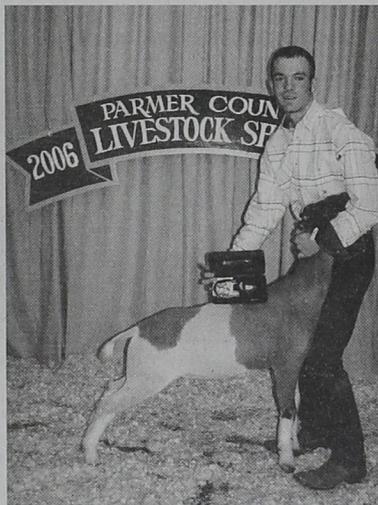


Right: The Reserve Grand Champion lamb was shown by Kelby Monroe, right, joined by sister Jordan, and brother Caleb.

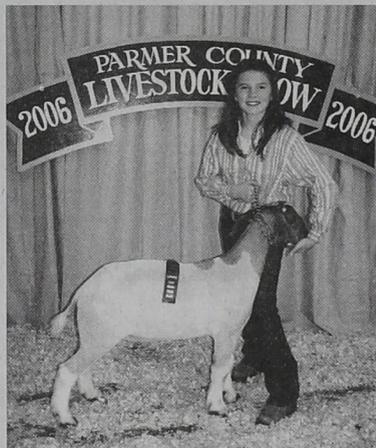
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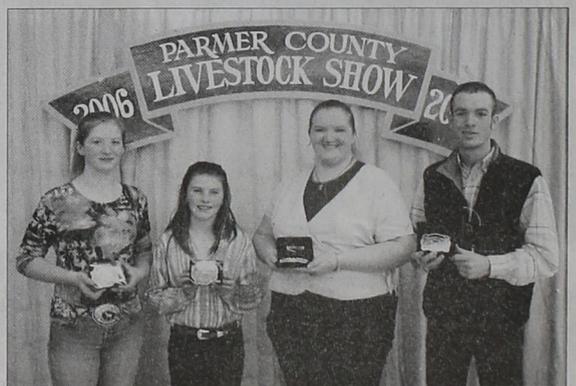
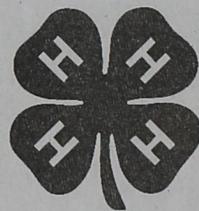
Congratulations to all 4-H & FFA youth for their hard work and participation in the Parmer County Livestock Show.



Grand Champion Goat
Ryan Mason



Reserve Grand Champion Goat
Ashton Mason



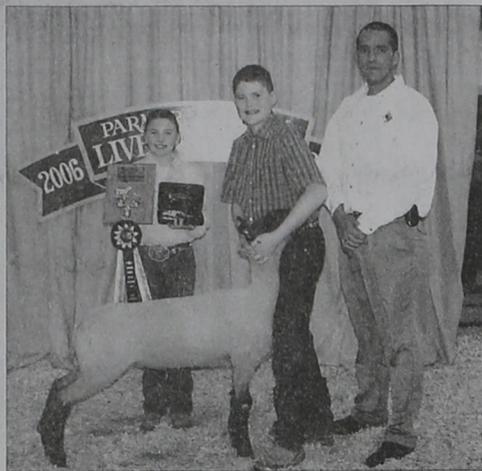
Winners in Goat Showmanship, l-r, Michelle Wauson, Ashton Mason, Alisha Wauson, Ryan Mason.



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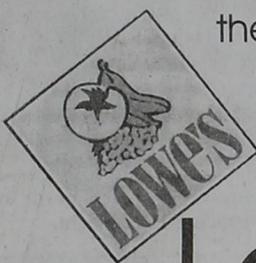
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Grand Champion Lamb shown by Logan Mason, center, and joined by Ashton Mason, left, and Friona Lowe's Manager David Figueroa, right.

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FHS reports 1st semester GPA's

The Friona High School has decided to change from reporting honor rolls to releasing GPA's.

Principal Denver Crum has reported he following students earned a GPA of 4.0 or better for the 1st Semester.

Tori Abeyta, Brenda Acosta, Monica Acosta, Courtney Adams, Daniel Aguilar, Emily Allen, Anna Alvidrez, Connie Amezcua, Omar Anchondo, Adrienne Anthony, Erin Anthony, Kathy Anthony, Morgan Anthony, Angelica Arellano, Erin Austin, Leslee Avalos, Matthew Balli, Breann Barnett, Briar Barnett, Jared Boyd, Beth Bridges, Burkleigh Briones, Stephen Campbell, Claudia Candanedo, April Cantu, Jordan Carr, Hannah Carthel, Molly Carthel, Samantha Casado, Andrew Chico, Harvey Chico, Ruben Chico, Darcy Daniel, Dustin Daniel, Erica Davila, Daisy Delgadillo, Fabian Dominguez, Justin Echevarria, Julie Echevarria, Kayla Estrada, and Lucretia Field.

The following students earned a GPA of 3.9-3.0 for the 1st Semester:

Andrew Aguirre, Shery Aguirre, Brooke Alfaro, Aminidab Alvidrez, Christina Antonio, David Aragon, Keisha Aragon, Tamra Aragon, Sadie Armendariz, Juan Avalos, Sabrina Barber, Stephanie Barber, Jill Bautista, CeCe Benavidez, Lindsey Benavidez, Adam Bentley, Andy Bentley, Britany Berend, Edgar Bolivar, Justin Bridges, Derek Brown, Dustin Brown, and Isaac Bryan.

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Humberto Guerra, Vivianna Guerra, Victor Guerrero, Eric Hansard, Cierra Henry, Omar Hernandez, Luis Hernandez, Vanessa Hernandez, Stephanie Hidalgo, Megan Hoon, Nathan Hoon, AJ Huckins, Irving Huerta, and Ashley Ingram.

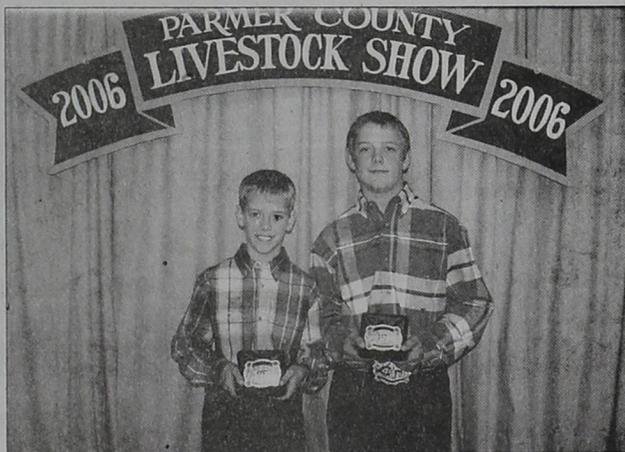
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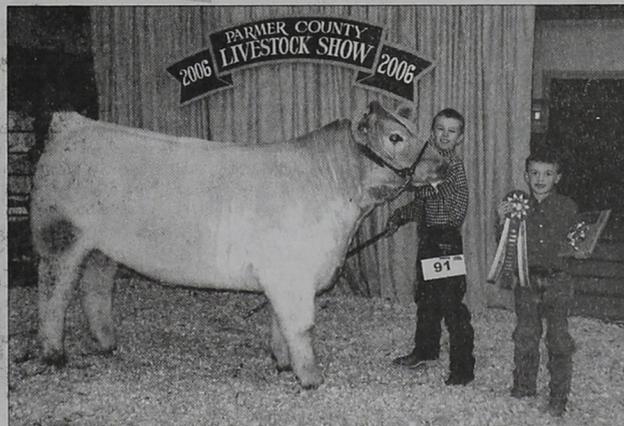
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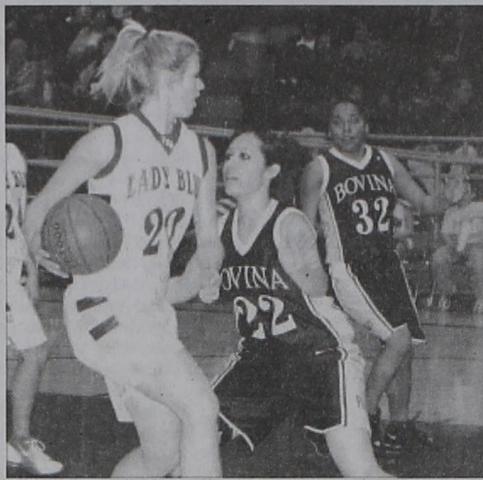
Bovina's yearbooks now on sale

Bovina's Mustang yearbook is now on sale. Only a limited number will be printed so place your order today. Yearbook orders will be taken at the school cafeteria each morning from 7:50-8:15 a.m. and again from 9:10-9:25 a.m. until January 27.

You can also purchase a copy in Ms. Anderson's room (129) at the high school and from Ms. Kay Venable in the office at Ridgelea. The price again this year is only \$15, which according to Ms. Anderson is a great bargain compared to most area school prices.

Students can personalize yearbooks again this year. "You can add one line of personalization for \$5 or two lines for \$8," Anderson says. Icons can be added for \$3 each up to four. Additional information and a list of available icons will be available when ordering.

Anderson said, "This may be your only opportunity to purchase a yearbook so place your order now." The Mustang yearbook is being produced by the yearbook staff under the direction of adviser Denise Anderson and edited by co-editors-in-chief Karla Rivera and Vanessa Garcia. For more information contact Ms. Anderson at the high school, 806-251-1317, extension 312.



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Bovina Fillies Laura Rocha (22) and Dorothy Martinez (32) trap a Farwell Lady Blue.



dana d jameson

Mustang Isaac Tavera (50) keeps his eye on the ball vs. Farwell. The Mustangs lost 72-43.

Mustangs falter in second half

BY DANA D. JAMESON

Coach Shannon Shorter and the Bovina Mustangs practiced their "Run and Gun" fast paced style of play against the Farwell Steers Friday, January 20.

It seemed to be working. Coach Shorter was jumping and shouting and the boys seemed to be pulling things together. But in the middle of the third quarter, Farwell started pouring on the steam and sailed past the Mustangs to win, 72-43.

Michael Ortiz led the scoring with 3 three-point shots, 1 field goal and five free throws. Jeremy Vazquez dropped in 15 points with 2 three-pointers, one field goal and 7 of 8 free throws.

Chewy Rocha added 7 points, James Lara 3 and Isaac Tavera 2.

The Mustangs hit the road again Tuesday, January 24 at Sudan and return home to meet the Morton Indians Friday, January 27. Good Luck Mustangs!



dana d jameson photo

Jesus Rocha (23) tries to get around a Farwell Steer.



dana d jameson

Bovina Coach Shannon Shorter has a few words for somebody in the Farwell gym last Friday night.



dana d jameson photo

Dorothy Martinez (32) and Jessica Bachicha (54) mix it up with the Farwell Lady Blue.

Sudan stings Stangs/Fillies

BY DANA D. JAMESON

The Bovina Mustangs and Fillies journeyed to Sudan to take on the Hornets Tuesday, January 24.

In junior varsity action the Mustangs fell to the Hornets 41-21. Joseph Bermea and Josh Ramirez led the scoring with 6 points each. Other Mustangs scoring were Omar Flores 4, Aaron Ramon 2, Jeremy Curtis 2 and Brett Hancock 1.

In the second game of the evening the Fillies faced the Lady Hornets. Sudan came out hard and tough and downed the Fillies 61-22.

Irma Rocha led the Fillies scoring with 8 points which included 1 three-pointer, 1 field goal and 3 free throws. Dorothy Martinez and Jessica Bachicha added in 5 points each. Martinez scored with 1 three pointer and 1 field goal. Bachicha dropped in 2 field

goals and 1 free throw. The evening with the Fillies tangled with the Hornets and coming away stung with a 63-47 loss.

Senior Michael Ortiz popped in more than half of the total points with 27 points which included 5 three-pointers, 4 field goals and 4 free throws. Jesus Rocha added 3 three-pointers and one field goal for 11 points.

James Lara scored 3 with one field goal and one free throw. Jeremy Vazquez, Robert Knoll and J. Chavera added in 2 points each.

The Mustangs and Fillies hit the hardwood at home on Friday, January 27 against Morton and will travel to Hart on Tuesday, January 30. Good Luck Mustangs and Fillies.

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- TXism: "come ___ the seams"
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- minor TX misdemeanor
- Del Rio FM radio
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- TXism: "___ the unvarnished truth"
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- TXism: "happy ___"
- desert haven
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- TXism: "as much chance as ___ in a packing plant"
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- actor Baldwin
- social equals
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- TXism: "six of ___ half a dozen of the other"
- TXism: "got a hankerin' ___ it"
- this Hayden played at Baylor and coached at UNT
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- TXism: "she could ___ an iron stove"
- TXism: "table grazed"
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- panhandle rancher Goodnight (nit.)
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- TXism: "not enough coal to ___ furnace"
- Santa's sound
- Greg Abbott's title
- TX electronics co.
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- TXism: "want it ___ I could spit!"
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- wedded
- drug addicts
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Answers on page 4

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OBITUARIES

Grace L. Miller

Grace L. Miller, 90, of Friona, Texas, passed away Friday, January 20, 2006 at Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friona. Graveside services for Mrs. Miller were held at 10 a.m. Monday, January 23, 2006 at Plainview Memorial Park Cemetery in Plainview, Texas with Rev. Stacy Connor of Muleshoe officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mrs. Miller was born March 23, 1915 to Jack and Allie (Lynch) Hail in Hico, Texas. She married Lewis F. Miller on November 9, 1935 in Plainview. He passed away December 21, 1984.

Mrs. Miller moved from Plainview to Friona in 1961. She retired as a bookkeeper for Friona Ready Mix. She was a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Friona.

Mrs. Miller is preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Wilbur Hail.

She is survived by a sister, Eva H. Smith of Albuquerque, New Mexico; a brother, Cecil Hail of Abilene, Texas; and a sister-in-law Gladys Hail of Hale Center.



Grace L. Miller

Matthew DeWayne Myrick

Matthew DeWayne Myrick, 36, of Hereford, Texas, passed away Friday, January 20, 2006. A celebration of his life was held at 1 p.m. Monday, January 23, 2006 at the Church of the Nazarene in Hereford with Pastor Ted Taylor officiating with the assistance of Pastor Dorman Duggan of the Hereford Community Church. Services were under the direction of Hereford Heritage Funeral Home and burial followed in the Clovis Cemetery, Clovis; New Mexico.

Mr. Myrick was born June 8, 1969. He graduated from North Lamar High School in Paris, Texas in 1987. He was a member of and served in the U.S. Naval Armed Forces from 1989-1991.

Mr. Myrick married Christy Alison Butler January 2, 1993 in Austin, Texas. He graduated from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1994 and a Masters of Science degree in Agriculture in 2000. They moved to Hereford in 2000 from Memphis, Tennessee. He served as a Texas Department of Public Safety State Trooper from 2004 until his death.

Mr. Myrick was a devoted husband of 13 years, father, son, brother, believer and friend to many.

Mr. Myrick is survived by his wife Christy; a daughter Matilyn; and sons Tate, Luke and Embry; parents, Steve and Judy Myrick of Clovis, New Mexico; a sister Amanda Myrick of Albuquerque, New Mexico; in-laws, Ted and Peggy Butler of Austin, Texas; grandmothers, Nola Myrick of Friona and Hazel Burford of Clovis.

The family suggest memorials to the Church of the Nazarene, building fund, 1410 La Plata, Hereford, Texas, 79045.



Matthew Myrick

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Leonardo Duran

Leonardo Duran, 88, of Friona, passed away Sunday, January 22, 2006 in Friona. Funeral services have been scheduled in Mexico. Local arrangements are under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mr. Duran was a member of the Roman Catholic Church where he labored for many years.

Mr. Duran is preceded in death by his wife Gregoria; one son Onofre Duran; and two daughters, Petrita Solis and Marta Gomez.

Mr. Duran is survived by four daughters, Maria Socorro Reyes of Roswell, New Mexico, Consuelo Molina and Marina Ortega of Mexico and Serapia Molina of Friona. He is also survived by one sister, Santiago Duran of Mexico; 32 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; and one great great-grandchild.

Gladys Eubank

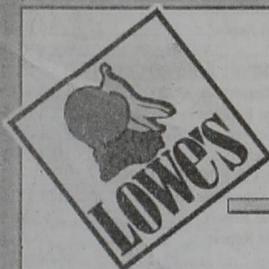
Gladys Eubank, 87, of Friona, Texas, formerly of the Truscott, Texas area, and Dallas, Texas, passed away Sunday, January 22, 2006 in Friona. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2006 at the Truscott Cemetery officiated by family members. Burial was in the Truscott Cemetery under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mrs. Eubank was a retired Dallas school secretary and United Methodist. She was very active in the AARP and United Methodist Women.

Mrs. Eubank is survived by a sister, Margaret Fuller of Saginaw, Texas, two nieces and five nephews.



Gladys Eubank



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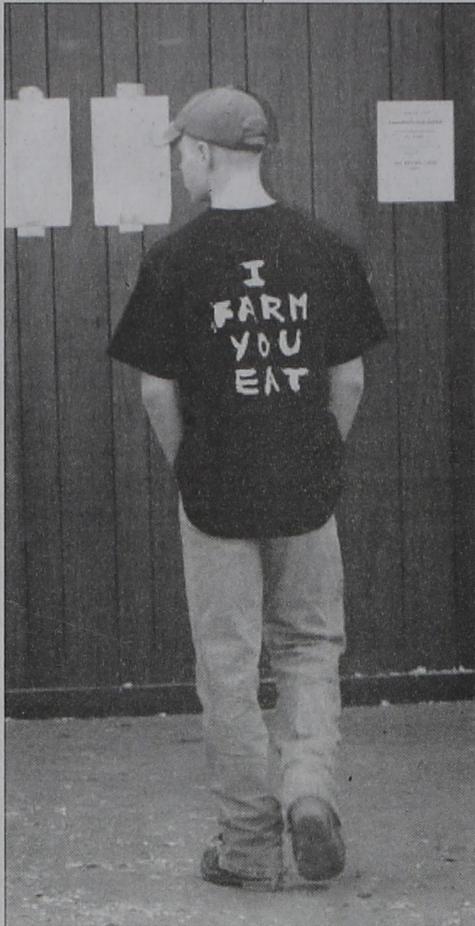
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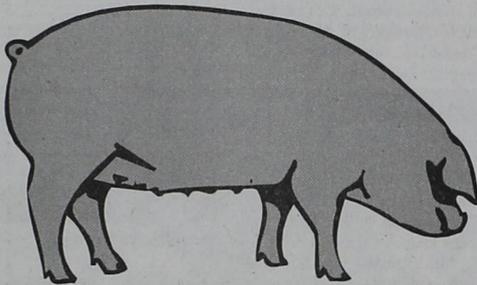
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Making a Statement during the Livestock Show



Parmer County Treasurer's Report

REPORT OF Altha K. Herington, County Treasurer of PARMER County, Texas, of Receipts and Expenditures from October 01, to December 31, 2005 Inclusive:

JURY FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2005	98,660.90
Amount Received Since Last Report	4,691.32
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	23,158.47
12/31/05 Balance	80,193.75
GENERAL FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2005	1,552,208.27
Amount Received Since Last Report	544,154.75
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	580,735.25
12/31/05 Balance	1,515,627.77
FARM TO MARKET FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2005	1,132,301.67
Amount Received Since Last Report	190,709.50
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	396,068.83
12/31/05 Balance	926,942.34
RIGHT OF WAY FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2005	89,703.17
Amount Received Since Last Report	54,960.30
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	0
12/31/05 Balance	144,663.47
PARMER COUNTY FORFEITURE FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2005	156,479.49
Amount Received Since Last Report	9,761.92
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	33,023.87
12/31/05 Balance	133,217.54
PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2005	17,205.76
Amount Received Since Last Report	3,956.22
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	0
12/31/05 Balance	21,161.98
REVENUE FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2005	211,267.61
Amount Received Since Last Report	72,748.63
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	87,710.05
12/31/05 Balance	196,306.19
JUVENILE PROBATION FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2005	2,405.31
Amount Received Since Last Report	202.84
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	631.01
12/31/05 Balance	1,977.14
COUNTY ATTORNEY - CHECK COLLECTION FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2005	11,132.39
Amount Received Since Last Report	4,922.63
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	5,891.30
12/31/05 Balance	10,163.72
DISTRICT CHECK COLLECTION - 287 TH FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2005	1,991.14
Amount Received Since Last Report	731.67
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	535.00
12/31/05 Balance	2,187.81
DISTRICT ATTORNEY FORFEITURE FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2005	132,416.20
Amount Received Since Last Report	12,162.28
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	19,399.78
12/31/05 Balance	125,178.70
COUNTY ATTORNEY FORFEITURE FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2005	30,844.90
Amount Received Since Last Report	298.08
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	0
12/31/05 Balance	31,142.98
INTEREST & SINKING FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2005	114,272.96
Amount Received Since Last Report	49,921.34
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	0
12/31/05 Balance	164,194.30
LATERAL FUND	
Balance Last Report, Filed September 20, 2005	0
Amount Received Since Last Report	31,388.31
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report	28,423.66
12/31/05 Balance	2,964.65
RECAPITULATION	
Jury Fund	80,193.75
General Fund	1,515,627.77
Farm To Market Fund	926,942.34
Right Of Way Fund	144,663.47
Parmer County Forfeiture Fund	133,217.54
Permanent Improvement Fund	21,161.98
Revenue Fund	196,306.19
Juvenile Probation Fund	1,977.14
County Attorney - Check Collection Fund	10,163.72
District Check Collection - 287 TH Fund	2,187.81
District Attorney Forfeiture Fund	125,178.70
County Attorney Forfeiture Fund	31,142.98
Interest & Sinking Fund	164,194.30
Lateral Fund	2,964.65
TOTAL	3,355,922.34

LIST OF BONDS AND OTHER SECURITIES ON HAND	
Certificate of Deposit	
General Fund	0
Farm To Market Fund	0
Investments	
General Fund	2,443.01
Farm To Market	100,191.96
Jury Fund	780.09
Permanent Improvement	1,070.59
Right Of Way	97.71
Parmer County Forfeiture	676.96
TOTAL	105,260.32

TREASURER'S REPORT	
PARMER COUNTY, TEXAS (THE STATE OF TEXAS)	
Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Altha K. Herington, County Treasurer of Parmer County, who by me duly sworn, upon oath, says that the within and foregoing report is true and correct.	
Altha K. Herington, County Treasurer	

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Proposals will be received until February 15 @ 10:15 A.M.

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Proposals, plans and specifications for this project will be furnished without charge to any Contractor desiring to submit a bid. No pre-qualification is required. Contact Cat Soto at 135 Slaton Rd., Lubbock, Texas, Telephone (806) 748-4446 for proposals or any questions.

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Lacy Denise Connally and John Edward Wilson were united in marriage in a spectral sunset ceremony on September 9, 2005 on the deck of a villa in Playa Panama, Costa Rica.

Lacy is the daughter of Harris and Janey LaFleur of Opelousas, Louisiana and Dennis Connally of Oklahoma.

Eddie is the son of Mike Wilson of Friona and the late Paula Wilson of Friona. His grandmothers are Celestine Wilson and Ruby Hassenpflug both of Friona.

A sit-down dinner/reception was held after the ceremony in the open-air restaurant of LaFinnestera Hotel. Following the reception the newlyweds spent 8 days traveling around Costa Rica for their honeymoon.

Lacy and Eddie are at home in Red River, New Mexico with their son Slade Wilson.

THINK ABOUT THIS

What if you only had one year to live? #4

By T. LEON TALLEY, Sixth Street Church of Christ

If I knew that I only had one year to live, I would do my best to prepare for the future. I would look at my family. I would ensure their physical welfare as best I could. I would remember Paul's words to Timothy, "If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever." (1 Timothy 5:8) However, their spiritual welfare would be my first concern. I would strive to carry out God's word through Moses to diligently teach the Lord's way to my children "while I sat, while I walked, when I lay down and when I rose up." (Deuteronomy 6:7)

In the short time remaining, my goal would be to ensure their faithfulness to Jesus Christ. I would study and worship with my children and I would see to it that they were present for every Bible study and worship. I would do everything I could to train them in the way they should go.

Then in thinking of my responsibility, I would consider the Lord's in general. I would look for opportunities to talk to others about Jesus Christ. I would try to make my life a living memorial of what Jesus Christ can do.

That's what I would try to do. What about you? Think about it!

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Nothing heals a wounded eagle like the warmth of a scar-spangled banner

Rewritten from "When Did Caesar Become a Salad and Jeremiah a Bullfrog" by Martin Babb

It was one of those oddly named wars, like the War of the Roses or the Hundred Years War. Obviously tired from naming the French and Indian war, the Revolutionary War, and the Civil War (How can a war be civil?), the Committee for Naming Wars could only come up with the War of 1812.

From the beginning it was an unusual war. The Americans suffered defeat after defeat. It was such a strange war that the most glorious battle for the United States happened at New Orleans, in January 1815, one month after the war had ended.

By September 11, 1814, the outlook for America was bleak. The British had invaded Washington, D.C., burning the Capitol and the White House. The commanding British general set his sights on Baltimore. He knew he could handle the Orioles and the Ravens, but he was unprepared for the eagle. He bombarded Fort McHenry on Sep-

tember 13 and 14. By dawn on September 15, a Baltimore lawyer who was being detained on a British warship out in the harbor noticed that in spite of the bombing, the American flag was still waving. This young lawyer, Francis Scott Key, was moved to write a poem that eventually became our national anthem.

On September 11, 2001, several hours after dawn's early light, another group bombed America. Planes exploded, buildings collapsed, people screamed, hearts sank, terrorists cheered, and God cried. Within hours a flag was flying at each location. Even before the flag went up, it was waving in the hearts of the firefighters, police officers, and other rescue workers who risked their lives to save others. It was waving in the heart of the president as he joined with religious leaders in prayer for unity, hope, faith, and encouragement. One week later, on top of the rubble, the flag still stood.

History repeats itself. The American flag flew at Fort McHenry. It flies at the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial in Pearl Har-

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THE TAR PITS OF SIDDIM

EARLY IN THE BIBLE THE MENTION OF SLIME AS A MATERIAL FOR CEMENTING BRICKS IS NOTED IN THE STORY OF THE TOWER OF BABEL. (GEN. 11:3) THIS MATERIAL IS WHAT WE CALL TODAY BITUMEN OR ASPHALT WHICH SINKS IN WATER, IS EASILY MELTED AND IS VERY INFAMMABLE. IT HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS PETROLEUM HARDENED BY EVAPORATION AND OXYDATION, AND IT MAY VARY FROM A SOLID TO A SEMI-LIQUID CONDITION. THERE ARE MANY PLACES WHERE BITUMEN, OR ASPHALT, EXISTS AT OR NEAR THE DEAD SEA. IN FACT, THE GREEKS AND ROMANS CALLED THE DEAD SEA LAKE ASPHALTITES, BUT OF ALL THE ACCOUNTS OF THIS TAR, OR ASPHALT, THE MOST OUTSTANDING SEEMS TO BE THE STORY OF THE BATTLE OF THE KINGS OF SODOM, AND GOMORRAH IN WHICH THE KING LOST AN IMPORTANT BATTLE, THEIR ARMIES AND THEIR VERY LIVES! THE KINGS HAD DECIDED TO RETREAT WITH THEIR TROOPS INTO THE VALE OF SIDDIM, WHICH HAD MANY PITS OF TAR, OR SLIME, AND THERE WERE SO ENTRAPPED BY THIS STICKY SUBSTANCE THAT THEY LOST THEIR MOST IMPORTANT BATTLE, THEIR THRONES AND THEIR LIVES!

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FRIONA CENTENNIAL MOMENTS

(This is one of a series of weekly articles pertaining to Friona's 100th anniversary, which will be observed throughout 2006)

Celebrating...Colonial Style

By Darla Bracken

A couple of years ago, one of Friona's long-time citizens mentioned a practice of celebrating special occasions to me. He must have witnessed it sometime in his childhood, because it evidently had made quite an impression on him. It was on his mind perhaps because of our upcoming Centennial. In fact, it is a tradition that goes back to colonial times and before. In Tennessee, they used this method to celebrate David Crockett's election to Congress. Early on towns or

settlements without a bell would also use this method to warn or announce things to the people living in the area. Blacksmiths practiced the art of 'shooting anvils', their early version of fireworks to celebrate special occasions especially Independence Day and Christmas.

The object of the activity first of all was fanfare; to produce a lot of fire and smoke, and a huge bang that could be heard up to 15 miles away. The heavy anvils weighing 100 or more pounds each would be

shot into the air sometimes as high as 125 feet! Trouble was that you didn't know how far or how high they would go and more importantly *where they would land*. This inherently dangerous "sport" has long since gone by the wayside, perhaps because spectacular fireworks displays, now packed and fired by experts, have taken the place of this early tradition. Although today's fireworks displays can be controlled, set to music, and orchestrated beyond belief; pyrotechnics is still very dangerous work.

Many blacksmiths were reluctant to use their anvils in such a manner due to its huge importance in their making a living—their livelihood depended upon the tools of their trade. Especially in colonial times, anvils would have been hard to come by. When you think of all the things the blacksmithing trade was responsible for—manufacturing plows, shoeing animals, making tools; a blacksmith shop would have been a necessity even in the smallest of towns. From the early description of Friona in 1906, it consisted of a land office "bungalow", a few houses, and a blacksmith shop. Blacksmiths certainly played an important role in the settlement and suc-

cess of any area. As the land became more and more populated, settlers found new things with which to fill their precious leisure time. It was no small chore to get your dwelling built, to care for your family and livestock, and to get your livelihood started whether it was farming, ranch-

ing, homemaking, storekeeping or whatever. When we think of the many hardships these people went through to settle the plains; we cannot help but admire their strength, perseverance and courage. They made it their home and people continue to live here to this day because of their sense of val-

ues, their appreciation for the land and their persistence.

Thanks to those of you for your kind words via email and to the many of you who have expressed interest and appreciation to me in person. I am glad you are enjoying our history. DB



library courtesy photo

The Friona Public Library, in connection with Friona's 100th anniversary, will be featuring Founding Families displays. The current display is from the Otis Edward Massey family, loaned to the library by Bessie Holt.

The London Anvil (Peter Wright, 100 lbs.)

Information Source: Alex W. Bealer. *The Art of Blacksmithing*

**Notice to Parents,
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Registration and training will begin at 8:30 a.m. A fee of \$20 will be required by each participant. For additional information contact the Parmer County Extension office at 806-481-3619



Erika Grado

Meet the Class of 2018

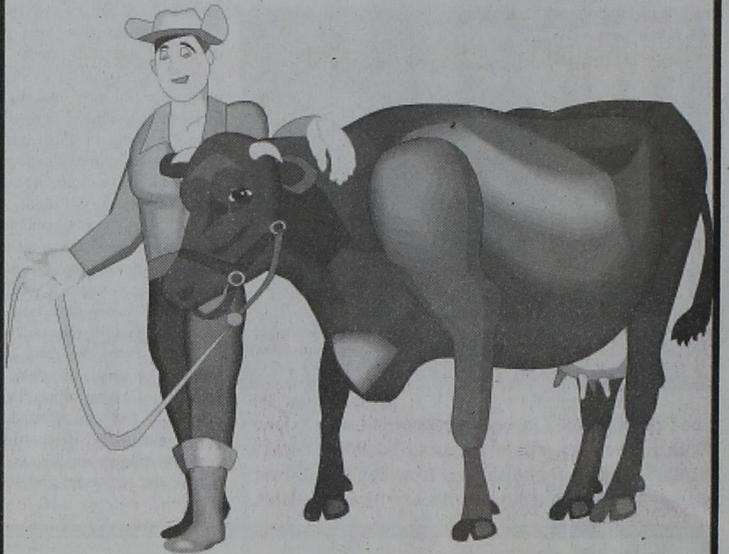
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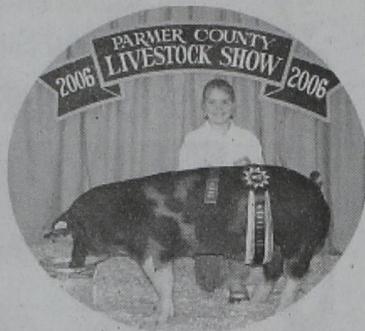
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