



The Friona Star is now accepting letters to Santa Claus.

Calvary Will Present Cantata On Dec. 19

On Wednesday, December 15, at 7 p.m. the members of Grace Baptist Fellowship and Calvary Baptist Church will meet at the high school cafeteria for a Thanksgiving/Christmas dinner.

Rumors abound that Santa Claus may be present at the meal. Friends and neighbors and curious citizens are invited to share in this holiday celebration with these churches. There will be a big meal and a large attendance is expected.

On Sunday morning, December 19, in the 11 a.m. service, Calvary Baptist Church will present its Christmas Cantata for the public. The Cantata has both actors and choir. Wayne Profitt, music director for Calvary Baptist Church, will be leading the Cantata. Calvary Baptist Church is very proud of the new metal roof on its old auditorium. This is a major step in renovating the old auditorium into a new kitchen and fellowship hall for the church.

Volunteers are working one or two days a week on the renovation project. Volunteers from the Llanos Altos Baptist Association will be

coming to help with the remodeling project the week of January 10-15.

The project is expected to be finished by mid summer of 2000 for the Church's 40th anniversary celebration.

Repair work is also being done on the foyer roof of the new auditorium by Leon Richards of Hereford. This will be finished as soon as the weather permits.



School Exes Host Hanes

The Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel Association met November 16 at the Headquarters Restaurant.

Pharmacist Mike Hanes presented an interesting program on medicines of the past and present. There were twenty-two members and one guest present.

The group's next meeting will be January 4, 2000 with Friona Police Chief, Randy Gerries presenting the program.



SNOWMAN ENGINEERS...Last weekend's heavy snow was enough to create this giant snowman. The builders are, l-r, Jason Berend, Aaron Hand and Brittany Berend.

ron carr photo

Parmer County Youth Escapes A&M Tragedy

It was a tragic day for Texas A&M after the bonfire stack collapsed, killing 12 students recently.

Among the many involved was Lazbuddie High School graduate and junior at Texas A&M, Heath Brown.

Heath was one of the many students taking part in stacking the wood for the bonfire when it suddenly collapsed, leaving mayhem in its wake.

Luckily, he sustained only minor physical injuries but the horror of that night will always remain engraved in his memory.

His parents, Scott and Claire Brown, were informed of the incident by Heath early that morning and the dad commented that they are very fortunate.

"The community has been very supportive, and we've received lots of phone calls," he said.

Weekend Of Rain, Snow, Ice Paralyze Parmer County



The rain started last Friday night, turned to icy snow by 8 a.m. Saturday and fell fast enough to close Highway 60 from Hereford to Texico by noon.

The Hereford-Vega area claimed up to 10 inches of snow accumulation. All roads into Castro County were quickly closed.

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

Parmer County Sheriff Walt Yerger closed Highway 60 just before noon Saturday because of the icy conditions and extreme white out conditions due to the wind. The portion of the highway from Parmerton Hill west to Bovina was especially hazardous.

The Friona and Bovina volunteer firemen were called out to assist with the highway closing which lasted until about 6 p.m. Saturday.

Working as fast as they could, Texas Highway Department workers had their snow plow trucks busy during the height of the

storm. They managed to clear a lane of Highway 60 to reopen the road, but the TX/DOT trucks were still at work as late as Monday.

Power outages affected area residents and businesses. Power provided by Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative was out anywhere from 6 hours to 30 hours. Some customers had power out until Tuesday.

A DSEC press release stated that the combination of heavy ice/snow and gusts

of wind to 40 miles-per-hour caused the power lines to bounce together and burn out. Ten of twenty-one DSEC substations were out of service at one time.

A major problem for DSEC workers was getting the crews down roads obstructed with 5 to 6 foot snowdrifts. One DSEC bucket truck rolled over into a ditch as the crew was restoring power to a farm house. The truck sustained damage but no one was injured.

The DSEC spokesman said that many customers assisted DSEC trucks through snowdrifts with their tractors.

Feedyard managers at Friona Feedyard, Paco and Caprock said their power was out for 6-7 hours and they encountered a minimum of problems with cattle.

Scott Nelson, manager at Caprock, said that they were a few hours late feeding their cattle and for a period of time they could not pump water to them.

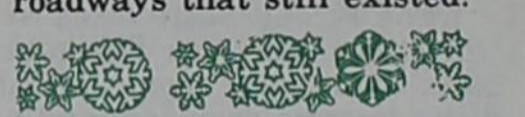
Nelson also said Caprock employees rounded up about 80 head of cattle for a neighbor and penned them until the owner picked them up Monday.

Many area ranchers reported similar problems with cattle drifting through

broken fences. Law enforcement officials were kept busy with reports of cattle on the roads throughout the county.

Robert Zetzsche, who runs a daily mail truck between Amarillo, Friona and Bovina, was able to get from Amarillo to Parmer County on Saturday morning but could not make the return run Saturday afternoon. He managed to drive the mail back to Amarillo on Monday.

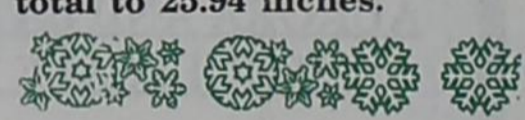
A one-vehicle rollover on Highway 60 near Summerfield on Monday morning was attributed to the slick roadways that still existed.



Area Gets 13" Of Snowfall

Friona received an estimated 13 inches of snow during the past week, in two sizeable snows. Last Saturday's snow measured six inches. Having begun as rain late Friday, the overall moisture here was .96 inches.

Then on Thursday, a second storm left another six inches, and a moisture content of .82. The week's moisture brings the year's total to 25.94 inches.



News Delayed

Due to the bad weather of Thursday, some of the news we had intended to use was not included in this issue. This includes the story of Louisa Wilson's honor as a "Woman of Distinction" by the (Texas Tech) University Medical Center.

As of December 10, 1999

60,339

bales of cotton had been ginned in Parmer County.

Friona Star and Bovina Blade Survey

ONE OF THE BY-PRODUCTS of the 20th century has been that every man, woman and child, every small business or large corporation, every doctor, lawyer, farmer, and Indian chief, has been assigned sets of numbers.

As usual, the government got the ball rolling in 1935 with the establishment of the Social Security Administration, which began its task of assigning Social Security numbers to all of the nation's wage-earners.

Workers were the only ones with such numbers for the first 60 or 70 years, until someone got the bright idea to have young children apply for their numbers. Today, a child cannot be enrolled in school, beginning with kindergarten, without their Social Security number.

When driver's licenses came along, those passing the driver's test were issued a license with their own number, which is theirs for their lifetime, or as long as they drive, whichever comes first.

When you make a telephone call, you use seven numbers for a local call, or eleven for long distance. For years, I served as "information" at the office for phone numbers locally. I have called--especially businesses--so many times that I memorized the numbers. (What they didn't know was I'd rather learn them than search for a 'phone book, or, God forbid, call information. Laziness is the mother of all sorts of things).

If you do credit business with a firm, you are given an account number. Our newspapers have accounts both locally and regionally for supplies of various natures, and all of these come with account numbers.

We have an account with Bi-Wize Drug. I like this one, because it's only three digits long. We also have one with Lowe's Supermarket. It is a four-digit number, and I can remember it part of the time. Both Bi-Wize and Lowe's realize that the population of Friona/Bovina isn't more than 9,999--so three or four digits are plenty.

I maintain three or four credit cards, one VISA, a couple of oil companies, and a couple of supply companies such as Office Depot or Office Max. The account numbers for the credit cards vary from 12 to 16 numbers.

If the Social Security system has operated since 1935 using only nine-digit numbers, why do some companies need 16?

Ye Editor, like most of you, received his new statement from Energas this week. Not to be outdone by VISA and MasterCard, Energas has won the title of "most ridiculous account numbering system."

A printed insert with this month's statement said "We recently assigned you a new 19-digit account number to facilitate bill payment." 19 DIGITS! The statement also says "In order to speed payment processing, please write your account number on your check or money order." The new numbers have one group of nine digits and another of seven.

With my failing eyesight (no sight at all in one eye), Ye Ed feels he can speak for all of us "seniors" when he says to Energas: "Balderdash."

Tell you what I'll do, Energas: I'll start writing the account number on my check when you "get real!" and give us some sensible numbers. Until then, you can surely tell that the check I mail you each month is for the accompanying statement stub. If you don't get it correctly posted, I have made note of your "Have any questions?" phone number, and I'll be sure to call you.

If the government, which usually has the most assinine requirements of any kind, can get by on nine digits for 65 years, the gas company can surely do it.

My math-major son informs me that 19 digits equals "quintillion" or a billion billion. They don't have that many customers, obviously. I challenge my readers to join me in saying "get real!" to the gas company.

I bet they'll still cash the checks without the 19-digit account number, and we'll still get proper credit. Let the guy who so smartly devised this numbering system write them on the checks, if it's so badly needed!

Star Lites By Bill Ellis



Week Remaining In Local Shopping Promo

The Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture's Retail Committee reminds Friona residents that only a week remains to take part in their "Ho! Ho! Home for the Holidays" Christmas shopping promotion.

The drawings will take place on Friday, December 17.

The promotion, designed to promote local business and encourage shopping at home, and works like this:

The program began Monday. Each participating merchant has been provided with tickets and gift boxes for collection.

Each customer will be given one ticket per purchase to fill out with their name, address and merchant's name. The tickets will be collected from the merchants on Friday, December 17.

On December 17 there will be a drawing from the box of each merchant. Each winner will receive \$25 in Friona Bucks, to be spent with that particular merchant.

All of the entries will then

FISD Bands To Hold Christmas Concert Dec. 17

Students representing the entire Friona ISD band program will be presenting a Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 16, at 7 p.m. in the junior high auditorium.

As well as presenting a variety of music associated with the holiday season the bands will also perform some music of the traditional concert band repertoire. Recently selected All Region Band students will also be introduced on the program.

The concert is free to the public and everyone is encouraged to come out and support the students participating in the Friona ISD Band Program.



A RECEPTION HONORING Frank Spring was held Tuesday, December 7. He was honored by the Masonic Lodge for 65 years service in the Masons. Shown l-r, are Larry Knowles, John Mars, Frank Spring and Mason Worshipful Master Billy B. Sides.

Mildred May, 89 Buried Sunday

Funeral services for Mildred May, 89, were held Sunday, December 5, at Sixth Street Church of Christ with Leon Talley and D.L. Harguess officiating.

Burial was in Friona Cemetery by Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

She died December 2, 1999 at her residence in Friona.

Mrs. May was born in Frederick, Oklahoma, and moved to Friona in 1948 from Rush Springs, Oklahoma.

In 1989, she retired after 23 years as secretary of Sixth Street Church of Christ, where she also was a member. Mrs. May was a homemaker.

She was a writer of poetry and known for her poetry memorializing various members of the community. She published a book of poetry in 1988.

She married Hardy May in 1928 at Frederick. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1978 and by an infant son, Hardy Max May, in 1929.

Survivors include a son, Arlen May of Duncan, Oklahoma; a daughter, Nelda Talley of Friona; a sister, Ann Graham of Rush Springs,



MILDRED MAY

Oklahoma; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were Clay Bandy, Terry Wilcox, Bob Welch, Mike Hutson, Thomas Reed and Sam Mears.

Honorary pallbearers were Eugene Bandy, David Grimsley, Louis Welch, James Procter, Rene Snead, Rex Blackburn, Tom Jarboe, Tom Mason and Ted Procter.

The family suggests memorials be to Sixth Street Church of Christ, 502 E. Sixth, Friona, TX 79035.

FRIONA FLASHBACKS

...from the files of The Friona Star

70 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 13, 1929

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

65 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 21, 1934

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

60 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 15, 1939

Emergency crop and feed loans for 1940 are now available to farmers in Parmer County, and applications for these loans are



BRICIA GAMBOA B. Gamboa Is In Marketing Ed. Program

By BRICIA GAMBOA
I am the seventeen year old daughter of Juan and Maria Gamboa and a senior. This is my first year to be in the Marketing Program. I am working at Snead Realty.

There at my job, I am learning how to be responsible and preparing for the future. At my job, I answer phone calls and take messages, file and do work on the computer.

I would like to give a special thanks to Gary for giving me an opportunity to work with him. I would also like to thank Veronica Vega for taking the time to train me and for giving me the opportunity to work when she couldn't be there. I would also like to thank Mr. Field for giving me an opportunity to be in his program and in his class.

now being received at Farwell by Carl Hill, Field Supervisor of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Section of the Farm Credit Administration.

55 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 15, 1944

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

45 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 9, 1954

A new feed, seed and fertilizer firm is to be built in Friona soon, according to an announcement this week by E. H. and Doyle Cummings who are planning the operation. The plant will be located across the corner southeast of Houlett's Laundry, the Cummings men announce. They are selling their farm equipment this week, leasing the farm and plan to start immediately on the Friona enterprise.

40 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 10, 1959

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon for David Randall Price, 13, known to his friends as Randy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Price of the Black Community.

35 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 10, 1964

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

30 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 11, 1969

Building permits issued by the City of Friona rang up

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

25 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 8, 1974

Roy Smith, a junior at Friona High School, was the grand prize winner in the Friona Star's annual football contest. Mary Priest was the grand prize runnerup winner. Joy Morton and Charlie Clark tied for third place in the final standings of the contest, and were awarded duplicate prizes after their tie-breaker scores matched.

20 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 9, 1979

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

Drilling on the wildcat oil well on J. G. McFarland's land northwest of Friona had reached 7200 feet this week. A spokesman for McFarland said that it was planned to go to at least 9200 feet on the well, and that the last 2,000 feet would be the critical stages as far as discovering oil was concerned. It is the first wildcat oil exploration project in the area in quite some time.

15 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 9, 1984

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

Tommy Moss was the grand prize winner in the Friona Star's 1984 football contest.

10 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 9, 1989

Koby Rogers, a student at

Friona High School, was the grand prize winner in the Friona Star's football contest.

It was announced this week that a group of local agri-businessmen has purchased Paco Feed Yard of Friona.

5 Yrs. Ago--Dec. 10, 1994

Thirty-two students of the Friona Junior High Band traveled to Panhandle High School to try out for the All-Region Band. Of those thirty-two, twenty were honored by being selected to the 1994 All-Region Band.

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

Wendell Gresham, an independent insurance agent from Friona, was selected to serve on the Small and Rural Agencies Committee of the Texas Association of Insurance Agents.



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Around Town

Class of '90 plans reunion

The Friona class of 1990 is requesting phone numbers and addresses of all their classmates. Plans are underway for a class reunion in 2000. Please help out by contacting Nicole Potts Talley, 6127 8th Dr., Lubbock, 79416. E-mail Nicole at Frionareunion90@yahoo.com.

Annual cookie walk Dec 11

From 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, Dec 11, the ladies of the Congregational Church will hold their annual cookie walk. The cost is \$10 to fill a box with the many varieties of cookies available. The Congregational Church is located at 1601 N. Euclid. Come early and enjoy!

South Plains offering internet classes

South Plains College will offer 19 classes via the Internet this spring, from Agriculture Finance to World Literature II. Enrollment for Internet classes is scheduled during SPC's spring registration Jan 13 on the Levelland campus and Jan 12-13 on the Lubbock campus. To find out more contact SPC Levelland, 806-894-9611, ext 2374 or 2375.

FSB Gang Christmas party

The Friona State Bank seniors club will hold their annual Christmas party on December 14 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the bank community room. Members are asked to bring a covered dish (desserts provided) and a \$5-10 gift each.

Friona EMS says thanks

The Friona EMS thanks all those who donated and bought tickets for the hunting raffle. The money raised will be used for EMS projects and equipment. Raffle winners were: Clyde Fields and Fred Ferguson each won a pheasant hunting trip for two and the Remington 870 shotgun was won by Kenneth Hager of Hereford.

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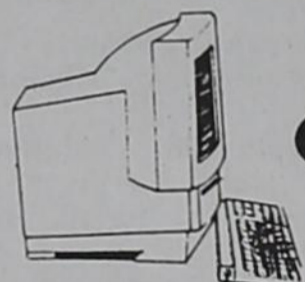
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Mr. and Mrs. Shiloh Brown

Marcia Blackwell, Shiloh Brown Exchanged Vows In Bovina

Marcia Dion Blackwell and Shiloh Dale Brown, both Amarillo residents, exchanged wedding vows Saturday, December 4 in Bovina.

The bride is the daughter of John and Jo Blackwell of

Showmanship, Jackpot Show Set In Friona

A showmanship workshop for Parmer and Bailey County 4-H and FFA exhibitors has been scheduled for December 11 at the Friona Community Center.

The schedule is as follows: 9 a.m., sheep; 10:30 a.m., goats; 12 noon, swine.

A jackpot will follow each specie. The entry fee is \$1.00 per animal.

4-H and FFA members are encouraged to bring your sheep and goat and swine projects.

For more information, contact the Parmer County Extension Office at (806)481-3619.

Bovina. Parents of the bridegroom are Linda and Wilford Brown of Amarillo.

Rev. Gary Morgan of Bovina First Baptist Church conducted the wedding ceremony in the home of the bride's parents in Bovina. Christmas decorations were used throughout the home.

Musical selections included "Sunrise-Sunset," "Butterfly Kisses" and "Valentine."

John R. Blackwell, father of the bride, presented the bride in marriage.

A reception followed the ceremony. Following a wedding trip to Red River, New Mexico, the couple will be making their home in Amarillo.

The bride is a graduate of Friona High School, attended Amarillo College and is employed at Georgia Manor Nursing Home in Amarillo.

A graduate of Palo Duro High School, Amarillo, the bridegroom graduated from Amarillo College where he completed a helicopter mechanic course and is currently employed as a mechanic at Fuel & Fire.

Chances are when Paulette Garner gave her 5-year-old niece, Shawnlee Perry, a little stuffed yellow duck for Easter in 1992, she never thought of seeing it again in court seven years later.

Clint and Becky Perry and their children lived in Earth, Texas, a speck of a town in Lamb county near Littlefield. Kidnapping and murder does not occur in small towns like Earth. That is unless people like Eddie Rowton are around.

Rowton was a farmhand that lived across the street from the Perrys. They said he had been there about three weeks.

On May 7, 1992, Becky Perry returned home from shopping with her kids. When the car door opened they scattered like kids will do, looking for their friends to play with.

Shawnlee Perry went around the back of her house calling out the names of some friends to come out and play. It was the last time her mother would ever see her alive.

When she was discovered missing, law enforcement officials and volunteers, including her Aunt Paulette, searched the area for several days. No luck. Shawnlee had disappeared and so had the little yellow stuffed duck.

Eddie Rowton was an initial suspect in her disappearance. So were two other men, Casimero Salazar and Daniel Garcia.

Rowton and Salazar left town. They went to New Mexico where, being the upright citizens they are, they beat and raped a New Mexico woman five days later.

Both were arrested and sentenced to 35 years for that crime. Prior to the rape charge, the two allegedly bragged and began clapping their hands in a New Mexico bar after telling the woman

about beating Shawnlee to death.

Back in Earth, Texas, Daniel Garcia had a secret too. He claimed to be best friends with Clint Perry, Shawnlee's daddy. Garcia was even a pall bearer at Shawnlee's funeral when her little battered body was found in a field a few miles from town three months later.

At that point, if trial testimony is accurate, at least four adults knew that Eddie Rowton had murdered a 5-year-old, but they chose to not tell.

Garcia says he was in the back seat with Salazar and Shawnlee and her little yellow duck with Eddie Rowton driving when the three men went out in the country. Garcia says Rowton carried the little girl out into the field and beat her to death.

He says that afterwards, Rowton and Salazar raped him on the fender of the Ford Pinto before returning to town.

Garcia, who was under investigation for molestation at the time, kept his mouth shut.

In the meantime, Shawnlee's family endured the staggering loss of their 5-year-old and suffered the frustration of not knowing who killed her for the next five years or so.

Over in Bailey County, Sheriff Benny Clifton had searched Rowton's car during the investigation of the New Mexico rape case. The physical evidence he took out of the car included a little stuffed yellow duck in the back seat. He did not tie it to the disappearance of a little girl in the next county.

The little yellow duck sat in the evidence box for almost 7 years. Sheriff Clifton died and new Sheriff Coy Plott

discovered the evidence in the files of the former Sheriff.

From 1992 until late 1997, Rowton, Salazar, Garcia and the New Mexico woman never told authorities or the family that they knew who killed their baby.

Finally someone talked. Authorities charged Rowton with the crime while he was in jail. The trial has been in progress for several weeks down in Odessa. Now everybody is singing and spilling their guts to save their own rotten hides.

Problem is that because they are all slimeballs, their court testimony is suspect. In other words it is normal to assume that all slimeballs are liars too. I don't think so.

With the little yellow stuffed duck now tied to Rowton's car, Aunt Paulette testified that it was the same little yellow stuffed duck she had given her niece Shawnlee seven years ago.

Those here in Parmer County may remember Aunt Paulette. Her name is Paulette Garner. She and her family lived in Friona for about three years.

Her son Billy Garner, graduated from Friona High School in 1997 and was killed in a tragic one-vehicle rollover accident here in Parmer County in 1998.

Aunt Paulette can begin to relax and live again now, I guess. This week, an Odessa jury found Eddie Rowton guilty and at press time were deciding between life in prison or death for him.

I hope they choose death. I hope they remember the little yellow duck and that Shawnlee would be celebrating a 12-year-old Christmas right now if Eddie Rowton had not beaten her to death without cause.

And I hope they consider that Aunt Paulette could be shopping for another present for Shawnlee Perry instead of crying when she sees the little stuffed yellow duck.

It is the season to rejoice and forgive and to give to others. I hope the family of Shawnlee Perry can again appreciate the spirit of the season in Earth, Texas.

Where else would the death penalty be such a nice Christmas present?



Out Here

By Ron Carr

"A Yellow Duck From Aunt Paulette!"

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Natural 4" brim reg. \$185 Joe's \$99

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Happy Holidays

FRIONA/BOVINA DEVOTIONAL PAGE

484 *Facts About The* **BIBLE** BY JOHN LEHTI

This is a dramatized version of facts taken from the Book of Exodus intending to show some of the customs of these ancient and traditional times.

MOSES AND PLAGUES OF EGYPT
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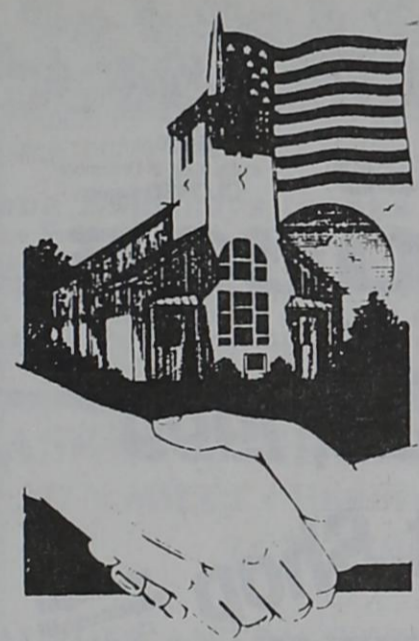
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Squaws Lose Close Battle To Farwell

Friona High School's Squaws lost a tough non-district game to Farwell's Lady Steers here Tuesday. The game was close throughout, and Farwell prevailed in the final quarter to win, 51-49.

In the Friona Invitational Tournament last weekend, the team dropped a 39-26 game to Sudan, and then pounded San Jacinto, 77-15. The Squaws were scheduled to play on Saturday, but the bad snowstorm caused the final day for the tournament to be cancelled.

As a result of their last three games, the team has a 5-3 season record.

The team met a strong Sudan team on Thursday. After an even first quarter which ended with the score tied at 6-all, Sudan took a 15-9 halftime lead, as the Squaws could manage only three free throws.

VLaura Wilcox connected on a pair of three-point baskets in the third quarter, and Jamille Hand added five points, as Friona was still close, 30-21 after three. But the Squaws' scoring tailed off again in the fourth quarter, and Sudan prevailed, 39-26.

Miss Hand scored nine and Miss Wilcox came up with eight points.

The team went from a hard game to an easy one on Friday, when they coasted past San Jacinto.

Virtually every player got in on the scoring as Friona opened with a 22-4 lead. Kayla Smiley had three baskets in both the first and second quarters, and the defense held the visitors to just a two-pointer in the second quarter, as the Squaws led 38-6 at the half.

Miss Smiley scored 14 points in the second half, to go with the 13 she had scored in the first half, for a game high of 27 points. Jamille

Hand added 16 and Crystal Dow had 12.

The closeness of Tuesday's game can be seen in the quarter scores: 15-15, 24-30, 38-36, and 49-51.

Crystal Morton and Kayla Smiley each scored four points to pace the first-quarter scoring, as the teams were tied at 15.

Miss Smiley came back with four, as did Miss Morton, but the Squaws were outscored by the visitors, 15-9, as Farwell led, 30-24 at halftime.

Miss Smiley had a six-point third quarter, and Crystal Dow did likewise, as the Squaws outpointed Farwell 14-6 to regain a tie. But Farwell prevailed, 15-11

in the final quarter, handing the Squaws their third defeat of the season.

Miss Smiley scored 17 and Miss Morton 14.

Sudan 39, SQUAWS 26

Audra King 0-0-0; Crystal Morton 0-1-1; VLaura Wilcox 1-2*-0-8; Valerie Bandy 0-0-0; Kayla Smiley 2-1-5; Jamille Hand 3-3-9; Crystal Dow 1-1-3.

SQUAWS 77, S.J. 15

King 3-0-6; Morton 2-1-5; Wilcox 2-0-4; Bandy 1-0-2; Smiley 13-1-27; Hand 6-4-16; Dow 6-0-12; Kristie Jack 2-1-5.

Farwell 51, SQUAWS 49

King 2-0-4; Morton 4-1*-3-14; Wilcox 0-1-1; Smiley 6-5-17; Hand 2-1-5; Dow 4-0-8. *Three-point baskets.



VARSITY ACTION...Members of the Squaw' varsity are shown in action against San Jacinto of Amarillo. Friona's "Two Crystals," Morton (22) and Dow (35) are on defense. The Squaws coasted to a 77-22 win in local tournament action. (ron carr photo)



FAST BREAK...Nathan King (with ball) is about to head downcourt, as teammate Joseph Bandy (33) at right is also ready to break. The Chiefs take a 3-2 record into the Farwell Tournament. (ron carr)

Chieftains Win Pair; Stand 3-2 For Year

The Chieftain varsity team won two of their three games during the past week, and went into the Farwell tournament with a 3-2 season record.

Both of Friona's wins were in their own invitational tournament on Thursday and Friday. The Chiefs scored a 75-50 win over neighboring Bovina on Thursday, and took a 52-49 win over Happy on Friday.

The blizzard-like snow on Saturday cancelled the final day's action, which would have had the Chiefs playing Canyon for the championship.

On Tuesday, the Chiefs hosted Farwell, and the Steers made off with a 53-44 win.

Friona jumped out with a 23-point first quarter against Bovina, sparked by seven points from Nathan King, and five each by Matthew Mata and Joseph Bandy. All three had a three-point basket.

Bandy continued his hot hand in the second quarter with seven more points and Tyson Neill warmed up with six, including two of two at the free-throw line.

Landon Martin paced the third-quarter scoring with four baskets, and Bandy repeated his seven-point period.

Bandy scored 19 points for game honors; Neill had 17, King 13, Martin 12 and Mata 10.

In the second round, Friona hooked up with the Happy Cowboys, and had a battle on their hands.

Nathan King popped a pair of three-points to get things going, helping the Chieftains to a 15-12 first quarter lead.

Scoring slacked off in the second quarter, and Friona went to halftime with a 23-19 lead.

King scored a pair of baskets in the third, including another three-pointer, and it was needed, as Happy tied the score at 35-all.

Friona had a good fourth quarter. King and Bandy each had three-point baskets, Bandy having six in all, as the Chieftains held on for their third win, 52-49.

King took scoring honors with 19 points.

In Tuesday's game, Farwell held the upper hand throughout the game, leading 16-9, 28-13 and 41-23, before the Chieftains finally got their offense untracked.

The Chieftains scored 21 points in the fourth, outscoring the Steers 21-12, but it was too late for them to catch up. Tyson Neill led the scoring with 12 points.

CHIEFS 75, Bovina 50
Nathan King 3-2*-1-13; Matthew Mata 2-2*-0-10; Tyson Neill 6-5-17; Joseph Bandy 5-3*-0-19; Landon Martin 6-0-12; Zack Barrett 2-0-4.

CHIEFS 52, Happy 49
King 3-4*-1-19; Mata 4-0-8; Neill 3-1-7; Bandy 2-1*-1-8; Martin 2-2-6; Cason White 2-0-4.

Farwell 53, CHIEFS 44
King 1-2*-8; Mata 1-1*-3-8; Neill 3-1-7; Bandy 1-1*-1-5; Martin 2-0-4; Barrett 2-0-4; White 1*-0-3. *3-point baskets.

Squaw JV Wins Pair; Now At 4-4

The Squaws' junior varsity won two of their three games during the past week, evening their season record at 4-4.

Last Thursday at the Muleshoe JV Tournament, the team dropped their opening round game to Springlake-Earth, 38-32. S-E led, 14-12 at the half, and it was 32-31 going into the final quarter.

Mandy Daniel led Friona with 11 points.

On Friday, Friona came back to down Olton, 36-29. Holley Hand paced the team to a 13-8 first-quarter lead.

Friona was ahead, 24-15 at the half and 29-22 after three. Miss Hand's 11 points led the scoring.

At home Tuesday, the team whacked Farwell, 51-35, and kept the visitors from making a clean sweep of the games here.

Mandy Daniel paced Friona to a 9-4 lead after one, and 26-14 at the half. Amy Murphree led the scoring with 19 points, getting ten of her points in the second half.

Miss Daniel scored 18 points.

JV Boys Lose Two; Now 3-2 On Year

The Chieftain junior varsity won one of their three games during the past week, with the 51-47 loss to Springlake-Earth at the Muleshoe tournament being the team's first loss. After five games, the team has a 3-2 record.

The loss to S-E came in spite of a 22-point effort from Adam Bandy. Nathan Haile added 12. The score was tied, 22-all at the half, and S-E had a 39-38 lead after three.

The JV Chiefs bounced back the following day to beat Olton, 60-30. They broke open a 26-19 halftime game with a

big second half. Haile scored 14 points, A. J. Carrasco 11 and John Fitzgerald 10.

On Tuesday, the Chiefs played Farwell to the hilt before losing, 59-55. Farwell had a 27-25 halftime lead, and it was 46-44 after three quarters. The teams fought on even terms all evening.

Coldness at the free throw line cost Friona, as the team made only eight of 24 shots.

Haile led Friona with 20 points, and Charlie Saiz had 11.

(See box scores in next column)



JV SQUAWS...Three members of the Squaws' junior varsity are shown (white uniforms) working the ball under their own goal. From the left are Candace Ingram (25), Mandy Daniel and Jacy Grimsley (15). The team was 4-4 for the season going into this weekend. (photo by Ron Carr)

JV CHIEFTAINS' BOX SCORES

S-E 51, JV CHIEFS 47
Field 1*-0-3; Adam Bandy 11-0-22; John Fitzgerald 2-2-6; Saiz 1-2-4; Haile 6-0-12.

JV CHIEFS 60, Olton 30
Lorenzo Villa 1-0-2; Trevor Field 1-0-2; Bandy 4-0-8; Andy Carthel 0-1-1; Cody Grimsley 1-0-2; Fitzgerald 5-0-10; A.J. Carrasco 4-3-11; Saiz 3-2-8; Haile 6-2-14.

Farwell 59, JV CHIEFS 55
Field 3-0-6; Carthel 1-0-2; Grimsley 0-2-2; Fitzgerald 3-0-7; Carrasco 2-0-4; Charlie Saiz 4-3-11; Haile 9-2-20.

Scott Named 2-3A Coach Of The Year

Mike Scott, who has just completed his second season as head coach of the Chieftain football team, has been honored as District 2-3A "Coach of the Year."

Scott guided the Chieftains, picked third in district pre-season, to the championship with a record of 5-0.

The team went on to post its first playoff win since 1996, with an overall record of 10-2. The Chiefs were 9-2 in 1998, making Scott's record after two years 19-4 at Friona, a winning percentage of .833 per cent.

Scott became the first Friona coach since Tommy Moss to post back-to-back winning seasons in their first two years as head coach.

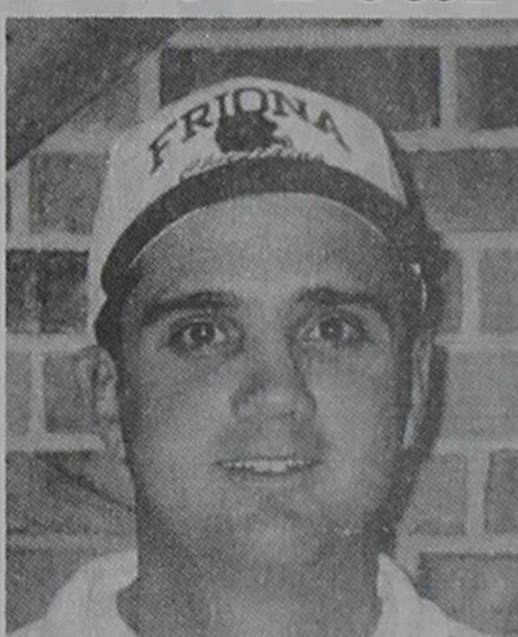
His 19 wins in his first two seasons at Friona tops former FHS coach Don Light's 16 wins he directed in 1963-64.

Scott also became the first Chieftain coach to score ten wins and a playoff win in only their second season.

Coaches Scott and Light took over as Friona head coach in about as opposite situations as you can get. Light came in following a 27-game losing streak at Friona, which was leading the state at the time.

Scott took over after Friona had posted 23 wins in two years and 30 wins in three years.

But who is to say which



MIKE SCOTT

coach had the hardest job?

With the 1999 team having its 10-2 record, Friona High School has now had seven straight winning seasons, last accomplished in 1981-87, under Coach Tommy Moss.

Having coached 19 wins puts Scott in sixth place among Friona coaches, all-time.

Coach	Years	Wins
Tommy Moss	1981-89	47
James Morton	1992-97	42
Bob Owen	1968-74	41
Don Light	1963-67	33
Raymond Cook	1949-54	22
Mike Scott	1998-99	19
Colie Huffman	1956-58	15

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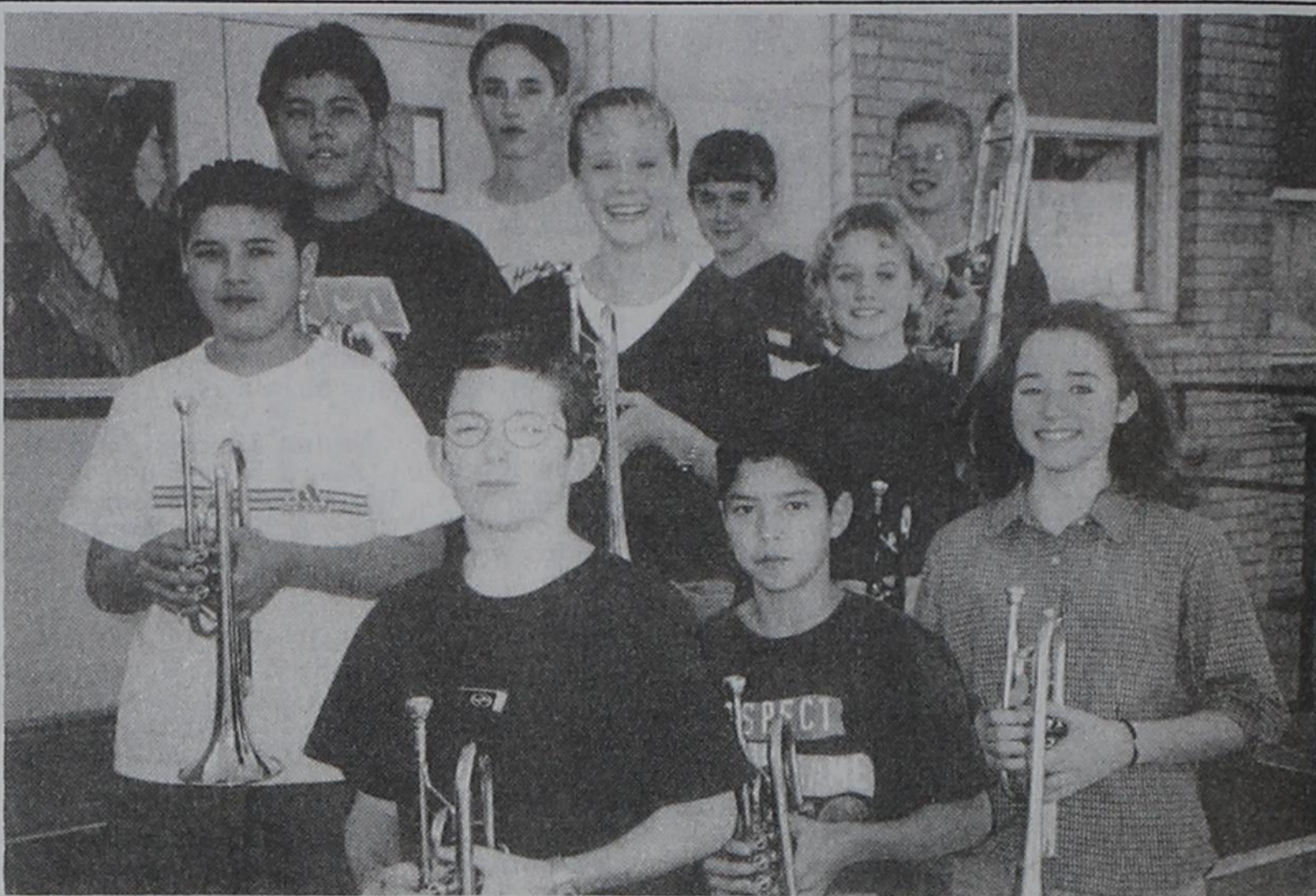
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ALL REGION BAND...Junior high all-region qualifiers, front, l-r, Monica Rando, Ashley Smiley, Brittany Anthony, Lupe Estrada. Middle row, l-r, Bridget Soltero, Jisela Torres, Lory Wyly. Back, l-r, Dustin Thompson, Adam Perkins, Andrew Merrell, Trisha Winebrinner. Not pictured, Becky Aronce.



ALL REGION BAND...Junior high all region band qualifiers, front, l-r, Jacob Miller, David Davila, Amy Geries. Middle, l-r, Isaac Romero, R.J. Barrett, Andrea Geries. Back, l-r, Mark Hernandez, Ty Potts, Chad Hutson, Brock Field. Not pictured, Sara Widner and Hayes Jones.

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A NEW FACE AT THE LIBRARY...Angela Balli is a new employee at the Friona Public Library. She will be at the Library every afternoon from 2 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Screening Clinic Set December 15 In Friona

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Parmer County Hospital, 1307 Cleveland Avenue in Friona on December 15.

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 breast self-exam each month.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman will

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

Basketball Results

Freshman Girls:

Friona 38, Dimmitt 50
B. Clark 4-1-9; M. Martinez 3-0-6; V. Torres 2-0-4; L. Presley 2-0-4; R. Mendez 1-3-5; A. Murphree 2-0-4; L. North 1*-0-3; M. Geries 0-1-1; A. Widner 0-2-2.

Friona 33, Hereford 34

Geries 1-1*-3-8; L. North 1*-1-4; Amy Murphree 10-1-21.

Friona 37, Littlefield 35

V. Torres 4-1-9; R. Mendez 4-0-8; Geries 2-1-5; Clark 2-0-4; Martinez 2-1-5.

Freshman Boys

Friona 35, Littlefield 54
Jared Cunningham 4-7-15; Heath Gammon 2-1*-0-7; Chance Hutson 0-2-2; Michael Johnston 1-1*-0-5; Brian Wiseman 3-0-6.

Temps: Fri., December 3: 61-31; Sat., December 4: 34-17; Sun., December 5: 41-19; Mon., December 6: 48-26; Tues., December 7: 62-26; Wed., December 8: 52-26; Thurs., December 9: 43-26.

Los Ciboleros Urges Citizens Observe "Lower The Flag" Day

December 14, 1999 will be the 200th anniversary of the death of George Washington.

The Los Ciboleros Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution says that Congress passed legislation earlier this year asking citizens to commemorate Washington's death by lowering flags to half staff.

The DAR ladies are urging all governments, businesses, communities,

schools and churches to fly the U. S. flag at half staff and toll all bells for the duration of one minute commencing at 12 o'clock noon, CST, on Tuesday, December 14.

The Los Ciboleros Chapter has held several Bicentennial activities in behalf of George Washington this year in both Hereford and Friona.

They ask that you set aside December 14 as a day to recognize the outstanding contributions of the great leader, George Washington.

Private Water Well Screening Day Set

The Parmer County office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service is sponsoring a water well screening day for area residents on December 14, 1999 at the following locations; Parmer County Extension Office by 5 p.m.

This well screening day is designed to inform private water well owners and users on the condition of their well water of possible contamination from two common contaminants. These contaminants are fecal coliform and nitrate.

The presence of fecal coliforms in water indicates that feces (bodily waste from humans or animals) may have contaminated the water. Water contaminated with feces have microorganisms present that can cause a number of "waterborne" diseases such as cholera, typhoid, and dysentery.

Nitrates in ground water at levels of 10 milligrams per liter (parts per million) is considered unsafe for human consumption. Nitrate levels above 10 mg/L can disrupt the blood's ability to carry oxygen throughout the body.

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Every month a resident of Prairie Acres Nursing Home submits a story about his/her life's history to be submitted in the home's newsletter, "The Prairie Times," and for printing in this issue. This month we feature Dorothy Smith.

By DOROTHY SMITH

I was born December 4, 1923 to Fay L. and Alma Crume Davis in Texico, New Mexico. I have six sisters: Georgie Stone, Roswell, N.M.; Nora Alice Davis, Melrose, N.M.; Gereme Martin, deceased; Betty Branch, Amarillo; Jessie Belle Pate, Lovington, N.M.; and Fern Holt of Portales, N.M. I also have a brother, Bert Davis of Clovis, N.M.

The family grew up and went to school at Pleasant Hill, N.M. Everyone worked the farm and really didn't go very many places when we were young. I really enjoyed riding the family horse, "Bluebell," when I wasn't helping around the farm.

My parents divorced when I was about 16. I stayed in Pleasant Hill and finished school while living with my father and several sisters and brother. Mother then moved to Clovis, N.M. After graduation I went to live in Clovis with my mother and two sisters, Betty and Nora Alice. I worked at the Alexander Drug Store.

My father and my other two sisters, Jesse Belle and Fern, moved to Portales, N.M. In the early 1950s, I moved in with them and

worked for B&J Drug Store, working as a fountain clerk. I enjoyed people! My sisters and I occasionally went dancing at the Midway, which was located between Portales and Clovis. We had lots of fun together.

I met Richard O. (Dubbs) Smith while working at B&J Drug Store. He would visit me quite often. We became good friends. We then married in April of 1954. I was 30 years old and Dubbs was 42. We moved to Hobbs, N.M. and Dubbs worked for a moving company.

Our son, Ricky, was born in Hobbs, N.M.

Later we moved back to Portales and Dubbs worked for the New Mexico Highway Department until he retired in 1974. I belonged to the East Valley View Crafting Club that met once a month during the day while Ricky attended grade school. I really wasn't handy with a needle and thread but they always managed to find something for me to do or help with. I loved being around this group of ladies and enjoyed visiting with them.

Ricky helped us quite a bit as he got older. He found us a house in Clovis and we moved there.

Dubbs passed away in 1984 at the age of 72. I continued to live with Ricky until 1994 when my health forced me to move into Prairie Acres Nursing Home. Since moving here, I have met lots of nice people.



DOROTHY SMITH

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Week of December 12-18

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December 13--Leroy Cox.

December 14--B.K. Buske, Joe Tongate, James Procter, Shana Taylor, Trey Crozier.

December 15--Don Reeve, Crispin Buchanan, Deena Willard, Connie Willard, Deven Black, Sylvia Ingram, Lana Allemand, Juan Perez, Luke London, Haden Smiley, Ashton Tusillo, Deven Black.

December 16--Michael Stanberry, Tom Johnson, Megan Carr, Gerald Floyd, Lisa Guerra, Travis Stewart.

Mike Meyer.

December 17--Joe Tagle, Jim Schlenker, Gloria Drake, Elthie Hand, Robert Garza, Lance Goen, Jason Hankins, Esther Alexander.

December 18--Debbie Stevens, Wade Procter, Carla Beth Bauer, Brittany Anthony, Michael Craig Scott, Hal Ratcliff, Pam Rector, Morgan Leal, Trey Widner.

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, call the Friona Star office at 250-2211 and report it.

Hospital Report

(Following is a list of local residents who had been admitted to hospitals during the past week, as we have been made aware of their situations. If you have a loved one you would like to have listed, please call the Friona Star office, 250-2211, by Wednesday noon in order to list their names.)

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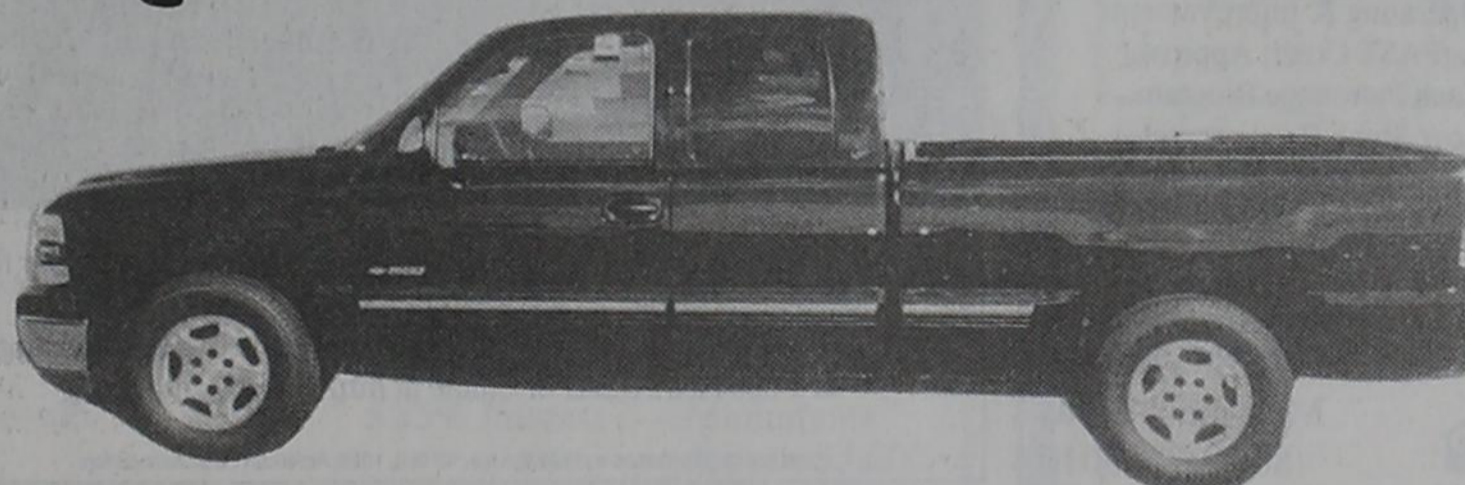
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Public Meeting
 Thursday, December 16, 1999
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Mrs. Lewis Celebrates 90th B'Day

Eula Dell "Tom" Lewis was honored at her 90th birthday party on November 27, 1999 at the Gold Key Inn in Greenville, Texas.

Mrs. Lewis is a former resident of Friona. Her maiden name is Eula Dell Jones (Williams).

The birthday celebration was organized by her son Don Edwin Lewis, his wife Abbey, their daughter Amy and son Tyler.

Don sang several songs at her party, including "A Wonderful Day Like Today", "Without A Song", and "Evening Shadows."

He also sang a song for his wife Abbey for their 34th anniversary which was on November 20.

Fifty guests were registered. Everyone enjoyed snacks, punch and birthday cake.



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH....Friona Junior High recognized six students as November "Students of The Month". Pictured are: Left to right, sixth grade, Kandace Frye and Pedro Ramos; seventh grade, Trisha Winebrinner and Jose Beliz; eighth grade, Bridget Soltero and Marc Haile.



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH....The six students chosen as October "Students of The Month" at Friona Junior High School are shown here. Pictured are: Left to right, eighth grade, Mashay White and Mark Hernandez; seventh grade, Brenda Murphree and Luis Vera; sixth grade, Adrienne Anthony and Fabian Dominguez

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PRAIRIE ACRES QUILT.... Annie Hargrove, a Prairie Acres resident, is shown with one of the many afghans she has made in her lifetime. The afghan and one of her quilts are on display this month at Prairie Acres.



THESE ARTISTS, Shyla, Erica, and Amber Wyly, daughters of Gerall and Mary Beth Wyly, have all three been first place winners in the Friona Public Library annual bookmark contest. The girls are shown holding their own winning entry. Erica is one of this year's winners. Magdalena Mendez won in the older division. (library photo)

Christianity: A Leap Of Faith

"Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near." Philippians 4:5

Once again it is the season of looking forward to Christmas. It is a time of happy expectancy in our heart and it is this spirit of expectancy that links together the people of God in every generation.

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It is that same undaunted spirit of expectation that lives in the heart of every Christian. We long for the good to come--the coming of Jesus Christ and when "all things become new."

The Christian life is a life of expectation which is a life of faith that discovers in Christ, amid the indifference and confusion of these times, the beginning of a greater and better tomorrow; a faith that prays for the coming of His kingdom, not only in words, but also, in action. "Let your gentleness be known to everyone."

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we do not merely look backward; we also look forward because "The Lord is near." He is "The coming one" and we are to pray, hope and expect that this Christmas season may not only recall the babe in the manger but also look forward to Christ working in this world through Christians that face the world with hope.

May the Christmas season be joyful, peaceful, and hopeful for each and every one. Even so, come Lord Jesus!

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We will be taking pictures with Santa again this year at the Friona Jr. High Cafeteria. Pictures will be taken on Monday, December 20, from 7 a.m.-8 a.m. and will be \$3 each. So come see us before school on Monday morning and have your picture made with Santa.

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