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## Christmas in the Park December 4

Santa will be coming to Friona Monday, December 4, 2006 at the Depot in the Friona City Park from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Allison Johnston and the FHS Choir will be on hand caroling.

Get your list ready and come and enjoy cookies and punch while you tell Santa what you would like for Christmas.

## Parmer County cotton bale count

As of Monday, November 29, cotton gins in Parmer County reported a total of 52,448 bales ginned.

Reporting for the bale count are Friona Farmer's Co-Op, West Hub Gin, Clay's Corner, North Lazbuddie, Bovina Gin, Lariat Gin, Farwell Gin. Parmer County Cotton Growers was not counted.

## Blood center says thanks

An email from Suzanne Talley at the Coffee Memorial Blood Center says thanks to the Friona folks for supporting the recent blood drive. "We had a really good turnout," she said. On November 21 in Friona the blood bank saw 45 people and drew 33 units of blood.

Talley said, "Thank you for supporting Coffee Memorial Blood Center and the patients of the High Plains Region."

## Museum Christmas program schedule

There are two programs remaining in the Parmer County Museum's Christmas schedule. Museum curator Wendy Carthel says seating is still available for the two remaining Sunday afternoon teas. For reservations call 250-5212 and leave a message for Wendy.

The December 3 program is a presentation on the "Underground Railroad." The speaker will be Mrs. Helen Neal from the Black Historical Cultural Center in Amarillo. Mrs. Carthel says the actual program will last about 45-minutes.

On December 10, a group of Friona high school FCCLA students will present "Brides of the White House" featuring the first lady doll collection of Allo Reeve. Mrs. Reeve is known for her meticulous collection of White House bride dolls. The students have studied and talked with Mrs. Reeve in preparation for their presentation.

Both Sunday tea programs begin at 3 p.m. and admission is free.

## United Way nears goal

Thank you to all who have contributed and supported the Friona United Way. According to United Way treasurer Larry Knowles, the local UW chapter has reached 94.07% of its \$47,300 goal. The local United Way has collected \$44,495 thus far.

Mr. Knowles urges those who have not sent in their pledges to do so. Donations to the United Way can be made at Friona State Bank.



# Granddaughter earns Bronze Star in Iraq

U. S. Army Specialist Lacye Presley was awarded the Bronze Star medal in August for "meritorious conduct" during Operation Iraqi Freedom in May of 2006.

Lacye attended Friona High School for a couple of years before her family moved out of town. She participated in track while at FHS. She is the granddaughter of Dean and Carolyn Shipp of Friona. Her mother is Deann Presley, formerly of Friona and now living in Hallettsville, Texas. Lacye has a younger sister, Brooke. Spc. Presley has served in the Army for three years and recently reenlisted. She is a combat medic.

The narrative which accompanied the awarding of her Bronze Star medal follows:

Specialist Lacye G. Presley, United States Army, distinguished herself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service to the United States as a Medical Specialist of the 110th Military Police Company attached to the 1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Troop C, 1-113th Cavalry, 49th Military Police Battalion, Camp Ashraf, Iraq,

from May 29, 2006 to May 30, 2006, during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

On this date, while conducting a State Department Protected Persons escort mission in Baghdad, without hesitation or regard for her own safety, Spc. Presley rushed to provide first aid treatment to the wounded. The Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device attack caused multiple injuries and dead personnel including United States Soldiers, a Communication Broadcasting System news team, United States citizen reporter, British citizens' cameraman, a soundman, an Iraqi interpreter, and local nationals.

Spc. Presley and another soldier pulled the casualties safely away from a burning M1114 while ammunition cooked off inside the destroyed vehicle sending rounds in every direction. They then started treatment on the rest of the soldiers while the rest of the squad assisted treatment of other casualties or performed security and secured the escorted Protected Persons.

Spc. Presley directed the soldiers on their treatment while she

treated several casualties at a time, checking soldiers' work and treating the severely wounded United States soldiers with life-saving intravenous fluids to replenish their lost blood. Spc. Presley continued monitoring and

triaging all of the wounded until the Casualty Evacuation Team arrived. She directed soldiers to assist loading the casualties onto the Casualty Evacuation vehicles and went with the Casualty Evacuation to continue treatment

as they ground evacuated the casualties to the Combat Surgical Hospital in the Green Zone.

Soldiers and civilians alike remarked upon Spc. Presley's poise in the face of death and chaos. Spc. Presley took the senior medic lead in organizing available soldiers to provide treatment to the critically wounded. Spc. Presley worked zealously to stabilize the wounded until they could be taken to a secure area for medical evacuation.

Due to Spc. Presley's decisive and critical actions, she was able to save the lives of 9 personnel. Spc. Presley's exemplary skills as a medic Specialist were demonstrated on this tragic day, saving the lives of United States Soldiers, local nationals, and a high profile United States civilian member of the press corps.

Her actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect distinct credit upon her, this Command, and the United States Army.



Spc. Lacye Presley

Former Friona student is a combat medic in the U. S. Army. She was awarded the Bronze Star medal for heroics in Operation Iraqi Freedom in May 2006.

# Jimmy Walker wins big in final football contest week

Jimmy Walker of Canyon made a big move in Week 13 to win not only the \$25 weekly prize but also the overall grand prize of \$100.

Walker's Week 13 entry was one of five that picked 14 of 15 correct. Using the San Diego 21, Oakland 14 tie-breaker, Jimmy Walker was 7 points off and snagged the top prize in the final week. Jo Field of Amarillo won the second place \$15 cash. Jo was 8 points off the tie-breaker.

The other three contestants with 14 correct and their points-off the tie-breaker were Roy Lee

Stowers 11, Lisa Reed 11, and Joy Morton 25. All of our Week 13 contestants were given credit for the Stratford vs. Childress game (Stratford won) because the game was played at 1 p.m. Friday, prior to the contest deadline of 4 p.m.

After all the final week entries were graded and the total points for the season tabulated, we ended up with a three-way tie for the \$100 grand prize. Jimmy Walker, Gale Deaton, and Roy Lee Stowers all finished with 146 total points.

Our tradition here, when contestants tie for the grand prize, is to tabulate the tie-breakers for the 13 weeks for each contestant. The contestant with the

lowest tie-breaker total is declared the winner. Through 13 weeks Deaton was 287 points off, Stowers was 237 points off, and Walker was 208 points off. A football contest cannot get much closer than this one did.

Jessica Dearing and Joy Morton finished with 145 overall points, a close second. Jamie Lewellen and Lisa Reed ended with 144 points.

Congratulations to Jimmy Walker, and all of our 2006 football contest participants, for playing the game with us each week. A special thanks to our contest sponsors for their continued support. We appreciate all of you. See you at next year's contest.



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This Dodge pickup and Chrysler sedan suffered damage during a fog-related accident Monday morning.

# Monday fog causes accidents

A thick fog Monday morning triggered a couple of vehicle accidents at opposite ends of town. Local residents awoke to conditions of about one block of visibility and it was late morning before the fog dissipated.

About 9 a.m. a westbound Knight Transportation semi-rig was attempting to turn across Highway 60 into the Hi-Pro Feeds plant. The driver ran just past the turn-in because of the fog and was making a half U-turn

when a black Toyota collided with the side of the semi-trailer.

Three other vehicles were involved as the fog obscured the area. A Chrysler Sebring, a Dodge pickup, and a flatbed semi-rig hauling a piece of heavy equipment all collided while trying to avoid the accident. The Chrysler and the pickup sustained slight rear end damage from sideswiping the flatbed.

Friona EMS responded and took two subjects to Parmer

County Hospital with unknown injuries. During this transport, the EMS was called to another wreck at the entrance to the Cargill plant on west Highway 60, again related to the fog.

A 5th wheel truck turning into the plant entrance was hit by an eastbound pickup. The accident resulted in serious injury to one of the drivers but specific information was not available. Friona EMS and fire department rescue personnel responded.

# It's time for Santa letters

Parents and kids take note. It is time to write those letters to Santa as Christmas is approaching. The Friona Star will publish letters to Santa again this year.

Santa letter boxes will be placed at the primary and elementary schools for teachers to assist the kids with Christmas wishes.

A Santa letter mailbox will remain in front of the Friona Star office on Main St. for Santa letter collection. Our friends at the post office will forward any Santa letters they receive to us also.

The Friona Star will publish Santa letters in our December 21 issue. The December 21 newspaper will be our big Christmas issue. The deadline for receiving Santa letters at the Friona Star office will be Monday December 18.



dana d jameson photo

It could have been a lot worse. Friona Police Chief Tino Salaniz retrieves luggage from the trunk of this passenger car wedged under the semi-trailer Monday morning. The accident happened in front of Hi-Pro Feeds. The semi was turning left across Highway 60 in the fog and the car ran under the trailer. The two ladies in the car escaped serious injury.





## OUT HERE the whole nine yards

by Ron Carr

During the Thanksgiving holiday I'm pretty sure I ate the whole nine yards.

In fact it was probably closer to ten or twelve yards counting the leftovers. My brother Rick and I pronounced that next Thanksgiving we are going to plan the menu. We've chosen hamburgers and maybe a couple of steaks cooked out back on

the grill.

Turkey, dressing, giblet gravy, ham, rolls, pumpkin pie, pecan pie, casseroles, and such are really good but a pain to prepare and clean up after. Thus we are opting for a simpler menu that doesn't require such a long nap afterwards.

The other day a visitor to the office used the phrase, "the

whole nine yards." I don't remember the context of the statement but a discussion followed on the origin of the saying. To say "the whole nine yards" means all of something, or everything with nothing left over, i.e. we did the whole nine yards. It is a slang phrase and like many slang phrases there is no general agreement on where they came from.

Out here in football country you might think "the whole nine yards" had something to do with football but nine yards is not a significant distance in football. None of us knew much about the saying so we did what everyone does these days; we looked it up on the Internet. We Googled the whole nine yards.

What we found was a three page essay which only speculated as to where the saying came from. One theory was it came from ready-mix cement trucks that hauled an average of nine yards of concrete. But then some further research revealed most early trucks could not carry nine cubic yards of cement.

Another said the term came from the garment industry. A man's three-piece suit, or a gown in colonial times, or a bolt of material required nine yards. So if a tailor sewed a three-piece suit he had to use the whole nine yards of material. Then someone figured out that a bolt of material has about 20-yards of cloth.

Another source asserted it is a World War II term. They said the length of the ammunition belt feeding the machine guns in a Supermarine Spitfire was nine yards. So when a pilot had shot all of his ammunition he would report he had "shot the whole nine yards."

Still another version ties the

phrase to old sailing ships. The long spar that held a sail was called a yard. Many early schooners had nine spars. When a sailing ship was trying to go as fast as possible with all sails up, it was said to be going the whole nine yards.

A few of the research notes said the phrase was first known in the 1960s and that it is unlikely that ready-mix cement truck jargon would make it into general use.

And yet another version tied the saying to burial shrouds which were customarily nine yards in length. "The whole nine yards" then would refer to death and by extension, an extreme, final limit, as in "he went the whole nine yards."

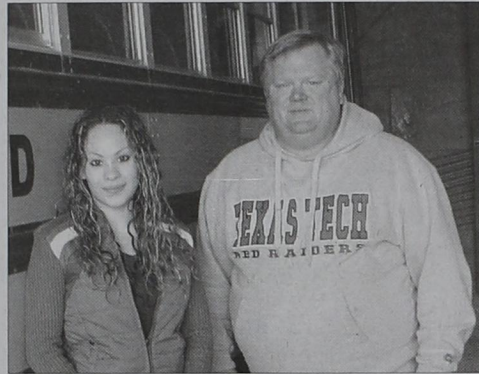
All of these assumptions have no basis in fact. They appear to be logical guesses so you can pick your favorite. I like the World War II version.

The Google experts then lost my attention when they asserted that for a slang phrase's origin to be proven it must be "sociolinguistically plausible." In other words the explanation needs to make sense.

So I am right back where I started. After all the conversation and research I still don't know the origin of the term "the whole nine yards."

But I know that I have done it a few times.

**Remember the Friends of the Friona Public Library Endowment Fund. Gifts can be accumulative and pledges are welcome. Call the library at 250-3200 about the donor levels and endowment opportunities.**



Student of the Month Cindy Trevino and Employee of the Month Bobby Thompson

## FHS October student and employee of the month

By Ben Kirton

Friona High school is proud to announce its Student and Staff Member of the Month for October.

Our Student of the Month is Cindy Trevino.

Cindy is described by her nominator as "a student who takes all school responsibilities seriously, in class and extracurricular activities. She is a good leader and role model in band. She has helped with pep rallies, veteran's programs and the yearbook. She demonstrates good character on a regular basis and is eager to help others."

We are proud to have Cindy as a student at FHS.

Our Staff Member of the Month is Bobby Thompson. His nominator described him as "a dedicated and efficient worker."

## Send Christmas cards to ACLU

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is working very hard to take Christmas out of schools and shopping centers this season. It almost worked last year as some big retailers opted for "Happy Holidays" instead of "Merry Christmas."

This year most of the big guys, including Wal-Mart, are singing Merry Christmas again. A movement is underway across the Internet to remind the ACLU that Christians still observe Christmas. The mission is simple: send the ACLU a Christmas card. Since they are working hard to get rid of Christmas, many people feel they should be reminded of the reason for the season.

Make sure your card says "Merry Christmas" on it somewhere and don't be rude or crude (it's not the Christian way). Send your Christmas greetings to ACLU, 125 Broad Street, 18th Floor, New York, NY 10004.

He spends many hours maintaining our school vehicles in great condition. His organizational skills help everyone else stay organized. He is also flexible and friendly. He handles his many responsibilities at the bus barn with a positive attitude, and he is a master at dealing with unexpected events or short notices. Mr. Thompson is kind, patient, and helpful. If there is anything he can do to make someone else's job easier, he does it. Mr. Thompson deserves to be recognized for all his efforts."

## Beware of jury duty scammers

Friona Municipal Judge Eddie Mays passed along a notice published in the Municipal Court-Justice Court newsletter regarding jury scams. Here is the text of the warning:

A scam involving jury duty has surfaced. Under the scam, a person calls individuals at home claiming to be a Court official. The scammer claims he is calling because the person missed jury duty and a warrant has been issued.

When the person claims he or she had

never received any jury summons the scammer requests personal information including a full name, social security number, and date of birth: The caller claims to need the information so they can verify the person's identity and cancel the warrant. Some scammers have even requested credit card information.

Many individuals freely provide the information and they are open to identity theft. The scam has been reported in eleven states and was first reported in the summer of 2005.

## Perspective on improper farm program payments

A newsletter named Pro Farmer carried this brief story in their November 18 edition. It is in reference to the \$2.8 billion in overpayments in the farm program as noted in last week's Friona Star.

The newsletter story says: "Reports last week noted the USDA found \$2.8 billion

in improper farm program payments in 2006, up sharply from the previous year. Farm Service Agency (FSA) administrator Teresa Lasseter told us the rise was due, in part, to a bigger review process. Of the \$2.8 billion in payments, Lasseter says a deeper review by FSA found only \$206 mil-

lion were "truly improper."

The others, she said, were put in the "improper" category due to questionable signatures or an unchecked box on forms. "We're taking corrective actions," says Lasseter. "County offices do a great job, but we want to do even better." The corrective actions include more training for county staffers, paperwork checklists for county offices and three levels of review that go beyond county offices."

We should all be relieved that the USDA says they only overpaid farmers \$206 million. For a minute there we thought they were talking about a lot of money. Thanks to Floyd Reeve for sharing the Pro Farmer newsletter article with us.

## Parmer County Museum Christmas Program Schedule

Free Admission - 3:00 p.m.  
**Reservations REQUIRED - Seating is limited**  
 December 3 - Mrs. Helen Neal, Black Historical Cultural Center, Amarillo - Presentation on the "Under Ground Railroad"  
 December 10 - Allo Reeve's Presentation - "Brides of the White House"

For reservations, call the museum at 250-5212, Leave a message.

FREE

## Tumbleweed Smith

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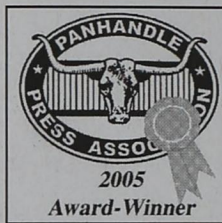
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Darla Bracken, Director  
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Ron,

My son, Jonathan Espinoza, is in Iraq. Would you please print this address in case anyone would like to drop him a line?

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him to make things, like a pool cue or oversize dominoes for a man with limited sight. He has made dozens of pet caskets. He made 175 meat blocks, 54 during one winter season.

Mr. Baker has a store in downtown Friona filled with furniture he has made. His workshop is the size of a hangar. Of course he built it by himself. Mr. Baker plays the didgeridoo, raises geese, collects Indian baskets and has a large garden filled with rhubarb, asparagus, okra, tomatoes and peppers.

JG Baker is 90 years old. He has made bought one of the tools and equipment he uses. His daughter bought an old hotel and turned it into a residence. Mr. Baker helped with the renovation and made a lot of the furniture in it. When I asked him for an interview I told him I had about 30 minutes to spend with him. I left about three hours later.

It was time well spent.





**THE CHIEF'S CORNER**

by **TINO SALINAZ**

Friona Police Department

**Holiday Safety Tips**

With the holidays right around the corner we need to be careful and become more aware that we are more vulnerable to be victims of holiday crime. We need to be aware that criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts, so be very careful about answering the door to strangers. Also it is not uncommon for criminals to take advantage of peoples generosity during the holidays by soliciting donations over the telephone or door-to-door bogus charitable causes. Always ask for identification and find out how the donated funds will be used.

When shopping always be alert to your surroundings and

the people around you, shop with a friend there is safety in numbers, avoid wearing expensive jewelry and carrying around a large amount of cash, if all possible try to pay for your purchase with a check or credit/debit card. Don't overload yourself with packages, if you go to your car to leave your purchase place them in the trunk of your car and always have your keys in hand before leaving the store, don't get caught with a load of presents or packages in hand and then standing by your car trying to find your keys.

When driving alone, especially at night, park in a well lighted

area, avoid parking next to vans, trucks with camper shells or cars with tinted windows. Never leave your car running, and don't approach your car if you see any suspicious people in the area. Make sure that you keep all doors locked and windows rolled up especially at stop signs or stoplights. Always make sure that you lock your car and take your keys with you.

These are just a few holiday safety tips to ensure that you have a safe and happy holiday. Remember if you suspect that something is not right, call your local police department.

**Seguridad en Sus Dias de Festividad**

Los dias de festividad se acercan, y nosotros necesitamos tener cuidado y no ser victimas de crimen en los dias de festividad. Necesitamos estar enterados que criminals se colocan como mensajeros que estan entregando regalos a sus casas. Muncho cuidado con abrir sus puertas a estranos. Tambien no es raro para criminals que solicitan donacions sobre el telefono, para cosas falsas. Siempre pida identificacion de las personas y este seguro a donde las donacions seran utilizadas.

Al salir de compras siempre este alerta a sus alrededores, y

las personas alrededor de usted. Vaya de compras con amigos/ amigas recuerde que hay seguridad en numerous. Evita usar joyas costosas y no lleve una gran cantidad de dinero en efectivo. Si es posible, pague por sus compras con una tarjeta de debito o credito o con un cheque. No se sobrecarge con paquetes, si tiene que salir para su coche, ponga los paquetes en el tronco de su coche. Siempre tenga sus llaves en sus manos antes de salir de la tienda.

Al manejar solo, especialmente de noche parques en una area que este bien encendido. No se

parque junto de vehiculos con ventanas oscuras o camions con esqueletos de campista. No se acerca a su coche se usted ve a personas sospechosas en el area. Cerciorese que usted mantiene todas las puertas de su coche cerradas y las ventanas enrollaron especialmente en stops o luces de detencion. Siempre cerciorese que usted Cierra su coche y tome sus llaves con usted.

Estos son apenas unas pocas ideas de seguridad en sus dias de festividad. Recuerde si usted sospecha que algo no este bien llama a su policia local.

**Friends of the Library  
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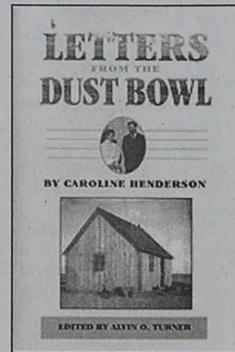
*Notes from a friend*

**Letters from the Dust Bowl**

By **Caroline Henderson** compiled

by **Alvin O. Turner**

Reviewed by **Betty Louise Rector**



• Letters from the Dust Bowl

Caroline Henderson wrote very descriptive letters to her daughter Eleanor, friends and articles for the Atlantic Monthly and others. These letters had been kept, and some had been given to a museum.

Caroline homesteaded in the Oklahoma Panhandle near Guymon in 1907 to 1966.

She graduated from Holybroke College, which was very unusual for that time.

She married Will Henderson, and they only had the one child. They faced unbelievable problems: the dust bowl, blizzards, droughts, bugs and floods. She wrote about all of these, and politics and war. Her

writings tell of the trials and tribulations of daily life.

Her articles were written from 1931 to 1937, and the letters went on until just before her death.

Caroline was recognized for more than fifty years for the quality of her depiction of life on the Great Plains. She was very optimistic about "next year" until the later years of her life.

Although you may not enjoy reading a book of letters (I do not) but Mr. Turner has done an exemplary job of compiling Caroline's writings, and a very interesting forward and epilogue.

"Letters from the Dust Bowl Days" is excellent reading for those who would like a better understanding of the trials and tribulations and the joys of those pioneers who settled the Great Plains, and those who remember.

**So. Plains Muleshoe registration opens**

Registration for the spring classes at the South Plains College Muleshoe Extension Center will be November 13-January 4. Pre-registration through CampusConnect at [www.southplainscollege.edu](http://www.southplainscollege.edu) is available.

Courses in history, speech, English, math, arts, and government will be offered. There will also be a certified nurse's aide class and a computer class. For admissions and online registration information contact 806-894-9611, ext. 2374, 2375, or 2372. For distance education information contact 806-894-9611, ext. 2340.

**Friona School Menu**

**December 4- December 8**

(All meals are served with Ice cold Milk)

**Monday, December 4**

Lunch - Fried chicken, rolls, mashed potatoes, green beans, yogurt.

**Tuesday, December 5**

Lunch - Frito pie, ranch style beans, garden salad, peaches.

**Wednesday, December 6**

Lunch - Steak fingers, rolls, mashed potatoes, broccoli and cheese, pears.

**Thursday, December 7**

Lunch - Tacos, spanish rice, pinto beans, pineapple.

**Friday, December 8**

Lunch - Cheeseburgers, french fries, fresh fruit salad.

**The Book Shoppe**

Open  
Tuesday and Thursday  
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
119 West 6th  
(Closed Thanksgiving Day)

# Thank You

The 2006 Friona Star football contest is over.

The Friona Star staff recognizes and says thanks to the sponsors that supported the football contest. On behalf of the many readers and football fans that participate in the contest each year we say thanks and Merry Christmas to the following sponsors:

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Volunteers sought

Compassionate care vision to address teen pregnancy

By Teresa Mesman, Special to the Friona Star

Approximately three years ago, several area people had a vision.

It was a vision to help pregnant women in the Eastern New Mexico and West Texas area by providing them with resources, options and counseling in a Christian based atmosphere.

The group saw the increasing numbers of teen pregnancies and immense need for a place women could come to for advice and help. The name of this group came to be "Compassionate Care of Muleshoe."

Compassionate Care of Muleshoe is currently comprised of only five members who are working very hard to make the dreams and goals of the organization a reality. John and Kay Graves, Berna Bradley, all of Muleshoe; and LuAnn Fillpot and Alyson Actkinson, both of Farwell, have met faithfully and

held several fundraisers in the Muleshoe area. However, the group has not been able to achieve the goals they have set forth.

"The main reason is that we need more willing volunteers to get things going with the organization," said Mrs. Fillpot. "We need people that have a passion for helping people, for ideas, resources and action."

"We also want to stress that this organization is not a charity," Mrs. Actkinson stated. "It's meant to be a place for direction, resources, options and perhaps, the one place a woman or young girl can turn to for someone who's willing to just sit and listen with compassion. I'm especially proud to state that they will also receive Christian-based counseling. This is a huge part of what this organization has to offer a woman."

The goals of this organization are to become affiliated with the national pregnancy center known as Care-Net. Care-Net and Care-Net.org have the mission of assisting and promoting the evangelistic, pro-life work of pregnancy centers in North America. They offer free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, peer counseling services, post-abortion support and other practical, emotional and spiritual help to empower women, men and families facing pregnancy related concerns.

One of the main goals of Compassionate Care of Muleshoe is to find a place to call home. They need a building or a house in which to facilitate their mission. Along with this need, they also need financial support and interested volunteers.

"I heard about this organization through a prayer concern at

my church and felt led to become an active part in their mission," Mrs. Actkinson commented. "I then went to another prayer group to speak about it and that's how LuAnn became involved. It just takes getting the word out about this to start making things happen!"

"We all know someone or a family that has faced an unexpected pregnancy. By directing them to Compassionate Care, we can help ease the anxiety that, not only the expectant mother has, but also the entire family might have over the situation," Mrs. Fillpot explained. "We've just got to have everything in place so that we can effectively help and answer their questions of 'where do I go?' 'Who do I see?' 'What do I do?'"

The ladies hope to get more volunteers from the surrounding community to attend one or two meetings a month in Farwell and Muleshoe to get things really moving for this project. If you are interested in being a part of Compassionate Care, please contact Mrs. Fillpot at 481-3394 or by e-mail at lfillpot@farwellschools.org. Mrs. Actkinson can be contacted at actkinson@cox.net.

Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from November 15, 2006 to November 22, 2006:

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CBC mammogram screenings December schedule

The Comprehensive Breast Center of The Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will be busy this month, as it will hold almost 40 mammogram screening sessions throughout the area in December.

The Comprehensive Breast Center's Mobile Outreach Program has provided mobile mammography for the women of the High Plains and has become the second largest mo-

bile mammography program in the nation. The program services the medically underserved population, particularly rural women over the age of 40, and those who would not otherwise have access to the benefits of screening mammography.

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The mobile unit will be in Friona December 18, 2006 at the Parmer County Community Hospital at 1307 Cleveland.

County to receive surplus road material

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session Monday, November 27, 2006 in the County Courtroom of the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, Texas.

The commissioners conducted regular business before discussing a TxDot donation of \$20,000 worth of surplus materials available to Parmer County. TxDot provides counties with the material from state roads that have been resurfaced. The county will receive 2,595 tons and will split the material between Precincts 1 & 2.

In other business, the commissioners discussed the options for general traffic and an alternative secondary emergency route for Cargill Meat Solutions after the closing of the first railroad crossing east of Cargill. After discussion the commissioners tabled the matter until more information could be gathered to make a decision.

The Commissioners will meet again in regular session Monday, December 11, 2006 at 10 a.m.

TDH immunization December schedules

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

The clinic in Friona will be Friday, December 1 and Friday, December 15, at 616 Euclid from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The clinic in Bovina will be Monday, December 11, 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.

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

Sheriff's Report

The following is reported weekly by Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geries office:

November 22, 2006, Jose Gonzales, 29, of Earth, Texas, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with driving while license invalid, pending County Court. He was also charged with failure to identify, pending County Court.

November 24, 2006, Ricardo Buenrostro, 33, of Friona, Texas, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with assault, pending County Court.

November 24, 2006, Piero Buenrostro, 32, of Friona, Texas, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with assault, pending, County Court.

November 24, 2006, Dustin Ward, 22, of Bovina, Texas, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with driving while intoxicated, pending County Court.

November 26, 2006, Juan Contreras, 21, of Bovina, Texas, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with driving while intoxicated, pending County Court.

November 26, 2006, Julio Jimenez, 19, of Bovina, Texas, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with driving while intoxicated, pending County Court.

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Sawyer Reed (3) drives around a Chance Lewellen (33) screen during the Chiefs 98-31 win over Farwell. Reed scored 30 points. The varsity boys are now 3-1 on the season and participate in the Vega tournament this weekend.

# Chiefs off to fast start

BY RON CARR

Chieftain basketball fans have high hopes for the success of the 2006 basketball Chieftains. Coach Ky Graham's charges will return to the court with a load of experienced players, good height and speed, and dangerous shooters.

The squad opening the season consists of Sawyer Reed, Jared Boyd, Kaison Graham, Ryan Geries, Hector Sanchez, Alex Gurley, Caleb Miller, Chance Lewellen, Tolby Wilcox, and Ryan Schwab.

In the first two games the Chiefs scored a total of 171 points, blasting Amherst 91-24, and Bovina 80-35. All 10 boys scored against Amherst, led by 16 points from Hector Sanchez and 15 by Ryan Schwab. The Chieftain sharpshooters netted seven 3-point goals in the contest, 2 each by Sanchez and Caleb Miller, plus Schwab, Alex Gurley, and Jared Boyd.

Other scoring was Ryan Geries 12, Caleb Miller 10, Chance Lewellen 10, Kaison Graham 7, Sawyer Reed 6, Alex Gurley 6, Jared Boyd 5, and

Tolby Wilcox 4. Amherst was never in the contest as the Chiefs rolled out to a 33-2 first quarter lead.

The Chiefs spanked Bovina 80-35, led by Ryan Schwab's 19 points. Ryan Geries put in 13,

Sanchez 11, Wilcox 9, Miller 7, Lewellen 7, Graham 6, Boyd 4, and Gurley 4. The Chiefs take a 2-0 record into action Tuesday November 28 at they host the Farwell Steers.

## Chiefs JV 69

## Bovina JV 27

Matthew Stanberry accounted for 20 points as the Chieftain JV basketball team opened their season with a 69-27 win over Bovina.

Chris Haile chipped in 12 points, G. Garza 12, R. Castanon 8, J. Dominguez 8, J. Dickson 4, J. Echevarria 3, and J. Alaniz 2. The JV boys host the Farwell JV Tuesday November 28. The JV coach is Jose Gonzales.

## 7th Braves 32

## 7th Dimmitt 29

The 7th Braves coached by Mike Herbert, took on Dimmitt on their home turf Monday, November 20. The Braves came from behind to top the young Bobcats 32-29 in the final quarter of the game.

Leading the scoring were Gabriel Avalos 9, Donavon Johnson 7, Ryan DeWit 6, Weston Wyly and Michael Ortiz 4 each, and Caleb Monroe 2.

The FJHS red team made up of 7th and 8th graders fell to Dimmitt 20-11. Aaron Osborn scored 6 points and Jacob Pena 5.

## 9th Chiefs 29

## 9th Mules 13

The 9th Chiefs coached by Coach David Towner dominated the 9th Muleshoe Mules Monday, November 27, 2006, 29-13.

The Chiefs led throughout the game with Matthew Stanberry leading the scoring with 16 points including 7 field goals and 2 of 4 free throws. Also scoring were Stetson Reed with 5, Joey Dickson 4, Jordan Kelly and David Schwab with 2 each.



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Chance Lewellen (33) scores.

## 7th Braves 29

## 7th Muleshoe 21

The 7th Braves hosted the Muleshoe Mules Monday, November 27. The Braves tamed the Mules 29-21.

Leading the scoring were Donavon Johnson with 8, Ryan DeWit and Weston Wyly 6 each, Gabriel Avalos 4, Caleb Monroe and Michael Ortiz 2 each, and Dillon Kelly 1.

The Red Team fell to the Mules 23-15. Leading the red team in scoring were Miguel Soto with 4 points and Victor Reveles 1.



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Squaws Erica Davila (10), Miranda Frye (21) and Lucretia Field (11) battle the Lady Blue for a rebound. The Squaws beat Farwell 48-31. Their record is now 3-5. They play Midland Lee there Friday at 6 p.m.

## 8th Maidens 34

## 8th Muleshoe 33

Coach Jeff Isom's 8th grade girls entered the 4th quarter vs. Muleshoe with a 4-point lead and held on to take a one-point victory over the Lady Mules.

Regan Anthony was high scorer with 10, Kami Kerby had 8 points, Brittney Herbert 6, Laci Austin 6, Liz Trevino 2, and Lisann Davila 2.

## 9th Squaws 42

## 9th Muleshoe 23

The 9th Squaws traveled to Muleshoe, Monday, November 27, 2006 and topped the Lady Mules, 42-23.

Yesenia Rojas led the scoring with 19 points including 8 field goals and 3 of 4 from the free throw line. Taryn Jamerson dropped in 9, Anna Murphree 8, Shayla Parker 4, and Paige Herbert 2.



# Squaws lose to Naz in OT, JV wins

The Friona Squaws held a slim 18-14 halftime lead in their game with the Nazareth Swiftettes Tuesday November 21 at the Friona gym. The game ended in regulation 41-41 thanks to a buzzer-beating 3-point goal by Krista Graham to tie the game.

But the Squaws managed only 4-points in overtime, by Erica Davila and Staci Murphree, and gave Nazareth 7-points, all free throws, to lose 48-45.

Graham was high scorer

for the Squaws with 13-points including three 3-pointers. Murphree was next with 11, E. Davila 9, Briar Barnett 8, Lucretia Field 3 and Tiffany Vazquez one-point.

It was a different story for Coach Carrie Arias' JV Squaws as they rocked the JV Swiftettes 46-35. The score was tied 30-30 at the end of three quarters but the Friona JV went on a 16-5 fourth quarter run, led by Michelle Martin and Sasha Estrada.

Martin had 10 points, 6 of them in the 4th quarter, to lead the scoring, followed by Estrada with 9, Ashley Ingram 9, Diana Bolivar 8, Hollis Gurley 5, Heather Sandoval 3, and Erin Anthony 2.

## 9th Squaws 27

## 9th Dimmitt 35

The FHS 9th Squaws coached by Styler Haddock fell to Dimmitt Monday, November 20, 2006, 35-27.

Leading the scoring were Yesenia Rojas with 9 points, Taryn Jamerson 6, Monica Dominguez and Anna Murphree 5 each, and Paige Herbert 2.

Next up for the girls will be a match with Farwell Tuesday, November 28 at the Friona gym and Midland Lee on December 1 in Friona.

## 7th Maidens 19

## 7th Muleshoe 27

Tenna Montana led her 7th grade teammates in scoring Monday with 8 points but the girls lost a decision to the 7th grade from Muleshoe 27-19.

Karina Oviedo had 3 points, Samantha Rodriguez 3, Rachel Dickson 2, Vanessa Vital 2, and Adriana Soltero one point.



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Briar Barnett (40) drives against Nazareth

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Squaws, l-r, Briar Barnett (40), Krista Graham (23) and Erica Davila (10) defend against the Swiftettes.





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Shown at the District 2 Gold Star banquet are, l-r, County Extension Agent - Agriculture Cody Hill; Drew Johnson; Texas 4-H Council President Dan Patterson; Gary Patterson; Emily Allen; and County Extension Agent - Family & Consumer Sciences Suzanne Reese.

## 4-H Gold Star banquet honors three

The 49th Annual District 2 Gold Star Banquet was held at the Frazier Alumni Pavilion of Texas Tech University sponsored by several panhandle electric cooperatives including Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative.

Emily Allen of Friona and Drew Johnson of Farwell were awarded the Gold Star Certificates representing the highest honor achievable in the 4-H Program. Gary Patterson was honored with the Distinguished Leader Award recognizing his contributions as a volunteer to the Parmer County 4-H Program. Dan Patterson, Texas 4-H Council President served as the keynote speaker for the event and delivered an address entitled "What is your reaction to failure?"

Emily Allen is the 16-year-old daughter of Delwin and Patsy Allen and a junior at Friona High School. When asked what 4-H & the Gold Star meant to her she replied, "4-H is keeping our family tradition, doing things I never thought I could, helping younger members with their first food show, working all night on my

record book and realizing that the best rewards come from helping others. Receiving a Gold Star has been my goal since my first 4-H awards banquet. It is a symbol for all the projects, activities, friends, places and memories that are now a part of my 4-H Story. It has prepared me for the challenges of my future with the confidence to help others like my family, agents, and adult leaders have helped me."

Drew Johnson, the 15-year-old son of Scott and Patti Johnson, is a sophomore at Farwell High School. Drew says, "To me, 4-H means spending time with my family. We travel together across the state showing our animals and meeting new 4-H friends. Besides our church, 4-H and my family have defined my life. The Gold Star award on the wall of my dad's office has always been a source of motivation to me. When I see it, I think about all I've learned from him. Receiving the Gold Star would be a tribute to my dad and to his dedication - a legacy of 4-H that he has given to me and my family."

Gary Patterson was also awarded the distinguished leader award, which recognizes the contributions of volunteers. Gary has generously donated many hours of service in organizing and raising funds for the Farwell and Parmer County Stock Shows. He has raised three Gold Star recipients and is now the father of the Texas 4-H Council President. This past year, he served as coach for the state qualifying livestock judging team.

The event also featured a special posthumous recognition of Wacie Barnett, Gold Star Recipient from Lynn County. Her family was presented with a special certificate by Jett V. Major, District 2 Extension Administrator and a standing ovation in honor of the daughter they lost just a month ago due to a car accident.

Gold Star Winners, Distinguished Leaders, County Extension Agents, County Judges & Commissioners as well as honored guests and families from across the twenty county districts attended this special celebration of achievement.



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Welcoming customers to the Ivy Cottage open house were, l-r, owner Misty Frye, and employees Kim Hofferichter, Carla Rector, and Diane White. The floral and gift shop is decked out and decorated for the Christmas season.



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Sharing the joy of the season during the Ingram's Department Store open house were l-r, Martha Palmer, Nancy Edelman, Chuck Blackburn, Sylvia Ingram, Karen Renner (standing), and Sandra Randall. Mrs. Palmer, Nancy Edelman's mother, celebrated her 100th birthday last summer. The ladies enjoyed refreshments and browsing at Ingram's.

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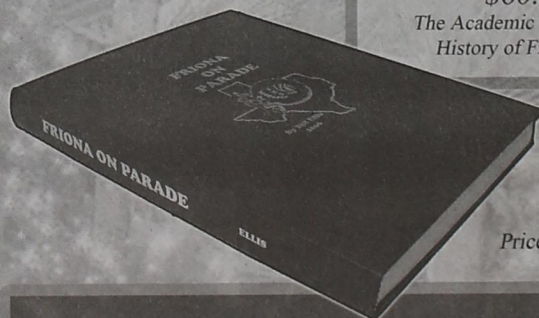
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# TOWN TALK II

by ron carr

By the time this issue hits the streets we should be in the midst of a cold front, possibly with some snow. We shouldn't complain though. Our winter weather has been pretty mild so far.

Sometimes losses come in waves. Such was the case last week as we were saddened by the loss of four ladies in our community. Our sympathies to the families of Ann Osborn, Theda Bloxom,

Joyce Coffman, and Sally Putman on their passing. Sally was a regular visitor to the Friona Star office during her walks around town. She liked our candy basket and played the football contest. We'll miss her.

We enjoyed chicken fried steak and gravy and rolls at the Monday senior citizen lunch. Just what we needed right after Thanksgiving but it didn't stop us from cleaning our plates. We had another good crowd with some new faces. Lunch is served each Monday and Thursday for \$3. All senior citizens are cordially invited.

Once again Sylvia Ingram and Misty Frye had successful open houses this week. The proprietors of Ingram's Department Store and Ivy Cottage do such a nice job each year welcoming customers past and present for some Christmas refreshments and shopping. Both ladies thank everyone for visiting during the open house Tuesday. Remember to shop Friona and register to earn Friona Bucks.

There is a new business opening next door to the Friona Star office where the Rachel's Dress Shop was located. The store is called Trends Unlimited. It will sell clothing, bedding, and household accessories. Store hours

will be Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 1-6 p.m. Their advertisement in the newspaper says the store will open December 1. Watch for it and stop in.

With the departure of the Sugar Shack, Bill and Carol Ellis tell me they have a commitment from a local bunch to open a Mexican food/burrito cafe also next door to the Friona Star. It is supposed to be open by January. Here at the Star we will be substituting the sweet smell of Kenda's cinnamon rolls with the savory smell of burritos. Things are happening in the 900 block of Main St.

Ask John Blackwell about the spiffy new motorbike he bought on eBay. The shipping and handling was almost as much as the motorbike he said.

Mrs. A. B. Palmer, Nancy Edelman's mother, has been in town for a couple of weeks. Mrs. Palmer celebrated her 100th birthday in the summer. She lives in Houston and will be here in Friona until the weekend. She took a 4-wheeler ride during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Hollis and Lunell Horton welcomed their son, Judge Trip Horton of Beaumont and his family during the Thanks-

giving holiday. Trip's daughter, Marriott from Atlanta, Georgia, and son Robert, a high school senior in Beaumont, were also visiting.

My daughter Kirsten and her husband Jamey McCurry, and my granddaughter Hannah were Friona visitors over Thanksgiving also. My sister Gena Rogers and husband Don were here most of the week and my teenage daughter Megan came from Wichita Falls. We all gathered at mother's house for ham, turkey, dressing, and loads of calories.

On Friday me, my brother Rick, son-in-law Jamey, and brother-in-law Don, plus Rick's son-in-law Jason, took a break and went to Canyon to watch the Stratford vs. Childress playoff game. It was a good game (Stratford won), great weather, and we enjoyed Frito pies and chili dogs and hot chocolate, a nice break from Thanksgiving food.

There were quite a few Friona and Bovina area folks spotted at the game too.

Speaking of football did you notice a Sunray running back named Matt Whiteley ran 38 times for 235 yards and three touchdowns in Sunray's 42-28 playoff win over Quanah?

Matt's parents, Sid and Tammy Whiteley were Friona residents from 1988 to 1998.

Sid was on the Friona coaching staff and Matt was in elementary school when they left here for Shamrock and now live in Sunray.

Former Friona residents Janis and Zane Polson are also Sunray's golf teacher and band director. Janis is Lanis Graham's twin sister.

It didn't take very long for industrious Friona citizens to light up the front yards with Christmas decorations. Thanks to everyone who decorates for Christmas and shares the Christmas spirit with the community. Your donations to the

Empty Stocking Fund and Project Christmas Card will help those less fortunate. Donations can be made at Friona State Bank. Make yourself feel better by helping someone else.

Come out and enjoy some Chieftain and Squaw basketball this season. Both teams are going to be good and exciting to watch. Be sure to share stories and news of local interest with us and our readers. Email, fax, or phone, we always appreciate hearing from you. Thank you!



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Mrs. A. B. Palmer, 100-years-young, didn't drive the 4-wheeler but she did take a ride on it during the Thanksgiving holiday. She is Nancy Edelman's mother, lives in Houston, and has been a Friona visitor the last two weeks.

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145-Jessica Dearing, Joy Morton	135-Jason Berend, Jeremy Dearing, Brett Field, Myrtle Melton	122-Frank Chavez, Tenna Montana
144-Jamie Lewellen, Lisa Reed	134-Lance Field, Andy Montana, Mitchell Smiley	120-Jerry Harrelson, Daniel Hernandez, Derek Sudderth, Scott Sudderth
143-Ronald Diaz, Mal Manchee, Caleb Monroe, Marcus Rosales	133-Roddy Berend	118-Velta Anderson, Daniel Guzman, Mary Lara, Blake Sudderth, Jeremy White
142-Tyson Neill, Shayli Reed, Christen Stowers, Bobby Wied	131-Jon Field, Jan Smith	117-Lester C. Fennell, Linda Sudderth
141-Nathan Brockman, Tim Elmore, Larry Johnston, Clint Mears, Ron Smiley, Don Max Vars	130-Sandra Berend, Raul Braillif, Debbie Weir, Max White	116-Rodney Shelby, Teresa Shelby, Silvino Silva, Jr., Del Ray Sudderth
140-Martin Brito, Weston Wyly	129-Claire Brown, Mike Hutson	115-Danica Baker, Carmella Hernandez, Harley Merritt, Quentin Shelby
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138-Mike Field, Mack McFarland, Dorothy Stowers	127-JoAnne Chavez, Seve Chavez, Greg T. Lewellen, Christi Villa	113-Rick Castaneda, Stetson Reed
137-Scott Brown, Wm. Gromowsky, Thomas Reed	126-Mona Contreras, Lilly Michel, Clayton Smiley	112-Sally Putman
	125-Marilyn Engelking, David Gonzalez	
	124-Frank Gonzalez, Darin Hofferichter	

### Friona ISD School Calendar • December, 2006

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 JH One Act Play Rehearsal @ Tulia 2:00 p.m. Var. G @ Midland Lee 4:30 p.m. Var. B @ Vega BB Tournament 9 <sup>th</sup> B @ Muleshoe BB Tournament JV G @ Randall BB Tournament	2 JH District One Act Play @ Tulia 1:00 Var. B @ Vega BB Tournament 9 <sup>th</sup> B @ Muleshoe BB Tournament JV G @ Randall BB Tournament
4 JH Progress Reports JH BB vs. Tulia G-H B-T 9 <sup>th</sup> BB Girls vs. Tulia @ 7:15 - H 9 <sup>th</sup> BB Boys vs. Tulia @ 7:15 - T HS All-Region Band Tryouts @ Panhandle Choir Xmas in the Park	5 HS Basketball @ Floydada JV Girls @ 4:00 JV Boys @ 5:15 Var. Girls @ 6:30 Var. Boys @ 8:00	6 HS Dual Credit Registration 3:30 - 8:00 p.m. Rm. 3	7 Elem. Faculty Xmas Party 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. JV G & B @ Tulia BB Tournament 9 <sup>th</sup> Girls @ Muleshoe BB Tournament JV G & JV B @ Tulia Tournament	8 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade to Amarillo - to see the Nutcracker JH UIL @ Wayland JV G & B @ Tulia BB Tournament	9 ACT Test @ 7:45 a.m. HS Cafeteria JV G & B @ Tulia BB Tournament
11 JH BB @ Highland Park G-T B-H Choir Caroling 11:00-3:30 HS Choir Concert @ 7:00 9 <sup>th</sup> Girls & Boys BB vs. Highland Park G-H @ 6:00 B @ 7:15 - T	12 JV & Var. Girls Basketball @ Bushland 6:00 & 7:30 p.m.	13	14 JH Christmas Band Concert 7:00 HS Band Concert @ 7:00	15 HS Gatsby Day HS Christmas Dinner BB vs. Canyon - H JV - G @ 4:00 JV - B @ 5:15 V-G @ 6:30 V-B @ 8:00	16 JH Saturday School 8:00-12:00
18 JH BB vs. River Road G-H B-T 9 <sup>th</sup> Boys vs. River Road @ 6:30 - T 9 <sup>th</sup> Girls vs. River Road @ 7:15 - H JH & HS Semester Exams	19 Primary Music Program @ 1:00 JH Auditorium 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grades Christmas Program - 9:30 JH Auditorium JV & Var. Girls BB vs. River Road @ 6:00 & 7:30 - H JH & HS Semester Exams	20 End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Six Weeks 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades Christmas Programs @ 11:00 JH Auditorium <b>Early Dismissal</b> Primary - 12:30 Elem., JH, HS - 1:00 JH & HS Semester Exams	21 Holiday	22 Holiday	23 Holiday
25 <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>	26 Holiday Christmas Holidays	27 Holiday December 21 <sup>st</sup>	28 Holiday Caprock HS BB Tournament Boys & Girls Thru	29 Holiday Caprock HS BB Tournament Boys & Girls January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	30 Holiday Caprock HS BB Tournament Boys & Girls Classes begin on Wednesday, January 3 <sup>rd</sup>





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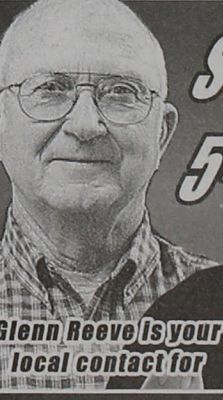
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# FRIONA CENTENNIAL MOMENTS

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

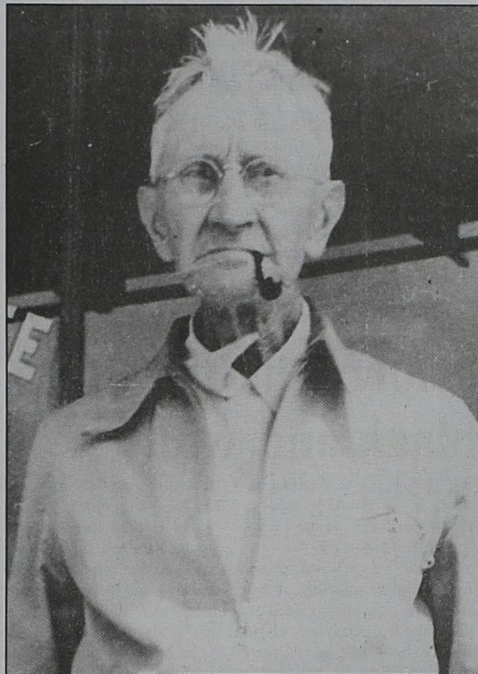
## “JODOK” The story of John Walter White: Founder, Farmer, Teacher, Printer, Deputy Sheriff, Mayor, Editor...

By Darla Bracken

John Walter White was a Friona resident for 51 of his 97 years. He was born May 23, 1868 on a farm near Rockwood, Illinois the youngest of four boys. His mother died when he was just a year old so he was raised by his “Aunt Mary” until he was old enough to help his dad and brothers on the farm. He attended a small, rural school and later attended a school in Valparaiso, Indiana where he earned his teaching certificate. He taught school for twelve years—teaching during the winters and farming during the summers. He married Florence B. Sympton on Nov. 30, 1899 in Rockwood. Florence had also been born and raised in Rockwood. They had two children: a son Fred, born Sept. 30, 1900 and a daughter Orma, born Sept 6, 1903. John White was elected Deputy Sheriff of Randolph County, Illinois in 1906 so the family moved to the county seat of Chester. It was here that he also became associated with the local newspaper and the printing business. He also worked as a substitute at the Post Office. No doubt he labored tirelessly in this community as he later did in Friona.

He first came to the Friona area in 1908 at age 40, on an excursion train from Illinois when George G. Wright's Capital Land & Freehold Company was selling land for the owners of the famous XIT Ranch in the Texas Panhandle. He rode with other prospective buyers in automobiles after their trains reached Friona as they drove to the southwest part of Deaf Smith County, 15 to 18 miles northwest of Friona. There was a large hotel there to accommodate them on the proposed townsite of Findley. John bought land there but did not move to the area until several years later. The proposed town of Findley, however, never developed.

It was on August 16, 1914 that John, his wife Florence, and his two children Fred and Orma arrived on the train to begin a new life in Friona, Texas. A couple of days later, another ‘immigrant’ car brought their two horses, a Jersey cow and calf, some hogs and some chickens, along with all their household belongings. They first moved to a place 2 1/2 miles northeast of Friona to be closer to town and to school. Orma was 11 years old when they moved to Friona and had fond memories of her and Fred riding their bicycles to school. If the weather was really bad, their dad would hitch ‘Old Dobbin’ to the buckboard wagon (the family means of transportation) and take them to school. Dobbin had a mind of his own, though, when being saddled or when Orma tried to ride him bareback—he just didn’t appreciate that very much. Working animals were like family members back then.



John Walter White

In 1916 the White family purchased a farm just north of the Friona townsite and built a home at 14<sup>th</sup> and Main. The beautiful family home still stands today but was relocated to a position a little further west and just further north. Mr. White was elected to the school board and was on the board when the first brick school building burned. The board then considered consolidation of several of the smaller rural schools with Friona and busing the students into Friona. Mr. White called the state superintendent to inquire as to whether or not state money would cover the expense. He was told that it had never been done and ‘to go ahead and try it’; thus Friona became the first school district to use school buses. John White and his family attended the Union Congregational Church as active members and where he served as Sunday School Superintendent for many years.

By 1925 Friona was experiencing a boom with lots of newcomers. A chamber of commerce was organized and Mr. White became the secretary of the first Friona Chamber of Commerce. As secretary, it fell his lot to try to find someone to start a newspaper for Friona. But with his newspaper and printing experience and their being no other takers, he founded the *Friona Star* himself in 1925. He was 57 years old. He worked at the newspaper at night and on his farm during the day. He drew no salary in the beginning other than a small portion of the advertising revenue; the cost of a subscription was \$1.50 per year. By the time the city incorporated in 1928, the *Friona Star* was up and running. John Walter White then was elected the first mayor of the City of Friona along with Jerry A. Blackwell\* and Jesse M. Osborn as his commissioners.

During World War II, Mr. White wrote to his nephews Roy Hart and Merle Harry and then published their letters in the *Star*. Soon other soldiers were also writing to him using the same greeting ‘Dear Uncle John’ which followed his philosophy of being a friend to everyone. He saw to it that the local soldiers overseas had free copies of the *Star*. He was known by many as *Uncle John* from those days to the time of his death in 1965.

Mr. White sold the newspaper in 1950 after 25 years to Bert Neelley. At age 82, after he retired, he operated “Uncle John’s Print Shop” doing small print jobs, family Christmas cards, booklets, pamphlets, etc., to keep busy. His philosophy of life remained throughout his writing: ‘Friendship to the whole human race.’ He certainly did a lot of positive things for people during his lifetime. He wrote the history of the *Friona Star* for Friona’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 1956; and we are so grateful for his writings.

Grab your dictionaries and hang on to your hats, Folks! Here is a sampling from his columns:

“I have been ruminating over my scant supply of historical knowledge and it occurs to me that there are a comparatively few peace compacts that have been made in the past that have not been broken sooner or later. Even though the original parties to the pact should adhere to it throughout their lives, their successors were pretty sure to find something about it that they did not like, and the pact would begin to ‘take water’, and the nails would begin to loosen, and ere long that once ironbound treaty would fall into a mass of ruins.” (1949)

And from one defending Eleanor Roosevelt’s response, or lack thereof, about a statement she had made about involving the separation of church & state: [he was not a fan, but he appreciated her not backing down from what she had said] “It is not at all likely that Mrs. Roosevelt will ever know that I have made this declaration, or care a whit whether I had made it or not, and I do not know that the world would be any better if all people should adopt the attitude that I have taken. Probably not.”

I still believe in the old maxim which I referred to in my last week’s effusion—‘Let every tub stand on its own bottom,’ without any assistance from any other unconcerned source whatsoever. If the church cannot support itself, then it becomes doubtful if it is worth supporting. And the same applies to all other organizations, all institutions should do their part in supporting the government by paying all legal taxes on any and all property they may possess.

As I have previously stated: ‘I am a religious enigma, a political recalcitrant. I am an economic failure, a social misfit. Like a square pin in a round hole, I may have served a purpose, but have never fit it. I started in life with nothing. I still have it—more than many can say. My remaining purpose in life is to love my neighbor as myself, but not better. Charges reasonable.’”

\*Jerry Blackwell was also later mayor. A display of framed photographs of all Friona’s mayors was a Centennial Project sponsored by the City of Friona assisted by Don & Gladys Spring. The display hangs in the new City Council Chambers.

\*\*The nickname *Jodok* came from Mr. White’s combining two names; those of two of his friends: Joe Horton and Dr. McElroy for their able assistance in providing food for cogitation.

John Walter and Florence Sympton White Founding Families display can be seen through December 5, 2006 at the Friona Public Library.

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**ACROSS**

1 TXism: "saddle sores eventually"

5 in Hidalgo Co. on hwy. 107

6 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ piece" (long way)

7 TX jazz pianist John \_\_\_\_\_ Kelley

8 TXism: "useless as a screen door"

17 TXism: "hissey"

18 some TXns fought for this country ('50-'53)

21 Lone Star state (abbr.)

22 Elmer of Six Flags Looney Tunes ride having all its parts

24 a TX Blue Bell choice

29 TXism: "might as well"

30 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ walking drunk"

31 TX Shelley Duval's "Olive" character in "Popeye" (init.)

32 TX-Mex historical tourism project: "\_\_\_\_\_ Rio"

34 gusher: "\_\_\_\_\_ out"

35 TX-based Pizza

36 TXism for study

37 Mexican leader who claimed Galveston: Don \_\_\_\_\_ Aury

38 TX-born jockey Willie \_\_\_\_\_ maker

39 TXism: "wobbles like a \_\_\_\_\_"

41 roof supports

42 Grand Saline, TX sits on top of a huge \_\_\_\_\_ deposit

*The Original*

**TEXAS CROSSWORD**

by Charley & Guy Orbison

Answers on pg 4

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**DOWN**

1 TXism for big problems (3 wds.)

2 TX Mexican food restaurant

3 TXism: "nervous \_\_\_\_\_ in a roomful of rocking chairs"

4 carefree escapades

9 "business as \_\_\_\_\_"

10 TXism: "trust everyone, but always cut the cards"

11 TXism: "happy as a hog in \_\_\_\_\_"

12 TXism: "chompin' \_\_\_\_\_ the bit"

13 Fossil Rim Wildlife Preserve has black \_\_\_\_\_

14 TX Reynolds book: "If \_\_\_\_\_ Then"

15 short message

16 stat for Astro Roger Clemens

19 Southwest Airlines specializes in \_\_\_\_\_ travel

20 repents

22 John \_\_\_\_\_ died in Dallas

24 22-down had problems with this Castro (init.)

25 UT science credit

26 Fort Worth's \_\_\_\_\_ Carter Museum of Western Art

27 grape plants

33 TXism: "hits the \_\_\_\_\_" (satisfying)

34 a TX grass

35 TX Trini's "If \_\_\_\_\_ a Hammer"

37 film in '53: "Down \_\_\_\_\_"

38 transmits

40 TX comedienne & actress Burnett

41 coffin stand

44 fancy cook

47 water \_\_\_\_\_ (toilet)

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Bovina's first barber shop opened in 1908, owned and operated by Mr. Jack Anderson. Haircuts were 35 cents and shaves were 15 cents. He heated water in a pan on a two burner stove.

Prairie Progress c. 1981



### Happy Birthday

December 3, 2006-December 9, 2006

- Dec. 3-Brittney Martin, Thomas Alexander, Corben Baxter, Thomas Maricle, Ted Tucker, Randie Hamilton, Cheryl Cunningham
- Dec. 4-Brock Field, Leo Reed, Glenda Schueler, Erin Barnett, Rene Snead
- Dec. 5-D'Aun Watkins, Charles Wilkins, Teena Hughes, Allison Johnston, Mathew Ratliff, Larry Hodnett
- Dec. 6-Tim Mercer, Mike Taylor, Sherri Wilkerson, Alicia Rando, Allison Jones, Roy Dominguez, Roy Don Smith, Jessie Fuentes, Darin Hofferichter, Marixa Rocha
- Dec. 7-Hortencia Bermea, Carla Sue Scott, Lauri Rector, Melanie London, D'Lynn Carr, Brenda Busch.
- Dec. 8-D.L. Osborn, Jesse Estrada, Kandace Frye, David Lopez
- Dec. 9-Bill White, Robert Martinez, Jake Brozek, Robert Rocha

### Bailey County Christmas bazaar

The Bailey County Extension Education Club and Texas Cooperative Extension have announced their 28th annual Christmas Bazaar. It will be held on Saturday, December 2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Bailey County Civic Center at 2200 West American Boulevard in Muleshoe. Admission is free.

Applications for booth space are being accepted until November 30. Contact Gail Gladden at 806-272-3024 or 806-282-5045.

### Think about this

## Think yourself thankful

BY T. LEON TALLEY, Sixth Street Church of Christ

Another way we can think ourselves thankful is to think about the source of our blessings. When something good happens in your life who or what gets the credit? Is it luck, fortune or chance? Paul discouraged that kind of thinking. He said, "...what do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?"

The Bible is quite clear. "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." (James 1:17)

God has blessed us all bountifully. Being able to live in the Texas Panhandle, I believe, is a wonderful blessing. God has blessed us with a great community and a lot of wonderful people.

We need to thank Him profusely! And, we need to think a lot about expressing thanks.

Once an old farmer was invited to a sick relative's for dinner. He quietly bowed his head and expressed his thanks for the meal. His relative said, "that's old fashioned. Now-a-days cultured people don't pray before they eat." The farmer said, "Well, there are some at the farm who don't give thanks before they eat." The relative asked, "are they your sons?" Farmer said, "Nope, they're my pigs!"

Let's think ourselves thankful!

## NEW ARRIVALS



Hunter Wade Wiseman

### Hunter Wade Wiseman

Landon and Ashley Wiseman, of Friona, Texas, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Hunter Wade Wiseman, on Saturday, November 5, 2006 at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo, Texas.

Hunter weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz and was 20 1/4 inches long.

Hunter's grandparents are Mitchell and Johnnie Wiseman of Friona, Ronnie Law of Hale Center, Texas and Daphne Brooker of Danielson, Connecticut. His great-grandparents are Buddy and Betty Wiseman of Friona and Joy Browne of Plainview, Texas.

## The gospel, although colorful in its setting, is best understood in black and white

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

According to recent newspaper articles, those pesky research scientists are at it again. A group of them at UCLA have been conducting experiments with flies in an attempt to grow additional eyes (on the flies, not the scientists). The study is so controversial that it was put to a vote. Apparently the eyes have it because the scientists discovered similarities in the genes of fly eyes and human eyes.

I don't want to know that I have something in common with flies, although I can't explain my hunger pains when I see dead animals or the warmth I feel in a greasy restaurant. I don't want eyes growing on my wings or antennae, although my fourth-grade teacher did have eyes in the back of her head.

Another group of scientists has experimented with growing extra ears on mice. If I wanted to see a mouse with an ear attached to its back, I would move next door to Stephen King. However, extra ears would have helped in the little-known nursery rhyme "Three Deaf Mice."

There is another group of scientists that really sticks in my craw, so much so that I have had to see a specialist on two occasions to have my craw enlarged. These are the people who invented the process for coloring movies. There is nothing more American than eating popcorn popped in a microwave (made in Taiwan) and watching an old black-and-white Sherlock Holmes movie (about an English detective) on my television (made in Japan).

These pesky scientists decided I was not having fun. Millions of dollars later, advance technology now provides us with black-and-white movies that look like they were shot in pink and green. Colorizing movies is like painting an order of cheese fries in Leonardo da Vinci's *The Last Supper* or taking the cigars out of the dogs' mouths in *Dogs Playing Poker*. You just don't mess with classics.

Through the years the church was tampered with the original gospel story and tried to modernize it to make it more appealing to the masses. The gospel needs nothing man has to offer in order to enhance the magnitude of its meaning. Churches have tried everything from howl-

ing prayers to a laughing revival. In our efforts to modernize the message, we have minimized the Messenger.

Instead of teaching people how to make Jesus Lord of their lives, we have downgraded sin and raised a generation of believers who have made Jesus their pal and best buddy. My biggest fear for the church of the new millennium is that the New Testament Jesus has be-

come more culturally convenient than He is scripturally sound.

"For God so love the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16 NLT). That is the gospel story. It is simple and original. There is no gray area. What the church needs to do is stop trying to improve on the gospel...and spend more time-sharing it.

*Thank you so much for the food, prayers, cards and all acts of kindness showered upon us during the sickness and loss of our mother. We would also like to say a great big thanks to PCCH and the nursing staff for seeing to our every need and making Mother's last days comfortable. A special thanks to Rhonda Wilkins. Larry Williams and family Frances Johnson and family*

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# OBITUARIES

## Ann Whitley Osborn



Ann Whitley Osborn

Ann Whitley Osborn, 71, of Friona, Texas, passed away Tuesday, November 21, 2006 in Friona. Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 25, 2006 at the Friona Cemetery. Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Friona United Methodist Church with Rev. Steve Patterson, pastor, officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of

Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mrs. Osborn was born October 31, 1935 in Hereford, Texas to Harry and Marye (Harris) Whitley. She married McFarland C. Osborn June 9, 1957 in Friona. He died July 7, 2003.

Mrs. Osborn was a 1954 graduate of Farwell High School and attended Texas Women's University for three years. She was a member of the Friona United Methodist Church. She was a member and past president of Progressive Study Club, Friona Chieftains Club and the Friona Library Board. She served on the West Texas Women of the year board and served as judge and coordinator. She also served on the Girls' Little Dribblers Board.

Mrs. Osborn helped found the Meals on Wheels program in Friona and served as treasurer. She was named Friona's Woman of the Year in 1984.

She is survived by five daughters, Paige Krakoski of Phoenix, Arizona, Shawn Kennington of Plano, Texas, Nikki Ralston, Lacye Ratliff, and Tiffany Barclay, all of Fort Worth, Texas; and seven grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to Friona Friends of the Library or the Friona United Methodist Church Endowment Fund.

## Theda Bloxom



Theda Bloxom

Texas.

Mrs. Bloxom worked as a cook in a restaurant for many years. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

She is preceded in death by her first husband, Lester Williams, March 4, 1984, her second husband, Emory Bloxom, April 4, 1991, a son, Weldon Williams, January 28, 1974, a granddaughter, Pamela Johnson, November 18, 1969, a grandson, Jimmy Williams, January 4, 2001, and a brother Weldon Emerson, January 28, 1985.

Mrs. Bloxom is survived by a son, Larry Williams of Friona; one daughter, Frances Johnson of Bovina, Texas; twelve grandchildren; twenty-two great-grandchildren; and four great great grandchildren.

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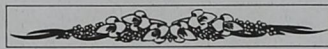
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## Sally Wilkerson Putman



Sally Wilkerson Putman

Sally Wilkerson Putman, 70, of Friona, Texas, passed away Sunday, November 26, 2006 in Friona. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 28, 2006 at the Friona United Methodist Church with Rev. Don Boren, of Borger, Texas, officiating. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

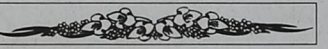
Mrs. Putman was born May 9, 1936 in Morgan County, Alabama to Theodor and Novie (Morrow) Wilkerson. She moved to Friona in 1966 from Whiteface, Texas. She married

Jimmy Putman January 14, 1978 in Friona.

Mrs. Putman worked at the Parmer County Community Hospital for many years as housekeeper. She was a member of the Friona United Methodist Church.

She is preceded in death by two brothers, Harold Jr. Wilkerson and Billy Joe Wilkerson.

Mrs. Putman is survived by her husband; one sister, Willadean Dempsey of Pinson, Alabama; and four brothers, Carl Osborn, Ted Osborn, Jimmy Skipworth and Ardis Wilkerson, all of Friona.



## Joyce Coffman



Joyce Coffman

Joyce Coffman, 86, of Friona, Texas, passed away Wednesday, November 22, 2006 at Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friona. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. at Hamlin Memorial Methodist Church in Farwell, Texas. Interment followed in the Oklahoma Lane Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Steed Todd Funeral Home of Clovis, New Mexico.

Mrs. Coffman was born July 16, 1920, in Leila Lake, Texas to Fred and Dollie Barker. She was a life long resident of Farwell. She married E.R. (Weedy) Coffman on August 20, 1938. She was a housewife and retired caregiver.

Mrs. Coffman was preceded in death by her husband, son Frank Coffman, grandson Justin Lee Coffman, three sisters, two brothers and her parents.

Mrs. Coffman is survived by

five daughters, Sharon Gallon of Stillwater, Oklahoma, Melody Drake and husband Owen, of Friona, Texas, Alice Ewald and husband Brian of Sun Lakes, Arizona, Gaye Klump and husband Robert of Cedaredge, Colorado and April King of Amarillo, Texas; one son, Hobbie Coffman of Farwell, Texas; one sister, Bobbie Widner and husband Robert, of Portales, New Mexico; three sister-in-laws, Ann Barker and Anna Joe Blackburn, both of Friona, and Minnie Mae Glasscock of Albuquerque, New Mexico. She is also survived by eighteen grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; and many dear friends.

Pallbearers were her grandsons, Rob Wilson, Bart Coffman, Darren Coffman, Bret Coffman,

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# 2-2A all-district team named

Friona Chieftain junior quarterback Sawyer Reed was named Offensive Most Valuable Player (MVP) to lead the District 2-2A all-district selections announced this week.

Also named to the 1st team offense were Hector Sanchez, tight end; Chance Lewellen, offensive lineman; Valente Casas, wide receiver; Eddie Ortiz and Octavio Moreno, running

backs.

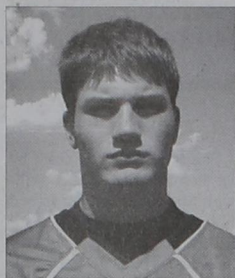
Named to 2nd team all-district offense were Aaron Arcos and Chris Haile, offensive linemen and Ruben Chico, running back. Stephen Campbell was an honorable mention offensive lineman pick.

All-district 1st team defense named were Chance Lewellen, defensive end; Octavio Moreno, defensive lineman;

Bobby Silva, linebacker; and Ritchie Casas, defensive back.

Named to 2nd team all-district defense were Adam Carrasco, defensive lineman and Juan Reyes, defensive back. Hector Sanchez was also named as a 2nd team punter.

Trent Hudson, Dillon Welch, and Alonzo Rojas received honorable mention on defense.



**Chris Haile**  
2nd team off. lineman



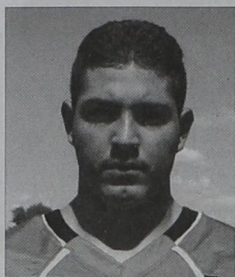
**Sawyer Reed**  
2-2A offensive Most Valuable Player



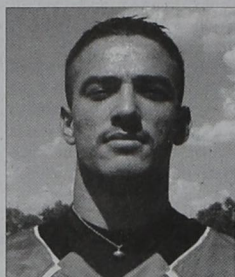
**Stephen Campbell**  
honorable mention offensive lineman



**Valente Casas**  
1st team wide receiver



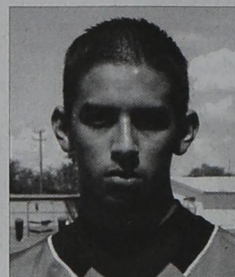
**Octavio Moreno**  
1st team running back  
1st team def. lineman



**Juan Reyes**  
2nd team def. backs



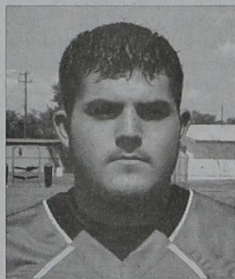
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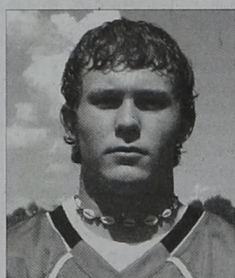
**Alonzo Rojas**  
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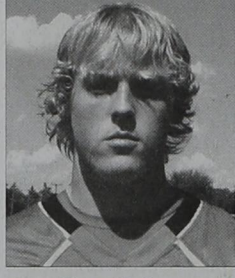
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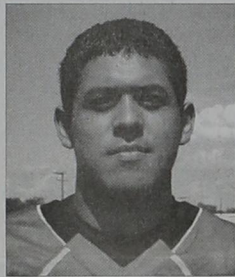
**Bobby Silva**  
1st team linebacker



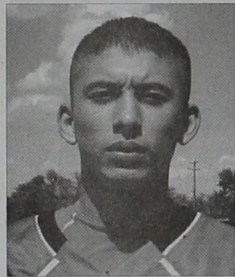
**Chance Lewellen**  
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1st team def. lineman



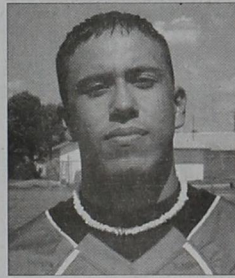
**Trent Hudson**  
honorable mention defense



**Aaron Arcos**  
2nd team off. lineman



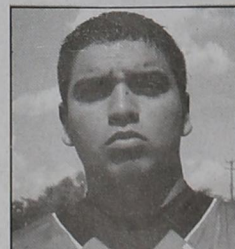
**Ritchie Casas**  
1st team def. back



**Eddie Ortiz**  
1st team running back



**Ruben Chico**  
2nd team running back



**Hector Sanchez**  
1st team tight end



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