

As of December 11, 1997
77,933
 bales of cotton had been
 ginned in Parmer County.
Friona Star/Bovina Blade survey

One Week Left In Xmas Promotion

The Friona Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture's annual "Ho! Ho! Home for the Holidays" Christmas shopping promotion, continues through next Friday, December 19.

Local shoppers still have time to register for one of 17 prizes, worth a total of \$675.00.

Shoppers may register with any of the 15 participants, who will have a registration box available. They are entitled to one ticket for each purchase.

At each of the participating merchants, a shopper's name will be drawn for \$25 in Friona Bucks, to be spent with that merchant.

Post Office Vandalism Investigated

Friona Postmaster Larry Rogers and the Friona Police Department reported several instances of vandalism in the post office lobby after hours.

Damage included a plastic placard pulled from the wall and broken, key scratches in the tint of the lobby windows, and melting the exterior light covers on the lobby stamp machines with a cigarette lighter. Rogers also told the Star that some half eaten food items had recently been put through a mail slot.

Police officials will be keeping a closer patrol on the building. Postmaster Rogers stated that he may be forced to start locking the post office lobby at night.

SIGNS AND SYMBOLS of ancient worlds are still prominent in our every day society. Makes you wonder if we've really progressed very far. Take for instance the number three. As a child, I thought everything in the world must be linked in groups of three. We had the *Three Bears, Three Little Pigs, Three Little Kittens, Three Billy Goats Gruff, Three Blind Mice, the Three Wise Men, and the Three Rs* (reading, writing, and arithmetic).

Of course I didn't realize that the number three is considered a symbol of the Deity and is sacred in nearly all of the world's religions, being expressive of the beginning, middle and end, as in: birth, life and death; mind, body and soul; past, present and future; man, woman and child. The world is three-fold as in the earth, sea, and air. The heavens are three-fold as in the sun, moon and stars. The building blocks of life are animal, vegetable and mineral.

The number three was banded about a lot in Greek Mythology when the world was supposed to be ruled by three gods; Jupiter ruled the heavens; Neptune ruled the seas; and Pluto ruled Hades. In Hinduism the three gods are Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva.

Of course we all know the symbol of Christianity is the Holy Trinity, representing the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; and the Christian graces are three-fold, as in Faith, Hope and Charity.

How about the three primary colors of red, blue and yellow; and the three loftiest goals of man: wisdom, strength and beauty. Consider the Irish shamrock, the French fleur-de-lis, the English Three Musketeers, and Shakespeare's famous three-act-plays. When you are inebriated you are "Three sheets to the wind" referring to a ship with its three sails loosened. And when you're broke, you might take your watch to the pawn shop represented by three golden balls out in front of the store. This symbol was taken from the coat of arms of the wealthiest family in England who were the first money-lenders way back when.

Seven is also considered a sacred number because of the seven days of creation. There are seven branches of the Jewish Menorah candlestick representing seven days in the week. Then we have the Seven Wonders of the World, the seven Hills of Rome, the Seven Seas, the Seven Sacraments and the seven spectrum colors of the rainbow.

The seven deadly sins are: gluttony, sloth, lust, vanity, anger, envy and avarice. The seven bodies in alchemy are gold, silver, iron, mercury, lead, tin and copper. And for our enjoyment we have *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, The Magnificent Seven, Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, The Seven-Year-Itch, and the 7-11 store.*

Here's another one. We measure the passage of time with the number 12. We have 12 signs of the Zodiac, 12 months of the year, 12 hours of the day, 12 hours of the night, and the 12 days of Christmas.

Jacob's 12 sons established the 12 tribes of Israel. There are 12 gates to the Holy City of Jerusalem. Jesus chose 12 apostles, and in Buddhism there are 12 members of the council of the Dalai Lama. There were 12 Knights of the Round Table in the days of King Arthur, and we have 12 Supreme Court Justices and 12 jurors who decide our fates in court.

For entertainment, we have Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, and also *High Noon, Twelve Angry Men, The Dirty Dozen, Twelve O'Clock High, and Until the Twelfth of Never.*

A dozen is a unit of measure consisting of 12 items. We say goodbye to childhood at age 12, and goodbye to the current year at the end of the 12th month, December.

Linking us with our distant past, ancient signs and symbols still lend a sense of order to our lives even in this fantastic age of modern technology.

Then, all of the registration tickets are combined for the grand prize drawing.

There will be three shoppers' names drawn for \$100 each in Friona Bucks. The drawings will be held on Friday, December 19. The \$100 in Friona Bucks may be spent with the participating merchants any way the winners wish to spend their winnings.

Those participating in the 1997 promotion are:

A-1 Service Center, An Added Touch, Bi-Wize Health Mart Drug, Campbell Electric, Sparkle Cleaners, D.L.'s Thriftway, Big Ticket Video and Friona Star.
 Also, Haile's State Farm Insurance, The Price is Right, Ingram's Department Store, Texas Equipment Co., Kendrick Oil Co., Lakeside Parts and Machine, and Ivy Cottage Flowers and Gifts.

"We support you and your efforts to provide Friona with quality products and service and appreciate you joining the Chamber in our effort to promote shopping at home," said B.K. Buske, Friona's 1997 Chamber of Commerce president.

Cookie Walk Planned For December 13

The Union Congregational Church is holding its thirteenth annual cookie walk Saturday, December 13 at 1601 Euclid from 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

Everyone is invited to attend this annual event.

MY TURN

By Carol Ellis



CUDDLE BEARS.....Friona EMS volunteers show off their statewide award and some of the teddy bears they brought back from Austin. See story for details. From left are Shain Clark, Dana Hendrix, Bryan Harris, Sheila Clark, Roy Ortiz, Lynn Clark, Donice Jones, and Rick Clayton. (Ron Carr Photo)

Friona EMS Received '97 Volunteer Provider Award

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) units from all around Texas gathered in Austin last month for an EMS convention.

Representing the Friona EMS were city manager Paula Wilson and paramedics Dana Hendrix and Donice Jones.

The annual conference was attended by more than

2,000 representatives in Texas communities.

During a formal awards banquet on the final night, the Friona EMS was awarded the 1997 Texas EMS Volunteer Provider Award. The plaque was given by the Texas Department of Health to the City of Friona ambulance service in recognition of outstanding

achievement.

Donice Jones said that going on the stage to accept the award in front of 2,000 people was more nerve-racking than an ambulance call.

Each table at the banquet had a teddy bear as a center piece, which meant more than 200 teddy bears in the room.

All the teddy bears were divided among those EMS units winning awards. The ladies brought back 75 teddy bears to Friona. They will be used by EMS and police to give to children involved in accidents or other emergencies.

The EMS volunteers are collecting food and toys for needy families this holiday season.

To help out or to congratulate the EMS on their state-wide award, call Dana Hendrix at City Hall or any EMS volunteer.

Deadline Draws Near For Project Xmas Card

Signup period for the 1997 "Project Christmas Card" will continue through December 19.

Project Christmas Card is being co-sponsored by the Modern Study Club and the Friona Star for the 42nd consecutive Christmas season.

Proceeds from the project go to benefit Parmer County Community Hospital. Since its inception, the drive has raised over \$118,500 for new hospital equipment.

This is in addition to over \$16,500 in advertising space which has been donated to the project by the newspaper.

Last year the proceeds from the project were used to purchase new mattresses for the hospital beds.

Donations may be made at Friona State Bank, as well as at a number of business firms throughout the town.

Deadline to donate to the project has been established as Friday, December 19.

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

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

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

Bank Hosting Christmas Tea

Friona State Bank will host their annual Christmas Tea on Wednesday, December 17, during banking hours, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Community Room.

Charles Turner will be providing holiday music throughout the day and refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited to stop by.

"This is just our way of saying Merry Christmas to the wonderful people of Friona," a bank spokesperson said.

Commissioner To Run Again

Incumbent County Commissioner Tom Ware has announced his plans to seek re-election for Precinct 2.

Ware, a life time Parmer County resident, will be seeking nomination for a fourth term as a county commissioner in the March Democratic primary.

Ware stated that he felt his 12 years as a commissioner qualified him to better serve residents of Precinct 2.

Pd. Pol. Adv.

Jack Young Will Retire Jan. 1, 1999

Judge Jack D. Young has authorized the Friona Star to announce that he will not seek re-election in 1998. Jack D. Young is Judge of the 287th District Court composed of Bailey and Parmer counties.

Judge Young said, "There comes a time when we all must step down, and although reluctantly, I believe that time has come for me. I intend to complete my elected term, God willing, and retire effective January 1, 1999."

Young continued, "I would like to express my 'thanks' and 'gratitude' to friends and constituents who have supported me in the past-God Bless."

He served as Bailey County Attorney from January 1, 1957 to December 31, 1960, as District Attorney for the 154th Judicial District composed of Lamb, Bailey and Parmer counties, Texas, from January 1, 1961 to May 1, 1981 and as Judge of the 287th Judicial District Court from May 1, 1981, to the present.



TIME FOR LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Santa letters can now be dropped by or mailed to the Friona Star at P.O. Box 789 to be included in the Annual Christmas Special Edition of the paper. Deadline for Santa Letters is set for Dec. 18.



FLOOR DONATION.....Joe McLellan, Minnie Aguirre, and Loy McLellan, representing the Friona Youth Basketball Association, present a check to Superintendent Hal Ratcliff as a contribution toward the new floor at the junior high gymnasium. (Ron Carr Photo)

Friona Youth Basketball Gives to ISD

The junior high gymnasium has a brand new floor and new interior paint at a cost of approximately \$35,000, according to FISD officials.

The Friona Youth Basketball Association this week helped defray the cost with a \$6,000 donation to the school district.

According to Loy McLellan, president of the Friona Youth Basketball group, the youth program gave the money in appreciation for use of the gym over the last 13 years.

1997 board members of Friona Youth Basketball are: Loy McLellan, Joe Cunningham, Mark Gammon, Vickie Field, Pam Madrid, Terry Wilcox, Kirk Frye, Lanis Graham, Minnie Aguirre, Danny Roach, and Danny Hand.



SANTA AT THE DEPOT.....Santa came for Christmas In The Park last Sunday and listened as Friona Little Miss, McKayla Morton, and Miss Friona, Kayla Wyly, told him what they hoped to find under the tree. (Ron Carr Photo)

Friona Flashbacks

...from the files of The Friona Star

70 Yrs Ago-Dec. 9, 1927
On December 2, after the literary program of the Montezuma, the parents, teachers and well-wishers of the Friona School organized a Parent-Teachers Association with officers as follows: F.W. Reeve, president; Mrs. J.D. Hamlin, vice president; Mrs. E.R. Furlong, first vice president; Mrs. F.S. Truitt, second vice president; Mrs. Elmer Euler, third vice president; Miss Ruby Haynes, treasurer; Miss Ella Mae Tannery, secretary; and Mrs. D.H. Meade, corresponding secretary.

65 Yrs Ago-Dec. 10, 1932
There still seems to be considerable doing on the part of the contractors for the paving of Highway 33-60 from Friona east to the Deaf Smith County line, in way of making surveys and the assembling of materials. Several of those who will be employed in the work have secured rooms or apartments and have moved their families to Friona. It has been rumored that there will be a WPA officer located here to look after this part of the work, but nothing definite along that line has yet been disclosed.

60 Yrs Ago-Dec. 10, 1937
The writer had the pleasure of visiting the farm home of Ed Boggess a few miles southeast of town Sunday afternoon, and of viewing some of Ed's fine whitefaced cattle. Ed had a

bountiful crop of sorghum grains this season, and he is selling it by way of the feed lot, with a good prospect of receiving a fair price for it. He has a herd of 99 of the prettiest whiteface yearling steers that it's been our pleasure to look at in a long time, having had them on feed for the past several weeks.

50 Yrs Ago-Dec. 11, 1942
Honor roll for the second six weeks for Friona High School, all A's, included seniors Fern Cunningham, Howard Loveless, June Maurer and Elsie Messenger; junior, Dale Treider; sophomores, Cleola Hurst, Truel Wayne Hyde, Betty Mae Massey, Shirley Maurer, Patsy Ruth Robason and Nola Faye Smith and freshmen Doris Ann Lange, Dorothy Scott, Ethel Mae Taylor and Louis Welch.

45 Yrs Ago-Dec. 11, 1952
The Santa Fe Railway has declined to act favorably on a recent petition submitted by area residents asking for seven-day service at the depot in Friona. The petition carried 115 signatures.

40 Yrs Ago-Dec. 12, 1957
BULLETIN--The area's oldest citizen, Mrs. Nancy Adeline Thornton, 107, died at the home of Mrs. Roy Williams, Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Funeral arrangements are pending at

Claborn Funeral Home. Mrs. Thornton has been in poor health in recent years.

Two Friona businesses this week added black top paving to their parking lots, further adding to the attractiveness of the city's front yard. The businesses were Gib's Cleaners and Claborn Floral and Funeral Home.

35 Yrs Ago-Dec. 13, 1962
Friona High School's FFA Chapter has added another state championship banner to its growing collection of blue and gold streamers. The senior farm skills team kept the state title in Friona by beating out nine other area champions in the 32nd annual state leadership contests in Huntsville last Saturday. Members of the team are Jerry Cass, George Rushing, Ronnie Brookfield, Dwain Phipps and Dale Milner.

30 Yrs Ago-Dec. 14, 1967
A driver's license office for Parmer County has been located in Friona, and will be open on January 1, it has been announced by the Texas Department of Public Safety. The office for Parmer County will be located at 715-A Main Street, and will remain open five days each week with the initiation of the licensing changes.

25 Yrs Ago-Dec. 14, 1972
The Friona Volunteer Fire Department will be host on Sunday at open house for the city's new station house. The new facility has recently been completed. It is located adjacent to the Law Enforcement Center (old City Hall). Delton Lewellen of Lewellen Construction Company was the general contractor on the building, which is of steel construction with brick trim.

20 Yrs Ago-Dec. 11, 1977
The community choir, made up of voices from the various local churches, will perform Sunday at 3 p.m. at the High School Auditorium. The choir will perform "This Is Christmas," along with other traditional Christmas music. A collection will be taken to go to the Municipal

Library building fund.

15 Yrs Ago-Dec. 12, 1982
Former longtime businessman, Arthur Drake, died Friday morning in Amarillo, after a month's illness and hospitalization. Services for Drake, who served as manager of Friona Wheat Growers for 30 years, are pending.

One of Friona's grand old ladies, who keeps busy in spite of her age, Anna Anthony, who observed her 85th birthday, Tuesday, December 7, was honored by her children and their spouses with a surprise party Sunday.

10 Yrs Ago-Dec. 12, 1987
A Friona man was killed early Saturday northwest of Dimmitt when the truck he was driving ran off the road, according to Department of Public Safety Officers at the scene, Ron Morgan and John Piper. Trent Shelton, 20, was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of Peace Marshall Young.

The Friona Chamber of Commerce announces the names of the six new directors to be seated during the December meeting of the Chamber Board of Directors. The new board members are Dave Buske, Allan Haile, Randy Lewis, Cecil Maddox, Ted Procter, and Larry Rogers. Board members returning to complete their term of office are Ab Hendley, 1988 president; John Baxter, Barbara Maynard, Joe Mejia, Ron Smiley and Jayson Grimsley, serving as ex-officio president.

5 Yrs Ago-Dec. 12, 1992
Roddy Berend was grand-prize winner in the Friona Star's football contest. He received \$100 for having 153 total points. Mal Manchee tied with Berend but after a review of their tie-breaker scores, Berend beat Manchee with -216-250.



HELP!.....Ten-month-old Joshua Barnett, son of Rick and Erin Barnett, is not so sure about all this white stuff and fuzzy whiskers, but he might want to ask for a pair of shoes this Christmas.
(Ron Carr Photo)

Friona ISD Lunch Menu DEC. 15-19

MONDAY--Sloppy joe, pepperoni pizza, barbeque sandwich, combo sub, french fries, fresh veggie dippers, green beans, applesauce, tossed salad, jello and milk.

TUESDAY--Sliced ham, cheeseburgers, corn dog, burrito, cornbread, au gratin potatoes, okra gumbo, black-eyed peas, marinated vegetable medley, tossed salad, jello, pineapple, cottage cheese and milk.

WEDNESDAY--Salmon patties, pepperoni pizza, tacos, tuna croissant, rolls, spinach, macaroni and cheese, corn on the cob, tossed salad, jello, pears, cottage cheese and milk.

THURSDAY--Steak fingers, hamburger, burrito, hot dogs, rolls, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, cottage cheese, tossed salad, jello and milk.

FRIDAY--Taco pie, pepperoni pizza, chicken pattie sandwich, corn dog, ranch style beans, queso rice, corn, fruit cocktail, cottage cheese, tossed salad, jello and milk.



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Martha Russell Is Buried In Friona December 8

Services for Martha M. Russell, 91, of Friona were held Monday, December 8 at Friona United Methodist Church with Rev. Don Boren, pastor officiating.

Burial followed at Fairmount Cemetery in San Angelo, Texas under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Russell died December 5, 1997 at Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friona. She was born January 14, 1906 in Grand Junction, Colorado.

She married Charles D. Russell July 30, 1925 in San Angelo, Texas. He died July 1, 1992.

Mrs. Russell was a member of the Friona United Methodist Church. She was a member of the Eastern Star and the Daughters of the Nile. She had been a resident of Friona since 1945 moving here from Washington, D. C. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include one nephew, R. Lemuel Miller of McLean, Virginia.

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	1992 Cadillac Sedan DeVille white	\$12,495
	1992 Buick Regal 4 dr., silver	\$6,995
	1995 Pontiac Grand Am 4 dr., metallic blue	\$7,995
	1992 Chevrolet Lumina Euro Coupe gray	\$3,995
	1987 Chrysler LeBaron maroon	\$2,895
5-STAR Pre-owned Trucks, Vans, & Sports Utilities		
SPORT UTILITIES	1997 Chevrolet Blazer 4x4 bright red	\$22,900
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Water Dist. Files For State Permit

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 has filed an application with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission in Austin for a state permit to conduct a precipitation enhancement program within a specified target and operational area for the years 1998-2001.

The Water District contracted with Weather Modification Inc. (WMI) of Fargo, North Dakota to conduct a precipitation enhancement program within the 15-county Water District service area and southeastern New Mexico from May 30 to September 30, 1997. During this time, WMI personnel flew 86 missions in which 1,514 silver iodide flares were dropped into developing thunderstorms to increase rainfall.

Following the first year of the program, Water District officials felt it would be in the taxpayers' best interest if the District applied for its own weather modification permit.

"Under our current contract, WMI is the sole contractor who holds the license and permit for the precipitation enhancement program," said Water District Manager A. Wayne Wyatt.

"If they were to increase their fees substantially, the Water District would have no choice but

to pay or cancel the program. We feel that it is best for the District to seek its own permit to allow us greater flexibility in operating the precipitation enhancement program to benefit the taxpayers."

The Water District's current tax rate is set at \$0.0084 per \$100 valuation.

The permit application proposes a target area consisting of the southwestern part of Armstrong County and all of Bailey, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Terry and Yoakum Counties.

The project's operational area would include the target area, as well as portions of adjacent counties within 30 miles of the outer boundary of the target area. Counties included in this proposed area are Gaines, Dawson, Borden, Garza, Dickens, Motley, Moore, Briscoe, Swisher, Hartley, Carson and Kent Counties. Also included are Quay, Roosevelt, Curry and Lea Counties of eastern New Mexico.

Legal notices regarding the proposed precipitation enhancement application will be published for the next three weeks in newspapers in each county within the target and operational area in Texas.

Persons wishing to know more about the technical aspects of the proposed operation may contact George Bomar, MC 158, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin Texas, 78711-3087, (512) 239-0770, or the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas, 79405-1499, (806) 762-0181.



ARTIST OF THE MONTH. Friona Art Associations announces Marie Tidwell of Clovis as the December Artist of the Month. Her oil paintings will be on display in the lobby of Prairie Acres. Marie is a member of art associations in Friona, Muleshoe, Clovis and Canyon. Her paintings are floral in soft colors and restful landscape scenes. She is a consistent winner in area art competitions.



REASON FOR THE SEASON.... Christmas trees, bright strings of lights, Santa's sleigh displays, and other festive holiday decorations are appearing at homes and businesses around the county. Through all the hustle and bustle of the season, what better way to remind ourselves of the real reason for the celebration of Christmas than a manger scene. Mary, Joseph, a shepherd, and the baby Jesus adorn the yard at Prairie Acres to remind us of "the reason for the season." (Ron Carr Photo)

ON SALE AT THE FRIONA STAR!



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Survivors To Meet

The supportive care division of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will host "Pathways," a four part support series for those who have lost a loved one, Tuesdays, December 2-23, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

The topic of the December 16 meeting is "Surviving the Season." The purpose of the support group is to help people through the holidays after losing a loved one. The support group will meet in the amphitheater of the Don and Sybil Harrington cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Boulevard.

To register, please call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673 or 1 (800) 274-4673, ext. 235.

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FRIONA/BOVINA DEVOTIONAL PAGE

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TOP "NAZ" IN FINALS

Chiefs Win Title In Own Tournament

Friona's annual invitational tournament had a somewhat different look this year, in terms of participants. This was partly due to the fact that a year earlier the school was forced to cancel the event, since its football team was playing (and beating) Aledo in the state quarter-final game at Sweetwater.

The tourney may have had a "small school" flavor, but at any rate the Friona High School Chieftains claimed the championship in the boys' division. Besides, as anyone in this area knows, size of school is not always a factor in basketball.

The Chieftains scored wins over Hart, 73-39; Farwell, 67-52; Floyd, N.M., 89-48, and Nazareth, 66-56. Friona and Nazareth had earlier won their "pools," to gain the championship round.

In Thursday action, the King brothers, Aaron and Nathan, scored nine points between them, and Justin Daniel kicked in four, to get Friona off to a 17-4 first quarter lead against Hart.

Angel Vega found his groove in the second quarter, scoring four baskets, one a three-pointer, and teammate Quint Ellis chipped in nine points, as Friona rolled to a 35-14 halftime lead.

Every member of the roster saw considerable action before the game was over. Angel

Vega, who hadn't scored in the first quarter prior to his nine-point second period, added nine more in the second half for game scoring honors with 18.

Quint Ellis was a close second with 17, and Aaron King had ten.

Friona met Farwell in their second-round game, and the Chieftains scored a fairly easy 67-52 win. Aaron King made four baskets, one a "trey," and Vega matched King's shooting basket-for-basket (including the three-pointer). Friona led, 23-10 and 40-24.

King rang the bell with 22 points, Vega had 20, and Ellis, who didn't score in the first period, contributed 15 points.

In their third-round game, the Chiefs disposed of an outmanned Floyd, N.M. team, 89-48. Friona hit the floor running. Angel Vega, who had taken the wraps off his scoring arm the previous game, made seven first quarter baskets, one a three-pointer, and followed one of his two-pointers with a foul shot.

Sparked by Vega's 16 points and Nathan King's 12, Friona blasted to a 30-8 first quarter lead. Six players shared in the scoring in the second quarter, and the Chieftains went to halftime with a safe 49-24 lead.

In addition to their great

shooting from the field, the team converted 13 of 17 shots from the free throw line, 76.5 per cent. This was their best of the year.

In their title game, the Chieftains were missing a pair of players. Jesus Mata injured a knee in the previous game, and Daniel had bad blisters on his feet. Both players were on crutches on the sidelines.

With only seven players suited up, when Colby Patterson fouled out, this left just one bench member to spell the other five on the floor. Two of these—Ellis and Vega, were playing with four fouls each when the game ended.

Coach Kevin Cooper was expecting a tough game out of Nazareth, and that's what he got.

King had his usual good start with seven points, and Ellis came up with five. That was all of Friona's first-quarter scoring as the Chiefs trailed by one at the buzzer, 13-12.

It was still mainly an "Ellis and King" show in scoring in the second, although Patterson came up with three points and Nathan King a pair. Both Ellis and Aaron King made a three-point shot, as Friona went to halftime nursing a 28-27 lead.

Aaron King hit a three-point basket to start the second half, and he went on to score eight points in the third quarter. Ellis likewise had a "trey" and five points, and Friona stretched their lead to a still-tenuous 47-43.

Friona picked up its pace in the final quarter. King scored eight points and Vega four. The Chiefs could have put the game out of reach if they had been hitting free throws better. The team missed seven shots from the line (in the final quarter). The good news was: the Chiefs DID make eight, and that was about the difference in the 66-56 win.

Aaron King scored 27 and Ellis 20.

The four wins hiked Friona's season record to 7-1, and they had won six games in a row going into their Tuesday night's game.

CHIEFS 73, Hart 39

Aaron King 2-1*-3-10; Jeff Rando 2-1-5; Barry Procter 1-0-2; Angel Vega 7-1*-1-18; Nathan King 2-0-4; Jesus Mata 0-2-2; Quint Ellis 6-5-17; Justin Daniel 4-1-9; Colby Patterson 3-0-6.

CHIEFS 67, Far. 52

A. King 9-1*-1-22; Procter 0-0-0; Vega 8-1*-1-20; N. King 0-0-0; Mata 1-0-2; Ellis 2-3*-2-15; Daniel 4-0-8; Patterson 0-0-0.

CHIEFS 89, Floyd 48

A. King 7-1*-2-19; Rando 4-0-8; Procter 2-1-5; Vega 10-1-6-29; Mata 1-1*-0-5; Ellis 5-1*-0-13; Daniel 1-3-5; Patterson 2-1-5.

CHIEFS 66, Naz. 56

A. King 7-3*-4-27; Rando 0-0-0; Procter 1-0-2; Vega 4-0-8; N. King 2-1-5; Ellis 4-1*-9-20; Patterson 1-2-4.

*3-point baskets



THE RACE IS ON.....Jesus Mata (30), at right, brings the ball down court as Colby Patterson (34), Nathan King (23), and Jeff Rando (20) trail the play. The Chiefs defeated Nazareth to win the Friona tournament. (Ron Carr Photo)

IN OWN TOURNEY

Squaws Rebound; Win Third Place

The varsity Squaws came back from an opening-round loss to Farwell (40-36) to win the third-place trophy in their own tournament last weekend. The team edged district rival River Road, 52-49 in the trophy game.

Farwell went on to win the tournament championship. The Lady Steers avenged an overtime loss to the Squaws in Friona's season-opener.

The team's game against Farwell was close all the way. The Squaws managed only three field goals in the opening quarter, but two of them were three-point shots by Tammy Spencer, which allowed the team to be tied, 12-12 at the end of the opening quarter.

Miss Spencer kept up her long-range success with two more three-point missiles, and Crystal Dow had a five-point quarter, as Friona went to halftime trailing by a basket, 25-23.

The third quarter was Friona's downfall. Single baskets by April Pope, Christina Santellana and Miss Dow, along with a free throw by Miss Spencer accounted for only a seven-point quarter.

Although they scored just 11 themselves, Farwell went into the final stanza with a 36-30 lead.

It was Farwell's time to go cold, as the county visitors managed just four points in the final quarter. They made only two out of seven free throws, but Friona was very little better—again with just three baskets.

Miss Spencer led the scoring with 13 points, and Miss Dow added 12.

The Squaws bounced back on Friday to outrun Hart, 45-25. A pair of three-point baskets by Miss Spencer paced Friona to a 14-4 first quarter lead.

The scoring slacked off in the second stanza, as Crystal Dow made a pair of baskets and Sarah Hendley scored a bonus basket. Friona led, 23-15 at halftime.

The Squaws turned their defense up a notch in the third quarter, and allowed the visitors just one point. Miss Spencer had a pair of "twos" and added a free throw to one of them, and Friona had hiked its lead to 36-16.

Although Hart played on an even footing in the final quarter, the damage had been done. Miss Spencer, with 11 points, was Friona's only player in double figure scoring.

The team played a second Friday game, and waxed outmanned Floyd, N.M., 74-25. The game was fairly close for a quarter. Miss Dow had a pair of field goals that helped stake Friona to a 15-8 lead.

Whatever hopes the New Mexico team had for a win were soon dashed by Friona in the second quarter. Tammy Spencer scored from one, two and three-point range, and Amanda Pope added five points, pacing the Squaws to a 26-point quarter and a 41-14 lead.

Coach Richard North was able to let everyone have playing time, and all nine members of the squad contributed to the scoring. Sheri Fiel was high-point girl for Friona with 15, and Whitney Ellis scored 13, as these junior members of the

team had a chance to show their stuff.

In the trophy game on Saturday, the Squaws and River Road sparred for all four quarters.

Miss Ellis sank three baskets, and Miss Spencer made a three-pointer and sank two of three from the line, as the two teams were tied, 15-all after the opening quarter.

Miss Ellis duplicated her scoring with three baskets, and added one at the free throw line, but River Road took a 27-25 lead to intermission.

The third quarter turned the tide for Friona. Miss Spencer again showed her proficiency with a three-pointer, a "deuce" and two free throws. Four teammates each scored a basket each, and the team built a 40-33 lead over the visitors.

River Road outscored Friona 16-12 in the final quarter, but it wasn't enough. Forced to foul Friona, the Squaws took advantage and sank six of nine attempts at the line, to clinch the win.

Friona made 12 of 18 free throws, one of their better games (66.7 per cent).

Miss Ellis scored 15 and Miss Spencer 14 to pace the scoring.

SQUAWS 36, Far. 40

April Pope 1-0-2; Sandra Gonzales 0-0-0; Sarah Hendley 1-0-2; Christina Santellana 1-0-2; Tammy Spencer 4*-1-13; Whitney Ellis 1-2-4; Crystal Dow 5-2-12; Sheri Fiel 0-0-0.

SQUAWS 71, Floyd 25

April Pope 2-1*-1-8; Gonzales 1-0-2; Amanda Pope 4-1-9; Hendley 3-0-6; Santellana 1-2-4; Ellis 6-1-13; Dow 4-0-8; Fiel 7-1-15.

SQUAWS 45, Hart 25

April Pope 0-0-0; Gonzales 3-0-6; Amanda Pope 3-0-6; Hendley 1-1*-0-5; Santellana 1*-0-3; Spencer 2-2*-1-11; Ellis 1-0-2; Dow 3-0-6; Fiel 2-1-5.

SQUAWS 52, RR 49

April Pope 0-1-1; Gonzales 3-0-6; Amanda Pope 2-0-4; Hendley 0-3-3; Santellana 1-0-2; Spencer 2-2*-4-14; Ellis 7-1-15; Dow 1-1-3; Fiel 1-2-4.

*3-point baskets.



STRATEGY SESSION....Coach North and Coach Comer counsel the Squaws during the final round of the Friona tournament. The Squaws defeated River Road to capture third place. (Ron Carr Photo)

Chief JV Sees Action In Varsity Tourney

The Chieftain JV basketball team filled in the slot the Lockney boys were to have filled in the Friona tournament last weekend.

The team fell to three varsity teams: Nazareth, River Road and Hart.

Nazareth scored a 57-30 win over the JV boys last Thursday morning. The Swifts led 15-4 after one quarter and 30-8 at the half.

Landon Martin's eight points led the Friona boys in scoring.

In their Friday game, the JVs fell to the River Road varsity, 53-36. Tyson Neill, with ten points, was Friona's only player in double figure scoring.

In the consolation finals on Saturday, the Friona youngsters made their most serious threat, before dropping a 56-44 decision to Hart.

Joseph Bustos scored a pair of field goals and was two of three from the line in the

second quarter, as the JVs outscored Hart, 14-12 in the quarter and pulled to within two points at the half, 25-23.

However, the Longhorns came out in the third quarter and outscored the JV team, 17-6, to take control of the game.

Bustos' 15 points paced Friona's point-makers.

CHIEF JV 30, Naz. 57

Jeremy Roth 0-0-0; Joseph Bustos 2-1-5; Caison White 2-0-4; Tyson Neill 0-3-3; Josh Burleson 2-0-4; Matthew Mata 2-2-6; Landon Martin 4-0-8.

CHIEF JV 36, RR 53

Roth 0-0-0; White 1*-2-5; Neill 4-2-10; Jeremy Smith 0-0-0; Burleson 1-4-6; Mata 2-1*-1-8; Martin 2-3-7.

CHIEF JV 44, Hart 56

Roth 1*-3-6; Bustos 6-3-15; White 0-4-4; Neill 1-2-4; Burleson 0-1-1; Mata 2-1*-1-8; Martin 3-0-6.

*3-point baskets.

NEARLY BEAT R.R.

JV Squaws Play In Varsity Meet

The Friona JV Squaws filled a spot in the Friona varsity teams' tournament last weekend, and turned in three good performances.

The team really took it to the River Road varsity before falling to a fourth-quarter rally, 50-45 in their second game.

The Squaws fell to the Lockney varsity, 51-30 on Thursday, and then were outscored by the Hart varsity, 53-37 in the consolation trophy game.

The team was close to Lockney in their opening game, trailing just 12-8 after one quarter and 24-15 at the half. Jamille Hand's 11 points paced Friona.

The JV Squaws really went after River Road in their Friday game. Jamille Hand rolled up four baskets for Friona in the first quarter, which ended with the visitors holding a 16-10 lead.

Diamond Aguirre sank a pair of baskets in the second quarter, one of which was a three-pointer, and the JV Squaws were still within three baskets at 25-19.

Miss Hand came out with a mission in the third quarter. She scored four field goals, and was two of four at the line, for a total of ten points. This paced the Squaws to an 18-10 spurt, which gave

Friona the lead at 37-35 at the end of three quarters.

However, the River Road girls regained the momentum, as their top two scorers each scored six points, allowing the Lady Cats to escape with a 50-45 win.

In the trophy game on Saturday, the Squaw JVs again made a game of it against Hart.

After falling behind, 15-6, Kayla Smiley paced the team with a ten-point second quarter, and M'Kell Jarecki sank a three-pointer, as Friona pulled close, 29-25, at halftime. But that was to be as close as they could come.

Three players, Misses Hand, Smiley and VLynda Wilcox, each scored ten points to tie for scoring honors.

JV SQUAWS 30, LHS 51

Audra King 0-1-1; Lesli Fiel 1-2-4; M'Kell Jarecki 3-0-6; Jamille Hand 4-3-11; Kayla Smiley 3-0-6; VLynda Wilcox 1-0-2.

JV SQUAWS 45, RR 50

Diamond Aguirre 1-1*-0-5; Belen Torres 1-1-3; Jarecki 0-1-1; Hand 9-2-20; Smiley 2-4-8; VLynda Wilcox 3-2-8.

JV SQUAWS 37, Hart 53

VLaura Wilcox 1-0-2; Jarecki 1-1*-0-5; Hand 2-6-10; Smiley 5-0-10; VLynda Wilcox 4-2-10.



DRAWING A CROWD....Christina Santellana (22), left, looks on as Whitney Ellis (30) and Sandra Gonzales (12) muscle some Floyd players under the home basket. (Ron Carr Photo)

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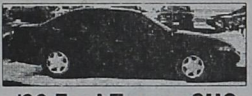
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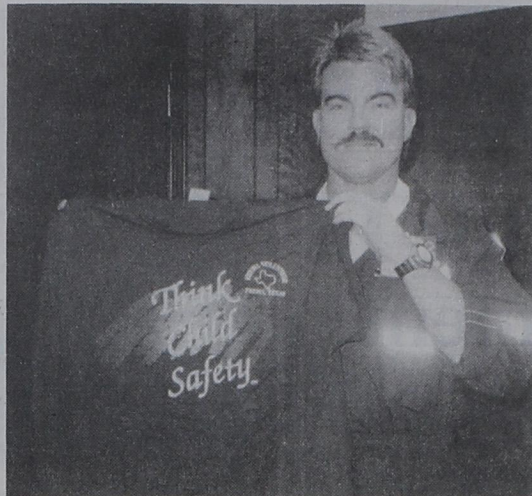


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1962 FHS Grad Accepts Post, Speaks In Europe

Dr. Craig Coon, 1962 graduate of Friona High School, recently accepted the Arkansas Poultry Federation Endowed Research Chair position in the Poultry Science Center of Excellence at the University of Arkansas.

On November 6, he was the keynote speaker at the XIII Curso De Especialization of FEDNA, the Fundacion Espanola para el Desarrollo de la Nutricion Animal. The meeting was held in the Ministry of Industrialization in Madrid, Spain.

His presentation was "The Present and Future Utilization of Biotechnology in the Feed Industry: A Poultry Nutritionist's Perspective." More than 300 people from the livestock and poultry industry in Spain attended the annual conference.

Coon spoke on November 4 at the US Embassy in London and November 7 in Lisbon, Portugal to members of the poultry, livestock, and feed industry from the respective countries. Coon completed his European trip with a November 13 presentation at the Hassan II Institute of Agronomy and Veterinary Medicine in Rabat, Morocco.

The purpose of the presentations was to inform the nutritionists, feed industry, livestock and poultry groups about the safety of new genetically modified soybean, canola and corn varieties that are herbicide tolerant and insect resistant.

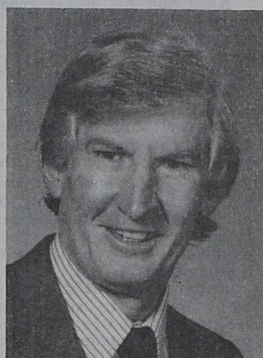
The European Union is voting soon regarding the segregation and labeling requirements of the new genetically modified cereal and legume grains. A labeling requirement by Europeans of the genetically modified grains will greatly restrict U.S. corn and soybean exports.

The European consumer is more skeptical and less willing to consume foods produced from genetically modified plants than are consumers in North America.

Coon has his bachelor's, Master's and Doctorate from Texas A&M University. Dr. Coon has been a faculty member at the University of Maryland, Washington State University and the University of Minnesota prior to coming to the University of Arkansas in July 1997.

Coon completed a sabbatical leave in Reading, England in 1987 and Edinburgh, Scotland in 1991. Coon is considered an international leader in poultry nutrition. Coon was the 1994 recipient of the American Feed Industry Association's Nutrition Research Award in Poultry Science and recently was invited to give the prestigious twelfth annual Clyde Eby Memorial lecture at North Carolina State University.

Craig and wife Jean Ann presently live in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Their two sons, Steven and Michael, are attending the University of Minnesota and the University of Arkansas. Nelson and Valrie Coon are Dr. Coon's parents. They live in Seminole, Texas. Coon's brother and sister-in-law also live in Seminole.



DR. CRAIG COON



CUTE AND SHY.....Warming up to Santa at the Depot are Leanna and Savanna Valenzuela, daughters of Cindy and Fred Valenzuela of Friona. (Ron Carr Photo)

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"The collision between what once was and what is no more."

At various points in our lives, we experience it. My recent trip back to Hillsboro, Texas for my 40th high school reunion was a collision between what once was and what is no more.

Childhood is a very impressionable time and the Hillsboro of my youth, 1939 to 1957, will always hold a permanent place in my memory album.

We weren't poor when I was a kid, but poor was always hanging around as close as the front porch. Poor was like an old yard dog. We played with it a lot, but didn't let it in the house very often.

My mother was at the center of my whole life in Hillsboro, Texas. She was like home base in a game of tag. She was my shelter in a storm, but when need be she could create a few storms of her own.

She tried her best to guide me and teach me right from wrong. When I forgot the difference, she would sometimes forget it too.

I had an American Flyer bicycle and a Daisy Red Rider pump-action BB gun. I didn't realize until years later what she might have sacrificed so I could ride and shoot.

She didn't say anything when I took the fenders off the bike and turned the handlebars around. She always seemed to have an extra box of BBs hidden somewhere for me.

Those were days when you could ride your bicycle all the way across town, even downtown, and back home again and it was okay.

It was a time when the term "fast food" didn't exist. We ate at the table and she always had something good on it. It was magic how mother could deliver "gray" on demand.

I remember my youth as one might hold dear a favorite old black and white movie: a slow-motion black and white movie that came so close to a happy ending.

When we lived there, the population was around 5,000. Today the city limit sign says the population is 7,074.

The increase is due to Interstate 35 which was built east of town, and the return of Hill Junior College, and a huge outlet mall which anchors the Interstate.

The Mall and Interstate are built on farmland where I was born. Instead of Moon's Cafe (25-cent burgers), Hillsboro folks now have Arby's, Grandy's, McDonald's and a Black-Eyed Pea.

I did not want to go back to this 40th reunion. I left Hillsboro for Dallas in 1958 and ended up traveling the world, with only short, infrequent visits back to see mother, my sisters and brother, or my grandparents.

I paid scant attention to Hillsboro after I left. It went on quite well without me. My mother married Harry and moved to Parmer County in 1970, giving me one less reason to go back to Hill County.

But there are some things you never forget. Like Coach David Dewitt, my high school basketball and baseball coach who had a lasting influence on my life.

And Albin "Booger" Podsednik, one of my two best friends and basketball teammate, who owns a manufacturing company in Houston now.

Maybe Joanne, or Suzanne, or Gail would be there too, but what in the heck would I say to them after 40 years.

So mother and I drove back to Hillsboro. My sisters Gena and Kathy came from Mansfield and Lufkin. They are HHS grads too.

We stayed at the Ramada on the Interstate, on land where we used to drive around in Jimmy Morelock's Model-T and hunt rabbits.

We drove around town on Friday to all the places where we lived and played in our youth. I took pictures. We visited the two cemeteries.

We agreed that Hillsboro seemed to have shrunk. Not gotten smaller, but shrunk. The streets felt much narrower than when we were kids.

The huge old houses even looked more life-like now. The "steep giant" hill that went down to the city park is now not much more than a small incline.

Saturday morning I looked up Coach Dewitt in the phone book and dialed. He answered. I said "do you reckon a guy could get sent in this basketball game today?"

"I know who this is," he bragged. When I challenged him he said, "it's Ronnie Carr. You still sound just like you did in high school. I heard you were going to be here this weekend."

At the afternoon reception for the class of '57, Coach Dewitt and I hugged for the first time in 40 years. At 74-years-old, he looks younger than I do.

To my surprise and delight, Coach said that Booger was supposed to be there too. He was coming up from his home in Houston.

In the meeting room at the Thunderbird Motel out on the Interstate, me and Coach and Booger were together again, just like we had been so many times on the sidelines of basketball courts 40 years before.

Coach Dewitt retired in 1984. To tell you the truth, he still looks like he could play.

And Booger? He said it took several years after high school to finally get rid of the nickname "Booger." He is known as Al today, but for the weekend me and Coach still called him Booger.

Forty-year-old habits die hard. Coach recalled small details about some of our

games. "I know that if Joe Fernandez hadn't of moved away in the middle of the season, we would have won district that year," he said.

As it was, we had settled for 2nd place. Booger and Bobby made first team all-district. Even I made 2nd team.

Joanne, Suzanne, and Gail did show up. Joanne is a widow, Suzanne had never married, and Gail had been married to the same guy for 40 years.

Gail was always feisty and saucy when we were in HHS. This day, 40 years later, she hugged my neck and confessed, "I wish you had asked me out back then. I had a big crush on you."

See what I mean about 40-year reunions. The collision between what once was

and what is no more.

Me and Coach and Booger remembered Bobby too. He died in 1967 in Dallas. Several other classmates, 8 or 10 at least, in our '57 class had died over the years.

Some, it seems, had left Hillsboro and never looked back. A few others, like Dean Paul and Kenneth, had never left. They live there still.

I was glad I went to the place I lived the first 18 years of life and to take my mother back with me to share old memories. But I didn't have anything in common with it anymore.

I am especially glad that one last time, me and Coach and Booger played some basketball. Thanks Coach. You too Booger.

I will always remember you and love you.



1957 HHS Eagles.....Coach David Dewitt, back left, with Eagle basketball players in 1957. Kneeling are Bobby Payne (53), left, with teammates Booger Podsednik (52) and Ron Carr (55). See Out Here for a look back.



GOOD PRAIRIE FOLKS.....Honored at Prairie Acres this holiday season are resident-of-the-month Bertha Lloyd, a resident since February 1995, and employee-of-the-month Linda Henry, a Prairie Acres nurse's aide.

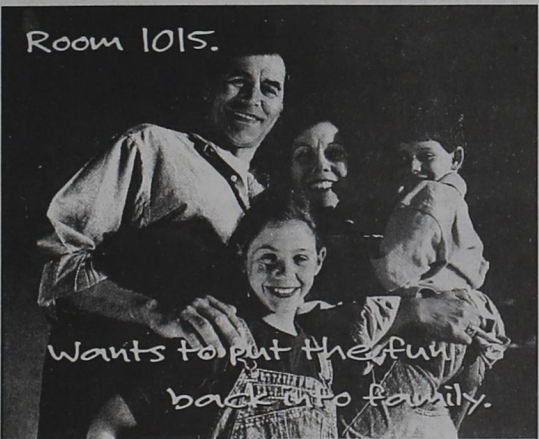
Breast Screening Clinic Set Dec. 17

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast screening clinic in Friona Wednesday, December 17 at the Parmer County Comm-unity Hospital. The mobile mammography clinics will also be in Dumas on December 15 at St. Peter's and Paul Catholic Church at 10th and Maddox; and in Muleshoe on December 16 at South Plains Health

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ME & COACH & BOOGER.....Ron Carr visits Coach David Dewitt and Albin Podsednik at the 40th reunion at Hillsboro High School. See Out Here column for details.

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- Year--Winner
- 1960--Neil Smith
- 1961--Erith Hawkins
- 1962--Emmett Tabor
- 1963--Paul Jones
- 1964--Jeanne Kerby
- 1965--Allen Cumpston
- 1966--Truck Lusk
- 1967--Leroy Lance
- 1968--Bill Roberts
- 1969--Larry Wardlaw
- 1970--Donna Criswell
- 1971--Ted Graham
- 1972--Gary McCormick
- 1973--Harry J. Charles
- 1974--Emmett Tabor
- 1975--A.M. Wilson
- 1976--Greg Hromas
- 1977--Allen Cumpston
- 1978--Harry J. Charles
- 1979--David George
- 1980--Johnny Curtis
- 1981--Ken Horn
- 1982--Larry Wiseman
- 1983--Richard Shepherd
- 1984--Howard Card
- 1985--Teresa Cary
- 1986--Brad Lance
- 1987--Tilly Card
- 1988--Jerry Bentley
- 1989--Kay Roach
- 1990--Mike Read
- 1991--Virginia Steele
- 1992--A.M. Wilson
- 1993--Donnie McDonald
- 1994--Donnie McDonald
- 1995--Mike Read
- 1996--A.M. Wilson
- 1997--Jessica Stowers

Friona Star Champions

- Year--Winner
- 1959--Martell LeVeque
- 1960--Waymon Wilkins
- 1961--Thelma Watkins
- 1962--C.H. Veazey
- 1963--Kenneth Watkins
- 1964--Waymon Wilkins
- 1965--Edward White
- 1966--Danny Murphree
- 1967--John Wilson
- 1968--Winston Wilson
- 1969--Norma Mohr (Skip Sirnic)
- 1970--Frank Truitt
- 1971--Laverne Mabry
- 1972--Anndrea Wilkins
- 1973--Hank Outland, Jr.
- 1974--Roy Smith
- 1975--Bobby Drake
- 1976--Clay Bandy
- 1977--R.L. Blakely-Jerry Hinkle
- 1978--Marlene Drake
- 1979--Jerry Hinkle
- 1980--Ron Harkey
- 1981--Mark Neill
- 1982--Jack Clark
- 1983--Bobby Davis
- 1984--Tommy Moss
- 1985--Jack Clark
- 1986--Vicky Moss
- 1987--Mark Neill
- 1988--Dianne Morgan
- 1989--Koby Rogers
- 1990--Mal Manchee
- 1991--Jackie Morgan
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 DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY: Commissioner, Precinct 2 Tom Ware (re-election)

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 NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Doris Nell Boggess, Deceased, were issued on November 18, 1997, in Cause No. 2312, pending in the County Court of Parmer County, Texas, to: ROBBIE BOGGESS RUCKER.

The residence of the Independent Executrix is c/o Kathryn H. Gurley, 701 Main Street, Parmer County, Texas; the post office address is: c/o Kathryn H. Gurley Attorney at Law P.O. Box 729 Friona, Texas 79035-0000

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 5th day of December, 1997.
 Kathryn H. Gurley
 701 Main Street-P.O. Box 729 Friona, Texas 79035
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By: Kathryn H. Gurley Attorney for the Estate State Bar No.: 10022700 1tc

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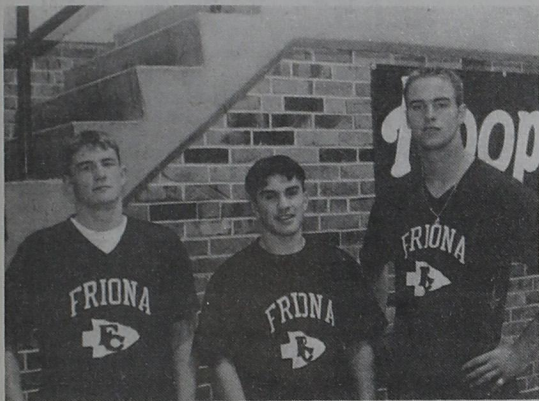
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SEASON UNDERWAY....The annual pheasant season will kick off in Parmer County this Saturday, December 13 and will continue through December 28. Hunting is expected to remain a challenge, due to the low bird population.



HOT SHOTS.....Aaron King, Angel Vega, and Quint Ellis were selected to the all-tournament team for the Friona Invitational tournament. The Chiefs won the tournament and Aaron King also won the tournament's most valuable player award. (Ron Carr Photo)



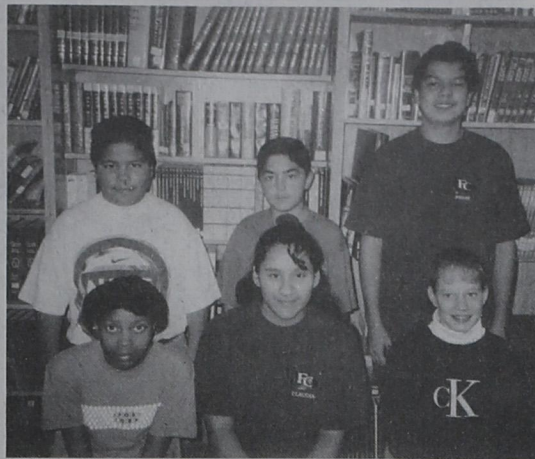
ALL-STAR.....FHS senior Tammy Spencer led the Squaws to a third-place finish in the Friona Invitational tournament and was selected to the all-tournament team. (Ron Carr Photo)

Texas Country Reporter's Friona Show On Channel 6

Elementary school principal Jerry Shelton has acquired a video tape of the Texas Country Reporter segment featuring Betty Louise Rector and her granddaughter, Janet Rector, playing her musical saw. The segment, filmed at the Friona Elementary School last month, was preempted and not shown on Amarillo TV. The 30-minute Texas Country Reporter show will be shown on local Classic Cable Channel Six (6) on Saturday, December 13, at 5:30 p.m., and again on Sunday, December 14, at 2 p.m.

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TOP STUDENTS....These six Friona Junior High School students were chosen as "Students of the Month." The honorees included: (back row, left-right) Jacob Dominguez, Andy Garza and Frankie Dominguez; (front row) Tiffany White, Claudia Almaguer and Jacy Grimsley.

Cancer Patients To Meet December 18

The supportive care division of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will host "Dialogue," a weekly support group for people living with cancer, on Thursday, December 18 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Harrington Cancer Center boardroom. The December 18 meeting topic is "Open Forum: Sharing Christmas Memories". The presentation will be facilitated by Gerry Kelly, director of supportive care at the Harrington Cancer Center. The purpose of the weekly support group is so that people living with cancer can meet others with similar concerns and learn from experts on a variety of topics. "Dialogue" is co-sponsored by The American Cancer Society. For information, please call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673.

Friona Lady Buried Here Thursday

Services for Gloria Turner Wallace, 50, of Friona were held Thursday, December 11, 1997 at Templo Bautista Church in Friona with Rev. Fred Chavira and Rev. Jose Lopez of Clovis officiating. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home. Mrs. Wallace died December 8, 1997 at Parmer County Community Hospital. She was born January 7, 1947 in Tucumcari, New Mexico. She was a member of Primera Iglesia Bautista in Clovis. She was a lifetime resident of Friona and owned Mandy's Restaurant for several years. Mrs. Wallace worked at Poor Boy's Bar-B-Que in Friona and Moores Grocery Store for several years. She was a dispatcher for the Friona Police Department. Survivors include a son,



GLORIA TURNER WALLACE

Dorsey Perez of Gruver, Texas; two daughters, Rachel Burkart and Amanda Henry, both of Friona; her mother, Nora Martinez of Friona; two brothers, Henry Martinez of Friona and Marty Martinez of Wichita, Kansas; two sisters, Cleo Guana of Friona and Eva Ancira of Farwell; and eleven grandchildren. Pall bearers were Randi Burkart, Lenivill Rose, Ruben Villanueva, Michael Ancira, Junior Perez and Pablo Arriazola.

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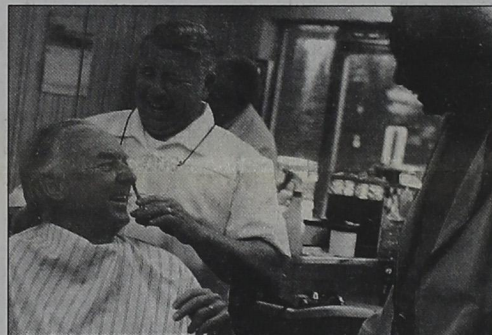
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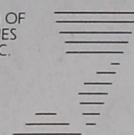
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As we celebrate
Renewing the memories
Of Christmases past
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To his destruction.*

*Thank you Lord
For the willing voices
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The victory of the manger
The resurrection
From the grave,
Joy of Christians everywhere.
No one can destroy
The meaning of Christmas.*

This tribute was submitted as thanks to all the Living Christmas Tree singers and volunteers.



TWAS THE NIGHT.....Waiting for Santa at the Depot, the kids listened to Miss Friona read "Twas the Night Before Christmas. From left are Alex, Hollis, and J Gurley, and Zoie, Macy, and William Herring with their grandmother Marca Lynn Herring.

(Ron Carr Photo)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FRIONA

Week of December 14-20

Friona residents having birthdays next week include:
December 14--B.K. Buske, Joe Tongate, James Procter, Shana Taylor, Harvey Shapley.

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

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

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

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

December 19--Wes Drake, Jason Rector, Paige Osborn, Mindi Wilson, Cliff Daniel, Lonnie Busch.

December 20--Alec Gordon, Mika Maddox, Rocky Nichols, Deloris McNeely, Harletta Carthel.

If you or someone in your family has a birthday coming up soon, call the Friona Star office at 247-2211 and report it.

M. Fallwell Is Winner Of New TV

Classic Cable recently held a drawing for ten new televisions in a marketing campaign for their new guide the "Classic Cable Magazine".

All customers company wide were given the opportunity to enter the drawing. According to Jennifer Hauschild, Marketing Manager, Classic received over 8,000 entries for the drawing and the winners came from all areas.

The local winner Margie Fallwell received the new T.V. set from Chet Hawkins and Matt Howell, the local employees of Classic Cable.

"It was very exciting to contact these customers and tell them they had won," stated Ms. Hauschild. "This television give away is just another way of showing our appreciation to our valued customers. Classic has been working very hard during 1997 on being good neighbors in the communities we provide with cable television service. And these types of promotion certainly demonstrate that commitment."

Classic Cable provides cable television service to over 165,000 customers in eight states with operations head quartered in Plainville, Kansas.

Baby Shower To Honor Jaylee Floyd

A baby shower is planned to honor the arrival of Jaylee Laree, daughter of Jason and Leslee Floyd, Thursday, December 18 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The shower will be in the home of Danny and Jiselle Hand at 803 Arrah in Friona.



CHRISTI BENTLEY C. Bentley Recognized In Program

By CHRISTI BENTLEY
I am the daughter of Ricky and Rhonda Bentley and a senior at Friona High School.

This is my first year in the work program. I work at Hi-Pro and have been there since the first of June.

One reason I got into the work program is to learn responsibility and I feel I have. The work program also teaches you what it is like to live in the real world.

I feel that MOCT is a good experience for students to work during school because of the fact that you learn how to balance your time and keep up all the responsibilities of work and school.

I would like to thank all the people at Hi-Pro for hiring me and teaching me all the skills needed for my job.

Seniors To Have Luncheon

The senior citizens will have their monthly covered dish luncheon this Tuesday, December 16 at noon at the Friendship House.

Everyone is invited to this free lunch. Bring a covered dish and be ready to have a great time. The program will be presented by Mildred May and a game session will follow.

Friona Girl Becomes A Nurse

Kristy Gaussoin, of Friona, received her Associate Degree in Nursing from Clovis Community College at a pinning ceremony Wednesday, December 10.

Members of the Clovis Community College 1997 classes of Associate Degree and Practical Nurses were honored at the pinning ceremony.

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YOUR EYES

Your Eyes & The Elements



If you spend a lot of time outdoors in the sun and wind, on the water or in the snow, paying attention to what kind of sunglasses you wear is very important.

Glare can be the biggest nuisance. When shopping for sunglasses, keep in mind that it's important to make the distinction between the amount of light cut out and the amount of glare cut out. Sunglasses can be very dark, but not remove enough glare. Look for polarized lenses, which are very effective in reducing glare as well as blocking 100% of dangerous ultraviolet light.

In addition to sun protection, sunglasses are necessary to protect the eyes from the wind. Continuous wind against the cornea dries up moisture in the eyes, making them very itchy.

If you're very active outdoors, it makes good sense to get polycarbonate lenses, rather than glass. These are lightweight and shatter-resistant.

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