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## Postage increase set for January 8

The U.S. Postal Service concluded fiscal 2005 with a net income of \$1.4 billion on record revenues of \$70 billion and record volume of 212 billion pieces of mail.

Postmaster General John E. Potter said, "Financially we are in the best position we've been in since the 1970s." In spite of the strong financial position of the USPS, an increase in postage rates will take effect January 8, 2006.

The increase is compelled by legislation enacted in 2003 which requires the Postal Service to put aside more than \$3 billion each year into escrow beginning in 2006. According to postal officials, efforts to change the escrow requirement have been stalled in Congress.

Postage rates have re-

mained stable since 2002 thanks to three straight years of operating surpluses. The Postal Service's once \$11 billion debt has now been reduced to zero debt. Potter said that although financial news is positive, the forecast for 2006 projects a surplus from operations but coupled with the anticipated escrow requirement of \$3.1 billion the Postal Service will likely have a net deficiency approaching \$2 billion.

First class mail rates will increase from 37-cents to 39-cents on January 8. Other services such as express mail, priority mail, and standard mail will see similar increases. Complete domestic rate and fee information, as well as international prices, can be found online at [usps.com/ratecase](http://usps.com/ratecase).



**dana d jameson photo**  
Postal clerk Vernie Schacher displays the new 39-cent postage stamp that is now on sale at the post office. The new rates go into effect January 8, 2006. The non-denominated stamp features the Statue of Liberty and the U. S. flag.



### Author's Tea



holly campbell photos

Krista Renner Kemple, right, signs a copy of her book for Patsy Allen. Above, l-r, librarian Darla Bracken, Friends of the Library president Teddy Jones, Krista Renner Kemple, and librarian Brenda Patterson at the Friday Author's Tea and book signing at the museum.



## Ladies enjoy author's tea

A special gathering of family and friends of Krista Renner Kemple gathered Friday, December 23, at the Parmer County Historical Museum. Approximately 75 people were on hand to hear the 'story behind the story' of Kemple's recently published book, "Another Beautiful Day: the diaries and memoirs of Clara Baker Renner."

The "Christmas Tea with Krista" event was sponsored by Friends of the Friona Public Library and was held at the Parmer County Historical Museum located at 6th and Cleveland. It is the former Union Congregational Church, Friona's first church. Guests were asked to bring their own teacups or coffee mugs to share in the event.

Following refreshments

Tea, Kemple spoke to the group and shared memories of her great-grandfather's story of immigration from Russia, the courtship and marriage of Clara and Rudolph Renner, Sr., and the story of their lives in a small West Texas town of Friona where they moved in 1926 from Oklahoma.

Those present who purchased a book were able to have Mrs. Kemple autograph their copy. Local members of Kemple's family brought many unusual and interesting items to illustrate her compilation of Clara Renner's chronicles.

The items of Rudolph and Clara Baker Renner will be on display through January 21 at the museum which is open on Saturdays from 9-11 a.m.

## Time for Chamber banquet citizens of year nominations

Mark your calendars! The annual Friona Chamber of Commerce banquet is scheduled for Thursday, March 2. More details will be given in the weeks ahead.

However, Chamber executive director Chris Alexander says it is time to submit your nominations for the annual citizen recognition awards. The honors given are for: man of the year, woman of the year, boy and girl students of the year, most courteous employee, teacher of the year, and citizen of the year.

Nomination forms and information needed for nominations are available from the Chamber office. The phone number is 250-3491. The Chamber board of directors appreciates your assistance in selecting and honoring our local citizens.

### For good luck

## Eat black-eyed peas on New Year's day

By Susan Combs, Agriculture Commissioner

Call it superstition or call it tradition, but through the ages people have connected food to good fortune and prosperity in the New Year. Millions of people around the world wouldn't think of ringing in another year without eating certain foods that

are said to bring good luck and prosperity.

The southern custom of eating black-eyed peas for luck is widespread in Texas. For some, that means a bowl of Texas Caviar, a relish of pickled black-eyed peas. For others it is a

whole meal of black-eyed peas flavored with ham hock. Another popular dish is the Hoppin' John, made of black-eyed peas and rice.

Black-eyed peas are also called cowpeas or china beans. As a crop, they're drought tol-

erant and are good for building nitrogen in the soil. And while their "lucky" properties have never been established, they are a good source of protein and soluble fiber. Black-eyed peas are also low in sodium and high in carbohydrates. A half-cup serv-

ing equals about 60 calories.

Texas families with southern roots never let the day pass without at least a spoonful of peas to improve their prospects for the months ahead. Many Texans give their friends gifts of black-eyed peas to ring in

the new year and others serve peas for breakfast such as omelets topped with black-eyed pea salsa. Whatever the case, black-eyed peas bring a lot of good taste—and maybe even a little luck—to holiday gatherings.



## OUT HERE

by Ron Carr

wow! a new year is here

Do you remember Y2K? A lot of people made a lot of money out of the scare of Y2K. All of the world's computers were going to crash because they couldn't read the transition from 1999 to 2000. Companies spent billions on new software and upgrading computer systems.

Then 2000 ticked in and nothing happened. The people that had hoarded food supplies in their basements because they were going to be cut off from the world looked pretty stupid that New Year's morning.

Five more years have since ticked in. Computers, digital cameras, televisions, and other electronic gadgets are becoming obsolete now not long after we buy them. I wonder if switching from analog to digital TV is covered by Medicare? Maybe I can convince them that watching TV is medicinal.

As I write this, 2005 is three days away from history. Hard to believe isn't it? At least I didn't have to worry too much about resolutions since I didn't make any. Not planning on mak-

ing any for 2006 either. I've got enough guilt to worry about without piling on some broken resolutions.

Good luck with your resolutions though. If they include losing weight, stop smoking, stop drinking, and being nicer to everybody, I'm really proud of you. You should be able to hold out until about January 3rd.

I've got new calendars in place. A new calendar is nice to look at. It is a clean slate, a chance to start from a beginning with a new set of attitudes. This is our 52nd Friona Star this year. I thank my small group of employees here that show up every week to bring you good news from Parmer County.

I especially thank all of you that read the Star each week. And look at the pictures. And cut out pictures and articles for your scrapbooks. And point out when we make a mistake. And play the football contest. To all who buy ads or send us news items we thank you.

I would personally like to

thank Betty Chaney, Leigh Monroe, Lynn Hutson, Rhonda North, and Cathy Sandoval. These ladies are our Friona school secretaries on whom we rely often for accurate school news. The principals usually get the spotlight so ladies take a bow. We appreciate your continued help.

Also Darla Bracken, Brenda Patterson, Wendy Carthel, Mary Johnston, and Gladys Spring who continue to keep us supplied with historical information about Friona and Parmer County. In 2006, Friona will celebrate its 100th birthday. Then in 2007 Parmer County turns 100 years old. These ladies and their volunteers will no doubt keep us knee-deep in history for the next couple of years. Thank you.

While I am at it, a general thanks to everyone connected to the Friona and Bovina schools. That includes students, teachers, coaches, and staff. Most of the 52 papers we printed in 2005 had some school news in them. We often aggravate you school folks for infor-

mation and you are always eager to help us if we badger you long enough.

On behalf of everyone that lives around here, I send a huge thanks to our hospital and clinic staff, nurses, doctors, lab techs, and all employees for providing some of the best rural health services in Texas.

Firemen, policemen, deputies, troopers, EMS personnel, city employees and elected officials. Thank you everyone for your service to our community. There are too many to name. You know who you are and we all thank you and offer our gratitude that you do what you do.

If you have been in my office you know I am a Marilyn Monroe fan. My 2006 Marilyn calendars are ready to be hung and I am as prepared as I am ever going to be for another year. And grateful for all the good things that happened in the one that is ending.

I hope you are too. Happy New Year everybody.



With Congress finishing its legislative business for the year, it is a good time to look back at what has been accomplished since the 109th Congress convened in January. It was a challenging year. Our troops in Iraq and elsewhere around the globe needed our support as they fought the war on terror. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita brought devastation to our Gulf Coast. Our country's economy and finances needed attention. And it was important to look to long-term improvements in our nation's energy policy and highway system, as well as making some overdue reforms to our legal system.

Our troops are at the top of our list because we must fully support the men and women who make our freedom and prosperity possible. We appropriated funds to provide our troops with the resources they need and to equip them with advancements in body armor and weaponry, giving them every possible edge in their task of defeating the terrorists' assault on America's freedom.

We also worked to take care of our veterans at home, providing an additional \$1.5 billion to the Department of Veterans Affairs. This extra money was necessary to provide for the health care needs of veterans of past wars and those returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Then we turned to recovering from the damage done by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. I was so proud of my fellow Texans who responded to Hurricane Katrina with such generosity and compassion, taking

in people in need and giving substantial sums of their hard earned money to help others get back on their feet. In Congress, I took the initiative to ensure that our state and local governments will be reimbursed for the expenses they incurred while providing for evacuees' shelter, health care, and education, and to assure that communities affected by Hurricane Rita receive the federal assistance so desperately needed.

As the session concluded, Congress approved funding that will be available to reimburse Texas for its hurricane-related expenditures. Spending was reduced in other federal programs in order to provide this assistance in a fiscally responsible manner.

While taking care of these high priorities, we worked to put the federal budget in order. As a result of the economic growth generated by previous tax cuts, we were fortunate to have brought in record levels of revenue. We used that money to pay for much of the nation's emergency spending and then turned our attention to eliminating wasteful spending and reducing the rate of growth in federal expenditures. At year's end, the House of Representatives and the Senate had passed legislation that would reduce projected spending by almost \$40 billion.

We looked to the future in health care. The biggest improvement in health care will be increasing the number of people covered by health insurance. I support association health care legislation that will

help small businesses band together when purchasing health insurance for their employees, giving them the same purchasing power advantage as larger businesses. This will help them provide health care to more employees at an affordable cost. This bill is pending for next year.

Preparing for the future also means developing our transportation system, and Congress passed a landmark transportation bill. This bill will fund construction designed to ease congestion on the roads, create a substantial number of jobs and increase safety on our highways. The bill provides more than \$14 billion dollars for Texas over the next five years.

Last July, we passed the first national energy plan in a generation. As our Texas farmers know, when you plan for the future, you can't just plant one type of crop. The new energy law focuses on applying new technologies to wind energy, solar power, ethanol and hydrogen fuel cells to reduce oil consumption and protect the environment. At the same time, the energy bill will help keep the price of fuel down by promoting domestic development of oil and gas reserves. It also encourages the design and deployment of clean coal technologies, taking advantage of one of our most abundant natural resources.

Congress moved forward with dramatic legal reform. We passed class action reform to help end the culture of frivolous lawsuits which has cost American workers, businesses

and families millions of dollars each year. The legal structure for class action previously encouraged lawyers to sue even in cases where the lawsuit had little merit and would bring almost no benefit to their clients. Some lawyers were taking advantage of the system and consumers ultimately paid the price because businesses were forced to include the potential cost of such legal judgments in the price of their goods and services. With class action reform, Congress has restored a measure of sanity to the legal system and helped foster a climate that will encourage entrepreneurship and innovation.

Perhaps our most important change to the nation's legal system was placing a great leader at its helm. By confirming Chief Justice John Roberts we have found a brilliant and wise judge who will keep our highest court firmly grounded in the Constitution for decades to come. The new chief justice impressed numerous Senators on both sides of the political aisle, and our nation is fortunate to have him upholding the rule of law for the foreseeable future.

Though much was accomplished in the first half of the 109th Congress, much remains to be done in the session that lies ahead. Immigration reform, tax relief and, of course, continued efforts to strengthen our national security will be top priorities in the New Year.

## Looking Back at Congress in 2005

### Tumbleweed Smith The adventures of a pet crow

Roger Luckenbach lives near Mason. He is a member of a historic Texas family.

"My great-great grandpa was the one who named Luckenbach, Texas."

Roger grew up in Menard where, as a boy, he owned a pet crow. He had it for seven years.

"I never did coop him up. I just let him go where he wanted to go. If he wanted to leave, he could leave. If he wanted to stay, he could stay. I learned a lot from that crow. I learned about love between a bird and its master.

"We had a club as boys and to join you had to let that crow peck you on the finger. The ones that showed they were afraid, the crow just pecked them to pieces. He just kind of nibbled on the brave ones. Didn't hurt them at all.

"He used to chase buzzards. He'd fly up to where they were and put them on the ground. He chased bulldogs and ran them crazy."



He got the crow while he was delivering circulars for a grocery store. Apparently it had fallen out of its nest and Roger took it home and raised it. The crow became a popular figure around Menard. Roger said it was a wonderful pet.

"One day I had him down at a filling station and there was a shearing rig come driving up. The head of the group strutted up to me and asked in a smart-alec way, 'what is that?' I told him it was a crow. He asked what the crow could do. I told him he could catch things, could talk and do this and that, all sorts of things. The guy said 'I'll give you this dime if that crow can catch it and he just flipped it up into the air. That old crow just shot off my arm and grabbed the dime and put it in the pouch under his bill. Now this was back during the depression when a dime was a dime and worth a whole lot more than it is now. Back then a dime could buy a lot of stuff.

"The guy hung around for awhile and then came up to

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**Happy New Year!**

**From the Staff of the Friona Star**

me and said he really didn't mean to give his dime to that crow and he wanted his dime back. I told him I couldn't get it, that I didn't know where it was. He said he knew where it was. I told him again I couldn't get it and if he tried to get it the crow would peck him. He reached up there like he was going to pull the crow's bill open and the crow split the guy's fingernail right down the middle. He shook his bleeding finger and started raising cane. I told the crow it was about time we went home to mama.

"I took off, went up the street and about half a block away from the gas station, the crow dropped the dime in my shirt pocket. I went on up to the drug store and bought us both an ice cream cone. While I ate mine with one hand, I held his cone in the other hand and he sat on my arm and enjoyed it. I always bought him Gandy's special. It had all the nuts and fruits and it was kind of a cherry lime. It was the crow's favorite flavor. We walked on up the street thinking we were the real stuff."

# Around Town

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

## Retired teachers meeting Jan 3

The Parmer County Retired Teachers and Personnel will meet Tuesday, January 3, 2006, at the Friona State Bank Community Room at 2 p.m. The program will be presented by Karen Renner who will speak about her daughter Krista Renner Kemple's book. All retired Parmer County school personnel are invited to attend the meetings.

## New Year's singles dinner/dance

The Singles Ministry of Paramount Terrace Christian Church is having an area-wide event. It will be a New Year's Eve dinner and dance at the Amarillo Civic Center Heritage Room on December 31. Hours will be 7 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. The dress will be church attire to semi-formal. Tickets are \$20 per person, which includes dinner, program, and dance. **Deadline for purchasing tickets will be December 30.** The church office will be closed the week of December 26-29. Penny will be in the office December 30 for ticket purchase and ticket pick up. The event will be an alcohol and smoke-free environment. More information and tickets may be obtained by calling Penny Lawlis or Mike Nuthman at Paramount Terrace Christian Church at (806) 353-6615.

## Reception for Wied Jan 8 in Panhandle

The Board of Trustees and the staff of the Square House Museum in Panhandle, Texas cordially invite you to attend a reception for Bobby Wied on Sunday, January 8, 2006, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Opal Weatherly Purvines Annex of the Square House Museum, located at TX Hwy. 207 at 5th Street in Panhandle. Refreshments will be served. "Palo Duro Canyon Paintings by Bobby Wied" may be viewed from January 3 through February 26, 2006.

## TDH immunization January schedules

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

The clinic in Bovina will be Monday, January 9, in the Bovina EMS Building, 109 S. 3rd, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The clinic in Friona will be Friday, January 20, at 616 Euclid from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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

## Chamber needs old photos for banquet

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

## Turbeville receives degree from ENMU

In December 17, 2005 ceremonies, Misty Drake Turbeville received her Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales. She graduated cum laude with a degree in chemistry.

Students who have achieved a cumulative grade point average between 3.600 and 3.699 are graduated cum laude.



ron carr photo

Shayli Reed and the Friona Squaws are headed to Lubbock this week to participate in the annual Caprock Tournament. The Squaws lead off with Lubbock High today, Thursday December 29. The Squaws host Muleshoe next Tuesday and open district with Dimmitt here next Friday.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Lazbuddie was named for D. Luther (Laz) Green from Vernon, Texas, and Andrew (Buddie) Sherley from Anna, Texas. They bought several sections of Parmer County Land in 1924.

Parmer County History c. 1974

*Handbook of Texas*



**Verenice Mendoza**

**Meet the Class of 2018**

Verenice is a kindergarten student at Friona Schools. Her parents are Jesus & Bertha Mendoza. She has a sister, Marcella and three brothers, Nestor, Danny, and Christopher.

Verenice likes riding bikes. Her favorite food is pizza and her favorite color is blue.

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## Senior seminar on Medicare Part D

Medicare Part D has some senior citizens confused and concerned, but they can find answers at the next Texas Cooperative Extension Senior Seminar.

"Medicare Part D - Is it Right for You?" will be held at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 12 in the Amarillo Senior Citizens Association Meeting Room 115.

The program opens with Dr. Ted Nicklaus, medical director for Ware Memorial Care Center, Heritage Convalescent Center and Jan Werner Adult Day Care Center, and Serena Cowart, benefits counselor with Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle.

- They will address questions such as:
- "Why is Medicare Part D so confusing?"
  - "Should I join?"
  - "If so, what plan should I join?"

In advance of the seminar, seniors or their caretakers are encouraged to get a packet by calling Area Agency on Aging at 331-2227. This will guide the individuals in assembling information to help find a suitable plan for their situation, said Sue Church, Extension agent in Potter County.

Door prizes will be provided by the senior citizens association and Scott's Flowers.

For more information, contact Church at 373-0713.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**January 8, 2006-January 14, 2006**

Jan. 8-Dave, Sherry, Ruben Gomez, Betty White, Richard Allen Roberts, Kerry Dawn Campos, Richard London

Jan. 9-Eva Miller, Joe Bill Jones, Jennifer Baker, Joel Hight, Cindy Weatherly, Anthony Nunley, Lorine White, Mitchell Wiseman, Galen Carson, Aaron Ramon, Jerry Rocha

Jan. 10-Chris Houlette, Ben Neelley, Loy Loanman, Joshua Snyder, Margie Falwell, Jeff Moser, Larry Rogers, Rocky Bartlett, Gaylon Rhodes, David Collins

Jan. 11-Harold Reed, Sladé Clark, Sam Landrum, Michael Jeter, Cleburne Stokes, Angela Dominguez, Leanna Grissom, Bennie Widner, Geri Taylor, Monica Dominguez, Maria Mendoza, Frances Milner, Arlisa Denton, Angela Thompson, Erith Hawkins, Juan Hernandez, Geraldine Taylor, B. J. Widner, Adam Jucha

Jan. 12-Gary Don Schueler, Charles Hough, Sherri Jo Rector, Jeff Brown, V'Lynda Wilcox, Loren Martin, Jesse Castaneda, Andy Stormes, Melinda Ramon, Brett Riley

Jan. 13-Logan Baize, Morgan Baize, Sarah Nelson, Sammy Stormes, Caden Duke, Traci Carthel

Jan. 14-Marcia Blackwell, Clarice Dominguez, Dave Hutson, Lisa Jones, Larry Gonzales, Jacquelyn Hight Franklin, Christi Martin, Colby Ingram, Patty Daveport, Trent Cook, Pamela Pauling, Layne Clark, Arturo Espinoza, Marcia Brown, Kari Tongate

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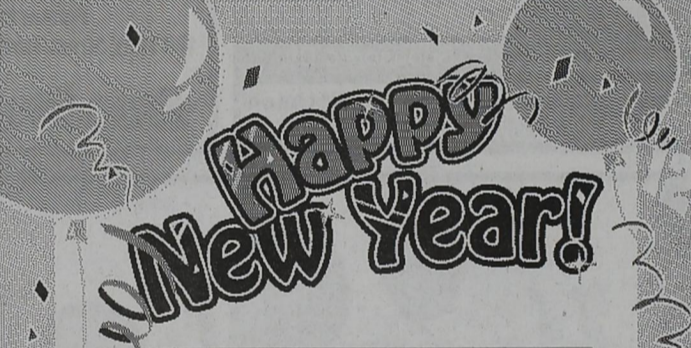
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## Courthouse Notes

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Linda Lois Sanderson Collins and Johnny Collins-Tommy V. Kendrick and Hannah B. Kendrick, E/2 S15 BLK H THOMAS KELLY

Sallie Robinson Estate-Edward Terry and Jodonna Terry, SEE RECORD

Don C. McDonald, Myrtle Marlene McDonald, Anna Marie McDonald, and R. S. Anderson-Leonard Leroy McDonald, SW/4 S34 T11S R3E

Lorene Wilson Trust #2-Miguel A. Galindo and Guillermina Galindo, 1.00AC N/2 OF W 337.4AC S39 DOUD & KEEFE

Manuel Almanza and Aurora Almanza-Elpidio Banuelos and Maria Banuelos, L3 B82 BOVINA

Billy K. Howard and Barbara J. Howard-Greg L. Ray and Jennifer K. Ray, L17-19 S20' L20 B30

## Sheriff's Report

December 21, 2005, Montana Jones, 15, of Farwell, Texas, was arrested by the Farwell Police Department and charged with criminal mischief, pending Grand Jury.

December 21, 2005, Joseph Curkia, 25, of Abilene, Texas, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with driving while license invalid, pending County Court.

December 22, 2005, Eleazer Renteria, 42, of Chicago, Illinois, was arrested by the Bovina Police Department and charged with assault, pending County Court.

December 23, 2005, Sergio Hernandez, 28, of Friona, Texas, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with driving while intoxicated 2<sup>nd</sup>, pending County Court.

December 23, 2005, Joel Gomez, 29, of Portales, New Mexico, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with failure to identify, pending County Court.

December 24, 2005, Jaipon Fernandez, 27, of Friona, Texas, was arrested by Friona Police Department and charged with failure to identify, pending County Court.

December 24, 2005, Manuel Rodriguez, 20, of Friona, Texas, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with driving while intoxicated, pending County Court.

December 25, 2005, Javier Ayala, 27, of Friona, Texas, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with driving while intoxicated, pending County Court.

December 25, 2005, Charles Kisner, 45, of Tucson, Arizona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with possession of a controlled substance, pending Grand Jury.

December 25, 2005, Kurt Moneyppenny, 45, of Tucson, Arizona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with possession of a controlled substance, pending Grand Jury.

December 25, 2005, Miguel Munoz, 18, of Bovina, Texas, was arrested by the Bovina Police Department and charged with public intoxication, pending Justice of the Peace Court. He was also charged with minor in consumption, pending Justice of the Peace Court. He was also charged with disorderly conduct, pending Justice of the Peace Court.

December 25, 2005, Alexander Mirales, 20, of Lazbuddie, Texas, was arrested by the Parmer County Game Warden and charged with driving while license suspended, pending County Court.

December 25, 2005, Linda Androde, 42, of Bovina, Texas, was arrested by the Bovina Police Department and charged with public intoxication, pending Justice of the Peace Court. She was also charged with resisting arrest, pending County Court.

## Troopers' on Patrol New Year's weekend

During the New Year's weekend, DPS will have all available troopers on Texas roadways. Troopers will be looking for speeders, seat belt violators, reckless drivers and drunk drivers from New Year's Eve through midnight on January 1.

Last New Year's, DPS troopers arrested 423 people for driving while intoxicated; they also arrested 50 minors for driving under the influence.

"DPS troopers will be looking for people who are driving while intoxicated," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS, "so it's a good idea to designate a driver at the beginning of the evening. That designated driver should not consume any alcohol. Otherwise, you may find yourself on the side of the road, participating in a field sobriety test."

Last New Year's, troopers also issued 6,244 speeding tick-

ets. In addition, they wrote 797 tickets for seat belt violations and 329 tickets for child safety seat violations.

If you're looking for self-improvement ideas for the new year, look no farther than your own mirror. Driving can be one of the most dangerous activities you engage in during the day, so taking a few moments to think about your driving is a good idea.

Here are some good driving habits to employ: Make sure everyone is buckled up, drive sober, use your turn signals, do not tailgate, obey the speed limit, do not speed up, block lanes, slam or tap on brakes, report extreme cases of reckless driving to the appropriate authorities at the time the violation occurs, and do not retaliate, gesture or make eye contact.

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WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 28 9AM - 7PM

THURSDAY DECEMBER 29 9AM - 7PM

FRIDAY DECEMBER 30 9AM - 7PM

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## Two Chiefs on 2A All-Area teams

Two Friona Chieftains were named to the Amarillo Globe-News Class 2A Golden Spread Team and the Lubbock Av-

lanche-Journal 2A All-South Plains Team. Both were named to the first team defense by each newspaper.

Junior defensive lineman Chance Lewellen, 5-11, 170-lb, had 96 tackles, 8 sacks, and 17 quarterback pressures. He also scored two defensive touchdowns in one game on fumble recoveries.

Antonio Monreal, a 5-9, 160-lb senior defensive safety, was credited with 59 tackles, 5 interceptions, and 7 pass breakups. He was also selected as District 6-2A Defensive Most Valuable Player.

Monreal was also named by the Lubbock A-J as second team kicker. Chieftain lineman and



**Amarillo Globe News  
Class 2A Golden Spread  
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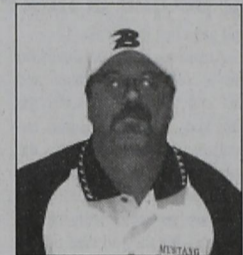
center Fabian Dominguez was named to the A-J second team offensive line.



## Torbert is A-J 1A coach of the year

Bovina head coach and athletic director Kent Torbert was named 2005 Coach of the Year in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's annual All-South Plains 1A football team selections.

Torbert, in his 3rd year at Bovina, led the Mustangs from a 2-8 season a year ago to an 8-3 record in 2005. Bovina made it to the playoffs for the first time since 1996, finishing second in District 4-1A behind



**Coach of the Year  
Kent Torbert**

Nazareth. They lost a close game to Quanah in the area playoffs.

Also selected to the Avalanche-Journal All-South Plains 1A first team offense was Luis Munoz, a 5-11, 240 pound Mustang senior who anchored the offensive line. Mustang kicker James Lara was named to second team offense. Michael Ortiz was named to the second team defensive secondary.

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**THINK ABOUT THIS**

# The best gift of all

By T. LEON TALLEY, Sixth Street Church of Christ

What's the best gift you have ever received? Most of us can remember a special gift we've received in the past or of getting something special that we've always wanted. But, I want to remind us in this article that the best gift of all has come from God. Now, that shouldn't surprise us because James tells us that "every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of Lights" (1:17)

God gives us so much! Paul told the Athenian philosophers that God "Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things." (Acts 17:25) This includes all spiritual blessings that are found only in Jesus Christ. Peter, speaking of Jesus, said that God in His "divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness." (II Peter 1:3)

I think we all know, however, that the most special gift of all is Jesus. I'm thrilled that God loved us so much that he "gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16) What a wonderful gift! What we need to do is to be thankful every day of the year for this marvelous gift and we need to show our thankfulness by submitting to God's marvelous will through Jesus Christ.

I pray that you will have a wonderful Christmas!

## The road to loving people is more easily traveled with small steps

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

I was only sixteen when Neil Armstrong got on the freeway in Houston, took a wrong turn in Pasadena, went into orbit, and mooned the world. After a few orbits, he landed in Nebraska. He was about to make a famous quote when angry cornhuskers attacked him. He immediately returned to his module and headed for a safer, more civilized environment. This is where the history books pick up the story and he lands on the moon. Then he opens the hatch to speak and his face swells up and he nearly implodes. He closes the hatch, puts on his pressurized spacesuit, and tries again. "Houston, I don't think we're in Kansas anymore." Then he turns on his microphone gives the message about small steaks

and giant lips for mankind.

Armstrong discovers the moon has a colorless appearance and just sits there and absorbs the sun, very much like Enron executives. (So far the moon is the only body in space where humans have landed. Several years ago humans accidentally landed in Texas, but they all died off.)

Other objects that have spent time in space—like the person who invented childproof pill bottles—are on display at the Space, Rocket and Exorbitantly Overpriced Gift Shop Center in Huntsville, Alabama. They have simulating machines that allow people with a less-than-sensational IQ to experience some of the same sensations as the astronauts, such as the IMAX, short for Indigestion Maximum. An IMAX screen resembles the working end of a roll-on deodorant.

I saw a spaceship launched

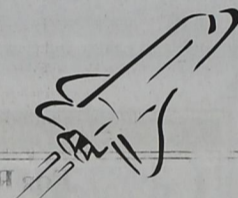
with two giant boosters attached to it. (Once the capsule is in orbit the boosters fall off, hang around in space for a while, then fall to earth, where they immediately rush up to high-school athletes and give them cast to play football in college.) The astronaut then walks into space to shoot some video, which in turn creates in me a sensation of extreme hurling. I hadn't been that queasy since Roseanne Barr sang the national anthem. If that's what space is like, then I don't want to go.

It seems some people out there feel the same way about church. They hear fighting and squabbling in the church. They see Christians in the workplace acting in a manner that does not speak highly of Jesus. Everything they see from people inside the church is a simulation nowhere near the standard Jesus set. If that is what church is like,

they don't want to go.

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to understand the basic theme of the Bible: "God loves you." People need to see genuine love, the kind only Jesus gives. That message is so powerful it doesn't need a booster rocket to go into the world. It just needs you and me. Until we share the story, it simply waits on the launching pad.

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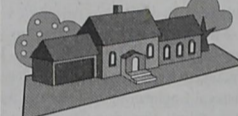
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# OBITUARIES

## Cory Holcomb

Cory Holcomb, 16, of Clovis, New Mexico passed away Thursday, December 22, 2005 in Clovis. Services were held Wednesday, December 28, 2005 at The Chapel with Pastor Rick Burke officiating. Burial followed at Lawn Haven Memorial Gardens in Clovis under the direction of Muffley Funeral Home of Clovis.

Mr. Holcomb was born April 1, 1989 in Clovis, New Mexico and was a Junior at Clovis High School. He was employed by Town and Country food stores. He enjoyed skate boarding, music, playing his guitar, weight lifting, and attending the 180 at Faith Christian Family Church.

He is preceded in death by his grandfather, Lester Holcomb; and grandparents Junior and Virginia Lambert.

Mr. Holcomb is survived by his parents Ruben and Deniese Gomez of Clovis, Steve and Norma Holcomb of Tucumcari, New Mexico; three brothers Kristopher and Clinton Holcomb both of Clovis and Jeremy Gomez of Bovina, Texas; one sister, Rebecca Gomez of Hereford, Texas.

He is also survived by his grandmother Dortha Holcomb of Clovis, and grandparents Adam and Chris Gomez of Dumas, Texas; and great-grandfather Bill Lambert of Muleshoe, Texas. Also aunts Tamara and Pamela Lambert and a special cousin Amber Haney, all of Lubbock, Texas; uncle Don and wife Barbara Holcomb and cousins Mandy and Mitzi Holcomb, all of Virginia Beach, Virginia; and uncle Billie Griffin of Austin, Texas.

## W.S. "Dub" Ingram

W.S. "Dub" Ingram, 82, of Friona, passed away Saturday, December 24, 2005 at Prairie Acres Nursing home after a lengthy illness. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 27, 2005 at the Friona United Methodist Church in Friona with Rev. Steve Patterson officiating. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mr. Ingram was born March 7, 1923 to John and Mary Lee (Blasengame) Ingram in Wellington, Texas. He married Dorothy Faye Jones on October 2, 1940 in Wellington. He moved to Friona in 1956 from Enochs, Texas. Mr. Ingram farmed and raised cattle until his health failed.

Mr. Ingram was a veteran of World War II serving in the U.S. Army. He was sent to the European Theater where he joined General Patton's 87th Infantry Golden Acorn Division. He was on the Czechoslovakian border when the war ended.

Mr. Ingram was a proud and active member of the Friona United Methodist Church in which he and his wife Dorothy raised their family. He loved and was so proud of his family.

He was preceded in death by an infant daughter Sharon Faye Ingram who died at birth April 7, 1942; his parents; two brothers Cleve Ingram and Clyde Ingram; and a son-in-law Robbie Osborn.

Mr. Ingram is survived by his wife; two sons, Cris Ingram and wife Sylvia and John Ingram and wife Beverly all of Friona; three daughters, Joy Osborn of Friona, Cindy Cassels and husband Dwayne of Hereford, Texas, and Teresa McCoy and husband Bill of Temple, Texas.

He is also survived by eighteen grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren.



## Montie Velma Turner

Montie Velma Turner, 100, of Bovina, Texas, passed away Sunday, December 25, 2005 at Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friona. Graveside services were held Wednesday, December 28, 2005 at Plainview Memorial Park Cemetery in Plainview with Rev. Quita Jones of Hart, Texas and Larry Mitchell of Bovina officiating. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.



Montie Velma Turner

Mrs. Turner was born February 15, 1905 in Altus, Oklahoma to Isaac and Mary Jane Mollie (Brewer) Dial. She married George Turner December 24, 1926 in Childress, Texas. He died July 27, 1986. She moved to Bovina in 1955 from Lockney, Texas. Mrs. Turner was a homemaker and a member of the United Methodist Church in Bovina where she sang in the choir. She was also a member of WMU.

She was preceded in death by a son George Dial Turner on February 9, 1953 and a great-granddaughter Kelli Glenn Mitchell on May 12, 1998.

Mrs. Turner is survived by a daughter, Arlene McCallum of Bovina, five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church in Bovina.

## Don Briggs

Don Briggs, 72, of Willcox, Arizona, passed away Friday, December 22, 2005. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 27, 2005 at the First Baptist Church with burial following in Sunset Cemetery in Willcox under the direction of Westlawn Chapel, Mortuary and Crematorium of Willcox, Arizona.

Mr. Briggs was born February 26, 1933 in Lubbock, Texas. On September 8, 1991 he married G. Marie Deardorff in Willcox. He graduated from Texas Tech University in 1955 with a degree Mechanical Engineering and worked for North America Rockwell on the space shuttle Endeavor. He also worked for General Dynamics where he worked on the B-1 bomber.

Mr. Briggs was also proud to be a farmer. He was an avid sports fan, enjoyed golf and fishing and lived for his family. He attended First Baptist Church in Willcox and was the secretary of the Willcox Masonic Lodge #10 F. & A.M.

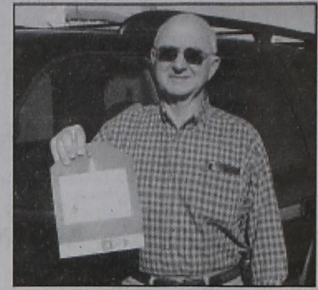
Mr. Briggs is preceded in death by his first wife, Noretta; his father Hinds Hugh Briggs; and two brothers Ronnie and Brian.

Mr. Briggs is survived by his wife; one son, Keith and wife Lori Briggs of Willcox; two daughters, Tonya and husband Gabriel Ayala of Willcox, Carolyn Zimmerman of Columbus, Ohio and Julie and husband Chris Chung of Chino Hills, California.

He is also survived by grandchildren, Camryn, Bill, Tina, Chris, Gabriel, Brandon and Dakota and great-grandchildren Tristen, Presten, Daylen, Tyler and David.

Mr. Briggs is also survived by his mother A. Marie Briggs and brother Joe and wife Jean Briggs all of Willcox. Contributions may be made to the Charles Wm. Leighton Jr. Hospice, P.O. Box 115, Willcox, Arizona 85644.

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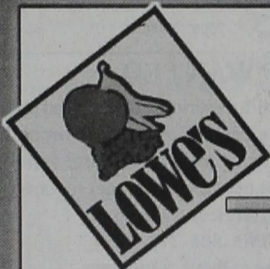


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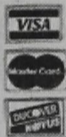
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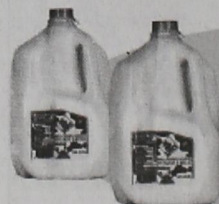
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# Depth-to-water level and pre-plant moisture surveys

Beginning in early January, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 personnel will make annual depth-to-water level measurements to determine the effect of pumpage during 2005 on ground water levels in the Ogallala aquifer within the district's 15-county service area.

Water level measurements are made in a network of more than 1,200 privately-owned wells. These water level observation wells are spaced throughout the district at a density of about one well per nine square miles.

"It is important for the public to be aware that water district field personnel will be visiting observation well sites from early January until completion of this work effort," said Jim Conkwright, manager.

Water district personnel make the water level measurement by lowering a steel tape to a pre-determined depth in the well. The first few feet of the tape lowered into each well are coated with carpenters' chalk, which turns a darker shade of blue when it comes into contact with water.

The distance from land sur-

face to the static water level is determined by subtracting the amount of tape with the darker blue chalk from the total feet of tape extended into the well.

After the measurement is made, a blue vinyl sticker with the observation well number, the depth-to-water level measurement, and the date of the measurement is affixed to the well equipment or other appropriate surface near the well site.

Water District personnel attempt to measure the same wells in the observation well network each year, as long as the individual wells are accessible and continue to provide satisfactory data. The current depth-to-water level measurement in individual wells is compared to that of the previous year to determine the annual change in water levels in the Ogallala aquifer within the district.

Maps showing the location and well number of the observation wells in each county or portion of a county served by the water district are published each year in the district's newsletter, *The Cross Section*. The water level issue contains tables listing observation wells in each county

within the district and the average and annual change in water levels for one-year, five-year, and 10-year intervals.

Additional information about the observation well program and annual depth-to-water level measurements is available by contacting the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 at (806) 762-0181 or by visiting the district's web site at [www.hpwd.com](http://www.hpwd.com). Persons wishing to receive *The Cross Section* newsletter can contact the district to have their names added to the mailing list.

Also personnel from the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No.

1 and the U.S. Department of Agriculture—Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) will begin data collection for their annual joint pre-plant soil moisture survey in mid-January.

Water District and USDA-NRCS personnel use moisture meters to gather data at more than 200 permanently-installed soil moisture monitoring sites within the 15-county High Plains Water District service area.

Readings are taken at six-inch intervals throughout the five-foot soil profile by lowering a probe into an aluminum access tube at the site. These data are later processed to calculate the moisture level

in the soil (available moisture) and how much moisture the soil can still hold for plant use (deficit moisture). Maps are constructed illustrating the location of soil moisture monitoring sites within the district and the crop type, irrigation application method, and amount of soil moisture in the upper three feet and upper five feet of the soil at each site.

"This information allows producers to review soil moisture conditions for several sites in their area, and then make pre-plant irrigation decisions based upon information from those sites and their own on-farm soil moisture test," said Scott Orr, district

agricultural group supervisor.

The High Plains Water District and the USDA-NRCS work to provide timely soil moisture information to help producers with management decisions for the 2006 growing season. The final soil moisture survey data will be sent to news media in the district and will be printed in the March issue of the water district newsletter, *The Cross Section*.

Additional information about the annual pre-plant soil moisture survey is available by contacting Orr at (806) 762-0181, or by visiting the district's web site at [www.hpwd.com](http://www.hpwd.com)

## Cost-In-Water Income Tax Depletion Allowance Data Available In January

Starting in early January, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 will begin accepting orders for data to support landowners' claims for a cost-in-water income tax depletion allowance for 2005 federal income taxes.

The water district encourages landowners to submit their requests as soon as possible as these data will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

Landowners who have previously claimed the deduction and have established the cost-in-water and aquifer-saturated thickness at the time of land purchase only need the amount of 2005 decline to substantiate their claim.

Those who have not previously claimed a deduction will need to establish the amount of saturated thickness beneath their land at the time of land acquisition, the decline in the water level during the tax year, and the cost of the water, which has been determined by comparing actual sales of land with and without ground water, at the date of land acquisition. These data are provided by the

High Plains Water District for its 15-county service area.

A contracted professional land appraiser documents land sales that occur each year within the water district. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) representatives review and approve these land sales data, which the district makes available to qualified taxpayers or their agents.

Each county within the district has an approved range of costs to which landowners may attribute the cost of water under their property at the time of acquisition. This additional cost of ground water is depreciated annually based upon water level declines interpreted and provided by the Water District's Technical Group, which is also approved by the IRS.

All requests for water depletion data must be in writing

and may be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to the High Plains Water District. Request forms are available for downloading from the district's web site ([www.hpwd.com](http://www.hpwd.com)) or are available from the district's Lubbock headquarters office. The decline data costs \$10 for each parcel of land when decline is shown.

For new claims, taxpayers must provide a complete legal description of the tract of land on which the claim is to be filed; the date of land acquisition; the number of acres in the tract; and the landowner's name, address, and Social Security number. New claims are \$50, and the cost includes the IRS-approved cost-in-water guidelines, the number of feet of saturated thickness for the year of land acquisition, and

the water level decline data for the current year and up to two previous years.

If it has been more than three years since water level decline data have been requested, landowners need to provide their name, address, Social Security number or Federal Identification number, as well as the legal description of the land tract, number of acres in the tract, and total number of years for which these data are requested.

Cost-in-water data requests should be directed to Rita Tucker, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, TX 79411-2499. She may be reached at (806) 762-0181, by fax at (806) 762-1834, or by e-mail at [rita@hpwd.com](mailto:rita@hpwd.com)

## Private pesticide applicator certificates expire Feb 28

The Texas Department of Agriculture reminds private pesticide applicator certificate holders that their certificates will now be renewed February 28, 2006 every five years rather than the original December 31, 2005 expiration date.

TDA recently implemented a new licensing system and changed the expiration date to make the licensing process more efficient. Certificate holders, as well as any TDA license holders, should receive a renewal notice about a month before the license expires.

Applicators should report any mailing address changes to be sure to receive the renewal notice.

Private applicator certificates were issued prior to January 10, 1989. While they never expire, applicators must earn 15 continuing education credits, including two credits in laws and regulations and two credits in integrated pest management, prior to expiration of the license, to keep the certificate active.

If you need additional information, please contact TDA at (800) TELL-TDA.

## Crop insurance marketing program set for January 24

Incorporating crop insurance into the marketing plan is the title of a master marketer program scheduled for January 24 in Amarillo. Seminar leader is Art Barnaby.

The program will offer a thorough overview of federal crop insurance programs including hail, MPC, CRC, CRC+, and other crop insurance coverage, according to a news release from Plains Cotton Growers.

Regional availability and state-specified provisions will

also be discussed in this one-day short course in Amarillo. Producers will leave this course with the skills necessary to evaluate insurance alternatives for their individual operations.

The Advanced Topic Series is a series of short courses hosted by Texas Cooperative Extension's Master Marketer Educational System, designed to address marketing and management issues identified by producers as important to their future success. A com-

bination of lecture, small group work, and simulation exercises will be used to maximize the learning experience. Participants can expect to come away with the knowledge necessary to enhance their management skills.

The location of the seminar was not provided in the news release. For more information call Steve Amosson at 806-677-5600 or visit the Master Marketer website at <http://mastermarketer.tamu.edu> for more information.

**ACROSS**

1 preowned car

5 TX B.J. Thomas' "\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Lonesome I Could Cry"

6 musical instrument at the TX Renaissance Festival

7 TXism: "ugly \_\_\_ sin"

8 former TCU BB coach Moe

9 minor misdemeanor in TX (2 wds.)

15 TXism: "take a \_\_\_ at it" (try)

16 hairless on the noggin' (2 wds.)

18 bowling game

20 TXism: "first rattle \_\_\_ the box"

22 TXism: "I need that like an armadillo \_\_\_ interstate"

27 actor Baldwin

28 chase an outlaw

29 in Ellis Co. on 342

30 subscribing again to the Denton Record-Chronicle

32 TX "Singing Cowboy" Autry (init.)

33 TXism: "\_\_\_ in court"

36 "Cowpokes" Ace

37 TXns Neiman and Carrell

38 early name: El Paso del \_\_\_ Norte

39 TXism: "the brand is still smoking"

41 historic Tarpon in Port Aransas

42 envelope licker

45 low Valley citrus spoils

46 TXism: "he was around when the Dead \_\_\_ was only sick" (old)

47 TX Vikki Carr '89 release: "\_\_\_ Hombres"

48 Huntsville's Houston statue weighs 25 \_\_\_

49 where the Cartwrights would cut down a X-mas tree in Nacogdoches Co.?

52 TX "Margie" actress Storm

53 west TX dry climate

**DOWN**

13 \_\_\_ de La Salle

14 led 1st French expedition to TX

15 TXism: "high as a \_\_\_ back" (costly)

16 TXism: "agile as a \_\_\_ hot road"

17 TXism: "esta \_\_\_ (good)"

18 Rangers DH in '91: Harold \_\_\_ Baines

19 criminal trial shortcut: \_\_\_ bargain

20 C&W Loretta (init.)

21 chicken fried steak, fried okra, potatoes

22 Astros & Rangers pitching legend (init.)

23 boot size

24 TX Ross Perot's old company

25 TXism: "your barn \_\_\_ open" (unzipped fly)

26 Hemphill is seat of this county

28 a cow and a calf

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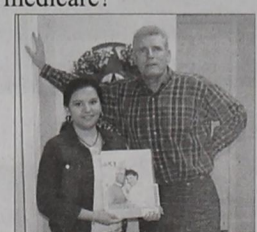


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# FRIONA CENTENNIAL MOMENTS

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

## Friona, Texas, USA...

By Darla Bracken

From the text of the FRIONA historical marker placed in 1973 by the Texas State Historical Commission:

Originally called Frio [Spanish word for cold], after Frio (cold) Draw, when established by XIT [Ten counties in Texas] Ranch, in 1898, as a shipping point on recently built Pecos & Northern Texas Railroad. In 1906, the George G. Wright Land Company took options on area lands and initiated a colonization project, promising fertile land and a healthful climate [still true today] to attract prospective settlers from Ohio to Kansas, and erecting a hotel, livery stable, and bank.

Name was [officially]\* changed to Friona when the post office opened, March 16, 1907, with Sarah D. Olson, postmaster. The first organized church was Union Congregational Church, June 1907. School opened in 1908, and was one of [the first] first districts in Texas to use buses, in 1917.

A controversy between Friona and Farwell over location of the county seat led to an election in 1913, won by Farwell, contested by Friona, and settled in 1916, by a court ruling favoring Farwell. By this time, S. A. Harris was publishing a newspaper, the

Friona "Sentinel". The city was incorporated in [March] 1928, and John W. White elected mayor.

Now a regional marketing center for agricultural and beef products, Friona claims the distinction of "Grain Sorghum Capital of the World."

\* George G. Wright filed legal papers establishing Friona in November 1906. [Brackets are mine.]

Originally this marker was placed in the northwest corner of the City Park directly in front of



or south of City Hall (now Friona Police Department). At some point it was moved to the Roadside Park 1/2 mile east of Friona. In the 1995 tornado, the marker was permanently moved by the forces of nature and has not been seen nor heard from since. The Parmer County Historical Commission under the direction of Gladys Spring

of Bovina, have plans underway to replace the marker in 2006.

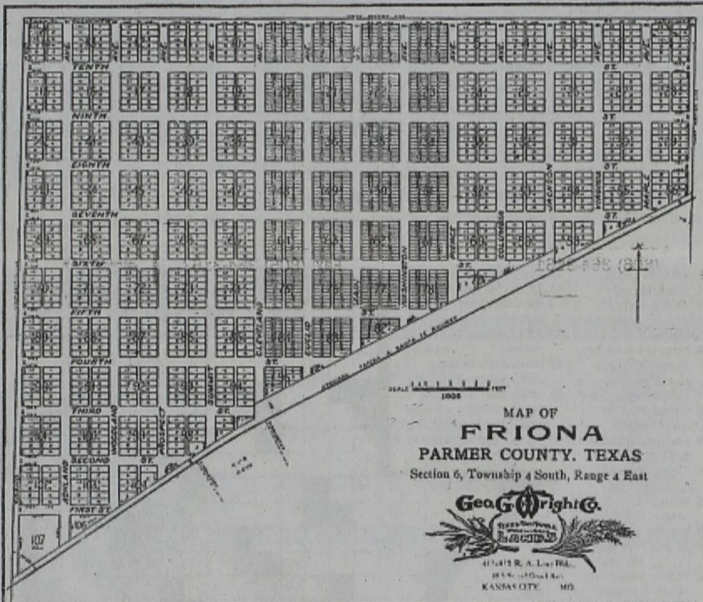
There is quite a bit of work to getting a marker approved and even to replacing one that has already been proved up and approved by the State Historical Commission, as this writer can attest [Friona Women's Clubhouse Marker, Sept. 11, 2005]. There is also a significant cost involved which is funded by the local historical commission and there are no breaks for natural disasters—(seems like they should be insured by the state or at least the county). But if you have ever stopped to read historical markers on your travels, you can appreciate these "thumbnail" historical sketches of an area. The text is chosen by the State Commission from the application narrative the size of which also determines the size required for the marker.

Our debt of gratitude is great to those historically-minded citizens who shared their stories and to those who compiled and published them. Gathered into two Parmer County History books which cover the history nicely: "A history of Parmer County" ed. By Nelson Lewis c. 1974 and "Prairie Progress" ed. By the Parmer County Historical Com-



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Chance Lewellen and the Friona Chieftains are entered in the Littlefield Tournament this week, December 29-31. The boys host Muleshoe Tuesday and travel to Plains next Friday. Boys district play opens Friday, January 13, at Floydada.



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Kids from around the county are preparing for the junior livestock shows that get started in January. This photo is from last year's lamb show. The Parmer County Junior Livestock Show is January 18-21.

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# Livestock show schedule

The time is near when a group of hardworking young people (and their parents) get an opportunity to parade their animals on the livestock show circuit. FFA and 4-H students, teachers, parents, and volunteers are preparing for a busy January in Parmer County.

The Friona Junior Livestock Show will be Thursday, January 5. The Farwell Junior Livestock Show follows on Saturday, January 7. The next Saturday, January 14 is the Lazbuddie Junior Livestock Show.

Then the Parmer County Junior Livestock Show will be held January 18-21. All events will be held at the Friona Community Center. Exact times and schedules for the County Show will be published closer to show time.

Wednesday, January 18. The show begins on Thursday, January 19, culminating with the sale on Saturday, January 21.

## Auction

**Saturday, January 7, 2006 • Sale Time 9:07AM**

Located: Muleshoe, Texas, 5 miles Northwest on US Hwy 84, Then 2 3/4mi West on County Rd 1018 or from Lariat, Texas, 1mi Southeast on US Hwy 84 then 3 miles South on FM Hwy 1731 then 2 1/2 miles East on County Rd 1018.

**W.T. Watson & others—Owners**

**Mr. Watson is retiring and will sell the following at public auction.**

For more information call 806-925-8763 or James G. Cruce 806-296-5050

<p><b>Tractors-Cotton Stripper</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1-1989 Case H 1700 diesel tractor cab-AC/Hydro-MWD-WTS-TT-DTPO-18.4x38 rubber 68/62ins</li> <li>1-1977 Case 1700 diesel tractor-cab-AC/H-WF-WTS-DH-18.4x38 rubber &amp; duals</li> <li>1-1982 John Deere 4010 diesel tractor-WF-SH-15.5x38 rubber</li> <li>1-John Deere No. 33, 2 row DT stripper</li> </ul> <p><b>Trailers-Tanks-Sprayers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1-Parkhurst gooseneck 19ft box bed hyd. pump trailer TA-Actation line coil link axles</li> <li>1-Donahue gooseneck 19ft box bed hyd. pump trailer TA-Actation line coil link axles</li> <li>1-Set Wylie Tam 200gal side mount spray tanks 720 mounting brackets</li> <li>3 way electric switch-out pump</li> <li>1-24 row, 3pt, hyd. FW, sprayer boom</li> <li>1-8 row 4-way repackable herbicide applicator</li> <li>1-800gal metal diesel tank on skids</li> <li>3-1500gal poly upright tanks</li> <li>3-1000gal diesel fuel tanks</li> <li>2-200gal poly spray tanks</li> <li>1-1000gal fuel nurse tank/trailer, 4 wheel chassis</li> <li>2-800gal fuel nurse tank/trailers, 4 wheel chassis</li> <li>1-500gal 200 WFP propane tank</li> <li>1-100gal propane tank</li> <li>1-8kg 12-4 wheel-24' barbed trailer</li> <li>2-Coby, 4 wheel, trailer chassis</li> <li>2-900gal upright metal tanks</li> <li>1-set 6'x24' trailer side panels FM</li> </ul> <p><b>Livestock Equipment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7-4 wheel trailers 8'x24' lum beds white outfit for cattle loading</li> <li>Big 12-Coby &amp; John Deere chassis</li> <li>1-Portable cattle loading chute</li> <li>20-5x16 metal log leg livestock panels</li> <li>1-8' livestock panel gate</li> <li>1-Cody 4 wheel US panel carrier trailer</li> <li>1-truck tank header</li> <li>4-spools electric fence wire</li> <li>1-Mayrath 4'x20' electric grain auger</li> <li>1-Lot wire &amp; T post</li> <li>1-Mayrath 4'x11' grain auger-12 motor</li> </ul>	<p><b>Equipment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1-John Deere 7300 Max Merge vacuumer 8 row planter-mount-TW</li> <li>1-Case-H 900 Early Rise 8 row planter double boxes-OD spacers-V's</li> <li>1-Surflower DT 18ft trash mulcher plow</li> <li>3-Yeter, 3pt, 28ft, rotary hoe</li> <li>1-Hamby 9 row, discblade-3pt</li> <li>DRTB-GW</li> <li>1-Tye Snow discblade, 3pt DSB-GW</li> <li>1-Johnson 8 row, rolling outboard-bag bar</li> <li>1-Maker 18ft offset discblade-3bar</li> <li>1-White 6342-3pt-6x18' spinner</li> <li>1-miscblade plow</li> <li>1-Hamby, 3pt 9' shank V ripper plow TSB-GW</li> <li>1-Tye 3pt, 21ft, grain drill-6' spaced-OD-8' roller</li> <li>1-8 row, 3pt, hooded sprayer-DRTB wheel knife row units-GW</li> <li>1-BigHorn Disc-68' clodbuster packer</li> <li>1-Servis, 3pt Super Rhino Blade</li> <li>2-Central 9 row middle runner plows-28' 3pt</li> <li>1-John Deere 707-4 row, DT all-terrain</li> <li>1-John Deere 7 row roller-4'x7' 4oz GW-markers</li> <li>1-8kg Ox, 3pt, 7' shank, V ripper plow-DGW</li> <li>1-Johnson 8 row rolling outboard</li> <li>1-Hamby 8 row, cultivator-DSB-LTM-GW</li> <li>1-SAS, 3pt, 21ft, field cultivator w/ harrows</li> <li>1-RAC, 3pt, 6 row, rollerblade-DSB-LTM-GW-88 hyd. rollerblade</li> <li>1-8 row, 3pt, hyd. driven rollerblade-GW-4'x7' 2nd-11'x2' 3rd-6' &amp; 8' rollers</li> <li>1-8kg 13x20' outboard-DT or 3pt</li> <li>1-PW DT, 12 row sand filter</li> <li>1-PW, 3pt, 12 row sand filter</li> <li>1-9row DT, lum row plow</li> <li>1-9row DT sand filter</li> <li>1-Heped FM, 12v seedler-spreader</li> <li>1-SM manure crane</li> <li>1-HD-SM-3pt 18' arm crane</li> <li>1-Continental DT sprayer chassis</li> <li>1-Meyers DT, V, clover</li> <li>1-3pt dirt dip</li> </ul>	<p><b>Tractor &amp; Tool Bar Miskaups</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-sets, RAC, hyd. FW row markers</li> <li>1-Hamby 28' T&amp;B tool carrier-LTM</li> <li>1-Lot 130' shank's &amp; clamps</li> <li>1-Lot toolbar gauge wheels</li> <li>1-Campbell, 3pt, 20' PRTB tool carrier</li> <li>2-Lot 3pt quick hitch's</li> <li>1-John Deere, 3-piece, 3pt, hitch</li> <li>1-Set guide cone gauge wheels</li> <li>1-Lot knife heads-barring of disc</li> <li>2-sets RAC hyd. FW row markers</li> <li>2-sets hyd. FW row markers</li> <li>1-Lot John Deere 7300 parts</li> <li>1-Lot John Deere orchard shears</li> <li>1-Lot John Deere planter parts</li> <li>8-planter incorporation</li> <li>1-Lot tractor &amp; plow parts</li> <li>1-Lot rotary hoe wheels</li> <li>1-Lot tie drill grass wheels</li> <li>1-Set PWC wheel spreader spools</li> <li>1-Lot HC tractor weights-rear-hang on</li> <li>1-Lot IHC planter drums</li> <li>1-4'x4' 800 tractor gas tank</li> <li>1-Cleaner combine fuel tank</li> <li>1-Lot Water fertilizer injection points</li> <li>1-Hamby toolbar-roller pull hitch</li> <li>1-Continental hyd. AA fertilizer cutoff-manifold</li> <li>1-Ace hyd. sprayer pump</li> <li>2-4 row 6' bed rollers</li> <li>18-individual row cleaners</li> <li>1-Set Moine LB tractor ladders &amp; pulley</li> <li>1-8 row hyd. Drive rollerblade</li> <li>2-12'x4 row bed rollers</li> <li>1-Lot tractor tires</li> <li>1-Lot sweeps-knives, disc, chisel, 1 piece balers</li> </ul> <p><b>Vehicles-Motors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1-1990 International Loadstar 1900 TA truck tractor, 4th screw, 6th wheel</li> <li>1-1988 Silverado Chevrolet pickup-4-w-350 engine-AT-LWB</li> <li>1-Porter Lemons 48' scow HT car</li> <li>1-1957 Ford F800 truck cab &amp; chassis</li> <li>1-1944 Ford truck-cab &amp; chassis</li> <li>2-Army surplus 60hp Diesel engines</li> </ul> <p><b>Service Trailer-Welder</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1-2 wheel service trailer-boxbox Lincoln portable welder-generator-bottle holder</li> <li>1-Portable gas powered air compressor</li> </ul>	<p><b>Irrigation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1-Lot parts 6'x30' aluminum spinner disc</li> <li>60 parts 6'x20' aluminum gated pipe</li> <li>10 parts 6'x20' aluminum gated pipe</li> <li>1-Lot 6'x30' PVC gated pipe</li> <li>1-Lot elevated aluminum pipe-short pipe-valves-hydrants-55gpa</li> <li>1-Portable chemical injector pump</li> <li>1-Miscro switch-hookup</li> <li>1-Ford 428 irrigation motor</li> <li>1-International 440 irrigation motor</li> <li>2-Ford 460 irrigation motor</li> <li>2-Chevrolet 350 irrigation motor</li> <li>4-Chevrolet 250 6cyl. irrigation motors</li> <li>2-Crysler 440 irrigation motor</li> <li>1-1.5 3hp, VHS, electric motor</li> <li>2-GE 50hp, VHS, electric motors</li> <li>1-GE 40hp, VHS, electric motor</li> <li>1-Lot right angle drive gear heads various makes, various HP &amp; various ratios</li> <li>1-2' turbine pump-250' column piping-lifting shaft-base</li> <li>1-Lot 10' column pipe-lifting &amp; shaft</li> <li>1-Lot 8' column pipe-lifting &amp; shaft</li> <li>1-Lot 6' vent stand pipe</li> <li>1-Injector-meter fertilizer pump</li> <li>2-irrigation motor covers</li> <li>1-4 wheel in. pipe trailer</li> <li>1-2 wheel in. pipe trailer</li> <li>1-Large lot aluminum irrigation lines 1" to 3"</li> </ul> <p><b>Non-Classified</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1-Butane filler hose</li> <li>1-4Wyle, 25gal, 112v sprayer</li> <li>1-Buyme chicken brooder</li> <li>1-12v fuel transfer pump</li> <li>5-small electric motors-read OH</li> <li>1-Lot barrels</li> <li>1-Lot various size &amp; length lumber</li> <li>1-Lot scrap iron-aluminum-bathrooms</li> <li>1-Lot items too numerous to list</li> </ul> <p><b>Grain Carts-Combine Chassis-Headers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1-8kg 12-400 bushel grain cart</li> <li>1-Phares Wilkins 400 bushel grain cart</li> <li>1-International 915 combine chassis no motor</li> <li>1-International 810-24' grain platform</li> <li>1-International 854-8 row wide com head</li> </ul>
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