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## Tanker Three



ron carr photo

Friona Fire Chief Jim Taylor rolled out the department's new tank truck. The truck chassis was purchased with funds raised by the fire department primarily through the annual Maize Days drawing for a 4-wheeler. The chief and the firefighters thank everyone that supports the fire department and purchases tickets for their annual fundraiser.

## New tanker truck ready for service at Friona Fire Dept

BY RON CARR

Friona Fire Chief Jim Taylor and the members of the volunteer fire department have a new truck thanks to local citizens that participate in the department's fundraisers. Chief Taylor said the big fundraiser, the Maize Days drawings for a 4-wheeler, has made it possible to upgrade Tanker Three, a unit with a 2,000 gallon water tank on back.

The 2003 International truck chassis was purchased for \$25,000 from Roberts Truck Center in Amarillo. According to Chief Taylor, the proceeds used were from the fundraisers of the past two years. "It took us that long to raise the money," Taylor said. "The fire department bought the truck then gave it to the city."

They took the bed containing the tank, pump, and hose equipment off of a 1993 truck and reinstalled it on the 2003 chassis. The work was done at the 4-Way Pump Service shop on Highway 60 which is owned by Jim and John Taylor.

## End of an era

# Tasty Cream closes

The Tasty Cream Drive-In, a Friona institution for more than 50 years, closed its doors December 29. The eatery, located at Main St. and Highway 60, was most recently owned by the late John Tannahill who purchased the business from Bill and Ruth Hardin over a year ago. The drive-in was managed by Cheryl Langlanais.

After Mr. Tannahill died suddenly of a heart attack last year, the business was inherited by his daughter Lori Tannahill, of Plano, who made the decision to close it last week.

According to previous owners Bill and Ruthie Hardin, Tasty Cream had been in continuous operation for 56 years. It was originally located at 9th

and Main St before moving to the Highway 60 location. Sylvia and Lee Gibson operated the restaurant for 7 years before selling it to Arthur Stokes, Bill Hardin's father-in-law.

He operated it for one year before Bill and Ruthie Hardin became the owners. They owned and operated Tasty Cream for 25 years before sell-

ing it a couple of years ago to John Tannahill. Bill Hardin said the Tasty Cream had been at its present Main and 60 location for at least 30 years.

It is uncertain at press time what the future holds for the Tasty Cream. Hardin said Miss Tannahill is attempting to lease or sell the restaurant.

## Snow, sleet and ice highlight Friona's December weather

Official Friona weather guy John Gurley's weather report for December has as many ups and downs as oil prices. The low/high temperature December 1 was 15/25. We saw a high of 68 on December 17 and two days later the high was only 30. The lowest temperature recorded during the month was 12 on

December 3. As for the white stuff, the report shows a trace of snow December 1, ice on December 19, four inches of sleet/ice/snow December 20, rain on the 29th, and four more inches of snow December 30. The moisture received was equivalent to 1.91 inches for the month.



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# Holiday season is over: Get ready for tax season

By Linda Anderson, Texas A&M Extension Center

Brace yourself. Income tax time is coming.

When it comes to getting ready to file your income tax return, remember what the Boy Scouts say: Be prepared.

That's the advice of Dr. Joyce Cavanagh, Texas Cooperative Extension family economics specialist.

Make sure you have all your forms before you do anything else, she said. Have all your W-2 forms and 1099 forms from any employer or financial institution where you have interest-bearing accounts.

"W-2 and 1099s have to be in hand by Jan. 31," she said. "If you're itemizing, you

need to keep track of your property tax and interest paid on your home. Don't file too soon or you might not have all your necessary paperwork yet."

To save themselves from a surprise, Cavanagh advised those who have mutual funds to check to see if they are going to owe taxes on those funds this year.

This tax season will bring some changes in what can be deducted and what can't, Cavanagh said.

As of Aug. 17, 2006, she said, only charitable contributions of clothing and household goods in very good condition are qualified as deductions. And receipts will be

required when claiming any cash contributions made after that date. The Salvation Army's Web site at <http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/> or the Internal Revenue Service's site at <http://www.irs.gov/> have more information.

Also this year, a credit for the Federal Telephone Excise Tax will be available on a one-time basis, Cavanagh said.

"People will be able to claim it whether they itemize or not or whether they file a tax return or not," she said. "If you don't need to file a return (for example, people who didn't have enough income in 2006) you can file

for this on Form 1040-EZT and get the telephone excise tax credit."

This amount should be \$30-\$60 "depending on filing status and number of dependents," Cavanagh added. "It's a one-time credit for 2006 returns."

And then there's the Earned Income Credit, she said.

"People who meet the requirements for Earned Income Credit need to file whether or not they owe taxes in order to receive (this credit)." The IRS Web site can help in determining whether or not you meet those requirements, she added.

All these changes can be extremely confusing but the good news is: You're not in this alone, she said.

"Free tax preparation assistance is available in most communities for those with low- to middle incomes and the elderly," she said.

The two most common are the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program frequently called VITA and AARP's Tax Aide program, Cavanagh said.

Although some volunteer income tax assistance preparation sites may have income limits, she said, "most AARP sites will prepare returns for anyone in the low-to middle-income range."

Information on these services is available on the AARP Web site at <http://www.aarp.org/> or the IRS Web site.

If you are using a tax-preparation service of any kind, Cavanagh advised taking a copy of last year's return and the Social Security cards of everyone you are claiming as dependents with you.

For more information on this and other financial topics, visit Extension's Family and Consumer Sciences Web site at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/> and click on the link to Money.

# Page Two

a new look in 2007

By Ron Carr

Call it boredom or impatience.

I've decided to rename this effort at a weekly column from Out Here to Page Two. That is where it is found each week, on page two, and I am tired of seeing my ugly mug staring out from the top of the column, so no picture either.

Page two of the newspaper has mostly been our version of an editorial page. That is where we print letters to the editor, political news from our state and federal representatives, the occasional political cartoon, the occasional editorial, or local photos of interest.

We will be adding "calendar of events" information on page two as needed. We will try to include scheduled event information, school fundraisers, and community events, on page two so you don't have to search through the entire paper to find when the next local enchilada dinner is going to be held.

If you are looking for it and can't find it, check on page two.

Which brings up the most important point: we can't promote your fundraiser or meeting if we do not know about it. So tell us. Well in advance if you can. We are easy to get in touch with. Fax, email, or telephone. Or stop by in person during our office hours.

I have dropped the "On Your Payroll" box that included names, addresses, and phone numbers of senators and congressmen because I don't feel many people paid attention to it. If you want to know how to contact your congressman call our office and we will provide the contact information.

Also new on page two will be a list of our rates for weddings, engagements, birth announcements, card of thanks and other useful newspaper information.

We will also be experimenting with a few different front page layout formats. You may or may not notice. A few more color pictures maybe on the front, bigger headlines, who knows. We are experimenting and I hope you will be the guinea pigs and let us know your opinion as you note the changes.

Our goal is to provide you with as much local news as possible, a bunch of neat photos for your scrapbooks, and enough thought-provoking information to keep you coming back each week.

The church page includes a list of local churches and their service information. I urge pastors to check what we have listed for your church and if it is not correct let us know. Also on our weekly church page we "steal" information from church bulletins sometimes. Leon Talley, pastor of the Sixth Street Church of Christ has been faithful in providing us with weekly inspirational messages for the church page. Thank you Leon.

The invitation is still open for all local pastors to submit messages for the church page or other church information, prayer concerns, etc, that need to be included. Inspirational messages should be limited to 200-250 words or thereabout.

I quit making new year's resolutions many years ago. In fact the only resolution I make is to not make any. That way I don't have to stress when I am too weak to keep even the simplest promise.

That is what a resolution is, a promise to yourself. If you have made a bunch of resolutions to make other people happy, go ahead and break them right now and get it over with. When you promise someone you will do something and then don't do it, isn't that worse than making the promise in the first place?

Last but not least, in a feeble effort at personal discipline, my goal is to limit my Page Two column to about 3,700 characters (600-650 words) or less. I know this will make my former boss Carol Ellis deliriously happy. All the time I worked for her and Bill she badgered me about writing shorter columns. Seems I never knew when to stop.

"When you have said what you want to say, quit," Carol would say. Of course they got revenge by selling me the newspaper.

And here is the main reason I renamed my column Page Two. At my age it will help me remember where I put it.

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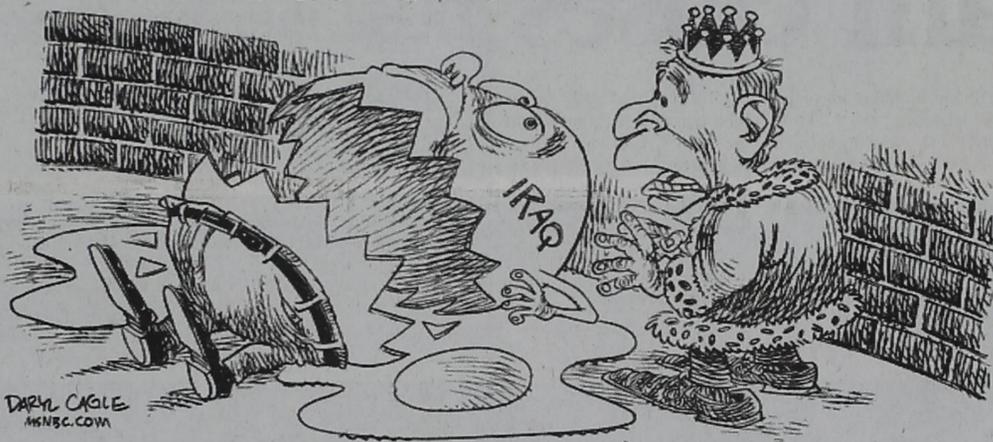
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## Letters To The Editor

You can support 4-H programs in Texas when you purchase tickets to Paramount Pictures' and Walden Medias' new live action movie version of "Charlotte's Web".

For every ticket purchased through the national 4-H council website, ([www.fourthcouncil.edu](http://www.fourthcouncil.edu)), \$1.00 will go to support the 4-H youth development program in Texas.

After typing in the number of adult and child tickets needed, pricing is determined by the local theater. Hollywood Movie Money will make a \$1.00 donation to 4-H for each ticket purchased online. Visitors to the site may also choose to make an optional tax- deductible donation to 4-H.

Once the purchase is complete, a ticket certificate will need to be printed for each ticket purchased. Certificates will need to be redeemed for a ticket to an available showing of "Charlotte's Web" at any time until January 31, 2007.

For more information, contact your local Texas Cooperative Extension office at 806-481-3619.

Thanks for your continued support of the 4-H program in Parmer County!

Suzanne Reese  
CEA - Family & Consumer Sciences, Parmer County



When abuse and neglect occurs, and children are no longer able to safely remain in their homes, we are fortunate enough to have individuals willing to provide care and support to them in licensed foster homes. Foster care provides a temporary safe haven for children as Child Protective Services (CPS) caseworkers and foster parents work toward uniting children with their families. These children, through no fault of their own, were placed in abusive or neglectful situations by their biological parents. In some situations, they are not able to return home and deserve a chance for a new life with adoptive parents who can teach them that family can be a safe place.

There is an urgent need for more families to open their hearts and homes by becoming foster and adoptive parents. To learn more about fostering and adoption, attend an informational meeting the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the CPS office locate at 6200 140 West, in Amarillo.

Texas Department of Family & Protective Services



### Tumbleweed Smith

#### The wild game dinner

Forty-two years ago Delbert Brewster and Tom Ridout were college students in Abilene. Their wives were teachers. Elwana Brewster and Linda Ridout met each other at a teacher's meeting. They found several similarities in their lives. They learned that both of their husbands loved to hunt and fish and carve things from wood. Tom carved designs on gunstocks; Delbert made all sorts of things from wood and decorated them with antler, bone and horn.

At the time, dinner parties were becoming popular and the Brewsters and Ridouts thought they would have one of their own. Since Delbert and Tom were students and didn't have a lot of money, they decided they would have a wild game dinner. They invited six couples. Delbert says that's about all their small apartment could hold. That first dinner consisted of duck, quail, frog legs and bass fish. Delbert gathered fresh vegetables from his parents' home in Comanche. The other couples brought salads and desserts.

Delbert and Elwana ended up living in Andrews. They

both taught school. Tom and Linda lived along the Texas coast, in Austin and finally settled in the hill country where Tom makes rocking chairs and other furniture. He had a career in construction.



Although they were separated by miles, they always got together in the spring for a wild game dinner. Some of the menu items over the years have included possum, raccoon, armadillo, porcupine, mountain lion, mountain oysters, turkey fries and rattlesnake. The have dined on exotic game, too: gemsbock, orix, eland and bison. They have sampled most of the animals in North America: white tailed deer, mule deer, goat, moose, caribou, wild hog, squirrel and cotton tail rabbit. Some of the salads have contained lambs quarter, dandelion and tumbleweed sprouts.

Over a span of forty-two years, children of wild game dinner

participants have grown up, got married, had babies and are in all sorts of jobs. Scrap books full of pictures taken at previous wild game dinners are on display at recent dinners. Delbert and Elwana have hosted the dinner at their home in Andrews most of the time. Lately they have started having it at Delbert's family place near Junction.

I interviewed Delbert in he early seventies about his artistic creations. He invited my wife and me to one of his wild game dinners. We brought a salad. We've been friends ever since and have attended several of their dinners. People who attend the wild game dinner include a variety of people: city and school administrators, teachers, artists, beauty operators, furniture makers, ranchers, and home demonstration agents.

Some time ago they started having programs at the wild game dinner. The topics range from cowboy poets and flag makers to rocket scientists. This last dinner included a concert of bagpipe music.

### Pig roast Friday at Friona gym

The Friona baseball team under head coach Greg Hazelwood will begin 2007 practice January 29, the first day allowed by the UIL.

In preparing for the forthcoming season, the baseball team will hold its annual pig roast Friday January 5 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria preceding the Friona vs. Tulia basketball games.

The cost is \$6 adults and \$3.50 for children under 12. The menu will include pork, potato salad, beans, dessert, and tea, lemonade, or water.

Coach Hazelwood says, "Come eat and stay to watch the Squaws and Chieftains beat the Hornets." The proceeds of the pig roast will be used to purchase equipment for the Friona Chieftains baseball team.

The  
**Friona Star**  
Website is  
[frionaonline.com](http://frionaonline.com)

### commentary

#### Death of a president.....

By Tuesday, January 2, former president Gerald Ford's funeral ceremonies had made its way to St. Paul's Cathedral in Washington, D.C. Mr. Ford died in California a week earlier, and was headed for final burial in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

When my teenage son walked into the room Tuesday and saw the funeral on Fox News he said, "Are they still burying that guy?"

The comment was not made in disrespect. It pretty much summed up what many people across America were thinking, especially the younger generation. Is it necessary to consume more than a week, with funeral services in three separate locations, to bury a former president?

The pomp and pageantry must be draining on the family. Mrs. Ford did not look well during the grueling travel period. Not to mention the resources (expenses) of the federal government that were utilized to honor Mr. Ford and finally lay him to rest.

He was a former president and will now take his proper place in history. The question needs to be asked: how much honor and respect is finally enough? The burial and funeral ceremonies went on for too long, even for a former president.

Thursday, January 4, 2007

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Christen Stowers, daughter of Bovina, received her childhood education from during ceremonies December...  
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Christen Stowers

### Stowers receives Tech degree

Christen Stowers, daughter of Roy Lee and Dorothy Stowers of Bovina, received her Bachelor of Science degree in early childhood education from Texas Tech University in Lubbock during ceremonies December 16, 2006.

Stowers, a 2002 graduate of Bovina High School, maintained an overall grade point average of 3.375, attaining a 4.0 GPA during her final semester. She served her student teaching at Shallowater and is employed as a substitute teacher there. She was also employed with United Supermarkets in Lubbock while attending Texas Tech.

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### Local girl shoots 9-point buck



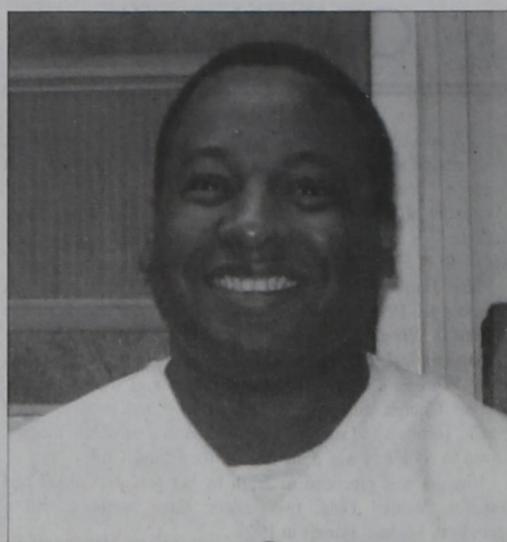
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Skyla Stormes and her first deer, a 9-point whitetail

Skyla Stormes, daughter of Andy and Lori Stormes of Friona, shot her first deer during the holidays. Skyla, 13, is an 8th grader at Friona junior high.

According to her dad, she shot the 9-point whitetail in Archer County on December 27. "She made a perfect shot with a 20-06 from about 80 yards, dropping him in his tracks," dad Andy Stormes said. "I was extremely proud of her and it was a better feeling than I ever got shooting my own deer." The Stormes said they would

like to send a special thanks to the person that let her hunt in his stand. "He will know who we are talking about," Stormes said.



courtesy photo

Curtis Brady is the Parmer County Community Hospital employee-of-the-month. A hospital spokesperson stated Curtis has exemplified what thinking of the patient is all about at PCCH. He recently assisted in helping a swing-bed patient be able to attend her church musical and assisted with another patient's transport while out on a Christmas day pass. He has done research to advise patients of other services available to them after treatment and is a great example of putting the patient first.

**Parmer County Tax Collector's office in Farwell will be closed Thursday, January 11 for training**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

In 1908 George Hitz of Indiana bought land in Parmer County, moving to the area in 1911, and the Walco Drilling Co. drilled the first irrigation well about 1913, a 12 inch one, southwest of where Black is now.

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\*Valentine photos will appear in the special Friona Star Valentine issue February 8.

\*All photos will be returned.

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# OBITUARIES

## Virginia Barrett

A church service for Virginia Barrett, 78, of Muleshoe, was held on Tuesday, January 02, 2007, at 11:00 a.m. at the First Assembly of God with Reverend Jack Stone officiating. Burial followed at Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe.

Mrs. Barrett died on December 29, 2006. She was born October 18, 1928 in Wheeler County, Texas. She married Jodie Barrett in Wheeler County on December 15, 1947.

Virginia had lived in the Muleshoe area since 1955, moving from Wheeler County. She was a member of the Circleback Baptist Church. She was a devoted wife and mother, loved music, painting and singing. She worked as a substitute teacher, loved to cook and was a member of the Bridge Club.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents, Gilbert and Emeline Worley Dale; two sisters; three brothers; and a grandson, Michael Barrett in 1994.

Survivors include her husband, Jodie Barrett of Muleshoe; three sons and daughters-in-law, Rickey and Raygena Barrett of Muleshoe, Ronnie and Sherry Barrett of Muleshoe, and Robbie and Stephanie Barrett of Friona; and one daughter and son-in-law, Suzan and Terry Wheeler of Muleshoe. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery Association, 104 E. Avenue C, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.

## Francisco Dominguez

Funeral services for Francisco Dominguez, 81, of Friona, will be held at 2:00 p.m., on Thursday, January 4, 2007, at the Temple of Adoration Church in Friona, with Pastor Ruben Rivera and Pastor Aurelio Silva, officiating. Burial will follow at the Friona Cemetery under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mr. Dominguez died on Sunday, December 31, 2006, at Prairie Acres in Friona. He was born in Mexico on August 21, 1925, to Serapio and Clara (Coronado) Dominguez.

He married Martina Macias on March 3, 1943, in



Francisco Dominguez

Mexico. They moved from Dimmitt to Friona in 1979. He was a farm laborer and a member of the Temple of Adoration Church.

Survivors include his wife, Martina of Friona; four sons, Joe Dominguez, Frank Dominguez and Roy Dominguez all of Friona; and Rogelio Dominguez of Chicago, Illinois; three daughters, Maria Elena Perez of Hobbs, New Mexico, Teresa Saucedo of Dimmitt and Irma Pantoja of Plainview; one sister, Juanita Dominguez of Mexico; 26 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

# Crop rotation key to 2007 plans

By Ron Smith, Farm Press Editorial Staff

Using available moisture more efficiently and concentrating on rotation deserve places near the top of the management priorities list for Lamesa, Texas, cotton and grain farmer Mike Hughes as he completes harvest of the 2006 cotton crop, finishes seeding winter wheat and starts thinking about plans for 2007.

Hughes irrigates about half his acreage. "But some of that is with only limited water supplies so, realistically, I have only about 25 percent fully irrigated. I have some pivots with half circles in cotton and the other half in wheat. I may do more of that in 2007."

Hughes plans to run cattle on wheat planted early enough. "I'll harvest most of the crop for seed," he says. "I try to be as flexible as possible. I'll have a whole circle in wheat and, depending on the price, I may cut some of that for hay. Initially, I plan to harvest wheat or grain. Price of hay may be a factor." He intends to combine some, at least enough to plant next fall for a cover crop in cotton fields.

Wheat serves multiple purposes for Hughes. It provides winter grazing, offers the option of a hay or grain cash crop, serves as a winter cover and residue for minimum-till cotton, gives him

a much needed rotation crop and supplies an option to spread out sometimes limited water resources.

"Wheat allows me to use water more efficiently and gives me a desperately needed rotation crop. I've said for years that rotation is necessary. I work toward a half and half cotton and grain mix. Several years ago, when cotton prices were good, I thought about planting everything in cotton. But I need the rotation."

He says in some areas farmers may plant corn on some acreage to take advantage of higher prices. "Wheat acreage may slip a bit because of demand for corn in ethanol production."

Hughes says pushing rotation sometimes takes a bit of persuasion to landlords who see cotton as their best profit option. "We sometimes have to educate land owners about the value of rotation, especially following excellent cotton crops."

Hughes says rotation advantages show more in dry years.

Grain sorghum may play into the mix as well. "We get organic matter from rotation crops and that improves water infiltration and makes fertilizer work better. Organic matter holds nutrients in the soil."

He likes to have vegeta-

tive matter growing on the land. "I planted wheat in September and October. With nothing growing on the land, rains would have run off. With a wheat stand, it soaks into the soil." Late-harvested grain sorghum also helps keep soil in place until he plants a cover crop.

Hughes says developing a better rotation system will be a key for 2007. Every year is different but I'm always looking for a viable rotation. I'll work in wheat and grain sorghum and may add corn on a small acreage.

"I look at rotation through rose-colored glasses," Hughes says. "I can't compare rotation crops straight up with cotton, but I look at benefits in the cotton fields three or four years later."

He says agriculture is changing with more emphasis on renewable fuels production.

"We're coming to a turning point," Hughes says. "I've been a bit skeptical of ethanol, wondering if some (in-

dustrial or agency) would throw a wrench in it. But it looks like ethanol may use many products from agriculture. The door's wide open."

The changes may not come just from grain, he says. "I have no doubt that with changes in cotton genetics we'll probably see something from cottonseed that helps us make fuel."

Alternative uses for cottonseed, grains and other crops may provide the stimuli farmers need to regain profits, which will be hard to find on many farms this year.

"We may make some pretty good yields on irrigated cotton," he says, "but when we pay the electric and gas bills I don't anticipate much profit. In fact, I foresee a large percentage of producers with carryover debt after this crop."

Hughes, in addition to running his farm, serves as president of Plains Cotton Growers Inc.

## Grain elevator workshop Jan 18

By Kay Ledbetter, Texas A&M Extension Center

Bioenergy is the current buzz word in agriculture and the Texas High Plains Grain Elevator Workshop on Jan. 18 will keep it buzzing, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

"The area's interest in bioenergy could impact the stored grain industry, so a portion of this year's workshop has been dedicated to addressing this topic," said Dr. Carl Patrick, Extension entomology specialist.

The 19th annual workshop will be from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. in the Regency Room of the Amarillo Civic Center.

The workshop has been submitted to the Texas Department of Agriculture for continuing edu-

cation credits for commercial, non-commercial and private applicator licenses.

Topics of discussion will be aeration, aflatoxin, stored grain protectants, fumigation, rodent prevention and control, and laws and regulations.

Pre-registration is requested by Jan. 10. The fee is \$35 and checks should be made to: Tri-State Chapter of GEAPS (Grain Elevator and Processing Society).

Mail registration forms and fees to: Carl Patrick, Texas Cooperative Extension, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106.

For more information, contact Patrick at 806-677-5600.

## Sheriff's Report

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

December 29, 2006, Lloyd Gene Hargraves, Jr. was arrested by the Friona Police Department on a Lamb County warrant for forgery.

December 30, 2006, Alfredo T. Alonzo was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with public intoxication.

December 31, 2006, Raylene McDonald was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.

December 31, 2006, Michael B. Bennett was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces.

January 1, 2007, Jimmy Wayne Norwood was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with driving while intoxicated 3<sup>rd</sup> or more.

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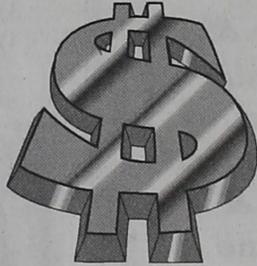
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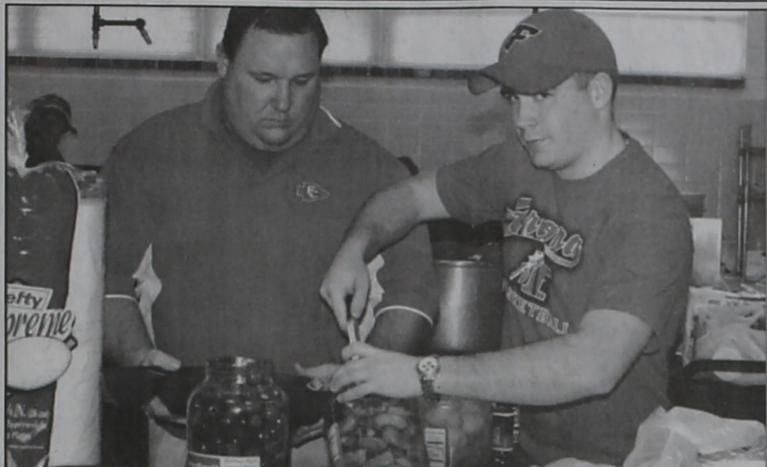
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Friona assistant coach David Towner and Chieftain senior baseball player Stephen Campbell are shown in the file photo from last year's pig roast. This year's pig roast fundraiser is set for Friday January 5 at the high school cafeteria. Come enjoy the pork meal and stay around for Chieftain-Squaw basketball vs. Tulia. Pig roast is only \$6 for adults and \$3.50 for kids under 12. Proceeds benefit the Chieftain baseball program.

### Squaws perfect in district, host Tulia next

The Squaws opened district with a win vs. Bushland before the holidays. On December 18 they toasted the River Road Lady Wildcats by a score of 51-40 highlighted by an 18-10 run in the 4th quarter. The girls had eight 3s and were 7 of 13 from the foul line. Shayli Reed led scoring with 17 points (three 3s), Krista Graham 8, Tiffany Vazquez 8, Briar Barnett 7, Staci

Murphree 5, Lucretia Field 4, and Erica Davila 2. Vazquez and Graham each had two 3s and Field had one. On January 2 the Squaws traveled to Amarillo Highland Park and netted their 3rd district win by defeating the Lady Hornets 62-30, led by an 18-point performance from Shayli Reed. Miranda Frye had one of

her best nights with 12 points, Briar Barnett 9, Krista Graham 8, Staci Murphree 6, Tiffany Vazquez 5, Lucretia Field 2, Erica Davila 2. The Squaws continue with district play hosting the Tulia Lady Hornets Friday January 5 at Friona gym, followed by a trip to Dimmitt Tuesday January 9 to take on the Bobbies.

### Squaw JV 2-0 in district games

The Friona Squaw junior varsity girls continued their winning ways with victories over River Road and Highland Park. On December 18 the JV girls socked River Road 40-20. The Friona defense held the junior Lady Cats to only two points in the first half.

Hollis Gurley led the scoring with 14 points, Diana Bolivar 6, Heather Sandoval 6, Michelle Martin 6, Brittany Berend 4, Erin Anthony 2, and Stephanie Aguirre 2. January 2 the JV Squaws continued their tough defense by

holding the Highland Park Lady Hornets to only 9 points as Friona recorded a 39-9 win. Gurley led the scoring with 10 points, Berend 8, Ashley Ingram 6, Aguirre 6, Anthony 5, Bolivar 3, Melissa Gallego 3, and Sasha Estrada 2.

### Squaw update: Caprock tournament

The Squaws played five games in the Lubbock Caprock Tournament December 28-30. They were 3-2 in the tourney, losing the first and last games and winning the three in the middle. First up was Canyon Randall December 28. Friona lost 49-30 to the top-ranked Lady Raiders. Scoring was Shayli Reed 10, Staci Murphree 6, Briar Barnett 6, Lucretia Field 5, Tiffany Vazquez 2, Brittany Berend 1. On December 29 the Squaws took it to Ralls in an early game, winning 62-48 behind 18 points from Reed. Murphree had 10, Krista Graham 9, Barnett 8, Field

6, Miranda Frye 6, and Tiffany Vazquez 5. Later the same day the Squaws took on Mineral Wells and won 48-39. Vazquez led with 12 points, Erica Davila 10 including two 3s, Murphree 8, Graham 6 (two 3s), Barnett 5, Reed 3, Frye 2, Field 2. December 30 the Squaws smothered Amarillo Caprock 42-24. This game Murphree took the lead with 13 points. Reed popped in 10 including two 3s, Vazquez had 7, Graham 5, Berend 4, and Field 3. In their final tournament game December 30 the Squaws took to

the floor against an old rival, the Shallowater Fillies. Shallowater has three players that have grandparents who live in Friona so the rivalry is a lively one. The Fillie granddaughters, Jenna Burton, Haley Burton, and Brittney Scaff accounted for 21 of Shallowater's 41 points. The state-ranked Fillies dealt the Squaws a 41-29 loss. Barnett was top scorer for Friona with 11, Vazquez 6, Murphree 5, Graham 4, and Frye 3. The Squaws host the Tulia Lady Hornets Friday January 5. Game time is 6 p.m.

## Chiefs named to Amarillo Globe-News all-star teams

BY RON CARR

Chieftains Ritchie Casas, Chance Lewellen, and Octavio Moreno were named to the Amarillo Globe-News' 2006 Class 2A Golden Spread football team. Casas was also honored by the Globe-News in their Super Team Defense selection.

The Amarillo newspaper names Golden Spread teams in each individual classification from 5A through six-man, then selects a Super Team which includes players

from all the classifications, the best of the best in Texas Panhandle High School football.

Ritchie Casas, a 5'-8" 150-pound junior defensive back, was picked for the 2A Golden Spread and the Super Team for intercepting seven passes to go with five knockdowns, 30 tackles, and recovering a fumble.

Chance Lewellen, a 6'-0, 190-pound senior was chosen as an offensive lineman

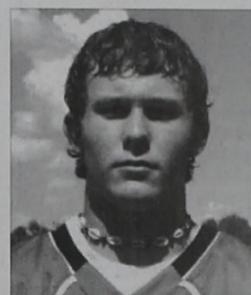
on the 2A Golden Spread offense team. Lewellen was touted as a solid blocker for an offense that averaged more than 320 yards a game.

Octavio Moreno, a 5'-11", 190-pound senior was chosen on the Golden Spread 2A defense team as a line-backer who made a team high 10 tackles behind the line for the 2-2A champions.

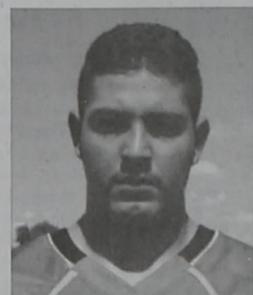
Congratulations to these outstanding 2006 Chieftains.



Ritchie Casas



Chance Lewellen



Octavio Moreno

## Lubbock Coronado coach has Friona Squaw history

BY RON CARR

The Lubbock Coronado girls basketball team won the Caprock Tournament for the fourth year. The Friona Squaws and Chieftains both participated in this year's tournament. The Squaws won three of five tournament games in the consolation bracket.

During the tournament, the Lubbock Coronado Lady Mustangs hung a 100-23 loss on Lorenzo, coached by Richard Wood who has won more than 700 games in almost 40 years as a basketball coach.

A story in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal about the lopsided victory stated that Coronado coach Shirlene Hughes has more than 400 victories as a coach. The story quoted Coach Hughes saying "Richard Wood is one of the

best coaches that's ever been in high school girls basketball. We go way back to my Friona days."

A search in Bill Ellis' book, "Friona on Parade," found that the Coronado coach was the Friona Squaws coach for three years beginning in 1990-91. Her name back then was Shirlene Lilley and she came to Friona from Dumas. During her three year Friona career, Lilley compiled a 67-28 record. In her second year, 1991-92, the Squaws won the district championship by beating defending state champ Tulia along with Dimmitt and Muleshoe.

In bi-district the Squaws faced the powerhouse Canyon Lady Eagles and lost 37-14. Her 1992-93 team went 20-9 and had a shot at the playoffs but were

edged by Dimmitt. Coach Lilley was hired by Lubbock Coronado after the 1992-93 season and is still coaching there today as Shirlene Hughes.

According to the Ellis book, a Lazbuddie native, Steffan Moore, was hired to replace Lilley but he was replaced after one month because of an altercation with a team member. Assistant principal and athletic director Frank Belcher stepped in and took the 1993-94 Squaws almost to the playoffs with a 19-11 record, good enough for 3rd place in district. Mr. Belcher later became FHS principal and is now the school superintendent at Canadian.

Current Squaws coach Richard North took over for the 1994-95 season, moving to Friona from Spearman.

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A copy of the notice of intent, application, the Executive Director's technical summary, and the CAFO general permit is available for viewing and copying at Parmer County Courthouse/County Clerk's Office, 401 3rd Street, Farwell, Texas 79325.

The Executive Director of the TCEQ has made a preliminary decision to approve coverage of this facility under General Permit No. TXG920000.

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**INFORMATION.** Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For additional information, about the application or the procedure for public participation in the general permit process, individual members of the general public may contact the Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us).

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# Special Ranger nabs modern rustlers

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Kenneth Chambers may not chase sassy bandits on both sides of the Rio Grande, riding with Augustus McCrae and Captain Woodrow F. Call, but he labors in the spirit of these fictional Texas Rangers from Lonesome Dove.

Chambers, a WRT member on the Dawn exchange, has been tracking down and bringing to justice modern day horse thieves and cattle rustlers for 33 years as the District 1 Special Ranger for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

He wears a badge molded from a cinco Peso piece and a .45 automatic on his hip, but relies on his skills in communication, investigation and computer operation far more than a length of lariat rope and a sturdy mesquite limb.

A native of Amarillo and a graduate of Tascosa High School, Chambers began spending his summers working cattle on a ranch near Clayton, New Mexico at age 12.

Following a stint in the Air Force he attended classes at Wichita University in Kansas, and at Amarillo College, where he became something of a perpetual Spanish language student.

"I took so many continuing education classes in Spanish that they finally told me I needed to just go out and speak Spanish. I can converse in Spanish, but I'm not good at conversation—it takes years to become fluent, and the local Tex-Mex is much different than

classroom Spanish. Still, having some understanding of it helps me in my work," he says.

Interested in agriculture, livestock, and law enforcement, he jumped at the chance to work for the Potter County Sheriff's Office in 1970, and stayed for four years, handling livestock and agriculture equipment thefts.

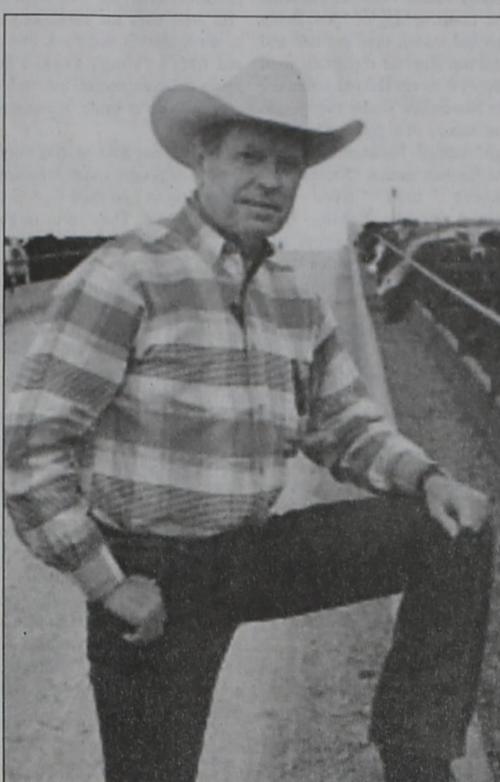
He was offered a similar job by the TSCRA in 1974 and was sent to Marlow, Oklahoma, where he worked in southwest Oklahoma investigating cattle rustling, horse thefts, and thefts of trailers and farm and ranch equipment. He retains his commission from the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

In 1975 he was offered a position in Hereford and has served here since that time, working a 14-county area including Deaf Smith, Randall, Potter, Oldham, Hartley, Dallam, Moore, Hutchinson, Sherman, Armstrong, Ochiltree and Carson counties in the Texas Panhandle as well as Texas and Cimarron counties of the Oklahoma Panhandle.

"We get our full public law enforcement authority in Texas from the Department of Public Safety. We try to limit our work to agriculture. There are only 29 Special Rangers in all of Texas, so we have plenty to do," says Chambers.

The old west image of rustlers is of desperados riding in during the night to make off with a herd, or of bushwhackers laying in ambush and stealing a remuda.

"Much of the cattle rustling that happens today is done by two kinds of thieves. There are



**KENNETH CHAMBERS**  
Heads off modern-day rustlers

those who are younger who steal just a few cattle in a small trailer, and are doing it to support a drug habit. These days, we're also heavy into what we call white collar cattle rustling. These are thieves who aren't brave enough to slink in during the night and steal cattle with a pickup and a trailer. They commit their thefts using a pen and

paper—defrauding lending institutions—double and triple mortgaging cattle, selling cattle that are not theirs," Chambers explains.

White collar rustling isn't an everyday occurrence, but Chambers says it is common.

"Just a while back a man financed \$80,000 worth of cattle, sold them, and kept the money.

When the bank inspector came around, this thief showed the inspector someone else's cattle. The cattle business is confusing to those who don't understand it. It's possible for bank inspectors to be shown cattle that aren't even the customer's livestock," he explains.

Chambers says the most common cattle rustling he encounters involves cattle being stolen from feedyard pens and from preconditioning yards.

"Pinned cattle are easier to steal. It takes work to steal cattle in a pasture," says Chambers.

"Often times, the small scale thieves are just stealing because they need money—they don't pay any attention to cattle markets."

Chambers says the biggest case of outright cattle rustling he's dealt with involved 300 head and three cattle trucks, all stolen in the Clovis-Portales area. The thieves made off with three cattle trucks and loaded 100 head of lightweight calves on each one.

Those cattle were hauled to the Vernon area. The thieves discovered they had far more cattle than pasture to carry them, and opted to attempt to sell part of their haul at a Vernon sale barn.

In sorting off the cattle, sale barn workers spotted New Mexico brands and called in brand inspectors.

"We worked on the case because the rightful owners of the cattle were TSCRA members and wanted our help. It took a while to sort things out, but ultimately two prominent citizens in the Vernon area went to the penitentiary over it," says Chambers.

The Special Ranger says good investigators have knowledge of the classes, size, condition, and breeds of cattle, and they know how to play hunches with big sale barns scattered over Texas and Oklahoma. With intuition gained on the job, these law enforcement officers have a good idea of how and where thieves will likely attempt to sell the cattle they rustle.

"I worked a case involving the theft of 64 heifers from a Hereford area feedlot. They were about six-weight cattle. A truck

and the cattle disappeared from the local lot, which had been coming up short on small numbers of cattle for a while. I notified several sale barns, including one in San Antonio, to be watching for those cattle. Sure enough, the whole load showed up in San Antonio in a couple of days. The thief involved in that case was an ex-con who got a 75-year sentence for the cattle theft. He may have just been bragging, but he told me he had stolen 25,000 head of cattle over the years."

Chambers says one of his most important tools is the simple ability to be able to talk to people and understand what they're saying.

"Because of being able to talk to someone, I was once warned of a cattle theft that was about to occur. My informant played along with those planning the theft, but clued me in. I called in another Special Ranger along with former Deaf Smith County Deputy Dean Butcher. We set up on the feedyard and in an adjacent pasture. Sure enough, late in the night, here came a pickup and trailer. I watched them through binoculars until they disappeared into the feedyard. They didn't come back for a long time. I had decided that they escaped out the other side of the yard. Finally, I saw some parking lights headed our way, and they turned on their headlights once they reached the road. The rustlers had to change a flat on the trailer before they could leave. We followed them to the northeast side of Hereford and arrested them when they were unloading the cattle."

Chambers says nabbing cattle rustlers is probably more dangerous work today than it was 20 years ago because most of the people caught stealing cattle are on methamphetamines or other drugs.

"I wear a pistol—and I'm cautious. I've never been shot, and I've never had to shoot anyone. I hope to finish my career that way," he says.

"Livestock law enforcement has been an interesting job for 40 years and I still enjoy it. There's not much horseback work, now. I've had to learn the computer—like everyone else."

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# When hope springs a leak instead of eternal

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

The year was 1805. Thomas Jefferson was elected president, Susan Lucci lost her first chance to be nominated for a Daytime Emmy, John Kerry and George

W. Bush began campaigning for president, and the media coverage began for the 2005 Super Bowl. Of course I am kidding! Everyone knows Jefferson was elected in 1804.

However, the biggest event of 1804 was the Lewis&Clark.com expedition,

sponsored by Pepsi. Their task was to find a route to the Northwest Territory and claim it for the United States before Bill Gates could. They set out from St. Louis in May of 1804. Being typical males, they got lost and did not stop for directions until they hit North Dakota sometime in November, where they found assistance in a young Shoshone girl named Pocahontas, which in English means "Sacajawea". These men lived on hope...mainly hoping they would never again spend two years on a keelboat with a bunch of musty-smelling men and no ESPN.

The Lewis&Clark.com expedition paved the way for a flood of people leaving the hurricane season of the East Coast, only to discover the tornadoes and Indians of Kansas. These people became known in history books as hearty pioneers, because behind every hearty pioneer man, there was a hearty pioneer woman, usually with a sour look on her hearty face and seven kids under her hearty arms. They would be linebackers in today's NFL.

They were people who would boil water, wash clothes, bathe children, and cook supper, all in

the same kettle...without ever changing the water. It is a process still used today in truck stops everywhere. These hearty pioneers lived by one motto: "He who uses the same kettle to wash clothes and cook food, and lives in a mud shack with seven children and no air freshener, will never smile in a group picture."

You do not have to look very far to see people today who are struggling to find their way in a difficult land. They seem to be in a hopeless situation, reaching out with no one offering hope. In trying times the voice of the doomsdayers and the naysayers sing their loudest songs, while those who know the song of hope remain insensitively silent.

As Christians we should continually be singing the song of hope because of Christ. Yet when our song should be "I Stand Amazed in the Presence", it all too frequently fades into "I Stand in a Maze, Where Is Your Presence?" It seems to me if we expect to navigate through the troubled waters of hopeless situations, we need to plug a few spiritual leaks. While we are at it, we probably need to change our tune.

## Think about this

# New Year's resolutions

BY T. LEON TALLEY, Sixth Street Church of Christ

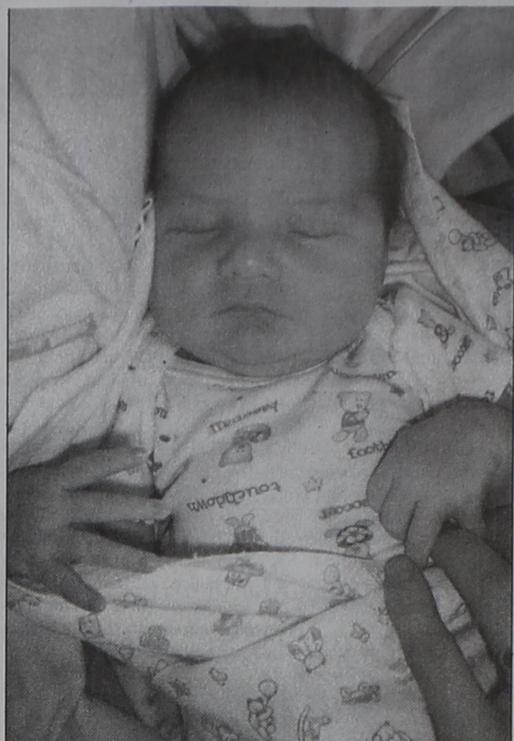
As the new year begins I'm reminded of the fact that we are one year closer to several things. The day of our death or the day of our Lord's return. That day when we must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ to be judged according to what we've done (II Corinthians 5:10). On that day, Christ will either say, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, take your inheritance, the Kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world" (Matthew 25:34).

Or, he might say, "Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matthew 25:41).

Time is a precious commodity given to us by God. Our lives are like a vapor, a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes (James 4:14).

Think about following these "Ten Rules for 2007":

- 1) Give something of value away to someone who really needs it
- 2) Do a kindness everyday
- 3) Spend some extended time with the aged
- 4) Look intently into the face of a baby, one of God's greatest marvels
- 5) Laugh often
- 6) Give thanks every day
- 7) Pray everyday
- 8) Work—God created us to work
- 9) Plan as though you will live forever—you will!
- 10) Live as though you will die tomorrow—you will die some tomorrow!



**Bryndon Joseph Hinton**

Justin and Moraima Hinton of Hobbs, New Mexico, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Bryndon Joseph Hinton.

He was born on December 12, 2006, at Lea Regional Medical Center in Hobbs. Bryndon weighed nine pounds, four ounces and was 21½ inches long.

The proud grandparents include Kim Hinton of Friona, Michael Hinton of Snyder, Texas, and Emilio and Martha Tarango of Hobbs, New Mexico. Great grandparents are Bette Cowan of Muleshoe, Texas, Jane Hinton of Snyder, Texas, Apolonio and Monchi Tarango of Tres Alamos, Chihuahua, Mexico, and Lorenzo and Rebeca Anchondo of Ascencion, Mexico.

## Happy Birthday

January 7, 2006 - January 13, 2006

- Jan. 7-Jeff Hamilton, Mike Lamb, Laquita Dodson, Shea Dodson, Harold Taylor, Gloria Turner, Kelli Spring, Drew Baize, Wayne McClaran, Rosa Anaya
- Jan. 8-Dave Buske, Ruben Gomez, Betty White, Richard Allen Roberts, Sherry 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 Loafinan, Joshua Snyder, Jeff Moser, Larry Rogers, Rocky Bartlett, Gaylon Rhodes, David Collins
- Jan. 11-Harold Reed, Slade Clark, Sam Landrum, Michael Jeter, Cleburne Stokes, Angela Green, Leanna Grissom, Bennie Widner, 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

## Thoughts from the Pastor ...

(From the First Methodist Church Newsletter.)

Herb Miller tells the story of a preacher who really got his congregation's attention one Sunday morning when he said, "Some of the happiest days of my life were spent in the arms of another man's wife."

After a long pause, he added, "My Mother." A young preacher, after hearing that, thought it would add a little humor to his message, so he tried it, too.

"Some of the happiest days of my life were spent in the arms of another man's wife," he said to his congregation. But his mind suddenly went blank and he couldn't remember the punch line. After a moment of agony—knowing that he couldn't just stop there—he made matters worse by adding: "But to save my life I can't remember who it was."

The punch line is very important—in jokes and in life. How we conclude things often determines the entire outcome—regardless of what was said or done at the beginning.

This can also be true for life. How you started it is now ancient history. How you finish it is the real issue.

As we come to the close of 2006, we will finish stronger than any other church in our conference. As your pastor, I want you to know how proud I am and how blessed I am to serve this great church.

My prayer is that God will continue to bless our church as we begin the New Year and that this strong start will be nothing compared to the way we finish the year of 2007.

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## TOWN TALK II

by ron carr

It was hard to keep up with what day it was during the holiday stretch. Here at the newspaper we had back-to-back two-day weeks to get the paper out on time. Next week the routine will level out and be back to normal and we'll all be glad.

Friona post office employee Vernie Schacher has called it quits. Vernie retired from the postal service as of December 30. Best of luck Vernie. Enjoy

your leisure time.

Former mayor Clarence Monroe was limping around after an operation on his foot to separate two toes that were damaged in a fire when he was a youngster. The foot had been bothering him so he had the work done. This account was relayed to me by my mother who is the Monroe's back yard neighbor.

Allan Haile and his son

Mark went out to San Diego to watch son Nathan's final football game as a Texas Aggie. Nathan will graduate from Texas A&M and has applied to the Texas Tech school of medicine to begin his journey toward being a doctor. Congratulations Nathan and the Haile family.

The recent snow and ice kept law enforcement and the fire and ambulance folks busy as they answered calls for jackknifed trucks and vehicles stuck in snowdrifts. DPS reported that the closing of I-40 west from Amarillo to New Mexico caused a flood of traffic routed down Highway 60 through Friona. If you noticed an increase in traffic through town, that's why.

Plans are underway for the celebration of the 100-year anniversary for Parmer County during 2007. Parmer County Historical Committee officials Don and Gladys Spring and their helpers will be planning a countywide centennial celebration to be held at the courthouse in Farwell sometime in May I believe. Watch the Friona Star for updates on county centennial activities.

A Friona institution closed this week. The Tasty Cream Drive-In closed its doors after more than 50 years of operation. When my mother moved out here in 1970 and we came to visit from Dallas, a sack of cheeseburgers and fries from Tasty Cream was always one of our family meals. Lori Tannahill inherited the drive-in on the death of her father John who had purchased the business from Bill and Ruthie Hardin. Miss Tannahill lives in the Dallas area and it is unknown at this time what the future of the location at Main and Highway 60 will be.

Stop by the high school cafeteria Friday January 5 about 5:30 p.m. and dine on some pork and trimmings at the baseball team's fundraising pig roast. Stick around and watch the Chiefs and Squaws try to continue their unbeaten district record as they host the Tulia Hornets and Lady Hornets.

Keep us posted on local news and concerns as we all trudge into 2007 together. Thank you.

## My Life Story



Georgia Mae Kothe Fields

Every month, a resident of Prairie Acres Nursing Home or Friona Heritage Estates, writes a story about his/her life's history for the home's newsletter, "The Prairie Times", for printing in this issue. This month we feature Georgia Mae Kothe Fields.

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I was born to August and Loraine Kothe, July 14, 1923, in Sweetwater, Berkson County, Oklahoma. I had two younger sisters, Lillie Faye (Kothe) Mandshild and Dorothy Lee (Kothe) Hall. Both of my sisters have passed away.

When I was three years old, my Mother passed away in childbirth, leaving Dad with three little girls to raise. We lived with my paternal grandparents, so they could help Dad. My grandparents came to the United States from Germany in the early 1800's. They were farmers.

I went to school in Sweetwater. I met a farm boy, Ira Clyde Fields, Jr. We were married in 1941.

In June 1942, we moved to Texas, arriving in the Lakeview Community. Clyde went to work for my uncle, Charles L. Mercer. We later decided to move back to Oklahoma. Clyde took a job looking for oil over the western half of Oklahoma.

Our daughter, Donna Mae, was born in Erick, Oklahoma, November 18, 1943. We got tired of moving for work every three months and decided to move back to Texas, arriving back out here in May 1945.

Our first son, Charles Lee, was born November 29, 1945. Our second son, Roger Mac, was born September 29, 1950.

In January 1952, we moved into Friona. Our third son, David Gary, was born March 5, 1952.

We are members of the United Methodist Church. I was active in Cub Scouts when the boys were young. I was a homemaker and mother to one daughter, three sons and one old man.



PRAIRIE ACRES Nursing Home Resident of the Month is Celia Loflin and Employee of the Month is Elizabeth Romero.

### Prairie Acres & Heritage Estates January Birthdays

**Residents/Clients**

January 6—Dean Allred  
January 10—V.K. Smith  
January 15—Paula Salazar  
January 30—Lauretta Brookfield

**Employees**

January 3—Jennifer Baize  
January 8—Dawn Campos  
January 9—Irene Trevino  
January 10—Fred Ferguson  
January 10—Jeff Moser  
January 12—Martha Mendoza  
January 20—Isabelle Avilia  
January 25—Tricia Rocha

### Friona School Menu

January 8 - January 12

(All meals are served with Ice cold Milk)

**Monday, January 8**

Lunch - Popcorn Chicken, Hot Rolls, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Yogurt.

**Tuesday, January 9**

Lunch - Frito Pie, Ranch Style Beans, Garden Salad, Peaches.

**Wednesday, January 10**

Lunch - Steak Fingers, Hot Rolls, Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Veggie Dippers, Peaches.

**Thursday, January 11**

Lunch - Tacos, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Pineapple.

**Friday, January 12**

Lunch - Hamburger, French Fries, Fruit, Assorted Gelatin

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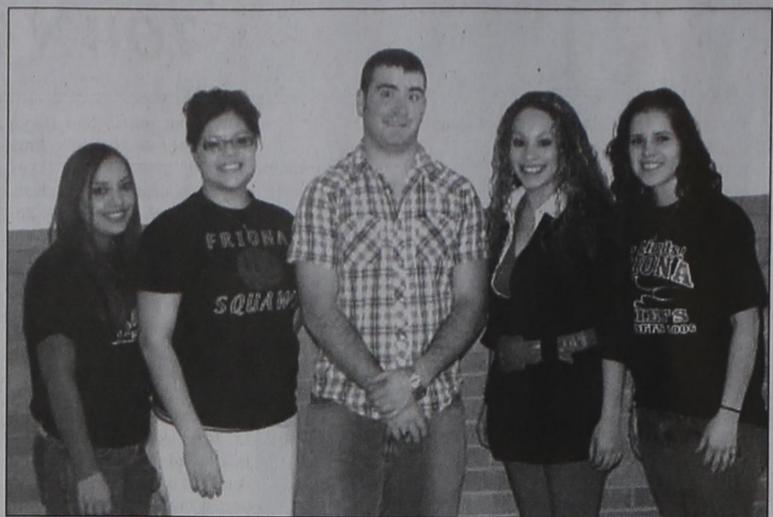
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The basketball schedule returns to normal now that the holidays are over. The Squaws and Chiefs host Tulia Friday, travel to Dimmitt Tuesday, then host Muleshoe January 12. The home district games will be rebroadcast on WT Services Channel 76 at 10 a.m. Saturday mornings by FHS-TV's Clint Mears and Mike Hutson. Above, Alex Gurley (30) and Ryan Schwab (00). Below, Staci Murphree (33) and Tiffany Vazquez (22).

Friona High School recently elected their 2006-2007 English Honor Society Officers. Shown l-r are Isabel Romero, President; Tiffany Vazquez-Treasurer; Stephen Campbell, Vice-President; Cindy Trevino-Secretary; and Sandra Godoy-Reporter.



ron carr photo

A minor accident at 8th and Highway 60 in front of the West Allsup's between a semi- and a sedan, sent one elderly man to the hospital. The accident happened Wednesday morning. The man's injuries were not thought to be serious.

Remember the game times!

6 p.m.  
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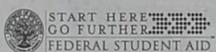
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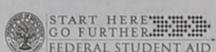
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