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Filings continue for county offices

The filing period for county office elections continues through January 4, 2010. According to Republican Party county chairman Floyd Reeve the following have officially filed as Republican candidates for the March primary election:

Michelle Agee, County Judge; Lloyd Bradshaw, Precinct 4 (Lazbuddie area) County Commissioner; Colleen Stover, County Clerk; James Clayton, Precinct 2 (Bovina area) County Commissioner; Sandra Clayton, Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace.

Free H1N1 flu vaccine clinic

The Texas Department of State Health Services will provide a free H1N1 flu vaccine clinic December 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Redeemer Center, 1204 Virginia in Friona.

Vaccine will be given to the following: pregnant women; children 6 months through 24 years of age; people 25 years through 64 years of age with high risk conditions; healthcare workers who provide direct patient care; and close contacts of infants 6 months or younger.

If you have any questions please contact Keila Johnson at 806-655-7151 or Bob Martinez at 806-783-6418.

Merry Christmas



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There's no place like home, especially during the Christmas season. The final day to register for the Chamber of Commerce's Christmas lighting contest is Monday December 14. Remember to donate to the Empty Stocking Fund and Project Christmas Card and sign up for the Ho! Ho! Home for the Holidays shop at home Chamber of Commerce promotion and win Friona Bucks. Merry Christmas to all.

Van with freshman girls basketball team overturns on ice near Memphis

The freshman girls basketball team and Coach Elizabeth Burton escaped serious injury Monday night December 7 when the school van they were returning in from Childress overturned on Highway 287 about 5 miles north of Memphis. (Approximately 30 miles from Childress.)

Reports are the van hit a patch of black ice, skidded into a ditch and rolled onto its right side. Coach Bur-

City council to discuss municipal court changes

The Friona city council will hold a regular meeting on Monday December 14 in the council chambers on Main St. Several items are on the tentative agenda. (Official agenda is posted at city hall 72 hours prior to the meeting.)

The council will consider the resignation of municipal judge Donice Jones and address changes to the current municipal judge position. Also on the agenda is development of a process to fill the municipal judge position.

The council will consider and take action on the interlocal agreement for EMS services between Friona and Bovina. Policy and procedures for the rental of the

Jones retiring as municipal judge

Donice Jones, Friona's municipal judge, has announced her retirement as of December 31. Mrs. Jones has been employed by the City of Friona in several capacities for 28 years. She has served as a police department dispatcher, an EMS paramedic, a city hall clerk, and as municipal judge for the past three years.

She says she hopes to pursue a silk flower hobby, maybe sleep-in for

Council history book pre-sales begin

Sales have begun for the Third Edition of the Parmer County History Book. The pre-published price is \$45 with \$3.50 postage if the book must be mailed. Payment must be received before February 1, 2010. After February 1 the books will be \$50.

The new edition is expected to arrive in early February. Books can

be ordered from Sharon White at 265-3874, Bonnie Howard at 481-9023, or Gladys Spring at 251-1552.

Gift cards are available for Christmas giving. Be sure to request a gift card when ordering your book. The Parmer County Historical Society thanks all who participated in the publication and would appreciate many early orders.

ton was driving and there were eight 9th grade girls in the van. The accident happened around 10 p.m.

When the van rolled onto its right side it blocked the doors. Two highway workers stopped and helped the girls exit out the back door and assisted until EMS arrived. Three ambulances arrived on the scene and transported the girls and coach to the emergency room at the hospital

Community Center, Redeemer Center, and tables and chairs will be addressed.

Accounts payable and financial statement for November is on the agenda, plus a discussion of future development of automated water controls for the city water system.

Council meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise notified. All council meetings are open to the public. The public can make comments at the beginning of each meeting but council members cannot take any action on public comments heard unless they are included on the official agenda.

a few days, and do a lot of bowling. Her youngest daughter Kimberlee graduates from Texas Tech this year so she will have more time to "do some things I want to do."

Our thanks to Mrs. Jones for her many years service to the City of Friona and its citizens. City manager Patricia Phipps is currently advertising the position in this issue of the Friona Star. See the classified page for details.

Childress. The girls were treated and released but Coach Burton remained in the hospital overnight.

Superintendent Kenny Austin and FUSD transportation director Kevin Cooper immediately left for Childress in a school bus and arrived there between 3-4 a.m.

In the meantime Athletic Director Mike Herbert and FHS principal Chris Morrow called their counterparts in Childress for assistance. The Childress principal and athletic director went to the emergency room, waited until all the girls had been released, arranged transportation to a Childress hotel, checked them in, and stayed with them until Austin and Cooper arrived.

"The people in Childress could not have been nicer or more help-

ful," Austin said. One of the players, Megan Sharrock, had visited the Childress emergency room during volleyball season with an ankle injury. The same doctor was on duty this night and remembered Megan from her previous visit. It was said that the doctor's son and Josh Snead of Friona were college roommates so he knew about Friona.

The winter weather that blew through Friona Tuesday swept across the Childress area too. Kenny Austin said they waited until the weather cleared before returning to Friona. They had lunch at K-Bob's and did some necessary shopping at Wal Mart to pass the time and ease the anxiety before leaving Childress about 4 p.m. Tuesday after the weather had

cleared. (Among other items, Mr. Austin bought phone chargers for the girls whose cell phone batteries had long since been depleted.)

Coach Burton's parents, Pastor Rick and Gail Burton, brought her back in the family vehicle. She was the most seriously injured, suffering from a sprained left arm and shoulder and a "big bump on the head."

Superintendent Austin had nothing but praise for everyone in Memphis and Childress who tended to the girls and Coach Burton. "From the EMS to the DPS Troopers, to hospital personnel and especially Childress ISD personnel, I can't say thanks enough for all they did to look after Coach Burton and the girls. We owe them a huge thanks."

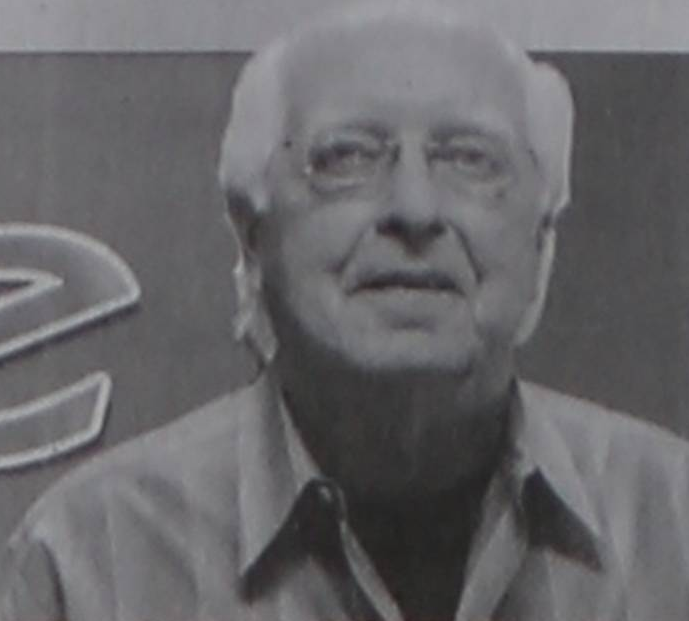


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Better watch out, better not cry! Santa Claus is coming to town in just a few short weeks. He visited Friona on Tuesday December 1 and Allison Chisom, 8, daughter of Taryn and Billy Chisom, was one of the many children that had the opportunity to put in her order for Christmas Eve delivery.

Out Here

By Ron Carr



tragedy in el paso touches friona

Erique Sergio Lewis, 19, was killed by a shotgun blast in El Paso November 23, 2009.

His mother is Susana (Gomez) Lewis, Friona High School Class of 1987.

Her parents (and his grandparents) are Maria Luz and Julian Gomez, long time Friona residents until they moved to the Brownwood area a few years ago.

After high school in Friona, Susana joined the military. Erique was born at Ft. Hood, Texas. He was the first grandchild for Luz and Julian. Susana and her husband Everett had another son, Nigel, and four daughters, Ebony, Essynce, Dezerae, and Damaris.

Grandpa Julian is the brother of Socorro (Gomez) Gonzalez of

Friona. Socorro's daughter Sandra Gonzalez, also a Friona High grad and now a coach in Amarillo, is a cousin to Susana.

Erique had recently graduated from Chapin High School in El Paso. A report in the El Paso newspaper said Erique had a good job and was a quiet, unassuming young man who had recently rented his own apartment. "He was simple," his father said. "He liked the simple things in life like the great outdoors, and was someday going to help his grandfather Julian run the ranch."

He liked video games and had planned to spend the holidays with his grandparents in Brownwood. But on the night of November 23 a 20-year-old Bloods gang member, Phillip Bobby

Berryman, ended Erique's life with a shotgun blast as he walked out of his apartment. Police said the two were not involved in an argument.

One of Erique's friends, Mike Lawson, was visiting at Erique's apartment. Lawson got into an argument with another man, Larrian Daniels, who was visiting his girlfriend in a nearby apartment.

They quarreled in the parking lot but Daniels left and returned later with 15 friends, including the shooter Berryman, to confront Lawson once again. Lawson exited Erique's apartment with several friends, except Erique Lewis.

The confrontation became heated, according to newspaper reports. Berryman aimed the shotgun in the direction of

Lawson's group and fired once just as Erique was stepping out his front door. He died at Beaumont Army Hospital. Berryman turned himself in to police the next day and was being held on \$600,000 bond.

Daniels claimed to police that the shooter, Berryman, was along for protection but denied knowing that he had a gun.

Sandra Gonzalez said that many family members from Friona, Brownwood, Albuquerque, Mexico, and other places attended the funeral services on Monday, November 30, in El Paso.

Police said that Erique Lewis was not a gang member, a fact that offers small comfort to the family during this Christmas holiday season.

City takes stand on junk vehicles

From City Manager Patricia Phipps

In an effort to improve the city's appearance, the city of Friona recently passed a junk vehicle ordinance. Under this ordinance, a junk vehicle is considered a public nuisance and will be removed from the property. A junk vehicle is any vehicle that has an expired tag or inspection certificate or is wrecked, dismantled, or discarded for more than 72 hours if it is on public property, or 30 days if it is on private property.

If a police officer determines that a vehicle is a junk vehicle, they will give notice to the owner of the

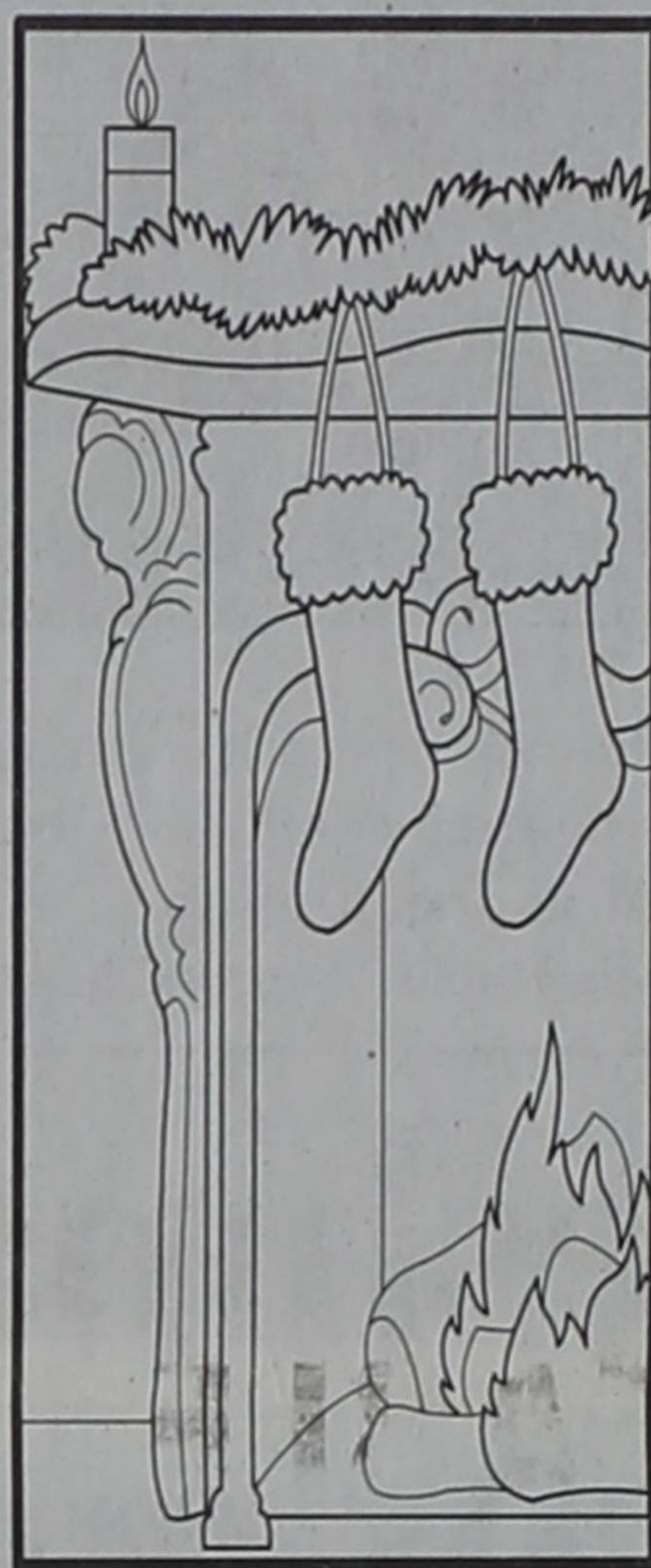
vehicle and/or the owner of the property where the vehicle is located. The owner must move the junk vehicle within 10 days. If the owner does not remove the vehicle, the police department will remove it to a salvage yard who will demolish the junk vehicle as scrap or salvage.

The owner may request a hearing on whether the junk vehicle is a public nuisance prior to the expiration of the 10 days. The city commission will preside over the hearing where the police department will have the burden of proving that the junk

vehicle is a public nuisance. If the city commission determines that the junk vehicle is a public nuisance, then the owner will have 10 days to remove the junk vehicle.

There are exceptions to this ordinance. For example, if the vehicle is completely enclosed within a privacy fence or building and is not visible from a public place, then it will not be considered a junk vehicle.

If you have any questions about the junk vehicle ordinance please contact City Manager Patricia Phipps.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Every Monday

The Friends of the Friona Library's Book Shoppe at 6th and Euclid in the former VFW building, open every Monday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 9-5. Linda White is the Book Shoppe chair. Used books, good deals, stop by and shop at the Shoppe.

Thursday December 10

Junior high band concert at 7 p.m. in the junior high auditorium.

Sunday December 13

High school choir Christmas concert at 4 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Monday, December 14

Regular meeting of the Friona City Council at 6:30 p.m. in council chambers on Main Street next door to the Chamber office. All council meetings are open to the public.

Tuesday December 15

Elementary school 4th & 5th grade Christmas program at 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the junior high auditorium.

Wednesday, December 16

Annual Christmas Tea at Friona State Bank from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Refreshments, snacks, music and drawing for the 32" flat screen TV.

Friday, December 18

Last day to order FHS yearbooks for \$50. Price goes up to \$55 after December 18. Order from frionaisd.com website or contact Allison Johnston or any yearbook staff member to order.

Early school dismissal and last day of school for the Christmas Holidays.

Wednesday, December 23

Christmas Tea at First National Bank - Friona Banking Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stop by for refreshments, snacks and visiting.

Tuesday - Thursday December 29-31

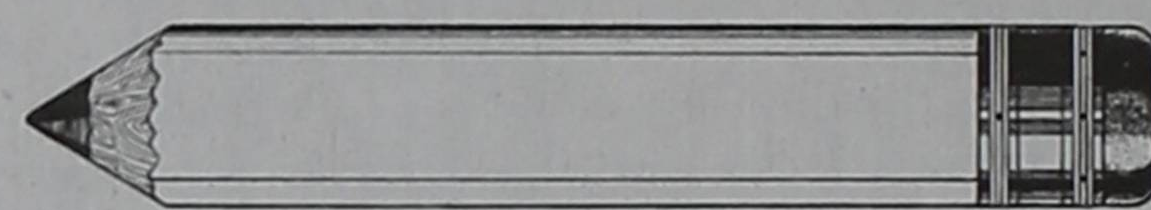
Chieftains and Squaws varsity participate in the Caprock Basketball Tournament in Lubbock. Locations/times on the Lubbock Avalanche Journal website.

Monday January 4

School resumes after Christmas/New Year semester holiday break.

Thursday - Saturday January 14-16

Parmer County Junior Livestock Show at the Friona community center. Show on Thursday, Premium Sale on Saturday. Times, schedules, etc. TBA



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Everyday easy food

BY RON CARR

But you don't know what focaccia is? I didn't so I looked it up. Yes, in a real dictionary, not on the computer. It is a large, flat, round, Italian bread sprinkled before baking with olive oil, salt, and often herbs.

Now that we settled that, here is an easy everyday dish that takes 22 minutes start-to-finish and costs only \$2.97 per serving, according to Better Homes & Gardens magazine. It is called Savory Focaccia Pie but don't look for it to taste like chocolate, more like pizza. 548 calories per serving. Good luck, happy holidays, and yes, Merry Christmas too.

Savory Focaccia Pie

Serves 4

- 3/4 cup oil-packed dried tomato halves with Italian herbs (3 oz)
- 1 12-inch round flat-top rosemary or garlic focaccia
- 8 oz. Bulk Italian sausage
- 1 4oz. pkg baby spinach (4 cups)
- 2 oz goat cheese (chevre) or feta cheese

- Heat oven to 250. Drain tomatoes, reserving oil. Place focaccia on large baking sheet and brush with 2 tsp of the oil. Cut in wedges. Arrange wedges in circle. Place in oven to warm.
- Meanwhile, in a 12-inch skillet cook sausage over medium-high heat, breaking up with a wooden spoon. Drain sausage in a colander, reserving 2 tsp drippings in skillet. Cook spinach in drippings just until wilted.
- Set oven to broil. Top warmed focaccia with cheese, dried tomatoes, sausage, and spinach. Broil 4-5 inches from heat for 3-5 minutes or until cheese is softened and toppings are heated through. Drizzle wedges with additional oil from tomatoes (optional).

ACROSS

- 1 TX band ZZ Top sang "Just Got _____"
- 5 in Hamilton Co. on hwy. 281
- 6 Guadalupe St. next to UT; "The _____"
- 7 Nancy in "The Wild Angels" with TX Norman Alden (init.)
- 8 TXism: "stubborn _____ mule"
- 9 TX-born Johnny who sang "Chances Are"
- 15 TX Ivory Joe Hunter's "Since _____ You Baby"
- 16 TXism: "_____ a circling buzzard"
- 19 TX insects or small VW cars
- 21 Wade Phillips job with the Cowboys
- 22 money awarded in lawsuits
- 27 TX Vernon Dalhart's "Can't You _____ Me Callin', Caroline"
- 28 TXism: "_____ footed" (clumsy)
- 29 TX Roddenberry was a writer on "Have Gun -- Will _____"
- 30 "_____ down the road"
- 32 last words of Stephen F. Austin: "Texas _____ recognized..."
- 33 TX Blue Bell flavor: "Pecan _____ Cream"
- 36 this Bucky played for Rangers ('82-'83)
- 37 _____ John Cornyn

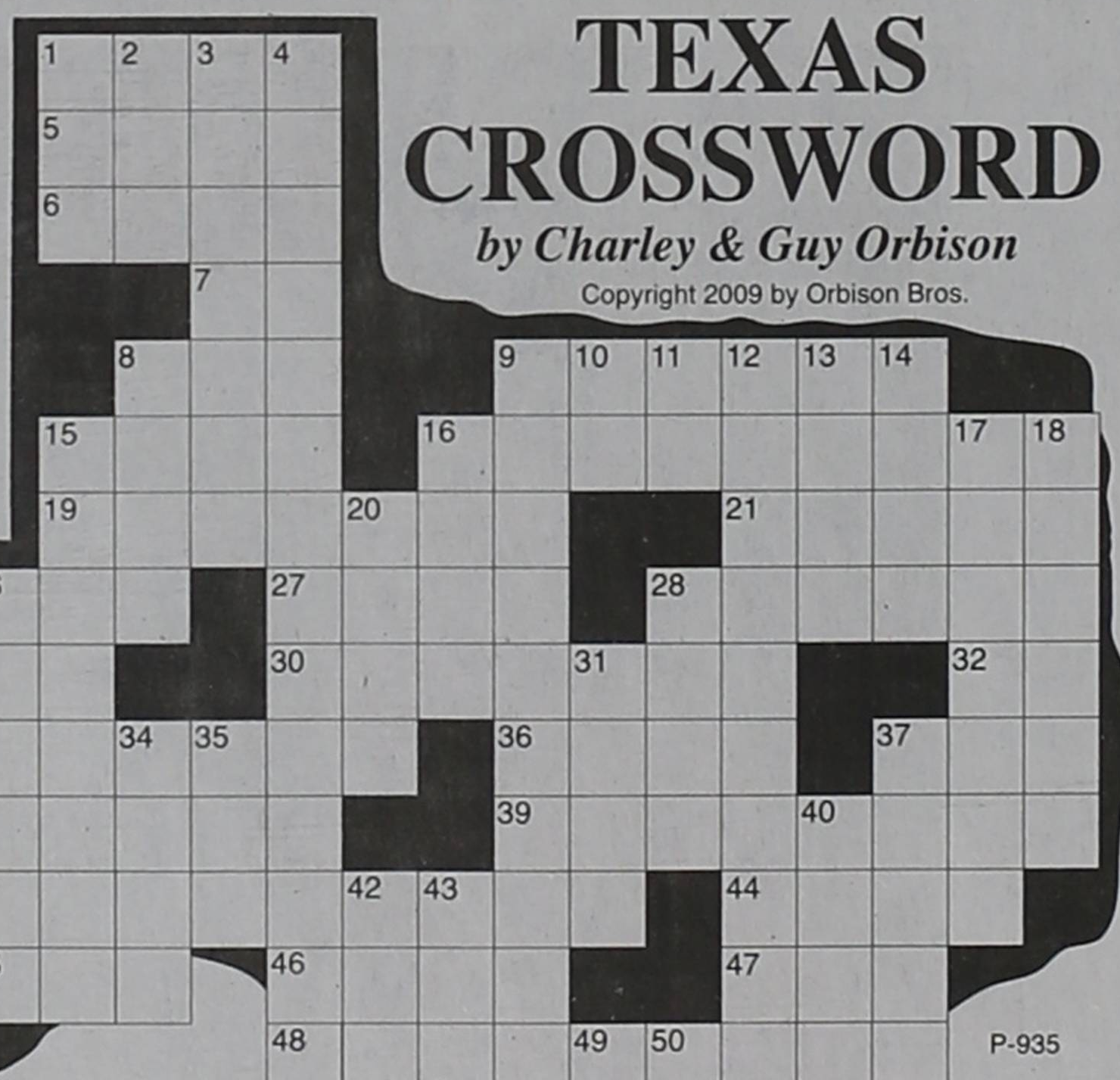
DOWN

- 38 Vietnam War, aka "_____ Conflict"
- 39 TXism: "_____ never mind" (ignore)
- 41 magician's trick
- 44 prepare for publication
- 45 Corpus Christi's "_____ Mar College"
- 46 examination
- 47 Internet company (abbr.)
- 48 TX-born singer who had middle name of "Mae"
- 51 south of TX: "_____ America"
- 52 "not" prefix
- 53 birth mo. of TX Sissy Spacek (abbr.)
- 54 dir. to Houston from Dallas
- 1 TXism: "_____ thunder" (bad hearing)
- 13 "I'm closing _____ it"
- 14 male deer
- 15 TX Mac Davis' "_____ in Music"
- 16 TXism: "they're two _____ in a pod"
- 17 what TX "legal eagles" search for (2 wds.)
- 18 TX Lyle Lovett's "_____ Lady"
- 20 "_____ and mean"
- 22 Jay Rattliff pos. on the Cowboys (abbr.)
- 23 in Smith Co. on state hwy. 135

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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- 37 golf ball cut
- 40 once a man has said his "_____," he's got a list of "to dos"
- 42 TX Don Henley co-wrote "I Can't _____ You Why"
- 43 TX Kenny & Dolly's "_____ in the Stream"
- 49 TXism: "he don't _____ words"
- 50 TX Buddy Holly's "Rave _____"

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Thursday, December 10, 2009

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KEEP TO

Stopping the

Town Talk II

By Ron Carr, Phone-250-2211, Fax-250-5127, Email-frionastar@wtrt.net

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Anita Lafuente sent a note about her daughter Natasha. The Lafuente family will be heading to Canyon Friday for Natasha's graduation from West Texas A&M. She will receive a Bachelor of Science in Social Work. Then she will be heading to New Zealand in May 2010 as part of her graduate program in social work. Her parents are Anita and Joe and sister Felicia. Natasha is a 2006 Friona high school graduate.

I can remember when Anita and Joe moved back here after retiring from the Navy so their girls could go to school in small town America. Felicia and Natasha were in elementary school I believe. Now look. Where does time go? Congratulations to Natasha and the family. You make us proud.

During the campaign he said he would create 5 million jobs. Last week he was asking us for ideas on how to create jobs. He doesn't know? Must have lied to get elected. That is not the bad part. Enough Americans believed him to elect him president. Now what do they say?

The Prairie Acres Christmas party is December 17 at 6:30 p.m. Family members are asked to bring a gift for your loved one and a favorite snack dish.

Friona State Bank Christmas Tea is Wednesday De-

cember 16 from 9-3. Sometime between 2:30 and 3 p.m. they will draw for the 32" TV giveaway. The First National Bank Christmas Tea is December 23 from 10-3. There will no doubt be plenty of goodies and music at both places to set the mood for the season.

The Friona volunteer firemen Christmas Party is Saturday December 12 at the community center. Firemen and their families are invited and Santa will visit for the fire kids. Fire Chief Jim Taylor's wife Amelia is still in the hospital in Amarillo but improving and may be back home by the weekend according to the 6th St. Church of Christ hotline. We hope she gets to come home and continues to improve daily. It has been a long difficult battle.

Senior citizens listen up: Rick White of Cargill will be cooking the senior lunch Monday, December 14. He is a great cook and has some menu surprises so you might plan to be there. Here's a hint: corn flakes potatoes. It is Rick's way of expressing appreciation to our senior citizens who have contributed so much to Friona and the county over the years. All our seniors are invited.

Received word of the death of Wayne Gruben, formerly of Farwell. He passed away Monday of a heart attack. Wayne was a Farmer County Deputy Sher-

iff, Farwell city councilman, and all around good guy, always cooperative and helpful to this newspaper. He moved to Roby, Texas a couple of years ago to be near his mother and his daughter and new grandbaby. He was working for the Fisher County Sheriff's office at the time of his death.

Had lunch at Fat Boys in Clovis last Friday then stopped at the Country Christmas Jubilee in Farwell on the way back. Lots of arts and crafts and a number of Friona folks both selling and shopping. The hangover from the snow the day before had slowed Friday traffic to the show but the folks there were confident Saturday would be a good day.

When I see temperatures at 10 degrees in the mornings I wonder if all the

school kids have warm coats and clothes, especially those waiting for the school bus.

I spoke with Peggy Monroe about the Empty Stocking Fund. She said hardly any money had been collected so far this year and was hopeful donations would pick up as Christmas draws closer. The Empty Stocking Fund provides clothes, coats, shoes, toys, and other items for needy children in Friona. The deserving children are identified by primary and elementary school staff and Mrs. Monroe and her helpers go shopping. You can still donate by calling Peggy or making a deposit to the Fund at Friona State Bank.

Great to hear Jimmy Grimsley is finally back home in Friona after roughly two months in the hospital in Amarillo. Jimmy and Barbara and family we wish you

continued recovery and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Better head home and get my Aqua Globes, Prayer Crosses, and Chia Pet orders called in so they will be here in time for your Christmas present. Don't forget to shop at home as much as possible and don't give anyone your financial information over the telephone. Don't do it. Just hang up.

The next two weeks of the Friona Star will be Christmas editions. During Christmas week we plan to print one day earlier than usual to give our folks an extra day off. Deadline for the December 24 Friona Star will be Monday, December 21 and the December 24 Star will actually be out December 23. See you next week. Until then!



ron carr photo

Winter blitzed the area again Tuesday, December 8 as freezing drizzle, sleet, and snow stormed through Friona and Parmer County. This is looking west across Reeve Lake and the city RV Park on Highway 214 around 9 a.m. Tuesday.

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WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash your hands often. Scrub for at least 20 seconds with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand cleaner.



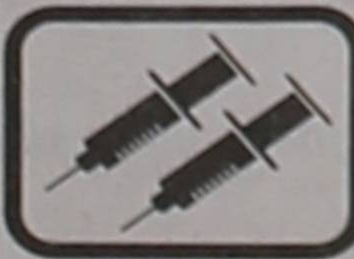
COVER YOUR COUGH

Use a tissue to cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze. No tissue around? Your sleeve will do.



STAY HOME

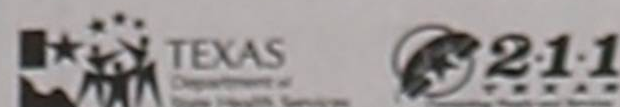
If you get sick, stay home until you're well so you don't spread more germs. Steer clear of others who are sick.



GET YOUR SHOTS

Protect yourself by getting all your flu shots. You need both the seasonal flu shot as well as the new H1N1 shot.

Stopping the flu is up to you.



TexasFlu.org

Join us

Wednesday December 16

for our

Annual Christmas Tea

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Delicious snacks,

refreshments,

Christmas music

We will draw for the winner

of the 32" flat screen TV

between 2:00 - 2:30

Merry Christmas!



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courtesy photo

Eight-year-old Sophia Bailey, daughter of LTCM Shawn and Carolina Bailey and granddaughter and great-granddaughter of Monte Welch Bailey and Lorraine Welch, will be dancing in the Nutcracker at the Rosecliff Mansion in Newport, R.I. The Island Moving Company presents an innovative, evening version of the Nutcracker ballet at the mansion. Nov. 28 - Dec 5. The production moves through the mansion and is unlike any other performance of the Nutcracker you've seen. A definite Newport-only event. Sophia has been taking ballet since she was four years old and will be a mouse in this production.

Blood drive results

The Coffee Memorial Blood Center reports that 68 donations were collected during the Thursday December 3 blood drive in Friona, which was held in honor of Percy Parsons. Suzanne Talley, community relations spokesperson for the Coffee Blood Center said a big thank you to everyone who came to donate in spite of the cold, snowy weather that arrived in the area Thursday morning.

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Amy Gerics & David Bridges

Lions Club News

By RON CARR

The Friona Noon Lions Club met Thursday December 3 with 16 members and one guest present. Our guest was city manager Patricia Phipps who gave the program. She brought members up-to-date on several city projects and explained the new junked vehicle ordinance.

It was noted that the club is in the market for new or used deep fryers to be used for the fundraiser hamburger and fries cookouts. One of our pre-cook fryers broke and is no longer usable. If you know of a deep fryer for sale contact Boss Lion Troy White or Lion Dale Houlette.

The next meeting of the Noon Lions is Thursday December 17 at Headquarters Restaurant. The Friona high school choir will perform for that meeting.



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City manager Patricia Phipps answers questions at the Noon Lions meeting Thursday December 3.

Christmas Open House
hosted by
Galen & Keri Jack
on
Sunday, December 20
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
14 Miles North on
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Sheriff's Report

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

November 30, 2009, Matias Hernandez, 31, of Clovis, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with assault, pending County Court.

November 30, 2009, Hugo Vasquez, 23, of Farwell, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with credit card/debit card abuse, pending Grand Jury.

December 1, 2009, Juan Fernandez, 27, of Dimmitt, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office on a charge of motion to revoke (DWI 2nd), pending County Court.

December 4, 2009, Yvonne Dominguez, 23, of Bovina, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office and charged with driving while intoxicated, pending County Court; and possession of a prohibited substance in a correctional facility, pending Grand Jury.

December 5, 2009, Kirk Parrish, 32, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with unlawful carrying of a weapon, pending County Court.

December 5, 2009, Cimmaron Infante, 32, of Clovis, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with possession of a controlled substance, pending Grand Jury; and possession of marijuana, pending County Court.

December 6, 2009, Donald Ewing, 49, of Farwell, was arrested by the Farwell Police Department and charged with assault, pending County Court.

December 6, 2009, Lisa Norman, 46, of Farwell, was arrested by the Farwell Police Department and charged with assault, pending County Court.

December 6, 2009, Eli Gonzales, 25, of Azle, Texas, was arrested by the Friona Police Department and charged with driving while intoxicated (3rd), pending Grand Jury; and failure to identify, pending County Court.

Courthouse Notes

The Parmer County Clerk's Office recorded the following warranty deeds from November 25, 2009 to December 02, 2009:

Gary Gober and April Gober - Michael A. Gibson and Karie J. Gibson, W/2 S9 T10S R2E.

A.K. Coral Degroot - Curby J. Brantley and Kay Lynn Brantley, S21 T7S R2E.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 13 - December 19, 2009

(To add, delete or change a name on our birthday list, please call us at 250-2211 or e-mail to frionastar@wrt.net.)

- Dec. 13-Leroy Cox, Taylor Duran, Guadalupe Nieto
- Dec. 14-B.K. Buske, Joe Tongate, James Procter, Shana Taylor, Trey Cozier, Dorothy Sorley, Victor Espinoza, Troy Benton
- Dec. 15-Don Reeve, Crispin Buchanan, Deena Willard, Connie Willard, Sylvia Ingram, Luke London, Lana Allemand, Juan Perez, Haden Smiley, Deven Black, Marion Carson, Linda Marshall, Carol Ortiz, Emily Kessler
- Dec. 16-Michael Stanberry, Gerald Floyd, Lisa Guerra, Megan Carr, Kyle Jamerson, Travis Stewart, Rhett Houston, Rosalie Lopez, Paul Graham
- Dec. 17-Joe Tagle, Elthie Hand, Robert Garza, Lance Goen, Jim Schlenker, Mary Joyce Barnett, Jason Hankins, Esther Alexander, Peyton Pecskovszky
- Dec. 18-Debbie Stevens, Wade Procter, Brittany Anthony, Michael Craig Scott, Antonio Martinez, Hal Ratcliff, Bud Rainey, Pam Rector, Trey Widner, Morgan Leal, Billy Dean Baxter, Crystal Morton, Scott Steelman
- Dec. 19-Wes Drake, Jason Rector, Paige Osborn, Mindi Wilson, Lonnie Busch, Cliff Daniel, Mary Carr, Ryan McClaran, Dru Jennings, Noah Houston

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Bringing the gold!! Matthew Stanberry, left, was named Most Valuable Player of last weekend's Vega Tournament. Teammates Caleb Monroe, center, and Stetson Reed were selected to the all-tournament team. The Chiefs will compete in the Farwell Tournament this week, December 10-12.



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Showing off the Vega Tournament championship hardware are Chieftains, l-r, Dominique Kellum, Zack Fair, Matthew Stanberry, Stetson Reed, Caleb Monroe, David Schwab, Brenner Barnett, Nick Ortiz, Joey Dickson, and Ernesto Monreal.

Chiefs sweep Vega Tournament Stanberry selected Most Valuable

The Friona Chieftains scored 252 points in a 4-game sweep to bring home the 1st place trophy in last weekend's Vega Tournament.

Chieftain senior post Matthew Stanberry was named MVP of the tournament and Stetson Reed and Caleb Monroe were named to the all-tournament team.

The Chiefs took care of Boys Ranch 77-36 with double-digit scoring in all four quarters. Reed scored 19 points to lead scoring, followed by Stanberry's 13, Monroe 10, David Schwab 10, Joey Dickson 8, Brenner Barnett 8, Dominique Kellum 5, Nick Ortiz 2, and Zack Fair 2.

Next up was San Jacinto Academy. The Chiefs roared to a 37-11 first half lead and notched a 61-39 win. Stanberry put up 21 points including 7 two-point goals and 6 of 8 from the foul line. Ortiz added 12 points, Dickson 10, Monroe 5, Reed 4, Fair 4, Schwab 3, Barnett 1, and Kellum 1.

A 47-point first half drowned the Highland Park Hornets as the Chiefs coasted to a 73-44 win number three. Stanberry once again led scoring with 20

points, Reed had 12, Ortiz 10, Dickson 10, Kellum 6, Monroe 6, Barnett 5, and Schwab 4.

The tournament wrap-up was a narrow 41-39 Saturday night win over the Vega Longhorns for the championship. The high scoring Chieftain machine was slowed by the Vega defense. Friona led by 26-21 at halftime but only scored 15 second half points. Vega scored 18 in the second half but it wasn't quite enough as the Chiefs were happy with a two-point victory and the tournament trophy.

Scoring in the final game

were Reed 9, Ortiz 9, Stanberry 8, Monroe 6, Dickson 4, Barnett 3, and Schwab and Fair 1 each.

The Chiefs are 6-0 and will compete in the Farwell tournament Thursday - Saturday December 10-12. They open with a return match with the Vega Longhorns Thursday at 2:30 p.m. Teams entered at Farwell are Texico, Bovina, Dora, NM, Clovis Christian, Ft. Sumner, NM, Vega, Friona, and Farwell.

The Tuesday night December 8 basketball games at Bushland were canceled because of the winter weather.

Chiefs blast Bovina 87-38

In the first official basketball game after the football playoffs, the Friona Chieftains traveled to Bovina Saturday November 28 and beat the Mustangs 87-38.

Matthew Stanberry and Stetson Reed each had 20 points to lead the scoring. Friona had a 30-point lead, 52-22, at the half. Nick Ortiz and Zack Fair each had 11 points, Caleb Monroe had 10, David Schwab had 6, Dominique Kellum 5, and Brenner Barnett 4. Ortiz and three 3-point goals and Reed had 4.

Chiefs 44, Farwell 38

Bolstered by a 22-point 2nd quarter, the Chieftains held on to turn in a 44-38 victory over the Farwell Steers. Matthew Stanberry was high scorer with 14 points. Stetson Reed had 12, David Schwab 6, Nick Ortiz 5, Zack Fair 4, Dominique Kellum 2, and Joey Dickson 1.

Squaws edged by San Jacinto 45-43 for Vega Tournament Championship

The Friona Squaws beat Highland Park and Vega to advance to the championship game in the Vega Tournament last weekend but lost the 1st place trophy to San Jacinto Academy by a narrow 2-point margin. Anna Murphree was named to the all-tournament team.

The Squaws came back with a 28-point second half to overtake the Highland Park Lady Hornets 43-40. Trailing by three going into the 4th quarter, the Squaws made nine free throws (16 of 27 in the game) to slip past the Lady Hornets.

Sasha Estrada led the team with 11 points. Regan Anthony had 9, Anna Murphree 7, Taryn Jamerson 5, Ester Sarabia 4, Kami Kerby 4, Maddie Murphree 2, and Stephanie Aguirre 1.

A different tone in Game 2 as the Squaws swept past the host Lady Longhorns of Vega 43-21, taking advantage of 12 Vega turnovers. Estrada again led with 16 points, Anthony was close behind with 15, Aguirre had 6, and Paige Herbert, Anna Murphree,

and Taryn Jamerson each had 2 points.

In the final match for the championship, the Squaws trailed most of the game and found themselves down by 10, 39-29, entering the 4th quarter. They outscored San Jacinto 14-6 in the final

quarter but it was not quite enough as San Jacinto won 45-43.

Anna Murphree led scoring with 13 followed by Paige Herbert with 10, Aguirre 6, Kerby 6, Sarabia 4, Jamerson 2, and Estrada 2.

The Squaws will compete in the Farwell Tournament Thursday - Saturday December 10-12, opening against the Vega Lady Horns Thursday at 1 p.m. Teams entered at Farwell are Friona, Farwell, Vega, Texico, Bovina, Dora, NM, Clovis Christian, and Ft. Sumner.

Squaws 28, Lady Blue 49

On December 1 at Farwell, the Squaws managed only two points in the first half on two free throws as they lost to the Farwell Lady Blue 49-28. Scoring were Anna Murphree 8, Sasha Estrada 5, Regan Anthony 5, Ester Sarabia 4, Taryn Jamerson 3, and Paige Herbert 3.

JV Squaws lose four in Friona JV tournament

The junior varsity Squaws are still searching for ways to put points on the board as they lost four games by hefty margins in last weekend's Friona JV tournament.

Friona 17 Tulia 36, Stormes 4, Reveles 2, Juarez 5, and Vital 4.

Friona 13 Farwell 37, Stormes 2, Miller 2, Castanon 1, Juarez 4, Vital 4, Friona 27, Dimmitt 39, Stormes 4, Miller 2, Reveles 2, Vital 18.

Friona 8, Shallowater 50, Vital 6, Schupp 2.

JV Squaws 13 JV Farwell 33

The junior varsity Squaws took on the Farwell Lady Blue JV December 1 at Farwell and lost by a score of 33-13. Scoring by Tamra Stormes 5, Maddie Murphree 3, Tenna Montana 3, and Vanessa Vital 2.

JV Chiefs 40, Farwell 34

A 16-point 4th quarter secured the JV boys win over Farwell who led by two points after three quarters. Scoring for the JV were Kelley 15, DeWit 8, Wylly 7, Avalos 4, Pena 3, Ortiz 2, and Ortiz 1.

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Opportunities for Holiday Sharing

A holiday reminder of opportunities to give to our various local organizations.

Project Christmas Card. Donations assist with Parmer Medical Center equipment. Donors are listed in the Friona Star Christmas edition. Donations can be made at local merchants or Friona State Bank.

Empty Stocking Fund. Assists needy children. Donations at Friona State Bank or contact Peggy Monroe.

Friona United Way. Assists many local organizations. Donations can be made at Friona State Bank.

Prairie Acres Adopt-a-Resident. Provides needed items to residents who may otherwise be forgotten. Contact Elizabeth Romero or Nikki Brister at 250-3922 or go by Prairie Acres.

Friona High School Band. Raising money for spring trip by Rent-a-Kid for odd jobs. Call the school and ask for Band Directors Ron McWilliams or Allison Johnston.

Ho! Ho! Home for the Holidays. Chamber of Commerce promotion to encourage shopping at home. Register at local participating merchants to qualify for \$25 Friona Bucks or \$100 Friona Bucks. Drawing Monday December 21.

Junior high basketball recap

Here's an update on lots of junior high basketball activity. Thank you Coach Isom and Coach Hand for bringing the stats by the office.

7th A Maidens 8, Tulia 38 - Ugh! Ariana Moreno 4, Alison Bonds 2, Andrea Juarez 2.

7th B Maidens 4, Tulia 12 - Lots of defense? Cassidy Malone 2, Fransuette Sanchez 2.

7th A Maidens 13, Dimmitt 48 - Ouch! Juarez 4, Moreno 3, Alvarado 2, Davila 2, Bonds 2.

7th B Maidens 7, Dimmitt 47 - Ouch

again! Sanchez 4, Alexander 3.

7th A Maidens 16, Childress 18 - Almost! Davila 10, Juarez 4, Moreno 2.

7th B Maidens 14, Childress 28 - Double the fun! Williams 6, Hernandez 4, Correa 2, Malone 2.

8th A Maidens 21, Childress 16 - Yahoo we won! Destiny Sandoval 10, Kendall Kimbrough 6, Ashli Smith 2, Amy Osborn 2, Shayla Swink 1.

8th B Maidens 21, Childress 22 - So close! Bailee Brailiff 10, Liliana Amezcua 5, Cindy Chavez 2, Kiana Lozoya 2, Jeri Duenes 2.



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Friona 7th grade Brave Brent Hickman (5) wrestles two Bobcats for the ball as teammate Mason Loffin (12) stands by to help. The 7th graders defeated Childress 50-29 Monday at the junior high gym.

OBITUARIES

Ralph Raymond Reed

Ralph Raymond Reed, 77, of Happy, Texas, formerly of Friona, died Saturday, December 5, 2009 in Happy. Memorial Services were held Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at Sixth Street Church of Christ in Friona, with Rick Bloodworth of the Happy Church of Christ and Leon Talley of the Sixth Street Church of Christ, officiating. Interment was in the Friona Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

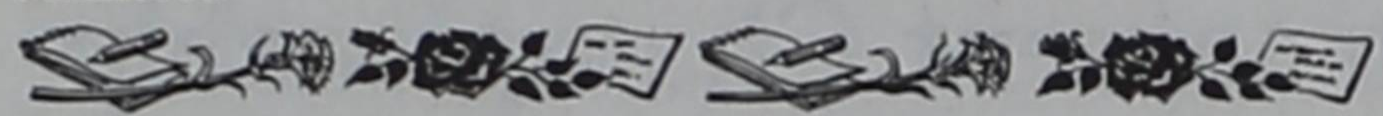


Mr. Reed was born November 21, 1932 in Parmer County to G.E. "Bud" and Juanita Alice Boggess Reed, at the home of his grandparents, Frank and Martha Reed three miles north of Friona. Dr. Ralph Raymond Wills delivered him and he was named after the doctor.

Mr. Reed attended school at Black for five and one half years, then moved to Friona and graduated in 1952. He served in the Army as a military policeman from February or March 1953 until December 1954, having served in Korea. He married Mary Lou Skeen on July 1, 1955. Four children were born to the union: Ramona Lou, Mary Janette, Max Garland and David Rex. The Reeds moved to Tatum, New Mexico and lived there from 1963-1969 where he farmed and had a feedlot. They moved back to Friona later where he farmed and worked at Friona Feedyard and retired in 1999. Ralph and Mary moved to Happy in 2009.

Mr. Reed was preceded in death by his parents, and his son, Max.

Survivors include his wife, Mary, of Happy; two daughters, Ramona Couch and husband Jake also of Happy, and Janette Thorn and husband Garvin of Lazbuddie; a son, David Reed and wife Heather of Lubbock; two sisters, Patsy Bandy of Friona, and Roberta Klapper of Pampa; seven grandchildren, Michael Campbell and wife Elizabeth of Amherst, Rebecca Weede and husband Matthew of Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Tray Thorn of Lazbuddie, Triston Thorn of Dalhart, RaJon Thorn of Lazbuddie, and Dawson and Guss Reed of Lubbock; and three great-grandchildren, Samantha and Rachel Weede of Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and Loren Campbell of Amherst.



Myrtice Evans

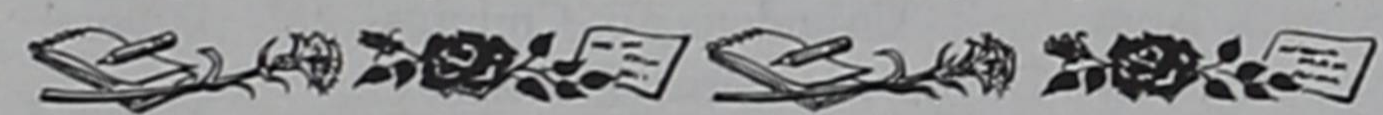
Funeral services for Myrtice Evans, 93, of Friona, will be at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 12, 2009, at the 10th St. Church of Christ with Ira Purdy of Amarillo and Gerall Wylie of Friona, officiating. Burial will be in the Friona Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home. She died Tuesday, December 8, 2009 in Friona.

She was born February 7, 1916 in Lockney, Texas to James and Alta Wilson Wylie. A Friona area resident since 1925, she moved to this area from Lockney. She was a 1932 graduate of Hereford High School and a 1937 graduate of West Texas Normal College. She taught school in New Mexico, South Dakota, and Texas. She married Harris Evans June 1, 1939 in Clovis, New Mexico. He died June 26, 1984.



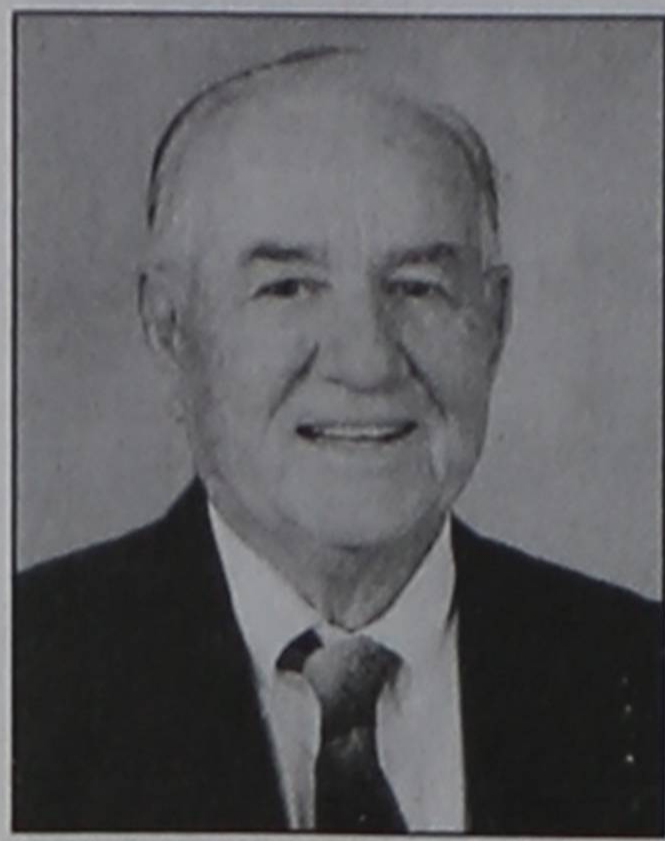
She was preceded in death by four brothers, James A. "Bob" Wylie, Wilson Wylie, Porter Wylie, and Elton Wylie; and a grandson, Ryan Evans.

Survivors include three sons, Wilson Harris Evans, Jr. and wife Betty of Wylie, Texas, Jim Evans and wife Ruth of Greenwood, Indiana, and Brian Evans and wife Linda of Friona; a daughter, Crista Archer and husband Dick of Amarillo; a sister, Nova Vaughn of Amarillo; a brother, Duane Wylie of Canyon; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.



Wilbert "Jimmy" Kalbas

A celebration of life and living the Christian faith was held for Wilbert "Jimmy" Kalbas on Saturday, December 5, at 10:30 a.m., at St. John Lutheran Church in Lariat, Texas. Interment was at Sunset Terrace in Farwell.



Wilbert was born on January 28, 1927, to Ernest and Martha (Gloyna) Lingnau Kalbas in Lee County, Texas. He was given the gift of God's forgiveness and rebirth through the waters of Holy Baptism on February 13, 1927, in Vernon, Texas. They moved and settled in 1931, where Wilbert lived the rest of his life, south of Farwell.

They joined St. John Lutheran Church in Lariat where Wilbert was an active member, and made public affirmation of his faith in Jesus as his Savior on August 11, 1940. His confirmation verse was Psalm 37:4 "Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart". He attended the West Camp School and graduated from Farwell High School in 1944. Wilbert married Mary Janhsen of Wildorado, Texas, on June 12, 1960, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Amarillo. God blessed their marriage with three children — Donna, Sharon and Allen.

Wilbert passed from this life to eternal glory on December 1, 2009 at the Lubbock Heart Hospital, after a brief illness.

During his walk here on earth, he served as father, teacher, mentor and role model. His passion in life was his faith and it guided him daily. He served the Panhandle-South Plains Lutheran Camp Association for most of his life, beginning as a camp counselor when he was a teenager and served on the Board of Directors until the time of his death. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Texas for several years and held most of the elected offices at St. John Lutheran Church throughout the years, as well as serving as a Sunday School teacher, Sunday School Superintendent and Walther League sponsor.

Wilbert served on the Farwell School Board for 12 years and was fortunate enough to hand all of his children their diplomas. After the kids left home, he and Mary took up square dancing, and were active members of the Muleshoe Squares. Many square dancers from all over West Texas and Eastern New Mexico have fond memories of his "watermelon barn dances".

While farming was his occupation, it also served as his hobby. He planted a huge vegetable garden every year and enjoyed the tens of thousands of people that came out to the farm to pick their own vegetables. Over the last several years, he enjoyed loading up his pickup and trailer and going to the Clovis Farmers Market with his grandchildren. He and Mary were honored by several groups at Cannon Air Force Base for supporting trips to the farm in the fall.

Wilbert really enjoyed the friends he made over the years through this part of his business. He continued to farm up until the day before he entered the hospital. He often said that if you enjoy working, why quit?

In the evenings, and during his down time, he enjoyed studying scripture, playing games and going rabbit hunting with his grandsons. He was honored by the Bailey County Soil and Water Conservation District as Farmer of the Year and by the Farwell Chamber of Commerce as Agriculturist of the Year.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Alvin and Otto Lingnau; and his granddaughter, Lauren Ratke.

Those left behind include his wife Mary, at home; a son, Allen and wife Edie and their children Keith and Kinley of Farwell; a daughter, Donna Ratke and her husband Mike and their children Austin, Mitchell and Meredith of Farwell; and a daughter, Sharon May and her husband Billy and their children Josh, Abigail and Ashley Baker of Farwell; as well as great grandchildren, Jared and Karleigh Baker of Farwell.

The family suggests memorials to the Panhandle-South Plains Lutheran Camp Association Endowment, c/o St. John Lutheran Church, 725 CR DD, Farwell, TX.

Arrangements were handled by Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe.

Think about this

"Oh, you'd better watch out"

T. LEON TALLEY, Minister, Sixth Street Church of Christ
This is the time of year when all parents have an ally in establishing their authority! I'm speaking, of course, of "Santa Claus"!

Santa, that ancient, mysterious Northman in his red cap descends upon us from the north. He arrives swiftly and unseen. No barrier, no lock can hinder his mission. If you're good, you'll be rewarded. If you're bad, you'll likely get a bag of coal.

Do you remember the pleading words of the old "prophet" Gene Autry? "O, you'd better watch out...You better not cry...Better not pout, I'm telling you why! Santa Claus is coming to town!"

Isn't it strange that Santa is still such a beloved figure after such a scary prediction of his coming? Yet our children aren't intimidated. They are hopeful and have great expectations of the morning after his arrival.

But there's something that I find even stranger. It's interesting and disappointing that we are less hopeful and optimistic about the return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

What will you do with Jesus?

BY BRETT HOYLE, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Around 2,000 years ago the question of what you will do with Jesus was asked to a Jewish carpenter, who was betrothed to a young virgin named Mary. Matthew 1:18-25 gives the account of Joseph's response to his fiancé who was pregnant with God's Son. At first, Joseph reacted in an upright, respectable way by looking to separate secretly from his fiancé because she was pregnant with someone else's child. This response of separation and distancing himself from baby Jesus was only a natural response considering the way things appeared from the outside.

So many people seek to follow a path of quiet separation from Jesus, thinking it is the upright and good decision. For some, this separation means avoidance of gospel truths, biblical input or church attendance, yet in the end, if there is no repentance and reconciliation with God, one will get exactly what they desire, separation from God. This separation, though, is not on your terms but on God's, who is a just judge and sentences those who are not right with Him to eternal separation in Hell.

Joseph, though, has a change of mind and heart when it comes to caring for Mary and Jesus. This change of direction is the result of an angelic visitation in a dream that declared to him the truth of Mary's miraculous conception and of Jesus' coming birth. In fact, the angel declares that, "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins," (21). When Joseph woke up from this eye-opening dream he took Mary in, cared for her and became the stepfather for Jesus. Isn't that wonderful! Joseph responded rightly to what he should do with Jesus.

So, what will you do with Jesus? Will you avoid or accept, reject or receive?

Advent, the four weeks of hope, peace, love and joy

BY REV. BUCK MALONE, Congregational Church

St. John speaks this week, to those who follow the lectionary, that one is to come "of whose sandals I'm not worthy to tie". John gives a prelude to the meaning of Advent, by showing that the expectation of one who will bring us all a new way, has come. John points us to the way by asking us to prepare our hearts, and when we do, peace will result. Of the four weeks of Advent, week two is the week of peace. Have you found peace?

A disciple asked the master, "Teach me the path of peace. I have the opposite of peace nearly all day every day. I have studied the scriptures. I have visited the shrines. I have studied from the greatest teachers, but I have not found peace." At this point the master served hot tea to his disciple. He poured his disciple's cup full. He kept on pouring until the tea cascaded over the brim of the saucer, on to the table, over its edge, and upon the laces of the shoe of the disciple. The heat finally reached the disciple's foot when he finally yelled, "Stop master. Stop! No more will go in!"

"Like this cup", said the master, "you are full of your own opinions and speculations. How can you find anything, especially peace, unless you first empty your cup?"

And that leads to the question for you and me. What is it that you and I have sought? What is it that you and I have found? What is it that you and I have possessed, yet still has not offered peace - peace of mind, peace of heart, peace of soul? Maybe, just maybe, peace is found by subtraction not addition.

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WEDDING

Mays & Kubacak

LaFawnda Mays and Anthony J. Kubacak exchanged wedding vows in an outside wedding on Saturday, October 17, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. at Spirit Ranch, in Lubbock, with Brother Brett Hoyle of the First Baptist Church of Friona, officiating.

LaFawnda is the daughter of Sonny and Becky Mays of Friona. Her grandparents are Kenneth and Elizabeth McLellan, and Harrell and Eddie Mays, all of Friona.

Anthony is the son of Frank and Cathy Kubacak of Lubbock. His grandmother is Anna Kubacak also of Lubbock.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father, Sonny, to the "Wedding March", and given in marriage by both of her parents. She wore a white strapless satin A-line dress with a sweetheart neckline, side draping with an apron split at the left side seam, a pleated midriff on the bodice, beaded metallic embroidery on the bodice and skirt, and a chapel train with a ballroom bustle for the reception.

Her veil was a double layer fingertip made of white illusion tulle adorned with seed pearls and trimmed in white satin. She carried a hand tied bouquet of white calla lilies and blue and white hydrangeas tied with a white sheer ribbon and wore a pearl necklace with matching stud earrings belonging to the groom's mother, Cathy.

Veronica Caudillo, friend of the bride, of El Paso, Texas, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Raelye McLellan, cousin of the bride, of Lubbock, Christian Lee, friend of the bride, of Lewisville, Texas, and Monica Gonzalez, friend of the bride, of Amarillo. They wore blue velvet strapless satin ball gowns with side ruching and a beaded bodice, and carried a smaller version of the bride's bouquet wrapped with blue velvet sheer ribbon.

The groom wore a black tuxedo with a black shirt, white vest, and a white tie.

John Slover, friend of the groom, of Lubbock, served as best man. Groomsmen were Matthew Kubacak and Jason Kubacak, both brothers of the groom, of Lubbock, and Brandon Kubacak,

cousin of the groom, of Argyle, Texas. They wore black tuxedos with black shirts, blue velvet vests, and blue velvet ties.

Jared Self, cousin of the bride, of Balmorhea, Texas, and Chris Moore, friend of the groom, of Lubbock, served as ushers.

Hallie Kubacak, cousin of the groom, of Argyle, Texas, served as flower girl and Lane Self, cousin of the bride, of Follett, served as ring bearer.

The registry was attended by Amber and LynLee Self, cousins of the bride, both of Follett, Texas.

Music selections were "I Will Be There", "Canon in D", "Wedding March", "Then", and "Forever Amen".

Outside wedding decorations included a silver archway covered with white tulle and a chuck wagon sitting in the background.

A reception was held at the Pavilion Building at Spirit Ranch following the ceremony.

The bridal table was decorated with a large vase, tied around the neck with blue velvet satin ribbon, filled with blue rocks and white floating candles, sitting on a mirror, and the bride's portrait next to the cake.

The bridal cake was a four-tiered French vanilla with butter cream icing and white chocolate ganache. The cake stood tall with pillars between the tiers, which were decorated with a blue velvet flower stencil around the top edge of each tier and white edible pearls cascading down the sides with blue velvet dot accents. Blue and white hydrangeas adorned the top of the cake and were also tucked between each tier.

Crystal Thoma of Lubbock, Teri Self of Balmorhea, Texas, and Amber Self of Follett, Texas served as reception assistants. LaFawnda is a Friona High School and Wayland Baptist University graduate. She is currently employed with Lubbock Regional MHMR.

Anthony graduated from Lubbock Cooper High School and attended South Plains College and Texas Tech University. He is currently self-employed with Kubacak Farms and Equipment.

After a honeymoon to southwest Colorado, the couple is residing in Lubbock.



Mr. & Mrs. Anthony J. Kubacak
nee LaFawnda Mays

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Again some came and couldn't give blood for some reason or schedule conflict.

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For this Margaret and I are so very, very grateful.

Also, we want to thank the Calvary Baptist Church for the use of their facilities and

Bessie Holt and Peggy Monroe for coordinating the drive with Coffee Memorial Blood Center.

Thanks to Margaret Duggins, Tommie Mercer and Peggy Monroe for manning the cookie bar, and our Sunday School class for

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Jeff Ray

He is married to Canna Ray, a Friona native and Friona high school graduate. (Yes, they both had the same last name.) They have two daughters, Brooklyn, 4, and Breanna, 1. Jeff is a graduate of the University of North Texas in Denton with a degree in psychology and counseling. He was employed with Home Depot for 14-years before switching to banking as a career. The Rays lived in Keller, near Ft. Worth, prior to moving to Friona.

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Vernie Schacher, left, and Johanna Mesman were selling mosaic stone creations and cheese from the Mesman Dairy at the Country Christmas Jubilee at the Farwell community center last Friday and Saturday.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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

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Respectfully submitted,

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Nazareth Christmas Pageant revived after fifteen years

BY JIM STEIERT

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Bethlehem, and continuing through his return to Nazareth and his first 12 years.

"Watching the pageant as a child left a lasting mark on me. There are so many memories...the sweetness of the story, songs that fit each scene perfectly, the sense of tradition. I want to see the pageant revived because I want my children and other children to know the true story of Christmas," said Nicole Kleman Schulte, this year's director.

"A generation of youngsters in this community have never experienced the Christmas Pageant. For others it's a vague memory. Local women got to talking and that's all it took to get the ball rolling on staging the pageant again. Some residents remember their mothers, dads, brothers and sisters being in some of the first pageants and the Holy Family church packed for the performances. We're bringing back the music, decorations, and the warm feeling the pageant evokes

in seeing how our Lord came to us and loves us still today," said Lisa Lacy Schulte, an assistant director.

The pageant's revival has stirred excitement here. "So many people have called, taken over a committee, jumped in with both feet. It's amazing how everything is falling into place. Folks want their kids and grandkids to see and remember this," she added.

The Christmas Pageant was the culmination of a dream of the late Father Stanley Crocchiola, former pastor of the Holy Family Church, who served as pageant advisor and cast and crew encourager during its early years.

"Father Stanley was a fine priest and gave so much of himself to Nazareth, not only in church activities, but in organizing the local Lions Club, art classes, and in fostering appreciation of what we have here. His love of Biblical history and art are evident in the pageant," said Mrs. Schulte.

The late Ernest Brockman was the original pageant chairman and the late Donna Benke Birkenfeld was the originator and director of the first two pageants. Mrs. Birkenfeld wrote the script, selected and arranged music, and wrote the haunting "Soldier Search," music that accompanies the chilling depiction of the Roman soldiers of King Herod searching out male children two years of age and under that Herod decreed be killed in his vain attempt to destroy the Christ child. She also wrote "Magnificat".

Noreen Kleman Carson, sister of this year's director, Nicole Schulte, was director of the fifth through eighth annual pageants, and wrote music entitled "Chosen by God".

Throughout the pageant's history parish families have made up the choir and musicians, depicted the drama, designed the sets and light-

ing, and painted all of the scenes. Many veterans of pageants past are back for this year's effort. The crew will revisit old traditions, including utilizing materials steeped in the history of Holy Family Church.

Flowing robes of wise men from the East are rich fabric once the church's communion railing. Helmets of Roman soldiers were made from old fire helmets, and their lanterns are clever combinations of cans, fruit jars, and funnels.

Women of the community sewed the exquisite original costumes while their husbands built backdrops and stages painted by local amateur artists.

Norita Hoelting is the costuming coordinator and is overseeing the restoration of many of the original costumes that kept well in storage in the church basement.

Jim Hoelting, lighting

technician for early pageant productions, is back this year, joined by fellow technical crew veteran Ralph Brockman and Lisa Schulte. They'll employ some of the same homemade technology first used in the pageant.

"Years ago we used slide projectors for spotlights and put washers on slides to narrow the light to the stage. We'll do the same all these years later," Hoelting said. Patti Hochstein Kern joins Lisa Schulte as assistant director. Mrs. Kern will also serve as stage manager.

Organists will include Sharon Brockman, a veteran of directing the choir for 10 past pageants, and Mary Olvera, who also worked with music in pageants past.

Angela Fulkerson will serve as choir director. Handling cast makeup will be Melina Birkenfeld, Irene Huseman, Tracie Peterson, and Jill Schulte.



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Santa Claus and a friendly snowman welcome visitors to Prairie Acres Nursing Home during this holiday season. The Prairie Acres Christmas party is at 6:30 p.m. Thursday December 17. Gifts for the Adopt-a-Resident program should be turned in by December 15. Family, friends, and loved ones are invited to attend the Christmas party. Bring a gift and a favorite snack dish.



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Friona United Way president Ricky White presented an appreciation plaque to Friona High School principal Chris Morrow to say thank you to the teachers and staff of Friona ISD for their contributions to the United Way. If you have not contributed to the 2009 United Way campaign there is still time. Donations are accepted at Friona State Bank.

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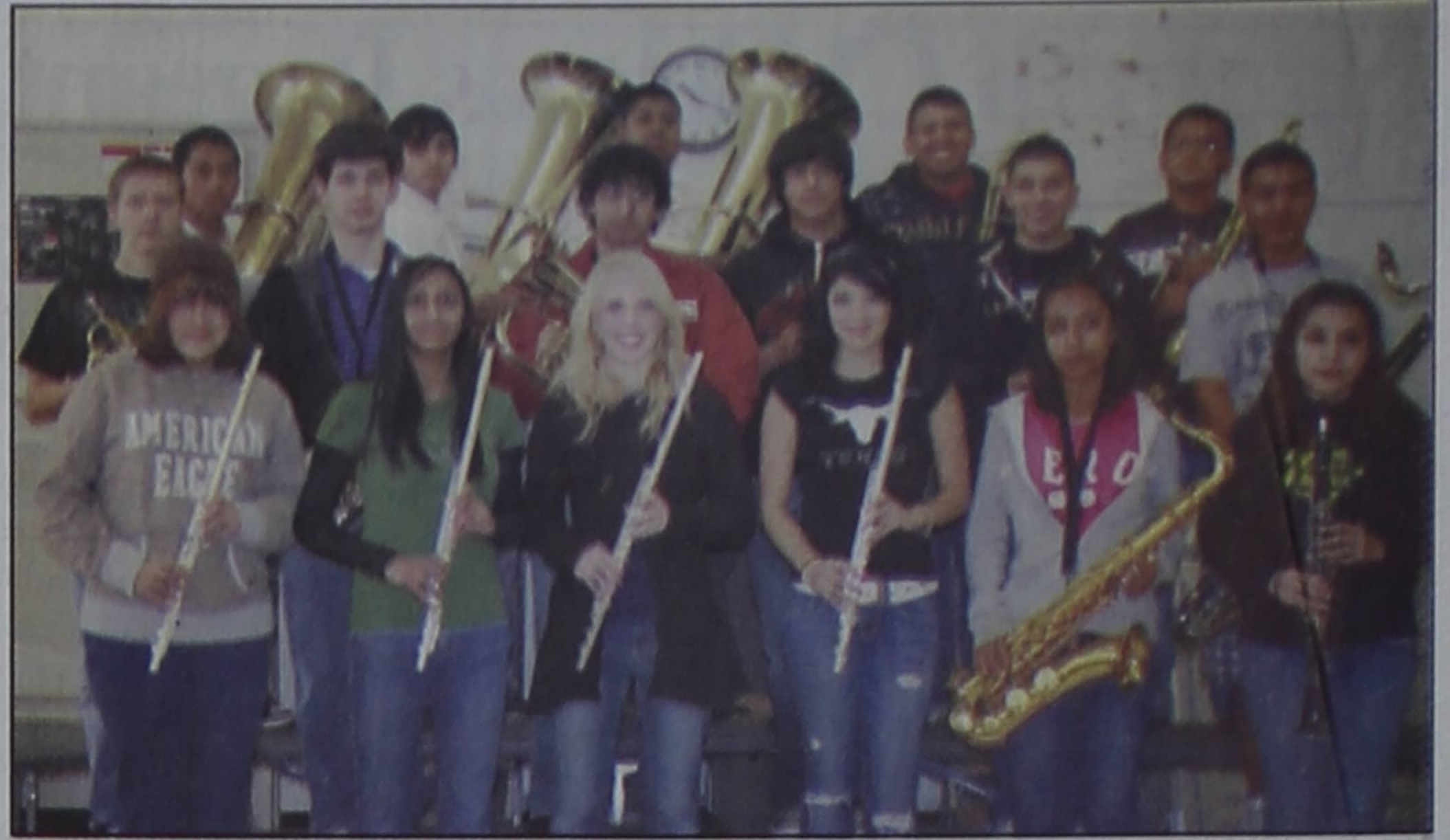
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Friona by night. Christmas lights have made their appearance around town as Christmas draws near.

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Friona Chieftain Band all-region qualifiers. Back row, l-r, Alberto Nicolas, Diego Licerio, Andres Herrera, Bryan Flores, Eduardo Rojas; middle, l-r, Ben Anthony, Kenny Newhouse, Oscar Reyes, Christian Rangel, Josh Duenes, Miguel Soto; front, l-r, Jessyca Rivas, Sajal Patel, Katie Osborn, Karina Trevino, Angelica Nicolas, and Catalina Ortega. Not pictured Jordan Kelley.

Chieftain Band members advance to area tryouts

Monday December 7, 2009, members of the Chieftain Band traveled to Bushland High School to tryout for the Class A-AAA all-region bands. Each year the Association of Texas Small School Bands (ATSSB) sponsors the selection of outstanding high school band students to perform with the all-region bands.

The process of selection is very competitive as the two all-region bands are made up of students from three high school classifications in the Panhandle: A, AA, and AAA. Top students are ranked according to their tryout performance and placed according to that ranking in either the top band, Symphonic, or the second band, Concert.

Students placed at the top of their section in the Symphonic Band then advance to all-area in the ATSSB all-state process.

Friona students selected to the All-Region Concert Band were: Katie Osborn, Sajal Patel, Karina Trevino, flute; Angelica Nicolas, 1st chair, tenor saxophone; Ben-

jamin Anthony, 1st chair, cornet/trumpet; Eduardo Rojas, trombone; Diego Licerio, Alberto Nicolas, tuba.

Students selected to the All-Region Symphonic Band were: Jessyca Rivas, flute; Catalina Ortega, clarinet; Miguel Soto, bass clarinet; Kenny Newhouse, 1st chair, alto saxophone; Josh Duenes, Christian Rangel, cornet/trumpet; Bryan Flores, trombone; Oscar Reyes, euphonium; Andres Herrera, Jordan Kelley, tuba.

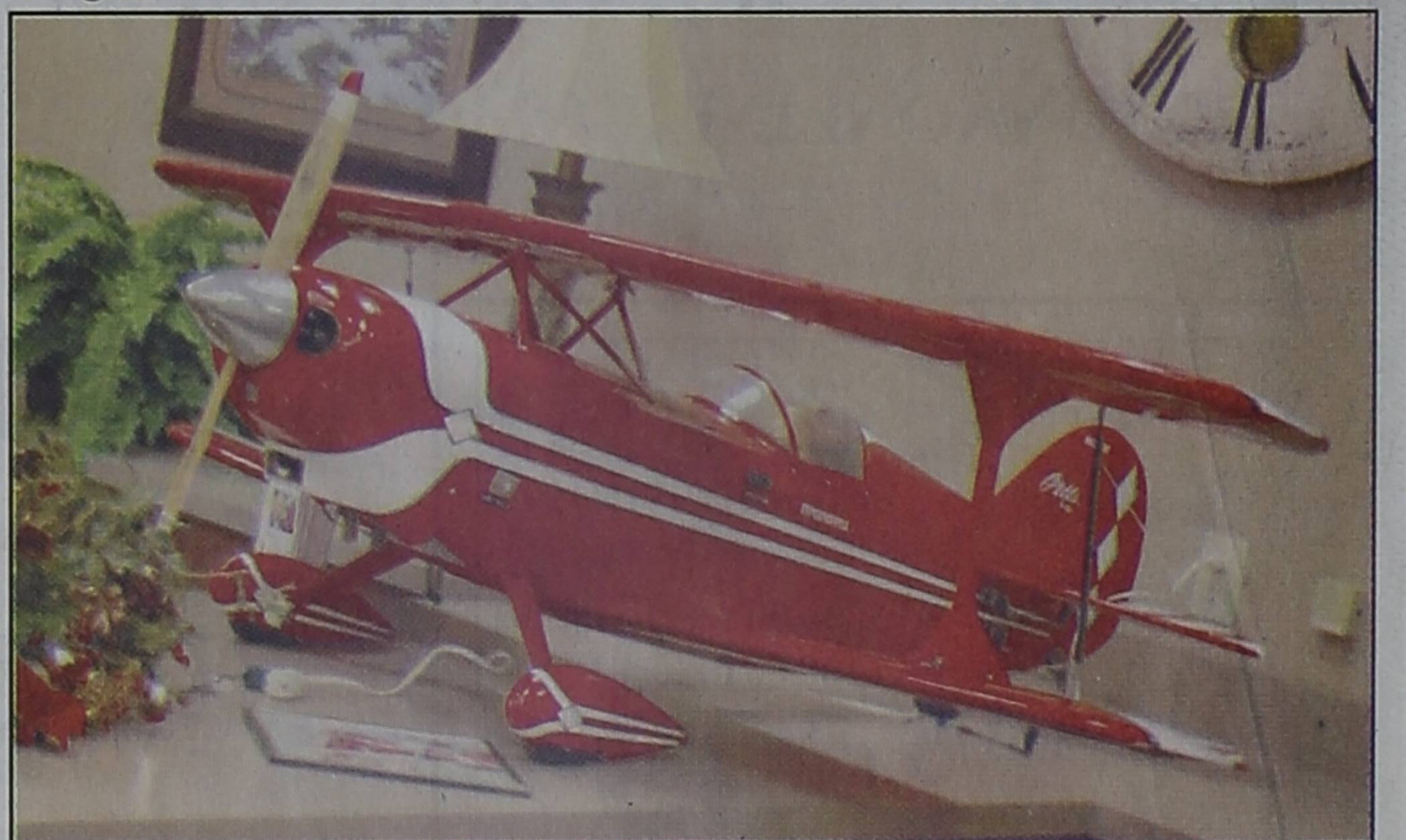
Six of the students placed high enough in the Symphonic Band and were selected to move on to participate in the all-area auditions Saturday January 9, 2010. They were: Kenny Newhouse, Josh Duenes, Christian Rangel, Bryan Flores, Oscar Reyes, and Andres Herrera.

"We are proud of all our students who made the effort to audition this year, in particular Josh Duenes who not only qualified to audition for All-State in band but choir as well," said Ron McWilliams, band director.



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Friona Chieftain Band area qualifiers, back, l-r, Kenny Newhouse, Christian Rangel, Josh Duenes; front, l-r, Andres Herrera, Oscar Reyes, and Bryan Flores.



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