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VFW Chicken Dinner Sunday January 16

The Friona VFW Post and Auxiliary will serve their famous fried chicken dinner Sunday, January 16, at Veterans Hall, 6th and Euclid in Friona. Serving times are 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Cost is \$7 adults and \$3 for children under 12. Takeouts will be available and you can call ahead at 265-7463 and the ladies will have the takeout ready when you get there.

The menu is fried chicken, creamed gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, homemade desserts, bread, iced tea or water, salt and pepper, toothpicks and lots of napkins. The VFW folks always cook mountains of fried chicken so there will be plenty.

Money raised benefits the VFW Post in their community projects so come on out and enjoy a great meal complete with lots of fun and friendship. There is no better time than now to support our veterans.

Donations Received in Christmas Card Fund

The following additions to the 2004 Friona Project Christmas Card fund were received after the donor list was published in the December 23, 2004 Friona Star.

Contributions were also received from Irene Anthony, Ronald Dee and Wyona Clark, Howard and Patricia Fleming, and Wanda Hart. The annual Project Christmas Card program benefits the Parmer County Community Hospital and is sponsored by the hospital auxiliary. Auxiliary president Donna Schueler said the Project Christmas Card program collected approximately \$4,000 this year.

Birthdays & Reflections Now Combined

Effective with this issue, the Friona/Bovina Birthdays and the Reflections/Flashbacks feature have been combined.

To add names to the Birthday list call us at 250-2211.

FISD School Board Officers Reorganized

The Friona Independent School District Board of Trustees met December 16, 2004, for their regular monthly meeting. Board president Kathryn Gurley submitted her resignation. Mrs. Gurley was elected as County Attorney for Parmer County in the November election. As a result she was forced to resign her school board position as holding two elective offices is not allowed.

Superintendent Jim Parker, echoing the sentiments of the board, said, "Mrs. Gurley's leadership and experience have been invaluable to the district." Following her resignation, the board reorganized. New officers are Danny Hand, president; Mitchell Smiley, vice-president; and Loraine Anthony, secretary. Other board members are Tracy Bunker, Joe Santellana and Ricky Barnett.

Gurley's three-year un-expired term will be filled by special election to be held at the same time as the regular trustee election in May. Parker said that interested candidates to fill Gurley's seat will be required to file and run specifically for the un-expired term and special election provisions will apply. In addition to Gurley's un-expired term there will also be two positions on the board that will be subject to the May election.

In other board action, a budget amendment to complete parking lot repairs at the elementary school was approved; a \$300 insurance supplement for 209 FISD staff members was approved; and the board received the annual At-Risk Student Report from the administration and adopted a Components and Competencies policy for the FISD business office. The next meeting of the FISD school board will be Thursday January 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the administration building.



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2004: 2nd Wettest On Record Locally

By BILL ELLIS

The Friona/Bovina area came within two inches of breaking the all-time record for moisture in a calendar year in 2004, although the near-record total was "bitter sweet" for many of the area farmers.

Several farmers recalled the old adage that "You can't have a good cotton crop and a good corn crop the same year."

But the good news is that the area's wheat crop should be off to one of its better years, which might mean more yields, or more grazing (if not both), if the trend continues.

And as of Wednesday noon, the trend was definitely continuing. As of that time, a total of 2.07 inches had been measured since January 1, of which 1.62 inches had come Tuesday, January 4.

The year 2004 wound up with over a yard of moisture, 36.56 inches! Think about that for a minute. The 2004 total was 2.01 inches more than the years of 1953, 1954, and 1955 combined! A total of 27 inches of snow was measured during the calendar year, 13.5 inches in January-February and another 13.5 in November.

In spite of not beating the

all-time record, Friona's official gauge saw new monthly records for four months. February began the string with 2.34 inches, followed by April, 4.01, June, 4.81, and November, 4.08 inches.

And, to put it mildly, the moisture for 2004 was very "general".

For as long as old-timers can remember, the Rhea community has always been "low dog" in the moisture department, a double-whammy since most of the farmland in that area is considered "dryland".

But virtually all of the 2004

rain-clouds originated northwest of the state line, in Eastern New Mexico, a very different pattern. In fact, many gauges in the state line area caught over 40 inches, and can lay claim to breaking the old moisture record.

A longtime friend of this writer, Jim Dixon, lives in the Rhea area, and kept a daily and monthly record of the moisture which fell at his place. If you say that the two of us had a "rain gauge shootout", Jim edged Ye Former Editor by a scant .69 inches. He recorded 37.25 in his rain gauge for 2004.

I thought about taking the Old Aggie to lunch, but reminded him that my Texas Tech Red Raiders beat #4-ranked California badly in the Holiday Bowl, while his A&M team failed to show up in their 38-7 loss to Tennessee in the Cotton Bowl.

Another of the writer's friends, Lloyd Rector, who lives about six miles south of Friona, told me a number of times during the late summer and fall, that his gauge had caught about two inches more than my "official" gauge did.

But the northern part of

Parmer County pales somewhat by the figures mentioned above.

Ted Treider of Treider Electric, a life-long resident of Lazbuddie, keeps a daily record on moisture with two different gauges, one of which is the type used by the Weather Channel on TV.

Treider measured a whopping 45.92 inches for calendar year 2004. He said that in addition to hampering crops to some extent, the unusually wet year played havoc with FM 145, as re-paving has been underway for quite some time, with constant delays.

Following are totals by month from Friona, Jim Dixon, and Ted Treider:

MO.	FRIONA	J.D.	LAZ.
Jan	0.65	0.50	0.70
Feb	2.34	1.90	2.35
Mar	2.05	2.50	2.65
Apr	4.81	3.80	5.00
May	0.40	0.00	1.00
Jun	4.81	3.60	6.35
Jul	4.18	4.55	4.60
Aug	3.58	6.30	6.50
Sep	4.80	4.60	6.80
Oct	3.58	5.40	5.40
Nov	4.08	3.39	4.22
Dec	0.40	0.80	0.25
TOT	36.56	37.35	45.92



RAIN continued in 2005 as evidenced by this Highway 60 scene Tuesday. photo by kayla mcLennan

Livestock Shows Scheduled For January

January is livestock show time for area youth. Parmer County extension agent Cody Hill and a large team of volunteers are in the final planning stages for this year's competition.

The Friona Junior Livestock Show is today, Thursday January 6, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Friona Community Center.

The Farwell Show is set for 1:30 p.m. January 8 at the Farwell Community Center. In Bovina, although the school dropped its ag program this year, Hill is planning a livestock show at the Bovina Show Barn Saturday January 15 start-

ing at 1 p.m. He said there will be 12-13 hogs in the show and that three families had been participating in 4-H in Bovina.

The Lazbuddie show is the same day, January 15, at the Friona Community Center.

The big Parmer County Junior Livestock Show is the week of January 17-22. The show setup will be Monday January 17.

Weigh in and classification of animals will be Wednesday January 19 from 1-5 p.m. Barrows will be classified at weigh

in, steers classified at 5 p.m. and lambs at 5:30 p.m.

The county show begins at 8 a.m. Thursday January 20. Lambs are shown first followed by goats. Steers will be shown at 11 a.m. and barrows show starts at 1 p.m. The premium sale is scheduled for Saturday January 22 at 1 p.m.

The 2005 judge for barrows, lambs, cattle and goats is Will Winter. The general superintendent for the show is Mack Heald; assistant general super-

intendent is JeDon Gallman. For swine the superintendent is Darren Haseloff; for lambs and goats Kevin Schueler; for cattle Mac Langford.

Stock show officials are: president JeDon Gallman, vice president Lawrence Widner, secretary Gary Patterson, and treasurers are John Jarecki and Dale Schueler. The stock show board advisory committee members are Scott Johnson and Charles Christian of Farwell; Don Bandy of Bovina; Ed Terry

and Rick Seaton of Lazbuddie; and Alan Monroe and John Tannahill of Friona.

Stock show board members are: Farwell, Wayne Sales, Sam Billingsley, Keith Hadley, Mark Logan; Bovina, Lawrence Widner, Joe Steelman; Lazbuddie, Terry Jesko, Donald Gillit, Doug Barnes, Shane Mason; Friona, Davy Carthel, Paul J. Smith, Chris Hunt, Micah London; County 4-H, Terry Copley, Michael DeLeon, Cody Hill, Sean Mason, and Al Kerby, Jr.



PARMER COUNTY Judge Bonnie Clayton-Heald, left, swears in county officials at the courthouse Thursday, December 30. From left are Sheriff Randy Geries, Precinct 3 Commissioner Mike Haseloff, Tax Assessor Collector Bobbie Pierson, Precinct 1 Commissioner Kirk Frye, County Attorney Kathryn Gurley, and District Attorney Johnny Actkinson. ron carr photo

WTRTC Scholarship Applications Available Jan 7

(Reprinted from the January 2005 Co-Op Connection monthly newsletter.)

Applications for academic scholarships to be awarded by WTRT during 2005 will be available at the Cooperative business office on Monday, January 17.

The Cooperative will be awarding scholarships funded through unclaimed capital credits for the ninth straight year. WTRT will be adding to its total of 61 scholarships awarded. To date, WTRT has now handed out fifty-two \$1,000 scholarships, two \$1,600 scholarships, and seven

\$500 scholarships, for a total of \$58,700 in educational grants.

Scholarship applicants, their parents, or guardians, must be WTRT members who have phones with WTRT prefixes including 225-Tharp; 258-Dawn; 265-Hub; 276-Frio; 289-Westway; 295-Parmer; 357-Summerfield; 578-Milo Center; and 825-Oklahoma Lane.

All others, including those served by WT Services/Friona and WT Services/Bovina prefixes 250 and 251 are ineligible.

Among those eligible to apply are high school seniors who

will be graduating in the spring of 2005, or individuals who have completed high school or have their GED and are WTRT members themselves, or have parents or guardians who are WTRT members. Past scholarship winners who are continuing their college education are eligible to apply for renewal.

Schools in Hereford, Friona, Farwell, Lazbuddie, Bovina, Dimmitt, Adrian, and Vega could have students who are eligible.

Scholarship application forms will be furnished to school counselor's offices in Adrian,

Bovina, Dimmitt, Friona, Farwell, Lazbuddie, and Vega.

Students in Hereford school district and post-high school applicants will need to pick up application forms at the WTRT business office on South Highway 385 at Hereford.

All application forms should be filled out in legible writing—typewritten forms are preferred. Applications should be accompanied by two letters of recommendation. If the applicant is a 2005 graduating senior, one letter must be from a teacher, principal, or counselor.

If the applicant has been out of high school a number of years, or is enrolled in a college or trade school, a letter from a college or vocational instructor is acceptable.

Full rules of the scholarship program are provided with the application form. Neat, well-prepared forms are much easier for the scholarship selection committee to read. WTRT scholarships may be used at any state or church-sponsored college or university, or at any accredited vocational or technical school.



OUT HERE

by Ron Carr

Pay inside first. In Amarillo at Pak-a-Sak or Toot-'n-Totum convenience stores if you are using cash for gas you have to pay inside first. This little inconvenience was instigated because when gas was up around \$2 a gallon, good-hearted customers in record numbers were filling up and driving off without paying.

Today if you are paying cash you still have to go inside, give them some money, then come back out and pump. If you leave a set amount of money, say \$10, the clerk will set the pump at that amount so you don't have to go back inside a second time. If you want to fill up it is not quite so simple.

On the way to and from Childress to pick up Zac and Megan for their visits, I stop in Amarillo at the Pak-a-Sak on the Hollywood Road Loop just off I-27. It is a nice clean store and not as crowded as the Love's Truck Stop.

When we stopped there the day after Christmas on the way back to Friona I sent Megan inside with \$50. She is as responsible as a 14-year-old can be. She told them \$50 on pump 5. We pumped \$24.73, used their nice clean restrooms, and picked up \$3.83 in sodas and candy. The nice freshly scrubbed young lady at the register added it up and said "that will be \$28.56." She was waiting for us to pay.

I said to the clerk, "We gave

you \$50." I said to Megan, "Who did you give it to?" Megan said, "Her" and pointed at the freshly scrubbed and by now flustered young lady clerk. She said to a co-worker, "Has that other lady left, I think I put this on the wrong pump." While the co-worker raced out to apprehend the lady that supposedly had my \$50 credit, my clerk canceled the transaction in the electronic register and went over to a calculator.

She added the two numbers together and tried to give me \$19.36 in change. I have enough brain cells left to do simple math estimates and I knew I should have somewhere over \$20 coming, \$21.44 to be exact. She still didn't get it and went back to the calculator, once again proving that most people under 30 are unable to comprehend simple math without a computer. Enjoying her predicament I said, "Look we'll just put this candy and soda back and you give me the change for the gas purchase then we'll get some more soda and candy and I'll pay for it out of the change you are going to give me. Okay?"

I'm pretty sure she didn't appreciate my sarcasm. She finally gave me the correct amount although I'm still not sure she believed it. We did not stick around to see what happened to the lucky lady that had an extra \$50 in credit on her pump.

A few days later we were at

the Hasting's Store in Clovis. Like many book stores they have a coffee bar called The Hard Back Cafe. While Zac browsed, Megan and I decided to try out some fancy coffee. She asked what espresso tasted like. Their coffee menu on the wall said you could buy a single or double espresso, plus all the other mochas, lattes, and cappuccinos.

I have had espresso in many fancy after-dinner places during my travels. I know what espresso is. So I decided to order a double espresso with the plan to let Megan have a taste. To tell you the truth I don't know why people drink espresso because it doesn't really taste very good. It is thick, black and very strong served in a cup not much bigger than a thimble. It is a cool, status thing I guess.

The young lady tending the coffee bar took our order but looked puzzled when I ordered the double espresso. "What do you want it with," she asked. I wasn't sure I understood the question. "Nothing thanks, just the espresso," I said while visions of Pak-a-Sak popped into my head. She still didn't look too confident. The kids ordered fancy coffee and the coffee girl told us it would be a while since she had several orders to

make.

Megan and I grabbed a magazine and sat on a couple of stools around a tall table. Twenty minutes later she brought our coffee. For me she brought an empty cup. Not an espresso cup. An empty, tall, paper coffee cup. She pointed to about six thermos like jugs and told me I could take my choice.

"Do you not have espresso honey?" I was trying to be gentle. "That is for espresso" she replied, nodding at my cup. I gave up, walked over to the French vanilla thermos and filled my cup. After I put the French vanilla in the cup, she leaned over from behind the counter and said (I'm not making this up) "Do you want a shot of espresso in that?" The poor thing was not aware that espresso could be served by itself.

At that point I just wanted to be left alone. Later in the week, at Barnes and Noble in Amarillo, Megan finally got her first taste of espresso coffee.

More important though, at Pak-a-Sak and the Hard Back Cafe, she experienced first hand the value of knowing what you are doing unless, as she put it, "you want to embarrass yourself to death."

Life Lessons at Pak-a-Sak & the Hard Back

The 10th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature Meets This Month

By CHESTER L. CUNNINGHAM

The 10th Texas Silver-Haired legislature will meet in Austin, Texas Tuesday, January 11 and 12, 2005, to participate in the opening ceremonies of the 79th Legislature and to present to Governor Perry, Lt. Governor Dewhurst, and the Texas Legislators, 91 resolutions adopted by the TSHL meeting in regular session September 13-17, 2004.

Forty-three are direct resolutions impacting issues facing seniors of Texas, twenty-six are resolutions that support issues facing seniors of Texas, and twenty-two are consent resolutions recognizing individuals and groups that have given special consideration to the older citizens of Texas.

The number one prioritized direct resolution requests the 79th legislature to reverse action taken by the 78th legislature that reduced the personal needs allowance of Medicaid nursing home patients from \$60 to \$45 per month and to restore the needs allowance to \$60. This action taken by the 78th legislature saved the state about twelve million dollars, but the Silver-Haired Legislature asks the 79th legislature to look elsewhere for the money.

Opposition to school vouchers, the number one prioritized support resolution, was the most widely debated issue on the floor during the regular session of the Silver-Haired legislature. The high prioritization reflects the body's strong feelings about the voucher issue.

In a special resolution, the Silver-Haired Legislature asks the 79th legislature to "amend Chapter 11.26, paragraph (a) of the Title 1, Property Tax Code, of the Texas Tax Code to replace the phrase 'school district' with a new phrase 'all taxing entities' and insert any additional paragraph(s) needed to implement the change as directed in Proposition 13, HJR 16 and HB 136." If adopted, all local taxing entities would be required to adopt the school districts' practice of freezing senior homestead property taxes.

All resolutions are posted on the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature's website (TxSHL.org).

(Chester Cunningham is the Panhandle's Representative on the Executive Committee of the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature. He is from Fritch and can be reached at (806) 857-3156 or at chet612@aol.com.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The common good is a wonderful term, rich in meaning, for the history of mankind. Until a little while ago, there was a centuries old custom of holding the land around a village in common. No one owned it. It was understood to be available to the whole village to graze their milk cow or goats upon it and they helped each other look after their stock. It was called the commons, for the good of the village.

In the eighteenth century, England had an enclosure movement in which the British Parliament allowed the dukes and barons of the aristocracy to suddenly take over for private use the "commons" of forests, wild game, and grazing that the village had shared in and depended upon for sustenance. What had been for the common good became the private property of the elites.

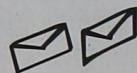
Much rapacious robbing of our "commons" is going on today under the guise of privatization. In some situations privatization can be a good idea. In the majority of cases, however, privatization means decrease the public service and increase private profits. Public water works have been privatized in some American cities with accompanying horror stories. Big corporations are now vying for control of water sources and delivery in much of the world. They are saying water is the gold of the twenty-first century for whoever controls it.

The current move to privatize Social Security is one of the worst attacks on the common good of the American people facing us today. If it succeeds, I believe that Wall Street and the individuals who could afford to invest wisely anyway will be the only ones to profit by it. The average American and working poor will suffer for it.

Social Security has been the most efficient and successful government program since 1935 that we have ever had. It is currently solvent for many years in spite of all the heavy borrowing that has been done from it since LBJ. Let us leave it alone and keep it secure for the common good of all.

As citizens let us all wake up and think and work and pay for the common good. Let us put the word "public" back to a high priority in all levels of government. If we do not we shall eventually lose all the good that we have, while some private concerns grow obscenely rich.

Alvin Petty, Calvary Baptist Church



Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the Friona United Methodist Church for such a wonderful Christmas Eve service this year. The scripture readings as always were excellent, and the music was not only highly professional, but was the catalyst of a true worshipful experience. Thanks again to the Patterson family and all of the participants that helped my family truly worship this Christmas.

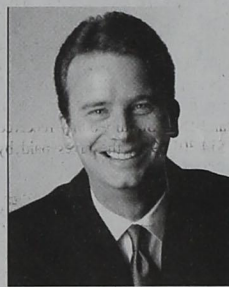
Dusty Hansard

Chamber Banquet To Feature Lyndy Phillips

The 2005 Friona Chamber of Commerce banquet is set for Thursday, March 10, at the Friona Community Center. Other details about time, tickets and menu will be published at a later date. Mark your calendar and make plans to support the Chamber with your attendance.

According to Chamber executive director Chris Alexander, the speaker for the 2005 banquet is Lyndy Phillips of Amarillo. Phillips is a veteran of public speaking since the age of 15. He was raised in the small West Texas town of Darrouzett. He continued developing his talent and love for performing while participating in poetry, prose reading, and drama throughout elementary and high school.

In college, he combined his speaking skills with sleight of hand and humor to provide motivational entertainment for schools and businesses. For over 12 years he served as a student minister in the Texas Panhandle as well as speaking and perform-



LYNDY PHILLIPS

ing part-time around the country.

Lyndy and his wife Angie and their two teenagers Lezlie and Taylor live in Amarillo. He travels the country speaking for conventions, conferences, and banquets with his motivational entertainment and in schools and colleges with his sexual health seminar. His mixture of humor, sleight of hand, and audience participation along with his messages produce a highly entertaining and never boring presentation.



RETIRED TEACHERS Anne Corn, left, and Nancy Edelman visit with guest speaker Ken Startcher during their meeting Tuesday. dana d jameson photo

Retired Teachers Met On Tuesday

The Parmer County Retired Teachers and School Personnel Association met on January 4, in the community room of Friona State Bank with twenty-three members and four guests present. President Ann Corn introduced the speaker for the program, Ken Startcher, from the Alternative Energy Institute at West Texas A&M University. He presented a program on alternative renewable energy sources, with emphasis on wind, solar, and biomass energy production, all of which are well suited to our area.

During the business portion of the meeting, it was reported that our present association membership stands at forty-eight. Legislative Committee Chairman Tom Jarboe reported on several factors that point to serious financial trouble for the teacher retirement system in the not too distant future.

Refreshments were provided by Nancy Edelman.

Give Cash To Tsunami Victims

In the wake of disaster, media can greatly assist relief efforts by letting the public know that the most effective way to help is to make cash donations to known organizations. This point is always emphasized by relief workers, national voluntary organizations active in disaster, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Governor's Division of Emergency Management (GDEM).

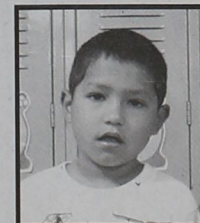
Here are some reasons why cash donations to known organizations are more efficient than donations of material goods:

Cash donations provide flexibility to help victims of disasters in situations that may be changing rapidly.

Cash donations minimize problems involved in transportation, delivery and storage. This is especially important for areas where bridges, roads, warehouses and other infrastructures have been destroyed.

Cash donations keep relief workers focused on their work with survivors, instead of diverting their efforts to sorting, storing, tracking and distributing goods.

People in foreign nations may have cultures that are very different from ours, so it is important for relief workers to have cash to purchase food, clothing and other materials that are culturally acceptable.



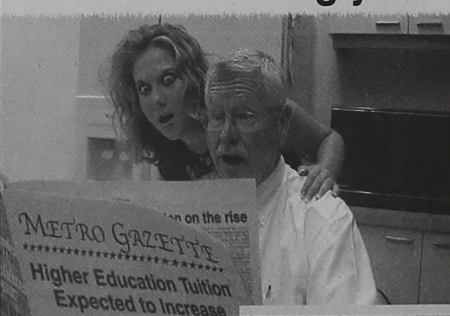
Meet the Class of 2016

Jerry is a kindergarten student at Friona Schools. His parents are Norma Torres & Jerry Prieto. He has two sisters, Sarah and Sonya. Jerry likes riding bikes. His favorite color is red and his favorite food is pizza.

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Bring The Kids To The Rainforest

As the 30th successful year for the Lone Star Ballet continues, they bring the *Rainforest* to the Amarillo Civic Center. Performed by the David Taylor Dance Theatre, the production promises to reach audiences in a very three-dimensional way on Saturday, January 29, 2005 at 8 p.m. It is a theatrical treat for children, so definitely bring the kids.

Rainforest is a full-length, multimedia collaborative production that takes audiences on a magical journey through different levels of life in a tropical rain forest. The work begins with the concept of audiences hovering over a rain forest, looking down on it as a myriad of rich color changes takes place on the top of the canopy. Going down then to the dark floor below, "floating eyes"

stare out of the darkness and a variety of "black lit" flying and crawling insects appear. As morning beams of light hit three large "pods" on the rain forest floor, stamens begin to grow and undulate up towards the morning sun and leafcutter ants crawl across a fog covered floor. Dancing through this menagerie is an assortment of birds of paradise flowers. There will be much to see for all ages.

In addition, David Taylor's Dance Theatre will perform *A Children's Rainforest Odyssey* in two special performances for Panhandle children on Friday, January 28. The Globe News Center for the Performing Arts is sponsoring this endeavor and thousands of school age children will have their TEKS-aligned curricu-

lum studies of the rain forest enhanced with these performances.

A Children's Rainforest Odyssey is a one hour program created from the David Taylor Dance Theatre's nationally acclaimed production of *Rainforest*. Specifically designed for school children and families, the *Odyssey* features four major excerpts from the full-length production, combined with an environmental/educational narrative. Combining a brilliant original musical score, evocative choreography, special lighting effects, and stunning costumes and props, *A Children's Rainforest Odyssey* has developed into the most popular Community Outreach Program in the twenty-three year history of the David Taylor Dance Theatre.

"We look forward to providing our youth with this opportunity as we venture toward the establishment of our educational outreach program for the Globe News Arts Center for the Performing Arts," says executive director Laura Street. "Along with our community partners, we are initiating this pilot program which will serve as the model for many opportunities to come. Keeping our children involved and educated is paramount to our purpose."

Tickets are \$12, \$18, \$23, and \$28 and can be purchased by calling Panhandle Tickets at (806) 378-3096 or the Lone Star Ballet at (806) 372-2463. Special group rates are also available through the Lone Star Ballet office.

Around Town

Parmer County Tax Office to be closed

The Parmer County Tax Assessor Collectors office will be closed Wednesday, January 12 for training from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

VFW Chicken Dinner January 16

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Fellowship of Christian Women to meet

The Fellowship of Christian Women will meet Tuesday, January 11, 2005 at 7 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church at 1500 North Cleveland. There will be a program and refreshments followed by a rousing game of Bunko. Invite all your friends and come enjoy the fellowship.

Men's Prayer Breakfast set for January 19

A Men's prayer breakfast will be held Wednesday, January 19, 2005 at 6:30 a.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church at 1500 North Cleveland. The breakfast will be over by 7:30 a.m. Invite your friends to enjoy the fellowship with the men of Friona.

Adopt the Special Olympics athletes

Special Olympics needs help with raising money for State Competitions. The team will be traveling to Houston February 10-13, 2005. They will be competing in Bowling events the entire weekend. Transportation is provided for the team. They need money for the rooms and meals while there and traveling to and from the event.

All of the Special Olympic athletes work very hard to get to this level of competition. It is estimated that it will take about \$75.00 a meal and a total of 12 meals will be needed. It will also cost about \$540 for rooms for the 6 athletes and 3 sponsors. They need to raise \$1500.

If any group or local organizations would like to adopt the Special Olympics athletes from this area or if you have ideas to help them raise money, please call Donna Mullins at 250-3285 (home) or 250-2788 (work).

Telephone Co-op Taxes Boost Local Economy

According to the January 2005 Co-Op Connection newsletter, West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative and its WT Services, Inc. subsidiary are major contributors to local tax rolls. Figures for 2004 are not yet available but the 2003 tax year showed that WTRT paid a total of \$90,587.48 in property taxes. WT Services paid \$69,942.05 for a combined total of

\$160,529.53.

Property tax payments from the Cooperative were concentrated in its service area of Deaf Smith, Castro, Parmer, and a portion of Bailey County. The co-op paid taxes to school districts including Hereford, Friona, Bovina, Farwell, Dimmitt, Muleshoe, Walcott, Lazbuddie, Adrian, and Wildorado.

From WTRT property taxes, Friona ISD received \$7,726.76; Bovina ISD \$2,258.60; Farwell ISD \$4,265.72; Parmer County \$5,697.17; and Parmer County Hospital District \$1,587.17. Lazbuddie ISD received \$315.75. Other county recipients were Farwell Hospital \$114.11; City of Friona \$669.23; and City of Bovina \$15.65.

From WT Services' taxes, Friona ISD received \$11,580.87; City of Friona \$7,238.93; Parmer County \$4,548.99; Bovina ISD \$1,731.48; Parmer County Hospital \$2,105.73; Parmer County FM Road \$1,258.18; Farwell ISD \$346.77; City of Bovina \$6.02; and Farwell Hospital \$9.89.

The City of Hereford, Hereford ISD and Deaf Smith County receive the largest percentage of the Cooperative property tax payments. Hereford ISD received almost \$56,000 of the overall total and Deaf Smith County received \$14,301.59 of the taxes paid by WTRT.

WTRT Nominating Committee To Meet

Candidates for the board of directors of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative will be announced during the annual meeting of the nominating committee to be held Saturday February 5 at 11:30 a.m. at the Hereford Cauntry Club.

An election of directors will be held during the annual meeting of the Cooperative membership March 29, 2005, at 6 p.m. at the Hereford Bull Barn.

The terms of office of incumbent directors Pat Robbins, Frio; Charles Ray, Summerfield; and Charles Christian, Oklahoma Lane will expire in the spring. All three incumbents are eligible for re-election.

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Final Tax Allocations Delivered For 2004

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said the state collected \$1.4 billion in sales tax in November, up 6.6 percent compared to November 2003.

The Comptroller sent \$321.6 million in December sales tax payments to local governments, up 4.9 percent compared to December 2003.

The final sales tax allocation of 2004 brings total local sales tax revenue for the year to \$4.2

billion, up 7.7 percent compared to calendar year 2003.

The Comptroller's next local sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, January 14.

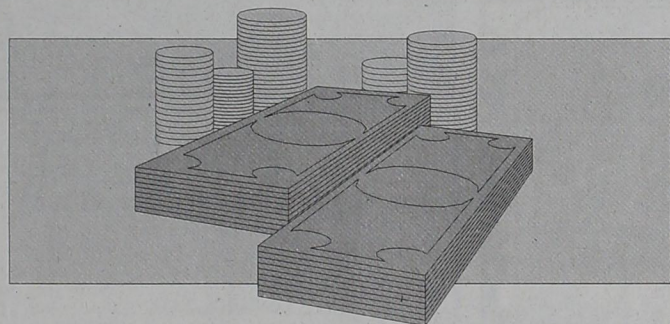
Parmer County's December 2004 payment totaled \$31,956 broken down as Bovina \$5,071; Farwell \$7,368; and Friona \$19,517. In December 2003, the tax payment total was \$31,281.

Comparing December 2003 to December 2004 tax receipts,

Bovina is up 3.15%, Farwell is up 29.71%, and Friona is down -5.64%.

For the year 2004, Parmer County cities have received a total of \$420,315 compared to \$376,805 for the same period last year. For the year, Bovina tax revenue is down -2.29%, Farwell is up 15.62%, and Friona is up 14.31%, for an overall increase of 11.54% for the county.

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My Life Story

By MINNIE KELSO

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 Minnie Kelso.

I was born December 2, 1914, in Lila Lake, Texas, Donley County, to James Levi Gollighugh and Beula Frances Norton. I had six sisters and five brothers.

Dad was a farmer. Mom was always busy sewing clothes for all of us. We kids had to help on the farm. We hoed and helped to make the crops. I was a tomboy. I drove the horses to plow the fields and later drove the tractor. Sometimes I would play dolls with my sisters.

We went to school in Windy Valley, at a country school. We walked 2½ miles and occasionally we rode a horse.

When I grew up I had a close friend and we rented a house together in Vigo Park. We lived together for two years. One night a group of us went to the theater. I saw a man whom I believed was my friend, Hugh, and I asked him where was Eva, his wife, and he told me he didn't know anything about Eva. Well, everyone had a good laugh about that, because he was Hugh's twin, Howard, and that is how I met my husband. We met in January and married in July. We had three children, Julia, Ferman, and Tally Don.

We moved to Bovina in 1949. Howard was farming. I opened the Mustang Drive Inn and ran it for 8-10 years. I worked everyday, except Thursday. That was my day off.

I always enjoyed doing things with my kids. I attended many school functions. I was a member of Bovina Senior Citizens and always loved to sew. I have made many quilts.

I have a lot of friends in Bovina, and didn't realize how many until the last two or three years. On December 2, 2004, my kids had a surprise birthday party for me. There were about 50 guests there, and I had a wonderful time visiting with everyone.

I came to live at Prairie Acres in October 2004.

Flashbacks

45 Yrs. Ago
January 7, 1960
John Jarecki was Friona's "New Year's Baby" in 1960. He was born January 3, 1960, at Parmer County Community Hospital.

The second snowstorm in four weeks had Bovina in its icy grip Tuesday, December's blast measured some four inches and was a big help to wheat farmers. January's version falls into much the same pattern.

40 Yrs. Ago
January 7, 1965
Construction in Friona during the calendar year 1964 set a new all-time record for the third straight year, and this time, the mark will be hard to topple. Aided by the figure for the new Friona High School, building was begun in Friona for 1964 for an esti-

mated \$1,978,040.

35 Yrs. Ago
January 7, 1970

If snow was the topic of conversation last week, it took no more limelight than the temperatures since that time. "Near zero" has been the report every morning for over a week in the Bovina area. Coupled with sunshine, snow fell on and off all day Monday. The weight of the snow became a proven fact. Arriving at Elcor Corporation west of Bovina Monday morning, several men guessed at the weight of the waist-high drift on the scales there. All guessed less than 1,000 pounds. When the drift was weighed the scales pointed to the vicinity of 3,600 pounds. A drift on the scales at Friona Wheat Growers weighed a total of 4,000 pounds.

Sheriff's Report

December 25, Gregory Scott, 43, of Littlefield, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with DWI, pending County Court.

December 25, Charles Regalado, 37, of Clovis, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office on a Curry County warrant for distribution of a controlled substance, pending transport.

December 26, Michael Delossantos, 44, of Lovington, New Mexico, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with possession of marijuana-more than 2 ounces, less than 4 ounces, pending County Court; and possession of a controlled substance, pending Grand Jury.

December 30, Fernando Lopez, 36, of Hereford, was arrested by the Sheriff's Office and charged with DWI, pending County Court.

December 31, Robby Armstrong, 39, of Farwell, was arrested by the Bovina Police and charged with possession of marijuana, driving with a suspended license, and unlawful carrying of a weapon, pending County Court; possession of drug paraphernalia, pending Justice of the Peace Court.

January 1, Lionel Guerra, 35, of Friona, was arrested by the Friona Police and charged with burglary of a habitation, pending Grand Jury.

January 1, Linda Martin, 42, of Clovis, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol and charged with theft by check, paid fine, court-costs, and restitution.

Prairie Acres & Friona Heritage Estates January Birthdays

Residents/Clients

- Charlie Eubank - Jan. 5
- Dean Allred - Jan. 6
- V.K. Smith - Jan. 10
- Paula Salazar - Jan. 15
- Julia Leake - Jan. 15
- Lawrence Cooper - Jan. 19
- Lauretta Brookfield - Jan. 30

Employees

- Jennifer Baize - Jan. 3
- Dawn Campos - Jan. 8
- Irene Trevino - Jan. 9
- Fred Ferguson - Jan. 10
- Jeff Moser - Jan. 10
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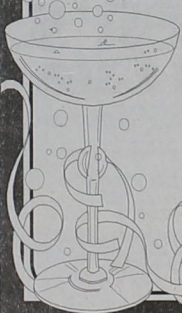
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THINK ABOUT THIS

Determining What Comes First

By T. LEON TALLEY, Sixth Street Church of Christ

Life is a lot like a coin, you can spend it any way you wish, but you can only spend it once. And, when it comes to choosing one thing over all the rest throughout life, it's a very difficult thing to do.

But, we must understand, we can never live like God wants us to live unless we are willing to determine who and what comes first.

Life places before us hundreds of possibilities. Some of them are bad, many are good and a few are the best. But each one of us must make a decision. What's my choice?


To be completely truthful, we really aren't left with numerous possibilities. Jesus Himself must be our top priority. He must come first in life if we are to be pleasing to God. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus is talking about the things we need in life such as food and clothing. He says in Matt. 6:33, "But seek first His (Christ's) Kingdom and His righteousness, and all of these things shall be added to you".

The word first means, above and beyond everything else, pursue this first. The Greek word "seek" means to search to strive for, to desire strongly. Its action is continuous and it means to "keep on striving, keep on searching after, keep on desiring". Today we would say, "Go for this first".

Have you thought about the implication of Jesus' statement in Matt. 6:33? It means simply that, whatever else I do, it ought to relate to this first pursuit of seeking Christ. Where I work, with whom I spend my time, the one I marry, where I spend my vacation, what I do for a hobby, etc.

Every decision I make must be filtered through Matt. 6:33.

As we begin the New Year, it's important that we each consider our priorities. Have we decided who and what comes first?



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER

By MICHAEL A. GUIDO

Many no longer celebrate the arrival of a New Year. They celebrate the survival of the old year. Here's how to have a happy New Year.

Happiness follows service.

The more caring you are, the more cheerful you become. The more serving you are, the more prosperous you become.

Happiness follows sacrifice.

Bear another's burden, and you'll be blessed. Supply another's need, and you'll be strengthened.

Happiness follows sincerity.

Seek sincerity, it will sustain you. Follow God, He will satisfy you.

Meet the Class of 2016



Dylan is a kindergarten student at Friona Schools. His parents are Mark & Misti Cooper. He has two sisters, Alysa and Shelby.

Dylan likes riding bikes and playing outside. His favorite foods are steak, chicken nuggets and tacos. His favorite color is red.

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Thank You

To all the folks in Friona, we wish to show our appreciation for all your kindness, and all your acts of love shown during our time of sorrow and loss of our loved one,

George A. Jones.

A very special thanks to Dr. Alexander and the Staff of Prairie Acres, for all the years of care given.

We know you were his family and made him feel loved and comfortable, all these past years.

Blackwell Funeral Home, the Pastor and Ladies of First Methodist Church, thank you for your kindness,

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Jolee Denise Lookingbill

Just before supper at 5:18 on December 22, 2004 Weighing 7 lbs. and 12 oz. and standing 19 3/4" tall in the saddle.

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Her grandparents are: Jim and Margaret Lookingbill of Dumas
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BY JOHN LEHTI

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Squaws Tune Up For District, Post 3-2 at Caprock Tourney

BY RON CARR

The annual Caprock Tournament in Lubbock, held this year December 29-31, attracts 63 teams representing all classifications, from 1A to 5A. It is used by coaches as a holiday warm-up, a test of skill against better teams, and a prelude to the opening of district play to evaluate strengths and weaknesses. It is also fun for players and fans. Most of the time.

Some Friona parents and fans were fuming over the poor Squaw shooting in game two, a loss to Lakeview Centennial of Garland, over the lack of backcourt pressing in a couple of games, and even about the noisy, party atmosphere hotel the team stayed in which housed about 15 teams. Evidently there were some tired players the next day because "everybody was up too late having fun."

Whatever the circumstances, the Squaws were 3-2 in their five tournament games, with wins over Lubbock Warriors, Claude and Petersburg and losses to Lakeview Centennial and Seagraves. It was a decent showing in a tough tournament atmosphere where they played five games in three days. Now the practice half of the season is over. After a final non-district game Tuesday with Muleshoe, the Squaws open district play Friday, January 7, at Dimmitt. Results at Caprock were:

Friona 61 Lubbock Warriors 17. The Squaws' opening opponent is a team made up of "home schoolers" that was formed and allowed to participate in UIL sports. The Squaws had no trouble with this one. It was 30-7 at the half and already won by then. Brenda Murphree was high scorer for the first time this season with 15 points, including a team-high three 3s. Trisha Winebrinner has 14, Courtney Adams 13, Katy Welch 8, Krista Graham 5, and Staci Murphree 4. A. Geris 2, Graham added a three-pointer.

Lakeview Centennial 40 Friona 33. Katy Welch scored 14 points. Nobody else scored more than 5 as the Squaws went cold in this Thursday morning game. They couldn't hit, didn't press, and still lost by only 7 points to a team out of Garland that had 14 girls on the squad and scored 11 of 22 free throws (Friona had only 3 of 4). Team leader Trisha Winebrinner scored only two points and fouled out of the game. Sophomore Shayli Reed, back from a knee injury, scored 5 points, Krista Graham and Andrea Geris had 3 each, Staci Murphree 2, C. Adams 2, and B. Murphree 2. Thirteen points in the second half won't win many basketball games.

Friona 62 Petersburg 32. Thursday night about 9 p.m. the

Squaws tipped off their second game of the day against Petersburg, scored 62 points, 32 in the second half. Winebrinner had only one foul in this game and led scoring with 15 points. Brenda Murphree scored 11 including three 3s again. Reed had 10 and two 3s, C. Adams and S. Murphree had 6 each, M. Adams and Katy Welch 5 each, and Krista Graham 4. Altogether the Squaws had seven 3s in the game.

Friona 52 Claude 43. The Claude Lady Mustangs tied for their 1A district title last year with a 19-12, 8-2 record but lost to Gruver in bi-district. They returned 4 starters. Didn't matter as the Squaws opened with an 18-9 1Q run and led all the way, scoring 26 points in the 1st half and another 26 in the 2nd as they again used the press and a dominating defense to score the win. Winebrinner and Courtney Adams tied for high point honors with 14 each. Andrea Geries, Welch, and Reed had 5 each, M. Adams 4, B. Murphree 3, and Graham 2.

Seagraves 58 Friona 51 (OT). Seagraves played in 2A last year, reaching the regional finals before losing to eventual state champion Shallowater. The team is 30-0 the last three years in district play. And that was in 2A. This year they are reclassified to 1A and

currently ranked 4th in Class 1A Division I. Their top player, Darchell Griffin has committed to Texas Tech where she will join her sister Darrice, a star on last year's Seagraves team.

Darchell Griffin scored 16 points but Friona's Katy Welch scored 17. Seagraves' 6' senior post Twashae Peterson led all scorers as she pounded Friona with 25 points. Once again the Squaws called off the press but the score was tied at regulation 51-51. The Squaws had seven 3s in the game. Seagraves had 3. Here is the big stat: Seagraves made 21 of 33 free throw attempts. Friona made only 4 of 6 attempts. Seagraves had 33 attempts, Friona was given 6. (Do I need to repeat it? Where were the refs?)

The score was tied 51-51 in regulation. In the four-minute overtime period, Seagraves made 7 free throws. That was all the OT scoring as Friona lost 58-51. Welch was high with 17 points, Winebrinner had 15, Geries and Reed 6 each, B. Murphree 4, and M. Adams 3. In the five-game set, Friona drained a total of 25 three-point shots.

In the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches 2A Top 20 this week the Squaws slipped to 18th. Brock and Wall continue as 1st and 2nd in TABC rankings.



VARSITY CHIEFS' Rudy Gonzales (23), Jon Nava (41), Matt Gammon (33) & Hayden Patton (22) go for the ball against Hale Center on Wednesday, December 29.

dana d. jameson photo

Chiefs Compete In Littlefield Tourney

By DANA D. JAMESON

The struggling 4-11 Chiefs traveled to Littlefield on Monday, December 27 to face the Dumas Demons in the first day of competition in the 2004 Wildcat Classic in Littlefield.

The Chiefs were still on vacation as they lost to the Demons 67-33. Leading the scoring was Chad Hutson with 12 points, Jon Nava 8, Hector Sanchez 6, Hayden Patton 5, and Will Hughs with 2.

Unfortunately, the Chiefs' were without the services of 6'3" junior post Cody Jamerson. Jamerson is out for the season due to surgery on a torn meniscus.

Day two of the tournament began with the very sad news that Ashley Yarbrough of the Littlefield JV girl's squad had been killed in a car accident. We would like to extend our sympathies to her family and teammates.

The Chiefs met the Meadow Broncos and led at half 32-27. But the Broncos came back after half and slipped by the foul prone Chiefs, 60-56.

With 20 points Nava led the scoring. Rudy Gonzales, Ramey Alaniz and Sanchez each had 9 points, Matt Gammon 5, Willy Castillo and Hughs each had 2.

Wednesday, December 29 proved to be the best day for the Chiefs. They met their old rivals Hale Center and held strong for their third meeting to win 47-39. Three of the Chiefs' four wins have been against Hale Center.

Gammon led the team in scoring with 2-three pointers, 3 rebounds, 6 steals and 15 points total. Patton also had a good day with 1-three pointer, 2 rebounds and 11 points. Nava scored 6 points, Sanchez 4, Gonzalez, Hughs, and Willy Castillo each 3 points, and Hutson with 2.

The Chiefs next travel to Muleshoe on Tuesday, January 4. Good luck Chiefs!



SQUAWS Misty Adams, left, Brenda Murphree (22), Andrea Geries (10), Katy Welch and Trisha Winebrinner surround a Lady Mule.

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Record 16-5

Squaws Lose To Lady Mules 59-49

BY RON CARR

The Lady Mules jinx is still in effect. Last year the Squaws were ahead by one point with seven seconds left and lost. This year the Squaws, with most of the same girls back, turned a 16-12 2Q lead into a 10-point loss.

Friona trailed by only one point at the end of the 3Q but Lady Mules Lindsey Wood and Kelsey Friskup combined for 14 of Muleshoe's 20 4Q points, with Friskup rattling in five goals to stretch Muleshoe's winning margin to 10 points.

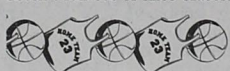
Squaw sophomore Shayli Reed was carried off the court in the 3Q with a knee injury again. Shayli saw limited action at the Caprock Tournament because of the same type injury. Her future playing time this year is now uncertain.

Senior guard Katy Welch burned the boards with 18 points to lead Squaw scoring. She had two 3s in the mix. Trisha Winebrinner scored 10, Andrea Geries and Misty Adams 7 each, Reed 3, Brenda Murphree and Staci Murphree 2 each. The Squaws canned four 3s in the game and were 11 of 13 at the free throw line.

Observers say the girls still need to work on position on rebounds, especially offensive rebounds. Coach North did not use the press until the 4Q and the Squaws had trouble getting the ball inside to posts Winebrinner or Adams. Maybe he is saving the full press for district. If so, that would be tomorrow night as Friona's Squaws venture into the Dimmitt Bobbies gym for game

one of District 6-2A competition.

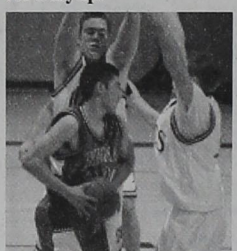
Last year the Squaws had a perfect 10-0 district record. Realignment brought them Dimmitt and Tulia as district foes this year as well as the return of Olton, Lockney, and Floydada. The future should be bright for the girls as long as Friona ISD doesn't run out of knee braces.



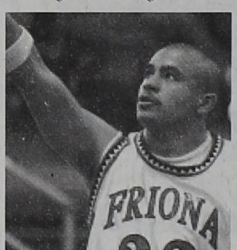
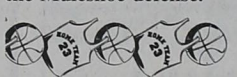
JV SQUAW Leslee Avalos (25) shoots a jumper at Muleshoe.



ANDREA GERIES drives for a layup.



CHIEF Ramey Alaniz splits the Muleshoe defense.



RUDY GONZALEZ

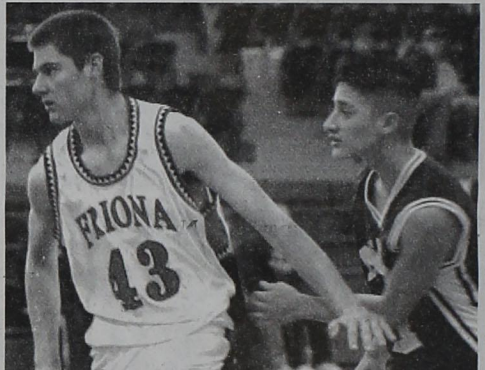
JV Chiefs Lose To Muleshoe

Friona JV Chiefs traveled to Muleshoe Tuesday, January 4.

The time off for Christmas was not good to Coach David Towner's team. Their timing was off and nothing seem to work against the Mules. They lost 61-24.

Caleb Miller led in the scoring with 6 points and 2-three pointers, Andrew Aguirre 5, Chance Lewellen and Phillip Saiz 4 each, Kelby Monroe and Micha Hummes 2 each and Brett Field with 1 point.

The JV boys host the Plains Cowboys on Friday, January 7, at 5 p.m. and Tuesday, January 11 they travel to Channing to meet Texline at 4:30 p.m.



SENIOR POST Will Hughs holds off a Meadow player.

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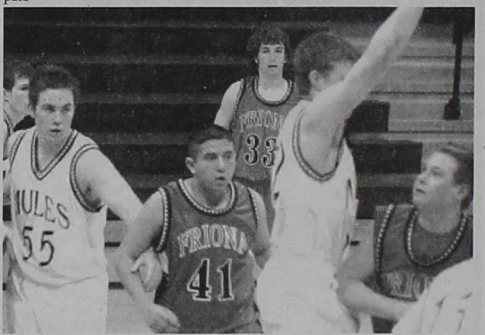
Chief's Crushed By Muleshoe

The Friona Chiefs' braved the elements of fog and rain to travel to Muleshoe, Tuesday, January 4, only to be crushed by the agile Mules ball handling, 69-40.

Coach Jeff Isom's Chiefs came away with bloodied noses and bruised thumbs during a less than shining performance on the court.

Jon Nava led the scoring with 10 points, Hayden Patton had 9 points and 1-three-pointer, Chad Hutson and Matt Gammon 6 each, Hutson also had 1-three-pointer, Will Hughs 4, Hector Sanchez 3 points and 1 three-pointer and Ramey Alaniz 1.

The Chiefs next host Plains Cowboys on Friday, January 7 at 6:30 p.m. and travel to Channing on Tuesday, January 11 to meet Texline at 6 p.m.



AT MULESHOE Chiefs Jon Nava (41) and Matt Gammon (33) look on as Hayden Patton, right, tries to get free for a shot.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of ANNIE LAURIE HARGROVE, Deceased, were issued on December 13, 2004, in Cause No. PR-2645, pending in the County Court of Castro County, Texas, to: DON HARGROVE
 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
 c/o: DON HARGROVE
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 Dimmitt, TX 79027
 DATED the 13th day of December 2004.
 DON HARGROVE
 Independent Executor of the Estate of ANNIE LAURIE HARGROVE, Deceased
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 "If I _____ Then"
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 8 TXism: "as far as an outhouse on _____"
 17 ex-Ranger hurler Robb, now Giant TXism for "celebrated"
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 24 LBJ Defense Sec. Robert Mc _____
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 30 San Antonio insurance co.
 31 Gov. Clements (init.)
 32 TX Clint Black's "Straight From _____"
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 35 TXism: "run it _____ lawyer"
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Proposals will be received until January 19, 2005 @ 10:30 A.M.
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Proposals, plans and specification for this project will be furnished without charge to any Contractor desiring to submit a bid. No pre-qualification is required. Contact Cat Soto at 135 Slaton Rd., Lubbock, Texas, Telephone (806) 748-4446 for proposals or any questions.

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 Mom, Renee, Alex, Jena, Keeley, Shawn, Hollis, Louis & Dierdre
 Come see us in 2K5 for anything you need. Remember to call early on holiday weeks since it gets really crazy. Thank you again and have a fantabulous New Year----Kenda

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 The residence of the Guardian is Farwell, Farmer County, TX; the post office address is:
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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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Water Measurements Begin In January

Beginning in January, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District personnel will make annual depth-to-water level measurements to determine the effect of pumpage during 2004 on ground water levels in the Ogallala aquifer within the district's 15-county service area.

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

"We want everyone to be aware that water district staff will be in the field from early January until completion of this work effort," said Don McReynolds, geologist and technical division director.

Water district personnel make the water level measurement by lowering a steel tape to a predetermined depth in the well. The first few feet of the tape lowered into each well are coated with carpenters' chalk, which turns a darker shade of blue when it comes into contact with water. The distance from land surface to the static water level is determined by subtracting the amount of tape with the darker blue chalk from the total feet of tape extended into the well. After the measurement is made, a blue vinyl sticker with the observation well number, the depth-to-water level measurement, and the date of the measurement is affixed to the well equipment or other appropriate surface near the well site.

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

in the Ogallala aquifer within the district.

Maps showing the location and well number of the observation wells in each county or portion of the county served by the water district are published each year in *The Cross Section*. This water level issue of the newsletter also contains tables listing observation wells in each county within the district and the average annual change in water levels for one-year, five-year, and 10-year intervals.

Additional information about the annual depth to water level measurements is available by contacting the High Plains Water District at (806) 762-0181 or by visiting the district's website at www.hpwd.com. Persons wishing to receive *The Cross Section* can contact the district to have their names added to the mailing list.



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PCG Ready to Build on Successful 2004

By SHAWN WADE

The past year has been one of tremendous change for the Texas High Plains. In fact, it seems that just about everything that could possibly change did.

Through it all High Plains cotton producers have accomplished more than many thought possible in the field and on the legislative and regulatory issues that affect them. Mother Nature and a change in the weather provided the biggest surprise and helped push 2004 production beyond expectations.

Producers, working together through Plains Cotton Growers, helped secure beneficial disaster assistance legislation, protected the key components of the 2002 Farm Bill and worked to lay the groundwork necessary to protect agriculture's interests.

At the state level, future debate on issues ranging from water to the budget and school finance reform will be shaped by the efforts PCG put forth in 2004.

At the federal level, budget issues will ultimately shape the debates important to cotton. Federal issues on the horizon include the start of the 2007 Farm Bill development process, preserving and expanding conservation program funding and dealing with the delivery of farm programs, crop insurance, and conservation programs.

PCG has stayed on top of these issues and is preparing to build on the successes achieved in 2004. Production-wise the 2004 crop is expected to be a record-setter, despite the prolonged effort of moving it from field to bale.

As "Cotton Years" go, 2004 will probably go unsurpassed in the record books for decades to come. For a new generation of cotton farmers the 2004 crop year will be remembered as a once in a lifetime event.

Despite the blessings that were received by many, the 2004 crop year was far from perfect. The same weather patterns that blessed the 41-county PCG service area with the second-highest rainfall amount ever recorded, also left destruction as well.

A truly significant event in 2004 was the passage of a 2003/2004 Disaster Assistance bill by Congress in the days leading up to the November elections.

Timely effort to secure crop disaster assistance to help cotton producers on the Texas High Plains is always a top priority on the Plains Cotton Growers agenda.

TBC Studies EU's Potential For Beef

The Texas Beef Council studied the European Union beef market in November. TBC's goal was to determine if the EU offered enough value to encourage a Texas producer to become certified to produce for that market.

The EU market is 3.5 times larger than Japan, but it bans all beef that is not certified as non-hormone treated. Certification audits can be costly for producers. "In today's market climate, (the EU is) probably minimally rewarding at this time," said Dan Dierschke, TBC Chairman. But he added, in times of lower prices, the EU could be "much more advantageous" for Texas producers.

Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by excessive rain, flash flooding, hail, high winds, and lightning are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Farwell, Thomas S. Taylor said today.

Parmer County is one of five in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the excessive rain, flash flooding, hail, high winds, and lightning.

Thomas S. Taylor said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Thomas S. Taylor said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until August 3, 2005, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season," Thomas S. Taylor said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations, or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding majority

interest. The FSA office in Farwell is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Cotton Education Seminars Scheduled

South Plains producers can update their skills in everything from crop production to pest management and earn continuing education units at upcoming Texas Cooperative Extension conferences in January and February.

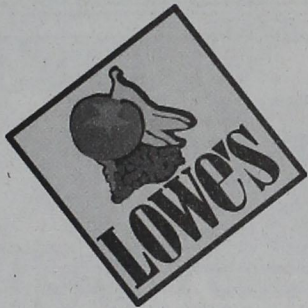
"These conferences are designed to provide farmers with the latest information on ways to improve their operations," said Dr. Bob Robinson, Texas Cooperative Extension Region I Program Director.

Conference dates and locations are:

Jan. 26 - Caprock Cotton Conference at the Plains Baptist Assembly south of Floydada runs from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with at least four continuing education units offered. Call the extension office in Floyd County at 983-4912 or in Crosby County at 675-2347 for more details.

Jan. 28 - Llano Estacado Cotton Conference at the Bailey County Coliseum in Muleshoe. Conference begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. Five continuing education units will be offered. Call the extension office in Bailey County at 272-4584 for more details.

Feb. 11 - The Hale and Swisher County Cotton Conference in Plainview begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. and runs until 4 p.m. Five continuing education units will be offered. Call the extension office in Hale County at 291-5267 or in Swisher County at 995-3726 for more details.



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OBITUARIES

Arvel Lee "A.L." Black

Funeral services for Arvel Lee "A.L." Black, 86, of Friona, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 2, 2005 at the Friona United Methodist Church in Friona with Reverend Steve Patterson, pastor, and Leon Talley, Sixth Street Church of Christ minister, officiating. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mr. Black died on Thursday, December 30, 2004 at Parmer County Community Hospital in Friona. He was born July 16, 1918 in Hollene, New Mexico.

He married Clyde Alice Caroland on July 16, 1939 in Clovis, New Mexico. A farmer and cattle feeder, they moved to Parmer County in 1944. He was a leader of agribusiness on the High Plains who farmed, fed cattle, and was chairman of Friona Industries, Inc. for 20 years. He was one of the original directors and developers of Friona Feed Yard, Paco Feed Yards and Hi-Pro Feeds, which all became part of Friona Industries.

Black purchased Poarch Brothers, a steel fabrication plant that built a high percentage of the feed mills in the cattle-feeding area. He owned it from 1982 to 1997 when he sold it to the employees.

He was director of the Parmer Soil and Water Conservation District for 32 years, president of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts for three terms, and a national director for the organization for four years. He was given the Special Service Award of the National Association of Conservation Districts. Black was appointed to the Texas Water Development Board for a six-year term and served as Chairman of the Board. He was a former director of the West Texas-New Mexico Sugar Beet Growers and the West Texas Water Institute. His key concern as a board member was utilizing and conserving water.

He was a past president of the Friona Lions Club and the Friona Chamber of Commerce. He was chairman of the board of Friona State Bank, and along with Andy Hurst and Dr. Lloyd Shackelford, was instrumental in securing the Missouri Beef Packers business in Friona in 1963.



A. L. BLACK

In 1959, the Friona Chamber of Commerce named Black as its Man of the Year and Texas Bank and Trust Company gave him the bank's award for outstanding supervisor. In 1966, Progressive Farmer magazine named him Farmer of the Year, and in 1978, he was named the Panhandle's Man of the Year by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce.

He served nine years as a trustee at Hardin-Simmons University. Texas Agriculture, the Student Agriculture Council and the faculty of the college of Agricultural Sciences of Texas Tech University, presented him with the Gerald W. Thomas Outstanding Agriculturalist Award in 1975.

He was presented the Nation Golden Spur Award in 1995, sponsored by National Cattlewomen Inc., American Paint Horse, National Livestock and Meat Board, Ranching and Heritage Association, National Cattleman's Association, Texas Cattle Feeders Association, and Texas Sheep and Goat Association. On May 14, 2000, he was named by the Amarillo Globe News as one of the Texas Panhandle's most influential citizens and one of the 100 top History Makers of the High Plains.

Survivors include his wife, Clyde; two sons, Danny Black of Friona and Keith Black of Lubbock; one daughter, Kitty Gallman of Friona; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch.

Helen Kathern Blalock

Graveside services for Helen Kathern Blalock, 85, of Dimmitt, Texas, were held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 6, 2005, in the Bovina Cemetery, with Father David Contreras of St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina, officiating. Arrangements were by Foskey-Lilley-McGill of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Blalock died at 9:38 a.m. on Sunday, January 2, 2005 in Dimmitt. She was born February 3, 1918 in Plainview, Minnesota to Joe L. and Margaret Langer.

Helen married Clyde Blalock in 1941 in Hereford, Texas. She was with her husband in Germany, where they adopted their daughter, Ute. They returned from Germany and moved to Bovina in 1961 where they lived until Clyde passed away in 1998. In 1999 Helen moved to Dimmitt to be with her daughter, Ute and her family.

Her husband Clyde Blalock, her parents Joe and Margaret Langer, and two brothers Joe and Fred Langer, preceded her in death.

Survivors include one daughter, Ute and husband Larry Ross of Dimmitt; three grandchildren, Terin Nicole Ross, Kristopher Tas Ross, and Jessica Helen Ross; one sister, Marie and husband Elton Venable of Bovina; and one special niece, Margaret Jo and husband Owen Moore of Loogootee, Indiana.

The family suggests memorials be to St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina.

Isabel Garcia

Funeral mass for Isabel Garcia, 19, of Friona, who died Wednesday, December 22, 2004 near Dalhart, were held at 12 noon on Monday, December 27, 2004 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona, with Fr. Ed Sweeney, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Rosary services were held at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 26 at the church.

She was born April 23, 1985 in Los Angeles, California. A Friona resident for the past eight years, she was a 2003 graduate of Friona High School and was presently attending Clovis Community College and working as a sales clerk at the Clovis Wal-Mart store.

Survivors include her parents, Ismael and Anna Garcia of Friona and grandparents,



ISABEL GARCIA

Margarita Cuevas of Los Angeles, California and Elisa Huisar of Mexico.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Isabel Garcia memorial fund c/o Friona Federal Credit Union, 203 W. 6th, Friona, TX 79035.

Barbara Williams

Services for Barbara Williams, 68, of Friona, were held on Saturday, January 1, 2005, at 2:00 p.m. at the Sixth Street Church of Christ in Friona, with Leon Talley, pastor, and Reverend Vergil Ichertz of Dimmitt, officiating. Burial followed in the Friona Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

She died Wednesday, December 29, 2004 in Amarillo.

Mrs. Williams was a graduate of Farwell High School, a retired Dietician at Parmer County Community Hospital, a current Board of Directors member of the Friona Senior Citizens, a member of the Woodmen of The World, and a member of the Sixth Street Church of Christ in Friona.

Survivors include her husband, Rex Williams of Friona; two sons, Ronnie Williams and DeWayne Williams both of Lubbock, Texas; her mother, Verna Metcalf of Muleshoe, Texas; one sister, Wanda Eakins of Portales, New Mexico; one brother, David Metcalf of Muleshoe, Texas; and five grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to The Friona Senior Citizens or The Friona Volunteer Fire Department.

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Parents who desire to nominate their child for this program may contact the counselor or principal in their child's building for the appropriate form.

Forms will need to be completed and returned to a building principal by January 31, 2005. A certified Gifted & Talented teacher will administer the necessary tests for admission to the program.

Los estudiantes de Friona ISD in K-12 tienen derecho a para nombramientos de padre or maestra al programa Telentoso y Talentoso ofrecia por Friona ISD para el 2005-06 ano de escuela.

Los padres que desean de nombrar su nino para este programa puede avisar el consejero o a director en su edificio de nino para la forma apropiada.

Las formas necesitaran ser completado y para ser vuelto al director por el la de enero de 2005. Los nombramientos del estudiante se consideraran y el probar necesario para la colocacion en el programa sera dado por un maestro certificado, Talentoso y Talentoso.

Pharmacists Concerned With Drug Importation

The federal Task Force on Drug Importation released a report that clearly outlines that importing drugs puts patient health at risk, and it would be extremely expensive and difficult to create a safe importation system.

Creating a safe system also would increase the costs of imported drugs and reduce expected national savings to a very small percentage.

The report reaffirms what many pharmacists and law enforcement officers have been saying for years—without the significant investment of additional resources and controls, the importation of prescription drugs is dangerous.

Texas pharmacists want patients to get the prescriptions they need at prices they can afford. The most expensive medication is the one that causes harm.

"Patients can end up paying for imported drugs with their money and their health," said Jim Martin, executive director/CEO of the Texas Pharmacy Association (TPA). "A mislabeled, substandard or fraudulent drug can worsen medical conditions."

Community pharmacists work

collaboratively with the patients and their doctors to ensure safe and appropriate medication use. Proposals that send Texas residents outside the U.S. or their communities destroy or limit the patient-care oversight and advice that pharmacists provide.

TPA hopes that the results of this federal study will encourage people to consider safe alternatives to drug importation. Generic medicines are less expensive than brand name drugs and are usually cheaper in the U.S. than in foreign countries. Manufacturer discount programs are another source to lower-cost prescription drugs.

TPA believes that public debate would be better served by focusing on creating ways for people to obtain affordable and safe medications in their own communities—instead of processes that require going outside the U.S.

For more information on the federal task force report, visit the website <http://www.hhs.gov/importtaskforce>.

TPA has been representing pharmacists in public policy matters and providing continuing education and other services for more than 125 years.

Friona ISD Monthly School Calendar January, 2005

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Teacher Work Day	4 1 st Day of Second Semester JV & V B&G BB vs. Muleshoe T	5 Report Cards	6 5 th B BB @ Highland Park 6:00 Local Stock Show 10:00 a.m.	7 JV & V Girls vs. Dimmitt T	8 7&8 B&G BB Tournament @ Tulia B&G Classic JV & V vs. Plains - H
10 7-8-9 BB vs. Dimmitt G-T, B-H 5:00 p.m.	11 Headstart Parent Meeting JH Cafeteria 4:30 p.m. JV & V G vs. Tulia - T 5:00 & 6:30 JV & V B BB Textline @ Channing 4:30 & 6:00	12	13 College Financial Aid Seminar @ HS Auditorium 7:00	14 All Region Band @ WTAMU JV & V B&G vs. Floydada - H	15 All Region Band @ WTAMU Power Lifting @ Highland Park Hereford Speech Tournament
17 7-8-9 BB vs. Tulia G-T B-H 5:00 p.m.	18 JV & V B&G vs. Olton - T	19 Parmer County Stock Show	20 Parmer County Stock Show	21 JV & V B&G BB vs. Lockney-H Parmer County Stock Show	22 7 th & 8 th B&G BB Tournament @ Sudan 9 th B&G BB Tournament @ Friona Special Olympics Basketball @ Hereford Parmer County Stock Show
24 Primary School Book Fair Progress Reports 7-8-9 BB vs. Floydada G-H B-T	25 Primary School Book Fair JV & V B&G BB vs. Dimmitt - H Baseball Pig Roast HS Cafeteria - 5:00	26 Primary School Book Fair	27 Primary School Book Fair 9 th B & G BB Tournament @ Dimmitt	28 Primary School Book Fair JV & V G&B BB vs. Tulia - H Ft. Worth Stock Show - January 28 th thru February 4 th .	29 Power Lifting @ Roosevelt 9 th BB Tournament @ Dimmitt
31 7-8-9 BB vs. Olton G-T B-H					

Last Puzzle Solution

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FRIONA ATTORNEY Kathryn Gurley was sworn in Thursday, December 30, as county attorney of Parmer County. She won the election as a write-in candidate. Attending the ceremony were her husband, John, and children, l-r, Alex, J, and Hollis.

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NOTICE

To Parmer County Taxpayers

Jan 31, 2005 is the deadline this year to pay all personal and property taxes in Parmer County. Checks must be postmarked by January 31 or penalty and interest will occur.

If you turned 65 years old as of January 1, 2005, then you need to sign up for the "65 and older" Homestead Exemption. This is a permanent exemption so if you already have signed up for it, you don't have to re-apply.

If you have purchased a home since you signed up for the Homestead Exemption, you need to reapply for this exemption.

Agricultural use exemptions are available for all who have purchased ag property during the past year, you need to apply for this exemption.

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Hollis Horton III Named To Texas Appeals Court

Governor Rick Perry appointed Hollis Horton III of Beaumont as justice of the Ninth Court of Appeals District. The appointment was pursuant to House Bill 2261, passed in the 78th legislative session. Horton will serve until the next general election when he can opt to run for a full term.

Horton is a 1974 graduate of Friona High School where he was a state winner in debate. He is a 1978 graduate of Duke University and received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law in 1980. He has practiced law in southeast Texas for 23 years. Horton is board certified in personal injury law and civil trial law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.



HOLLIS 'TRIP' HORTON

He is an attorney and senior partner with Orgain, Bell and Tucker, LLP, a member of the State Bar of Texas, American Bar Association, and the Jefferson County Bar Association.

Horton also serves as a member of the Texas Association of Defense Counsel and the Texas Civil Justice League. He is a member of the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce, Habitat for Humanity and is an active member of the Trinity United Methodist Church where he has served as chairman of the board of trustees and finance committee.

He is the son of Hollis and Lunell Horton of Friona. He and his wife Courtney have two children, daughter Marriott and son Robert. Marriott graduates from Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia in the spring and Robert is a sophomore in Beaumont ISD.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

January 2, 2005-January 15, 2005

- Jan. 2-John Bill McFarland, Sunny Horton Ratliff, Dr. Neil Veggeberg, Buford Hartwick, Jose Luis Prieto, Deanna Duke, Jimmy Bynum
- Jan. 3-Vicki Kube, Jennifer Brockman Baize, Marriott Horton, Vondale Mann, Jeremy Reed, John Jarecki, Maxine Bolding, David Moseley, Jolynn Tongate, Keylan Moore, Dale Mann, Jayden Merket, Jerry Ward
- Jan. 4 Wanda Wilhelm Gibson, Debbie Stowers, Mike Sunderlin, Judy Hromas, Brad Hromas, Peter Vanegas, Sandra Cockerham, Joe Black, Sr., Brandi Ventura
- Jan. 5-Courtney Stowers, Carolyn Kaufman, Keith Moore, Jaly Scott, Destiny Sandoval, Sarah Zagorin, Nora Fuentes, Charles Eubanks, Ricky Jamerson
- Jan. 6-Wesley Barnett, Randy Lee Sharpe, Megan Conlee, Linda Griffin, Don Teague, Carlene Grissom
- 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, Ruben Sema
- Jan. 9-Eva Miller, Joe Bill Jones, Jennifer Baker, Joel Hight, Cindy Weatherly, Anthony Nunley, Lorine White, Mitchell Wiseman, Galen Carson, Aaron Ramon, Jerry Rocha
- Jan. 10-Chris Houlette, Ben Neelley, Loy Loanman, Joshua Snyder, Margie Falwell, Jeff Moser, Larry Rogers, Rocky Bartlett, Gaylon Rhodes
- Jan. 11-Harold Reed, Slade Clark, Sam Landrum, Michael Jeter, Cleburne Stokes, Angela Green, Leanna Grissom, Bennie Widner, Geri Taylor, Monica Dominguez, Maria Mendoza, Frances Milner, Arlisa Denton, Angela Thompson, Erith Hawkins
- Jan. 12-Gary Don Schueler, Charles Hough, Sherri Jo Rector, Jeff Brown, V'Lynda Wilcox, Loren Marin, Jesse Castaneda, Andy Stormes, Patricia Parson, Melinda Ramon, Brett Riley
- Jan. 13-Logan Baize, Morgan Baize, Sarah Nelson, Sammy Stormes, Hemilia Perez, Elizabeth Sema, Jo Bunch
- Jan. 14-Marcia Blackwell, Clarice Dominguez, Dave Hutson, Lisa Jones, Larry Gonzales, Jacquelyn Hight Franklin, Christi Martin, Colby Ingram, Patty Davenport, Trent Cook, Pamela Pauling, Layne Clark, Arturo Espinoza
- Jan. 15-Dora Geneva Bentley, Aaron Kyle Hand, Abigail Jones, Carol Robinson, Tim Smith, Julia Leake

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