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Many holiday projects in the city

Christmas is here in three weeks. Decorations line Main Street and thanks to our city employees the city park lights add to the festivities.

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Christmas

lighting contest. Creative decorators have a chance to win \$100 in Friona Bucks. Only homes and businesses that are registered with the Chamber will be judged for the Christmas lighting com-

petition. Call the Chamber at 250-3491 to register your home or office. The lighting contest runs from December 1-15.

The annual Ho! Ho! Home for the Holidays program en-

courages residents to shop Friona during the Christmas season. Each participating merchant provides a registration box for you to register and drop your name in. Drawings will be held December 18.

A \$25 Friona Bucks prize is given at each business and then all names are put into a grand prize drawing for \$100 in Friona Bucks. So when you visit one of these businesses make sure you sign up:

A-1 Service Center, Bi-Wize Health Mart, Blackburn Hardware, Dairy Queen, Ivy Cottage, Kendrick Oil Farm Store, Lowe's Supermarket, Malouf's Fabrics, Friona Star, Reel Ticket Videos, Veterinary Industries, W.T. Services, Ingram's Department Store, and Friona Fitness Center.

Donations to Project Christmas Card and the Empty Stocking Fund can be made at the Friona State Bank. Collection canisters for Project Christmas Card have also been placed at various businesses around town including the Friona Star office.

Project Christmas Card is sponsored by the Hospital Auxiliary and donations are used to purchase equipment for the hospital. The Friona Star will publish a list of donors in the Christmas edition.

The Empty Stocking Fund is used to provide for needy children. Names of needy children are given by the school and clothing and toy items are provided to the families to use as Santa for their children. Peggy Monroe has taken over as coordinator of the Empty Stocking Fund program. The late Jo Blackwell chaired the fund for many years.



ron carr photo
Kaleb Nunley visits Santa at city park Monday

It is time for Santa letters

Hey parents and kids, it is time to send those letters to Santa.

Teachers at the primary and elementary schools will be helping the kids write letters to Santa, which will be sent to the North Pole after they are published in the Friona Star.

The deadline for Santa letters is Tuesday December 9. The Friona Star will collect letters from the schools on that day and they will be published in the Star over the following two weeks.

Santa letters can also be dropped off at the Friona Star office during business hours or mailed to Santa Letters c/o Friona Star, P.O. Box 789, Friona, 79035.



ron carr photo
Santa Claus, Little Miss Friona Carly Drake, left, and Miss Friona, Keeley Dunnam kicked off the Christmas season at city park Monday.

On The Turnrow: Simpatia of the Season

BY JIM STEIERT



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Alone at Christmas is the same in any language.

The rush of the north wind forced cold down his coat collar and inside his shirt as he opened the storm door, minus its center glass pane, then held it with the toe of his boot against the gusts that threatened mayhem with hinges. The knob of the weathered wooden door wouldn't budge, locked solid—guess she forgot we were coming—again.

Balancing on one foot, fighting the jerking of the storm door against the other, he shifted the pan to his left hand to free his right to knock. He cast a hang-on-a-minute glance back at the waiting delivery van, hoping the wheel man wouldn't lay on the horn—the driver and the setup man were putting in the same volunteer time he was and they had a lot of stops yet to finish the route. Still, he disliked the hurry-it-up-in-there rudeness sounded by blasts of the horn.

In the plastic pan under his arm was a cardboard sealed aluminum tray holding slices of turkey and yellow gravy, dollops of mashed potatoes, steamed green beans, quivering jellied cranberry. Atop the cardboard lid seal-

ing the main course was a tiny carton of milk—the red box on this stop—a Styrofoam container holding a pumpkin square, and a cellophane wrapped slice of bread tossed on just before he jumped from the van. The local 4-Hers had fashioned colorful Christmas placemats and cheery little reindeer made of marshmallows, with pretzels for legs and antlers and a redhot candy for the nose, to accompany all of today's deliveries.

He knocked a little louder the second time and heard stirrings inside. The door-knob wiggled and he shifted his right hand to the handle of the storm door and released his foothold. He pushed open the wooden door that gave grudgingly against the impediment of towels that had been tucked at its base to stanch the penetration of cold air.

Edging in, he pushed the wooden door shut with his backside, the abrupt change in temperature almost scalding after the raw air outside.

The dark-haired little lady who lived here stepped back, blinking. She was wearing a blue housecoat and had been dozing under a blanket on the couch. In the kitchen to his left the four burners atop the stove blazed—she was using what she had to warm the air.

He gave her a smile and moved quickly across the worn and torn floor tiles to the kitchen table, crowded with bills and papers, pill containers, and the mug and bowl from this morning's cereal and coffee. Shoving some of this flotsam of life aside to make room for the meal he was leaving, he won-

dered about her health, the bills, and the sink buried in an avalanche of dirty dishes. "Meda! Guajalote y papas." He hoped the flourish of stating the menu would make up for his pitiful Tex-Mex.

The lady nodded from her couch. He noticed then, on the splintered coffee table, a scrawny little tree, decked with foil and ribbons and a string of multi-colored hopeful lights. Beneath the tree were pictures, a strapping young fellow in a football jersey, a girl with a puppy, a

young man with glasses, the bow poised above his violin. In another, a man in a cowboy hat had his arm around a woman with the face of a younger her.

"Nieta, y nietos?" He pointed to the pictures, hoping he had the right words.

"Oh yes," she brightened, her English far better than his Spanish. "This is my granddaughter, and my grandsons." She pointed with pride to each one in turn. "And the one over there, that is my daughter, and her husband. They live

in the Valley, so I don't see them as much as I would like to," she said with a wistful smile.

"Are they coming up for Christmas day with you manana?"

She shook her head. "My son-in-law is a policeman, and he has to work tonight. It is too far for them to get here tomorrow. He has time off saved up. Perhaps they will be here to see me before too long," she sighed.

"Well, I hope that they come and see you very soon. It would be a wonderful

Christmas gift, even a few days late." Hope in his voice managed to muscle past the catch he suddenly felt in his throat.

She nodded and gave him a grandmotherly smile.

"Feliz Navidad," he said, patting her shoulder before opening the door.

"Dios te bendiga," he heard her call after him in the wind. She had wished him God's blessing.

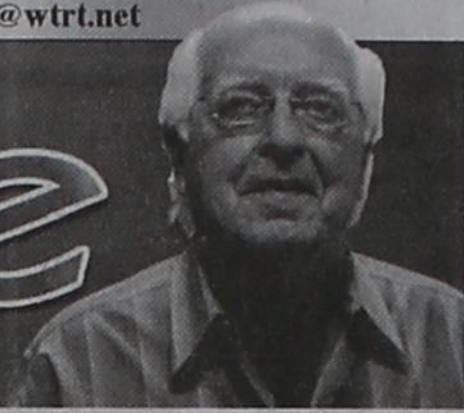
In the van, he wiped his cheeks with his coat sleeves. "Wind makes my eyes water," he said to the driver.



ron carr photo
Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Sandra Clayton and Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Trey Ellis are sworn in Monday by County Judge Bonnie Heald at the courthouse in Farwell. Clayton and Ellis took over the JP duties immediately in Bovina and Friona.

Out Here

By Ron Carr



BB guns on main street

Gun sales went up when it appeared that Obama would be the next president.

Never quite figured out why. It is said he favors gun control and perhaps the ruling party Democrats would abolish a citizen's right to bear arms.

I've got a couple of ancient guns in a closet at home including a pellet gun and a Daisy BB gun. I have an old 12-gauge shotgun I bought for \$39 at Babcock Brothers in Hillsboro when I was in high school. That would be around 50-years ago. I worked at Barnard's Grocery which was the only background check needed back then.

Then there is the semi-automatic long rifle .22 I got about the same time and used often to kill numerous cans and rabbits riding around in Hill County in Jimmy Morelock's Model A Ford.

In my youth kids shot BB guns in the backyard, along the creek banks, and down in the city park. We didn't have to have a permit or even

parental permission. It wasn't unusual to see boys around town wagging their BB guns looking for crows and sparrows. (Don't put the BBs in your mouth and spit them into the magazine. It will rust the gun. We did it anyway.)

Today if a youngster (or adult) is spotted in public lugging an air rifle they are likely to be surrounded by a SWAT team and hauled off to jail.

I reckon the pickup truck gun rack manufacturers went out of business long ago. It wasn't unusual to see a pickup with a couple of rifles on a rack in the back window at the grocery store or even the high school, but no more.

We learned gun safety from the grownups. It wasn't exactly rocket science, more like common sense. Keep the safety on. Keep your finger off the trigger until you were ready to shoot. Keep the barrel pointed up and away from folks around you. And don't try to climb over a barbed wire fence carrying the gun. You hold mine, I'll hold

yours. We live in a different world now. Guns are a danger sign.

A person with a gun is considered guilty until proven innocent. Unless you have a concealed gun permit which means you have been certified sane and responsible enough to hide a gun on your person or truck.

People have many reasons for wanting a concealed gun permit. Most are legitimate I guess. Protection is the main reason given although we don't hear many reports of a crime being prevented by a concealed handgun carrier.

Now a group of folks are planning to petition the Texas Legislature to allow people to openly wear guns in plain sight. For gun advocates it is known as "open carry".

Some reports say crime actually decreased when concealed handgun permits came into being. Crooks didn't know who was packing so they were reluctant to jump on just anybody. But if they can see you have a gun isn't it easier to sneak up and whack you? I've never been

a very good crook but it makes sense to me.

Here's a fact I did not know: Texas is one of only six states in which handguns can't be worn in plain view. The other five are New York, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Florida, and South Carolina. That means 44 states allow residents to wear their handguns in plain sight. I'm not necessarily against the idea but you have to admit it is pretty scary.

The open carry folks are targeting Texas now and you can sign their petition at www.opencarry.org. "Get ready for a showdown in Austin come January," a spokesperson told the Ft. Worth Star Telegram in a story in Sunday's edition.

I have enough problem with people in the Wal-Mart aisles talking on their cell phones much less a bunch of dudes with loaded pistols on their belt.

The situation brings up all sorts of questions about rules and regulations. What happens if you are in a store, let's say, and the lady next to you takes her gun out of its holster and starts twirling it around. Is that going to be illegal?

Then there needs to be rules about what kind of holsters are allowed. You wouldn't want it to be easy, for someone to yank your gun from its holster. The guys who can't qualify for open carry permits might want to heist your pistol.

In addition to greeters, stores like Wal-Mart should be required to make sure your pistol is on safety before you get your shopping cart. Might even give new meaning to the phrase "check your firearms at the door".

I don't see much positive in allowing the general populace to strap on guns in public. I'm pretty sure law enforcement officials aren't too crazy about the idea either. When they arrive on the scene of a disturbance and everybody is packing a gun how do they tell the good guys from the bad?

I don't think it is a good idea but if it passes I hope they slip in a permit to carry Daisy Red Ryder BB guns in public too. It's been 50+ years but I bet I could still put a hole dead center in an aluminum beer can from 30 yards.

Mark Your Calendar

- December 6**
Pheasant season begins thru January 4
- December 10**
Friona State Bank Christmas Tea 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- December 14**
Choir Christmas Concert at 4 p.m. in the high school auditorium
- December 17**
First National Bank Christmas Tea 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- December 18**
Chamber Ho, Ho, Home for the Holidays drawings
- December 22 - January 2**
School's out for Christmas Holidays Starts January 5
- January 18**
Prairie Acres benefit Mexican dinner, Jr. High Cafeteria



Heather Sandoval blows a bubble on a drive to the basket.



Matthew Stanberry scores 2 of his 22 points against Farwell.

Tex-Mex Chili Pie

Perfect for wintry nights or while watching sporting events, this hearty chili is accented with crisp corn tortillas, fat-free cheddar cheese and dollops of fat-free sour cream. This recipe is worth repeating, so save time now by making a double batch and storing the leftover chili in an airtight container for up to 6 months in the freezer.

Chili

- 1 pound extra-lean ground beef
- 1 15.5 ounce can no-salt added black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 14.5 ounce can no-salt added diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 8 ounce can no-salt added tomato sauce
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup chopped red onion
- 1/2 medium yellow bell pepper, chopped
- 1/2 medium green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 tsp chili powder
- 1 tsp salt-free all-purpose seasoning blend

Tortillas

- Cooking spray
- 4 6-inch corn tortillas

Toppings

- 1/2 cup shredded fat-free cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup fat-free sour cream

In large nonstick skillet, cook beef over medium-high heat for 6-8 minutes, or until browned, stirring frequently to turn and break up. Using slotted spoon, transfer beef to 2 to 3 quart slow cooker. Add remaining chili ingredients to slow cooker, stirring to combine. Cook on high for 3 to 4 hours or on low for 7 to 9 hours, or until onions and bell peppers are tender and flavors have blended.

Meanwhile, preheat oven to 375. Lightly spray a baking sheet with cooking spray. Using a sharp knife, cut each tortilla into 8 triangles. Place in single layer on baking sheet. Lightly spray tops with cooking spray.

Bake for 8 to 10 minutes, or until chips are golden brown and crisp. Transfer baking sheet to cooling rack. Let chips cool for 15 minutes.

When chili is ready, place 8 tortilla chips with pointed end up around inside of each rimmed soup bowl. Ladle chili into bowls. Sprinkle cheddar over chili. Top each serving with a dollop of sour cream.

Serves 4; 1 1/2 cups per serving

ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "___ pill to swallow"
- 5 ___ vera
- 6 ___ jockey
- 7 '49 film: "___ Paso"
- 8 org. for Mavs, Spurs & Rockets
- 9 cuddly feline? (2 wds.)
- 15 TXism: "___ enough to pucker a pig"
- 16 Fredericksburg paper: "Standard/___"
- 19 Stanton: "Home of 3,000 Friendly People ___ Old Soreheads"
- 21 this Diaz was Ranger infielder ('91-'93)
- 22 classy & expensive
- 27 Cowboys are in the upper ___ of NFL teams
- 28 surrounded with a saintly light
- 29 SMU alum actress, Dorothy
- 30 "Texas Hold 'em" is ___ in TX
- 32 great 4-octave TX singer Roy (init.)
- 33 TXism: "___ can't see to can't see"
- 36 TXism: "___ bout"
- 37 support garment
- 38 "Lonesome Dove" was ___ by TX Larry McMurtry
- 39 Cowboy DT Tony ('91-'93, '96-'97)

- 41 "Santa ___ National Wildlife Refuge"
- 42 rodeo steer wrestler: "bull ___"
- 45 Buda named for this Spanish wd. for "widow"
- 46 slipshod
- 47 TXism: "right handy with a ___" (fat)
- 48 Gen. Robert ___
- 49 Texas Tech "Red ___"
- 52 in Ellis Co. on I-45

- 53 TXism: "get your ducks ___ row"
- 54 "hang ___"
- 55 TXism: "red ___" (liquor)

The Original

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

Solution on page 4

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- 12 shortest tributary in TX (2 wds.)
- 13 TXism: "sidekick" (2 wds.)
- 14 "bull" south of the border
- 15 the maximum in TX is 8.25% (2 wds.)
- 16 rod and ___
- 17 above El Paso: ___
- 18 TXism: "got as much ___ hibernating bear"
- 20 TX Swayze medium
- 22 Cowboy Barber alma mater (abbr.)
- 23 TXism for "hand"
- 24 TX Bruce McGill film: "___ Burn"
- 25 horse pen
- 26 unusual cattle breed
- 28 Lukas of "Leap of Faith" with TX-born Steve Martin
- 31 TXism: "does a cat have a climbing ___?" (yes)
- 34 ___ Worth (abbr.)
- 35 ___ River
- 37 TX "___ Bell" ice cream
- 40 San Antonio amphitheater: "Lone Star ___"
- 43 George W. edged him out in 2000
- 44 capitol is made of "sunset red"
- 50 Keaton of "Family Stone" with TX Luke
- 51 Cowboy Emmitt (init.)

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Letters to the editor are always welcome. Views expressed in letters are those of the writer and do not always reflect the views or opinions of the editor or staff of the Friona Star. Submission of a letter does not guarantee publication. All letters are subject to editing for grammar, style, or length. Letters must be signed and include name, address, and phone number of sender for verification. Anonymous letters are never considered for publication.

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Town Talk II

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

Don't forget about the Country Christmas Jubilee at the Farwell Community Center Friday and Saturday, December 5-6. Friday hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Arts and Crafts vendors from around the area will be there. The Jubilee will feature a complete concession stand for breakfast, lunch, and dinner Friday night. The shopping hours were adjusted so you can go after work Friday and enjoy a dinner too. Support the local vendors and kick off the Christmas season.

Did you know the Farwell Community Center was originally built as a bowling alley? I didn't until last week. Make the drive over. You'll enjoy it.

Let's hear a congratulations to the Muleshoe Mules who are only two games away from a state football title. They've had a heck of a year, they are in our district, and we

wish them success. Go Mules.

A reminder also that the employees at Parmer County Community Hospital are collecting no longer needed used cell phones in a Cell Phones for Soldiers campaign. They are collected, recycled, sold, then the money is used to provide phone cards for our soldiers overseas. Drop your old cell phones by the hospital business office. Thanks.

Donations are being accepted at Friona State Bank for the annual Project Christmas Card program. It is sponsored by the Hospital Auxiliary and money is used for equipment at the hospital. A cause worthy of donation. There is also a Lions Club used eyeglasses collection box at Friona State Bank.

You can drop off Project Christmas Card donations here at the Friona Star office too. And while you are about town, shop the local merchants participat-

ing in the Chamber's Ho! Ho! Home for the Holidays promotion. Sign up to win Friona Bucks cash prizes.

The Empty Stocking Fund also accepts donations at Friona State Bank. This fund, chaired for many years by the late Jo Blackwell, is now in the capable hands of Peggy Monroe. It is a fund that provides Christmas items of clothing and toys to needy children.

Names are provided by the school and Peggy purchases needed items, turns them over to the school who in turn gives them to the family to use as Santa gifts. It is a great cause and your donations will be appreciated and well used.

First Monday at the senior citizen's lunch this week was the Mexican pile-on. Good crowd in attendance. Sympathies were expressed to the families of Gaylord Stowers and Lawrence Widner. Both men passed away unex-

pectedly during the weekend.

Gaylord passed away while visiting his daughter in the Houston area and Lawrence passed away during Sunday night at home.

Gaylord was an excellent and highly regarded mechanic here in Friona. Lawrence was a long time FFA/ag instructor in the Bovina school system who remained active in the livestock shows after his retirement several years ago.

Both men will be missed and we send our thoughts and prayers to the families.

I went over to Farwell Monday for the swearing-in ceremony for Sandra Clayton and Trey Ellis as they assume their respective Justice of the Peace duties. Trey and Tracy's daughter Whitney Ellis was there. She is a 1999 graduate of FHS and will be celebrating her 10-year class reunion next year. Doesn't seem possible. She was an above average Friona Squaw basketball player and now lives in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area.

Also visited with County Clerk Colleen Stover and Tax Assessor Bobbie Pierson. Both ladies are recovering from broken bones, shoulder for Colleen and leg for Bobbie. There are some nice folks at the County Courthouse. I should get over there more often.

Stan Ellis of San Antonio spent Thanksgiving back home with his par-

ents, Bill and Carol Ellis. They enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner at their cousin Kenny Ellis' animal farm south of Lubbock and a Friday lunch at K-Bob's in Hereford.

Bill's son-in-law Noel Garcia had box seats for the Texas Tech vs. Baylor game so Bill, Stan, and Noel attended Tech's 35-28 win. Bill said it was the first Tech game he had seen in person since Stan was a member of the Red Raider Marching Band.

Remember when shopping in Amarillo or Clovis or other big cities, thieves are on the prowl during the Christmas holidays. Auto burglars scout malls, shopping centers and other retail parking lots looking for loot left in plain sight. Every year we have to tell you not to park in a mall parking lot and leave your gifts and

purchases in plain view in the back seat. They will break your car window and steal the stuff so you have a double problem of getting your window fixed and buying more stuff. That's a pain.

Also ladies should take precaution when walking to your car in a crowded parking lot with that big purse or an armload of gifts. A Wal-Mart parking lot is not a crook-free zone. Take a friend. Be aware. Don't let some low-life lazy criminal bum ruin your Christmas.

I know it's Christmas season because Christy Lane is back on TV hawking her Christmas carol CDs. Christy shows up every Christmas. Don't know what she does the rest of the year. Shake me I rattle, squeeze me I cry. Please take me home and love me. Until then!

Country Christmas Jubilee scheduled

The annual Country Christmas Jubilee Arts and Crafts Show will be held December 5 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and December 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Farwell Community Center.

Event coordinators extended the shopping hours on Friday to accommodate people who want to shop after work and enjoy a dinner, all in one place.

The Jubilee will feature a full concession stand and sit-down dining room. Delicious meal items are on the menu for everyone to come out and enjoy, for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Crafters and vendors come from all over the area—Friona, Farwell, Texico, Lazbuddie and Rhea. This is a great way to support your local crafters and kick off the Christmas holiday in a fun and festive setting.

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Join us for our annual **Christmas Tea** Wednesday December 10

Stop by the bank between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. for some delicious Christmas goodies and Christmas cheer.

Christmas music provided by Clint Mears.

Come by and visit as we welcome the Christmas season.

The Senior Bank Club Christmas party date has been changed to December 18 at 6 p.m. at the Friendship House.

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Celebrating our 100th Birthday in 2008

New Arrival



Big sister, Bria Joy, 2 yrs old, welcomed her baby sister, Adalyn "Ady" Grace, to the family along with parents, Gabe and Kayla Ferris of Dalhart. Ady was born on November 18, 2008 and weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Her grandparents are Criss and Karen Wyly of Friona and Scott and Donna Ferris of Dalhart.

Great-Grandparents are Lydia Wyly of Friona and Joy and Clarence Holmes of Amarillo.

TDH immunization December schedules

Immunization clinics offering the vaccines that give protection against childhood diseases are scheduled for December 2008 in Friona and Bovina.

The clinic in Friona will be open Friday, December 5, 2008 at 616 Euclid from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The clinic in Bovina will be open Monday, December 8, 2008 in the Bovina EMS Building, 109 S. 3rd, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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

Courthouse Notes

Warranty deeds reported from the County Clerk's office for the week of November 19-26, 2008.

Milton Burch Tyson & Cloie L Tyson - John Lyle Visser Revocable Family Trust & Grace Ajean Visser Revocable Family Trust W160 AC S 320 AC S17T14S R3E

Todd Bessire & Cynthia Susan Bessire - John Lyle Visser Revocable Family Trust & Grace Ajean Visser Revocable Family Trust S 294.0 AC OF E 454 AC S16 T14S R3E.

Grace Young - John Lyle Visser Revocable Family Trust and Grace Ajean Visser Revocable Family Trust W 160.0 AC OF S 320.0 W 47.725 AC OF S 130 AC OF N 290 OF W 450 AC S16 T14S R3E

Mario Rodriguez & Elva Rodriguez - Yesenia Rodriguez NW/PT L18-20 B3 Bovina

Stephen Sherrill, Terry Sherrill, Wendy Sherrill Curry, & Patti Sherrill Brown - John Maestas L17 SW 12' L18 B4 Ridgelea

HUD - Richard Bermea & Monica Bermea L4 N5.0' OF E65.0' L5 B24 Friona

Procoro Rodriguez & Hortencia Rodriguez - Cesar Morales Alvidrez Vol 30 Pg 659

Ismael Rocha - Emiliano Legarreta & Estolia Legarreta L4 B90 Friona

Richard Lynn Herring & Blaire Herring - Bob Hurst 0.826 AC OF S11 T3S R3E

Kay Dee Farms LLP - Eric Daale & Tami Daale S34 BLK A NW/4 S33 BLK A

Rocking H Orchards Inc - Eric Daale & Tami Daale SE/4 S27 BLK B

Allan L Myers & Robin R Myers - Clifford J Padget & Mary M Padget NE/4 S47 BLK C

Allan L Myers & Robin R Myers - Billy D McGrath SW/4 S2 T1N R1E

W D Howard & Beth Howard - Eric Daale & Tami Daale NE/4 S45 BLK A SE/4 S37 BLK A

Sheriff's Report

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

November 24, 2008, Hector Sanchez, 20, of Friona, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office with a Randall County warrant, posted bond and released.

November 25, 2008, Juan M. Cruz, 30, of Friona, was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol for driving while intoxicated and evading arrest, pending County Court.

November 28, 2008, Fatima Aragon, 30, of Clovis, was arrested by the Parmer County Sheriff's Office for driving while intoxicated with a child and possession of a controlled substance, pending Grand Jury.

On November 13, in 287th District Court with Judge Gordon Green presiding:

- Eduardo R. Rodriguez, 29, of Friona, charged with subsequent DWI, was sentenced to 4 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, confinement suspended, placed on community supervision for 4 years; 10 days confinement in Parmer County Jail as a condition of community supervision; loss of driver's license for 18 months; \$470 court costs; and \$1,000 fine.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 7 - December 13, 2008

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

Dec. 7-Hortencia Bermea, Carla Sue Scott, Lauri Rector, Melanie London, D' Lynn Carr, Brenda Busch

Dec. 8-D.L. Osborn, Jesse Estrada, Kandace Frye, David Lopez

Dec. 9-Bill White, Robert Martinez, Jake Brozek, Robert Rocha, Doug McLemore

Dec. 10-Kelli Coffey, Jason Grant Berend, Ross Roden, Don Ready, Connie King, Kenneth Wilkerson, Sharon Newton, Michael Johnston, Sabina Schilling

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Taryn Jamerson (25) drives to the basket against Nazareth as Heather Sandoval (23) looks on. More basketball photos at frionaonline.com

Chiefs edge Naz 53-52 at buzzer

BY RON CARR
Chieftain quarterback Justin Dominguez was supposed to throw a Hail Mary pass to receiver Matthew Stanberry but the ball ended up in the hands of quarterback Joey Dickson who fumbled but recovered it and threw it over a Nazareth defender for the winning points.
It wasn't the Chiefs final football game but the opening home basketball game. With 1.4 seconds left on the clock and two points behind, Dominguez launched a floor length inbounds pass that was supposed to go to post Matthew Stanberry in the lane. Instead, the ball drifted into the hands of point guard Joey Dickson. It bounced once and Dickson launched a desperation pass over a Nazareth defender, sending the ball off the backboard and through the net as the

final buzzer sounded.
Only seconds before, Nazareth's Nicky Rowland missed the first half of a one and one from the free throw line that would have put the game out of reach. But Friona rebounded the missed free throw and called time out, stopping the clock with 1.4 seconds left.
The Chiefs and Swifts battled back and forth throughout the game. The score was tied at the end of the first and third quarters. Nazareth appeared to have the winning edge until the final second Chief comeback.
Dickson led the Chiefs in scoring with 20 points including four 3-point goals. Stanberry had 16 points, Stetson Reed 8, Dominguez 5, Nick Ortiz 3, and David Schwab one point.
Ortiz and Reed each had a 3-pointer. The Chiefs were only 9 of 20 from the foul line. Nazareth shot 7 of 16 free throws.
Saturday November 29 the Chiefs hosted Bovina and game out of reach. The Mustangs led by Stanberry's 29 points. Dickson scored 12 (all 3s), Reed 10, Dominguez 8, Ortiz 7, Jeremy Alaniz and Rolando Castanon 5 each, and Schwab 2 points.
Jesus Rocha was top scorer for the Mustangs with 21 points and Oscar Rodriguez had 17.
The Chiefs will participate in the Vega tournament this week, December 4-6. They open against Texline at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, then play either Happy or Boys Ranch on Friday. San Jacinto, Arbor Christian, Channing, and Vega are the other teams in the tournament.

Squaws mash Farwell's Lady Blue 59-50

The Squaws put on a scoring show and relentless defense to beat Farwell's Lady Blue 59-50 Tuesday at Friona gym. After a 14-14 tie at the end of the first quarter, the Squaws pulled away to a 31-24 halftime lead and were never behind again, overcoming a 13-9 Farwell third quarter with a 19-13 fourth quarter run.
Heather Sandoval was top scorer with 17 points along with Stephanie Aguirre with 16. Sasha Estrada chipped in 8, Taryn Jamerson 7, Regan Anthony 5, Anna Murphree 4, and Kami Kerby 2.
Sasha and Stephanie each had two 3-point goals and Heather had one 3-pointer. The team was 14 of 21 from the free throw line.



Stephanie Aguirre focuses on the basket before sinking the game winning free throw to defeat the #4 ranked 1A Nazareth Swiftettes.

Friona's JV tournament this week

The Friona boys and girls JV teams are hosting a JV basketball tournament here beginning today (Thursday December 4) through Saturday.
For the JV girls, Pool A teams are Tulia, Lubbock Lady Warriors, and Sudan. Pool B teams are Friona, Dimmitt, and Farwell. Friona plays Dimmitt Thursday at 5:20 p.m. and Farwell Friday at 6 p.m. The winners of Pool A and Pool B will play in a championship game Saturday at 4:40 p.m.
Teams in the JV boys tournament are Smyer, Farwell, Sudan, Tulia, Lubbock Cooper, Shallowater, and Dimmitt. The JV Chiefs open against Smyer at 6:40 p.m. Thursday and will play either Farwell or Sudan Friday. The consolation game is Saturday at 3:20 p.m. and the championship game is at 6 p.m. Saturday.
Games will be 7-minute quarters with 8-minute halftimes. Games will not start before the scheduled time and warm-up periods will be adjusted to keep games on schedule.
Concession stand will be available. The community is urged to come out and support the JV tournament throughout the weekend.



Justin Dominguez (10) drives the baseline in the Chiefs 53-52 win over Nazareth.

Freshman boys basketball update

The Friona freshman have played two district games and participated in the Canyon tournament. They have a record of 2-3.
The frosh beat Tulia 55-19 but lost to Dimmitt 47-40. At the Canyon tourney they lost to Canyon 58-19, lost to Plainview 61-32, and beat Pampa 45-40.
Scoring leaders through the five games are Ryan DeWit 41, Dillon Kelley 36, Gabriel Avalos 35, Michael Ortiz 23, and Weston Wyly 10.
Freshman team members, some of whom will rotate back and forth to JV, are: Gabriel Avalos, Ryan DeWit, Payden Henry, Dillon Kelley, Caleb Monroe, Donovan Ortiz, Michael Ortiz, Jacob Pena, Victor Reveles, Ismael Rocha, Miguel Soto, Matthew Teague, and Weston Wyly.

JV Squaws 30 JV Farwell 33

The Friona Squaws junior varsity lost a close game to the Farwell JV Lady Blue 33-30 Tuesday night. The score was tied 17-17 at the half and Friona had a 5-0 third quarter run but Farwell came back with a 16-8 fourth quarter to edge the Squaws.
Ester Sarabia led scoring with 7 points, Lisann Davila and Brittny Herbert 6 each, Tenna Montana 5, Liz Trevino 4, Shayla Parker 2.

Varsity/JV Chiefs corral Farwell Steers

The Friona junior varsity Chiefs put the big hurt on Farwell's JV boys in a 62-33 win at Friona gym Tuesday. The varsity boys did their part with a 58-41 win of their own.
Nine JV Chiefs were in the scoring column to bash the Steers. Ernesto Monreal led with 15 points, Brenner Barnett tossed in 13 points, Caleb Monroe had 12, Gabriel Avalos 7, J Gurley 4, Duncan Welch 4, R. Burios 3, J Kelley 2, and D Kelley 2.
Monroe put in three 3-pointers and Barnett had one. The JV Chiefs were 8 of 13 from the free throw line.
The varsity Chiefs, led by Matthew Stanberry's 12 first quarter points, opened a 22-9 first quarter lead and were never threatened on their way to a 58-41 win over the Steers.
Stanberry finished with a game-high 22 points, followed by Joey Dickson with 17. Dickson had 4 three-point goals. Stetson Reed tossed up 8 points, Justin Dominguez 6, and Rolando Castanon 5.
The Chiefs were 3 of 11 from the foul stripe but did a good job controlling their fouls as Farwell shot only 4 of 4 free throws. The Chiefs participate in the Vega Tournament this weekend.



Chieftains Justin Dominguez (10) and David Schwab (00) team up on Nazareth's Sage Black. More basketball photos at Frionaonline.com.

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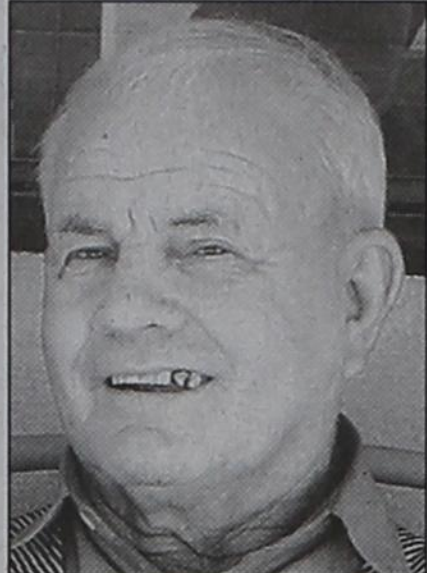
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OBITUARIES

Lawrence Widner

Lawrence Widner, 72, went to meet his Heavenly Father on December 1, 2008. Lawrence married Carolyn, the love of his life, on December 29, 1954. Lawrence is survived by his family, one son Larry of Bovina; three daughters, Terry Hunt and husband Chris of Friona, Linda Merritt and husband Butch of Nazareth, and Laura McMillin and husband Kelly of Shallowater.



Lawrence Widner

Lawrence and Carolyn were genuinely blessed with six beautiful granddaughters, Ashley Hilton and husband Philip, Amber White and husband Ty, J'Lae and Jenny Jo Merritt, Christy Widner, and Andi Kate McMillin; one great granddaughter, Trinity Black; six wonderful grandsons, Josh Merritt and wife Marissa, Clay Cristy, Keith Hunt, Trey Widner, and Jake McMillin.

Lawrence was born the second son of Harley and Edith Widner on February 22, 1936. He leaves behind four sisters, Gay Johnson, Susie Widner, Karen and Wayne Lightfoot and Nyla and Rick Walter; and three brothers, Harley and Ruthie Widner, Lynell Widner, and Jamie and Robin Widner; and in-laws Molly Widner and Clyde Yarbrough. He was also dearly loved by numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Neville Widner; two sisters, Sharon Yarbrough, and Debbie Lesly; a sister-in-law, Linda Widner; and beloved mother-in-law Reva Farmer.

Lawrence graduated from Melrose High School in 1954 and received a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture from NMSU and later a Master's

degree in School Administration from ENMU. He served as New Mexico State FFA President in 1954. He taught Ag and Science in various schools in Eastern New Mexico.

In 1975 Lawrence and Carolyn moved to Bovina, Texas where he continued teaching and raising show pigs. In 1978 Lawrence achieved a life-long dream when he and Carolyn bought their first farm. C and L Farms has grown into quite a partnership with several farms in Parmer County.

Lawrence has remained active volunteering for the youth of Parmer County since his retirement in 1999. He was currently serving as a board member for Parmer County Farm Bureau, Parmer County Livestock Show, and Friona Federal Credit Union.

Services will be held at 1:00 pm (CST) Thursday, December 4, 2008, at Bovina Church of Christ and interment at Melrose Cemetery at 4:00 pm (MST).

The family requests memorials be sent to: The Widner Family Scholarship Fund, c/o American Heritage Bank, P.O. Box 318, Melrose, New Mexico 88124 or your favorite charity.

Arrangements are by Steed-Todd Funeral Home of Clovis, New Mexico.

Gaylord Stowers

Gaylord Andrew Stowers, 67, of Friona, died Saturday November 29, 2008, in Spring, Texas. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday December 3, 2008, at Calvary Baptist Church in Friona with Reverend Rick Burton, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in the Bovina Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.



Gaylord Stowers

Mr. Stowers was born April 16, 1941, in Clovis, New Mexico, to A.D. and Lucille Carol Harley Stowers. He was a longtime resident of Parmer County. He served in the United States Marine Corp during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the VFW, the NRA, the Texas Farm Bureau, and the First Baptist Church of Friona.

He was also an associate member of the Texas Sheriff's Association and owner and operator of Stowers Automotive Shop in Friona.

Survivors include one daughter, Gayla Stowers-Champenois and husband

Ludovic of Spring, Texas; two sons, Jeffrey Stowers and wife Heather and Dusty Stowers of Friona; two dear friends thought of as sons, Michael Cole of New Braunfels, Texas, and Dennis Smock of Bridgeport, Texas; three sisters, Carolyn Rainey and husband Terry of Amarillo, Joyce Read and husband Billy Don of Bovina, and Diane Talley and husband John of Longview, Texas; one brother, Larry Stowers and wife Karen of Amarillo; and 5 grandchildren.

Barberette Sikes

Barberette Sikes, 78, of Bovina, died Saturday, November 29, 2008 in Bovina.



Barberette Sikes

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Bovina, with Reverend Brian Mullins, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in the Bovina Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mrs. Sikes was born in Fairy, Texas on May 16, 1930 to Joshua Irdale and Essie Homa Blakley Jameson.

She married Wilfred Ernest Sikes on September 4, 1948. He preceded her in death on December 21, 1972. She was a longtime Bovina resident and former owner and operator of The Dairy Freeze eatery in Bovina. She also was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bovina.

Survivors include one daughter, Cathy Riley of

Bovina; one sister, Ada Titas of Syracuse, Ohio; one brother, Jessie Jameson of Hamilton, Texas; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to the First Baptist Church of Bovina.

Jack Stone concert at Grace Baptist

Vocal artist Jack Stone will present a concert at Grace Baptist Church Sunday December 14 at 6 p.m. The community is invited to come hear this well known singer.

Grace Baptist is located at the north end of the Congregational Church.

Stone grew up in West Texas as a preacher's kid. He began pastoring at the age of 28 along with his wife Deb and their three children. He began his singing career in 1994.

He has made several appearances on Primetime Christian Broadcasting in Midland. Stone has also appeared on affiliate stations of the Trinity Broadcasting Network in New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, and South Africa. He was a guest on "Hallelujah, Amen" television in Nashville and recently appeared in Santa Fe, New Mexico on KCHF-TV as the music singing guest.

In March of 2007 Stone released his first single nationwide, "Jesus is Enough", written by award nominated writer Russ Murphy. It went to 16th on the Christian Country Music Charts in August. In September of 2007 Stone took a step of faith and launched into full time music ministry.

He is the founder of Top Shelf Ministries and has developed a silicone wristband that says "Stretch Your Faith."

Grace Baptist has a new bi-vocational pastor, Gary Johnson. He works at Parmer County Community Hospital. He and his wife Donna will be moving to Friona from Muleshoe. Everyone in the community is invited to the Jack Stone concert December 14.

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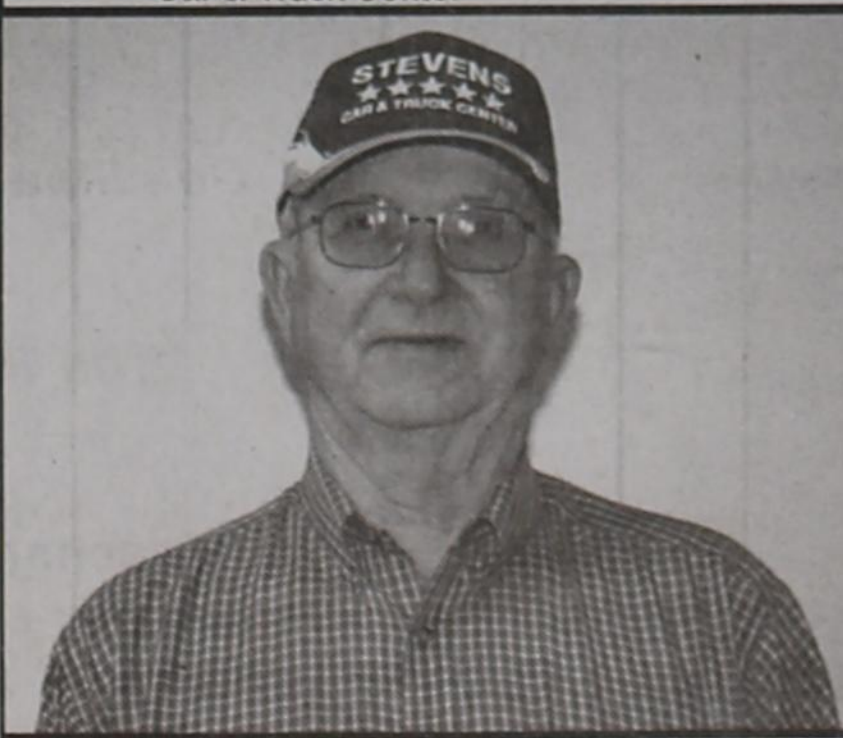
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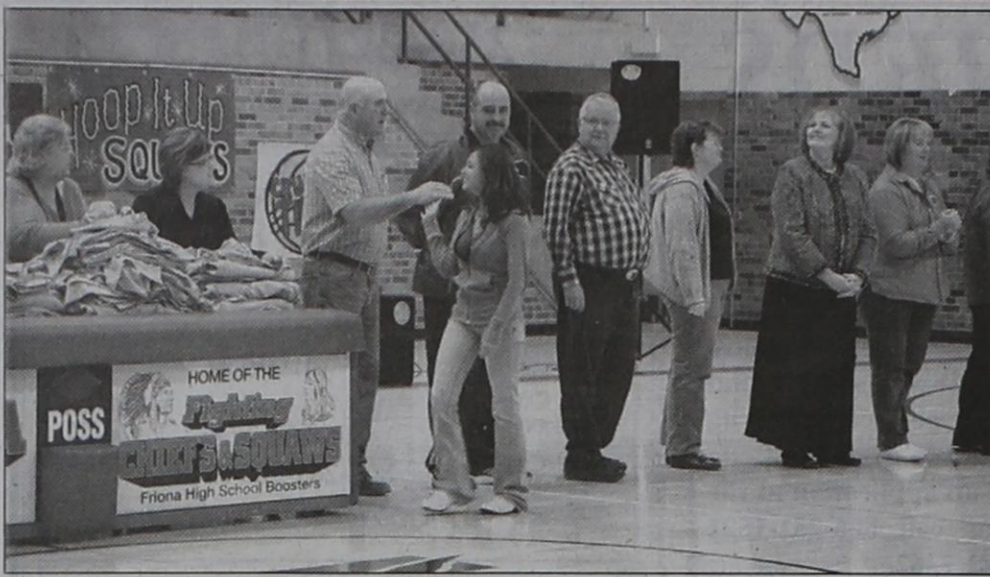
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FHS student Abigail Martinez is congratulated by teachers and staff for earning her TRIBE award. Staff, l-r, are Terri Cox, Dianna Wright, Danny Campbell, Mike Herbert, Mike McManigal, Kara Hardin, Gwen Corn, and Sherry Hurley.

Tentative Agenda Friona City Council Meeting

City Council Chambers Monday, December 8, 2008 6:30 pm

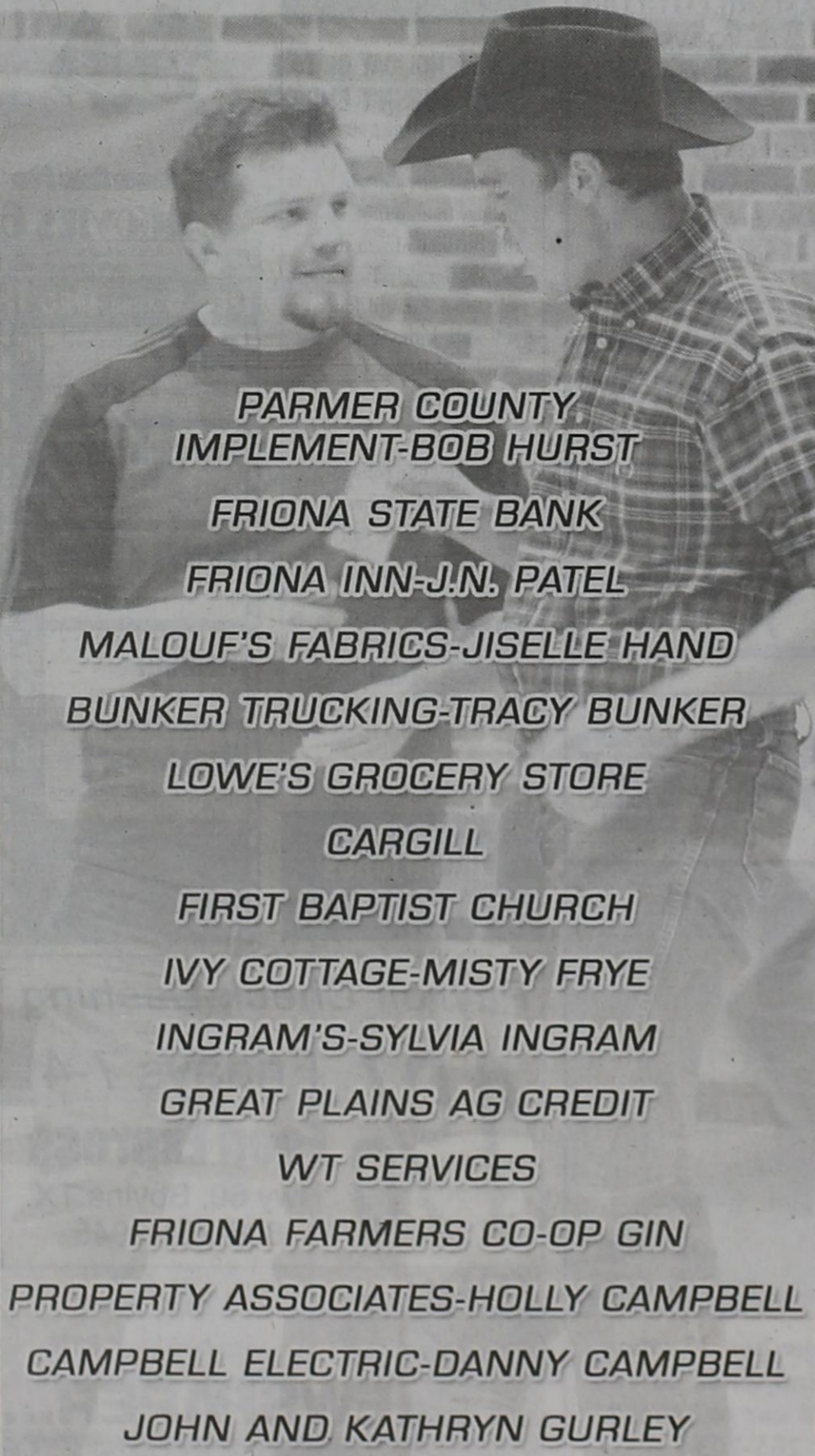
- Item 1 Roll Call
- Item 2 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
- Item 3 Hear Public Comments

Regular Hearings:

- Item 4 Hear Departmental Reports.
- Item 5 Consider and take action on minutes of the November 10 and October 20 regular city council meeting.
- Item 6 Consider and take action on remaining the Parmer County 9-1-1 service provider.
- Item 7 Consider and take action on approval of recommendation from Police Chief regarding sponsorship of cadets through the police academy.
- Item 8 Consider and take action on approval of renewing agricultural lease contract with Jerry Loflin.
- Item 9 Consider and take action on approval of resolution number 08.12.08 approving transfer of the cable franchise from Rapid Acquisition Co., LLC to Arklaoktex, LLC.
- Item 10 Consider and take action on approval of changing January 12, 2009 regular city council meeting.
- Item 11 Consider and take action on accounts payable for November 2008.
- Item 12 Adjournment

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FHS STUDENTS AND STAFF SAY "THANK YOU!" TO THE FOLLOWING LOCAL BUSINESSES WHO ARE SUPPORTERS OF OUR TRIBE PROGRAM:



JOHN AND KATHRYN GURLEY

FHS holds first TRIBE awards assembly

On Tuesday November 25, Friona High School held their first ever TRIBE awards assembly for the first and second six weeks grading periods.

According to FHS principal Chris Morrow, TRIBE is an acronym for Trust, Respect, Integrity, Boldness, and Excellence. The program offers students and staff an opportunity to celebrate the successes and accomplishments of students who have met or exceeded expectations.

In order to have qualified to be a member of the TRIBE a student could have had no more than two absences per six weeks, no failing grades, no discipline referrals, and at least an 85 average in all courses.

The students who were qualifiers in the first and second six weeks were each given a t-shirt acknowledging their accomplishment. In addition, each student's name was placed into a drawing to be randomly selected to participate in games to win gift certificates. Four games were played and each of the winners received a \$25 gift card to either Hastings, Best Buy, Aeropostale, or Westgate Mall. The runners up in each

competition received a \$10 Sonic gift card.

At the end of the assembly one student name was drawn for the grand prize, an Apple iPod Touch. November Teacher-of-the-Month Elliott Ruleaux drew the winning name of FHS senior Andrew Stowers.

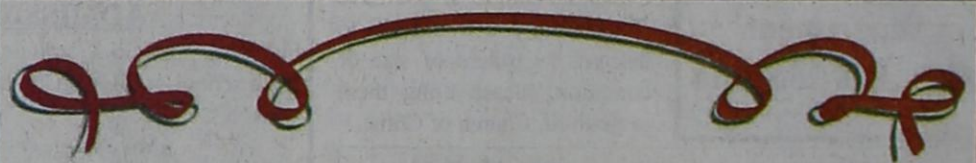
Mr. Morrow added, "None of this would have been possible without the financial support of Mr. Austin, the school board, and many local businesses. Also our faculty and staff were essential in allowing this to happen and being willing participants."



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Friona high school senior Andrew Stowers was the lucky grand prize winner of an iPod Touch during the recent TRIBE awards assembly.

Win Friona Bucks in the Chamber's Ho Ho Home for the Holidays program. Sign up at participating merchants. Have a Merry Christmas.



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Attention Teachers and Parents



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The Friona Star will be printing Santa Letters.

Teachers in the Friona primary and elementary schools will be collecting Santa Letters but you can also bring your Santa Letters to the Friona Star office or mail to Santa Letters c/o Friona Star, P.O. Box 789, Friona 79035